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How to “Green” Your Older Home

In a world of rising energy prices and global climate change, efficient use of energy is increasingly important. With all the “green” technologies emerging, older houses sometimes get left behind. Historic preservationist Sara Hobbs will discuss home maintenance and energy issues for older homes and provide practical strategies to make your house more energy efficient. The presentation includes an introduction to home energy audits by Doug McMillan of the Oberlin Municipal Light and Power System. Before the program comes to an end, there will be an opportunity to discuss particular home energy issues in a question-and-answer session.

Hobbs, who is the Associate Director of the Cleveland Restoration Society (www.clevelandrestoration.org), offers many good energy-saving tips and new ideas for owners of homes built at least 50 years ago. You’ll learn that going green doesn’t have to cost a lot of money or change your house’s historic features. This program is a follow-up to Hobbs’ local presentation last March in which she focused on *The Greenest Building is Already Built: Sustainability and Historic Preservation*.

How to Green Your Older Home will be presented on Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street). The program is free and open to the public. Co-sponsors for the event include the Oberlin Heritage Center, the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission and Housing Renewal Commission, the Lorain County Preservation Network, and the Zion Community Development Corporation.

For more information about this event, please contact the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700 or e-mail members@oberlinheritage.org. For information about the Cleveland Restoration Society or green strategies in historic preservation, contact Sara Hobbs at 216-426-3108 or shobbs@clevelandrestoration.org.

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