



Oberlin Heritage Center November 2024 Gazette

Parents Weekend Tours and History Walk Schedule

Friday-Sunday, November 8-10

Oberlin College's Parents & Family Weekend is one of the Oberlin Heritage Center's last big tour weekends of the year. If you haven't yet experienced a guided history walk across neighborhoods surrounding downtown Oberlin or a tour inside the Monroe House, this is your chance! Tours will be open to the public as well as to campus visitors. Reservations are required for guided tours and history walks.



Friday, November 8:

- [Oberlin Origins Self-Guided Tour of the Monroe House](#) 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- [Guided tour of the Jewett House](#) 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 9:

- [Oberlin Origins Self-Guided Tour of the Monroe House](#) 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- [Freedom's Friends History Walk](#) 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- [Civil War to Civil Rights History Walk](#) 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- [Architecture History Walk](#) 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, November 10:

- [Oberlin Origins Self-Guided Tour of the Monroe House](#) 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- [Morning History Hustle](#) 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- [Architecture History Walk](#) 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- [Freedom's Friends History Walk](#) 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Jewett House Tours

Friday, November 1 and 15 at 1:30 p.m.



OHC's tour of the Jewett House, 73 South Professor Street, is available the first and third Friday of every month and will highlight Frank Fanning Jewett, Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett, Charles Martin Hall, the aluminum reduction process, and life in Oberlin during the Progressive Era. Additional topics include architecture, interior design, social reform, and student boarders who stayed with the family during their time at Oberlin College.

Registration is recommended but not required. The group will meet at the Monroe House before walking to the Jewett House. You can register online using the [events calendar](#).

**Everything But Death:
Black Prisoners of War in the Confederate South**
Kendal at Oberlin on Tuesday, November 12, at 7:15 p.m.

In honor of Veteran's Day week, OHC invited Oberlin College professor Caroline Wood Newhall to Kendal at Oberlin on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:15 p.m. to present a program about African-American soldiers who became prisoners of war in the Confederacy. Dr. Newhall specializes in 19th-century United States history, focusing on North American slavery and captivity, warfare, and the Civil War era. Her publications include numerous blog posts, book reviews, and forthcoming book chapters, and her public talks have been featured on C-SPAN and YouTube.



This program is free and open to the public with no registration required. This program is also being featured as part of the Kendal at Oberlin Racial Equity Forum.

Veterans Day
Monday, November 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Oberlin City Schools will be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 11 at 4:00 p.m. at the Oberlin Elementary School gymnasium. The Oberlin Heritage Center will be at this ceremony with a display table featuring some of Oberlin's veterans. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

There will be a slideshow before and after the ceremony. If you have a school-appropriate military photo of your loved one who served, send it to Mrs. Melissa Linebrink at mlinebrink@oberlinschools.net with "Veterans Day 2024" in the subject heading for the slideshow. The event is sponsored by Oberlin City Schools, the City of Oberlin, and Oberlin College.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Oberlin Heritage Center



We at the Oberlin Heritage Center would like to wish all who celebrate it a happy Thanksgiving!

OHC will be closed Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving Day but will be open Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30. Bring your out-of-town guests to the Heritage Center between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to take part in self-guided tour of the Monroe House or visit on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. for a guided tour of Monroe House and the Little Red Schoolhouse. OHC makes it easy and fun to entertain guests in Oberlin this holiday weekend.

Rumor Has it Santa is Visiting the Little Red Schoolhouse!

Saturday, December 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a festive day at the Little Red Schoolhouse, where Santa Claus himself will be waiting to spread holiday cheer! Bring your family and friends for this free event, and don't miss the chance to meet Santa, snap a memorable picture, and create lasting holiday memories. Mark your calendars and come on by—it's the perfect way to kick off the holiday season! Watch for more details in the December newsletter.

OHC Winter Closure December 22 to January 20

The Oberlin Heritage Center will be closed to the public from Sunday, December 22 through Monday, January 20, 2024. This time will help OHC's staff focus on end-of-year reporting, behind-the-scenes collections projects, and a host of events to come in the new year. We will still offer tours and have regular open hours from now through Saturday, December 21.



We appreciate the understanding of our patrons.

Community Awards Nominations Now Open



The Oberlin Heritage Center's Community Awards Program celebrates and recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses whose outstanding accomplishments in serving the community are in keeping with our mission: To preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and to make our community a better place to live, learn, work and visit.

