Great innovation and creativity marked 2009 as the Oberlin Heritage Center staff and volunteers introduced new and enhanced programming to serve our members, community, and visitors in an array of dynamic ways. Throughout the year many visitors enjoyed tours and events at and around the Oberlin Heritage Center, amidst the hubbub and against the backdrop of the construction of the Conservatory’s exciting new jazz building, which is directly north of the Monroe House. Many programs and events also took place throughout the community, including two very successful programs created by the Oral History Committee based on the recollections of Oberlin residents.

As the year began, the Heritage Center received congratulatory letters and extensive publicity for its designation as one of the country’s first eleven “Preservation Stewards” by the United States Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the White House. The designation honors nonprofit groups that have effective volunteer programs to preserve heritage and historic buildings. Among those sending congratulations was William K. Laidlaw, Executive Director and CEO of the Ohio Historical Society, who, sadly, passed away later in the year. He commented:

We here at the Society consider you to be the model and benchmark for other historical societies around the state. You’ve done a remarkable job building support, nurturing relationships, and developing a sustainable set of programs for your center.

Oberlin College Bonner Scholar (and Oberlin High School graduate) Brittnel Sherrod and Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Liz Schultz launched the Heritage Center’s first Junior Docent program in June with a weeklong day camp that emphasized history education and community service. Seven middle and high school student volunteers attended and subsequently helped as volunteers at events and tours in the summer and throughout the year.

Other new activities focused on family fun and school-aged programming. Families enjoyed a drop-in free Saturday at the Schoolhouse program featuring historic games, school lessons, and lawn games. School and youth groups also enjoyed Lessons in the Past, where they experienced nineteenth-century school activities taught by a costumed interpreter. Summer offerings included four weeklong day camps and five daylong camps. Campers came from Amherst, Avon, Elyria, Huron, New London, North Ridgeville, Oberlin, Sandusky, Shaker Heights, Vermilion, and Wellington. The Heritage Center’s summer camp programs were highlighted in the July 2009 electronic newsletter of Preserve America in an article entitled “Developing the Next Generation of Heritage Stewards.”

Two new history walks were launched that offered the opportunity to learn, enjoy, and explore Oberlin history and architecture around town in the warm weather months. The Tappan Square History Walk and the new Freedom’s Friends: Underground Railroad and Abolitionist History Walk were popular with both longtime residents and visitors. Among the comments received on feedback postcards about what they liked best in taking history walks and tours of the historic sites were:

- Learning about the role of women and African Americans at Oberlin.
- It is amazing to be right where famous history took place!
- Small group, personal attention, very smart leader!
- Our tour guide focused well on all ages in our group and kept all interested.

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Expanding Our Reach, Serving Our Community

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• After hearing the docent talk about a man that willed freedom to his slave/son, my nine-year old son turned to me, and with shock asked, “His own son was his slave?” At that point, I knew the reality and horrors of slavery became real to him.

• The Freedom’s Friends tour was informative, sobering, yet uplifting because of the courage of the Freedom Seekers and those that walked beside them.

• The presenter was dynamic and presented the information with a passion!

• The tour rocked! It was pretty cool about the Amistad. The [First] Church was pretty cool, too. (9 year old participant in Freedom’s Friends History Walk)

• I had no idea of the rich heritage of Oberlin.

• Having the book with [historic] photos to “see” the past was great!

• This was one of the best tours I’ve been on. Very good value.

The Oberlin Heritage Center welcomed 9,013 visitors to its tours, history walks, and programs in 2009. Heritage Center staff and volunteers responded to about thirty information request calls and visits a week. They provide visitor information and assistance on local history research, genealogy, historic preservation, and much more.

The Heritage Center worked with Oberlin College to help it secure tax credits to rehabilitate the historic Apollo Theatre in downtown Oberlin in accordance with the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. With its continued use as a community movie theater assured, the new Apollo is a tremendous asset to the entire community and a fun place for visitors to enjoy.

Heritage Center volunteers’ work to rescue, rehabilitate, and reuse the former Morgan Street Bridge railings as a fence along the south edge of the Jewett House property earned an Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums Outstanding Achievement Award in October. Those accepting the award at the Ohio Historical Society on October 3 were George Clark, Richard Holsworth, and Bert Latran Jr.

Together with Collections Assistant Prue Richards, the Collections Committee worked hard throughout the year planning and implementing the first phase of redoing the front parlor at the Monroe House to make it more in keeping with the decorating tastes of the home’s longest resident, Julia Finney Monroe. Plans took shape to reproduce the original hearth tiles for the fireplace. At year’s end the Oberlin Heritage Center learned that it would soon receive a major gift of a previously unknown portrait of the town’s first settler, Peter Pindar Pease, painted by his nephew, Alonzo Pease, in 1842. The painting was donated by Susan Pease Morgenthaler of Yuma, Arizona, great-great-granddaughter of Peter Pindar Pease. The painting will undergo conservation before being installed in the Monroe House next year.

Working together with the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission and the Lorain County Preservation Network, the Heritage Center played a key role in encouraging the City of Oberlin to bring the much-acclaimed Cleveland Restoration Society’s Heritage Home Program to Oberlin. Owners of older homes in the city now have access to free technical assistance and guidance from old-house experts as well as low-interest loans for home maintenance and rehabilitation projects, including improvements in energy efficiency.