Award categories include:

- Community Historian
- Heritage Guardian
- Oberlin Heritage Center Volunteer of the Year
- Community Educator of the Year
- Business Leader Service
- Youth Community Service

Nominations are due by February 1, 2025.

The Award Winners will be recognized at OHC's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 as special guests of the Oberlin Heritage Center.

From now on OHC is hosting Community Awards every two years - so get your entries in this year!

News From OHC

Donate to the Annual Fund Today!

As we approach the end of another year, it is a great time to reflect on the progress we've made. The Oberlin Heritage Center is more than a repository of history; it is a living, breathing embodiment of our collective past, present, and future. Our commitment to education, preservation, and community engagement is unwavering, and we continue to strive towards our vision to bring diverse individuals together as a community, and inspire all who seek to understand how history shapes our world today and in the future.



Contribute to the Annual Fund of the Oberlin Heritage Center today! Your assistance will help continue the outstanding tours and programs that are shared with our community and a wide audience of visitors. For more information or a physical copy of our donation form, visit our website.

[Donate Here](#)

New Student Volunteer



OHC is pleased to welcome new student volunteer Chloe Bendoris to the team. Chloe is a second year student at Oberlin College majoring in political science and history. She is originally from Wenham, Massachusetts and has a strong interest in Chinese-American relations and the history of Taiwan. She is working with Collections Manager Maren McKee on archive and collections projects for OHC. After she graduates, Chloe is interested in working as an archivist or researcher for a non-profit or government institution.

Museum & Members Update



Thank you to everyone who came out to the Ghostly Gala and made it such a special spooky social event, including and especially our wonderful volunteers and raffle donors. Congratulations to prize winners and we would also like to thank our event sponsors:

- Aladdin's
- ARRC One
- Ben Franklin/Mindfair Books
- Larry Funk
- Kendal at Oberlin
- Pradnya Martz

- Bistro Bella Luna
- Deichler's Auto and Tire Works
- Midas
- Rosen-Jones Photography

In other news, Executive Director Liz Schultz was pleased to speak at the Ohio Local History Alliance in early October about OHC's experiences as a host site for the Americorps / Ohio History Service Corps program.

OHC would like to thank new members The Baetens Family, Barbara Thomas, Adrienne Wheeler, and Bistro Bella Luna as well as new Endowed Life Members Martin and Susan Ackermann.

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Mary Cooper Nelson who recently passed. We were honored that Mary, a long time member, chose to designate OHC as a recipient of memorial gifts.

Also of Interest:

Tony Morrison Poetry Contest at Lorain Public Library

Local students in grades 6 through 12 and adult residents of Lorain County are invited to submit original poems, based on the theme "Where We Live," of up to 40 lines in free or formal verse beginning Nov. 1.

Email your poem to lorainpoetry@lpls.info. Please paste your poem into the body of the email; do not send as an attachment. Include your legal name and pen name if applicable; middle or high school grade if applicable; name of school; home address; phone number and email address. A parent, legal guardian or teacher is welcome to submit a student's poems on their behalf. The deadline for submission is Nov 30.



Prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded to the first through third place winners respectively. Prizes are sponsored by The Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. and an anonymous donor. All entrants are invited to attend an Open Mic Poetry Event in February where the contest winners will be announced!

Free Living History Event in Amherst Nov 9 & 10

There will be a free WWII living history event on Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & Sunday, November 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Sandstone Village, 763 Milan Avenue, Amherst, Ohio 44001.

It is November 1945. WWII has ended, and millions of servicemen and women are returning home to a greatly changed United States. Immerse yourself in the music, fashion, and culture of the era, and join us for a glimpse into The Best Years of Our Lives at this free living history event!

The American Veterans Remembrance Association and the Amherst Historical Society present this 1945 Living History Event! Free shuttle and parking is at Amherst Junior High, 548 Milan Ave, Amherst Ohio 44001!

For more info, please contact the Amherst Historical Society at 440-988-7255
or office@amhersthistoricalsociety.org.

Access Statement:

Events are held in wheelchair accessible spaces unless otherwise noted. Restrooms at most venues are gender-specific and visitors are welcome to use their preferred restroom. For any additional queries about accessibility information please email director@oberlinheritage.org.



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