The Heritage Center’s redesigned website at <www.oberlinheritage.org>, developed with the assistance of Emerge, Inc., was launched in the spring. It and the E-Gazette electronic newsletter were both made possible in part with the support of the Stocker Foundation and have helped immensely to get the word out to new audiences. The new Flickr page is a great place to find photographs of many recent activities. Check out the Heritage Center’s blog. Become a fan of the Heritage Center on Facebook. More and more people are using the new website to register for programs and tours, to make contributions, to

Among the new programs and activities launched by the Oberlin Heritage Center in 2009 was the Freedom’s Friends: Underground Railroad and Abolitionist History Walk. Here Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Liz Schultz leads a tour during Commencement / Reunion / Memorial Day Weekend.
become a member, or to renew their membership.

The Board of Trustees is a dedicated and talented group of individuals from throughout the area who bring different skills and experience to the organization. They devoted considerable time in 2009 to drafting Constitution, By-laws, and policy revisions as part of efforts under way to eventually become certified by the Ohio Association of Non-Profit Organizations’ Standards for Excellence program. All Board members serve on various Board and advisory committees, and many also serve in various volunteer capacities above and beyond their service on the Board. They are a great team of community ambassadors for the organization. Staff financial assistant—and a past president—Pat Holsworth provided invaluable assistance in organizing, crafting, and shaping policies and procedures throughout the year.

The Heritage Center’s superb team of Board, staff, interns, volunteers, and members helps us to accomplish far more than one would expect from such a small organization, budgetwise. The Board, staff, and volunteers are grateful to the many individuals, foundations, businesses, and organizations who provide valued assistance in a great variety of ways.

Assistant to the Director Mary Anne Cunningham and the Membership Committee volunteers do an extraordinary job of recruiting, welcoming, and retaining members. For the second year in a row, the organization’s total number of members was at an all-time high at year’s end, with 748 total memberships, compared with 727 at the end of the previous year. The membership includes 79 Endowed Life memberships, 567 individuals and households, 78 businesses, and 24 organizations. In addition to people from throughout Lorain County and Ohio, our membership includes individuals residing in 34 states and a foreign country (Greece). Enjoying the support of so many individuals from throughout our community and beyond, as well as 102 businesses and organizations, is a clear demonstration that the Heritage Center is a valued regional and community asset. Having a solid membership base is essential to the continued success of the organization and makes the Heritage Center the envy of many historical organizations in much larger communities.

Volunteers logged more than 5,157 hours in 2009. They provided bed-and-breakfast accommodations in their homes for 33 parents of incoming first-year college students, raising $6,370 in donations to the Heritage Center for operating expenses. Volunteers also did everything from presenting programs and giving tours to conducting oral history interviews, staffing information tables, mowing the grass, serving on committees, working in the office and the Resource Center library, shoveling snow, and recruiting new members.

A dedicated team of volunteers worked behind the scenes on the Heritage Center’s Westwood Cemetery Gravestone Inventory project. Over the past several years they have painstakingly documented and photographed each and every gravestone at the cemetery and entered the information into a database accessible through the Heritage Center’s website. The cemetery volunteers also produced a one-page handout about the history and burials at the Cemetery now available from an information box located near the cemetery entrance, thanks to the City of Oberlin.

Staff members represented the organization well in the community and in the museum field. They are also frequently called upon to provide guidance to other historical organizations and small museums about all aspects of nonprofit administration and museum management. In May, Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Liz Schultz graduated from the Leadership Lorain County yearlong training program for community leaders from the business community, local government, and the nonprofit sector. In December, Heritage Center Executive Director Pat Murphy was appointed to serve on the Accreditation Commission of the American Association of Museums, which meets three times a year in Washington, D.C. In this volunteer capacity she reviews other museums’ applications for accreditation and reaccreditation, advises on museum policy, and serves as a voice for other small museums. She also was elected president of the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums.

Another very dedicated team of volunteers working behind the scenes is the members of the OHC Properties, Inc. Board of Directors. OHC Properties owns and manages three houses on the perimeter of the Heritage Center grounds that serve as rental housing. The Oberlin Heritage Center Board is very grateful to them and their outstanding Board President Kathryn Stuart for assuring that these properties are well cared for and help the Heritage Center to be a good neighbor.

In October the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums presented its Outstanding Achievement Award to Oberlin Heritage Center volunteers, including Walt Edling, George Clark, Dick Holsworth, and Bert Latran Jr., for their Herculean efforts to refurbish the former Morgan Street Bridge railings and install them at the Jewett House.

**This fence is made from railings that graced the Morgan Street Bridge from ca. 1880 to 2008. Oberlin Heritage Center volunteers devoted many hours to salvage, repair, and install them here for all to enjoy. EDITED MAY 14, 2009**
“Don’t Touch That Dial” and Other Highlights of the Annual Meeting

The 2009 Annual Meeting featured journalist Harvey Gittler, who had everyone in stitches with his delightful history lesson on “Don’t Touch That Dial: A History of Radio from the Early 1920s through the 1950s.” Held on April 1 at the Oberlin Inn, the meeting featured a great mix of fun, business, and the pleasure of one another’s company as we welcomed 158 members and guests.

Nominating Committee Chairperson Dina Schoonmaker and fellow Trustee Bert Latran Jr. presented the Eighth Annual Oberlin Heritage Center Community Awards (see page 20). Roland Baumann, who recently retired after nearly twenty-two years as Oberlin College’s second Archivist, was recognized with the Heritage Guardian Award. The Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award went to Sigrid Boe, whose vision and devotion to Oberlin’s downtown landscape, its recreational sites, and its green spaces have made Oberlin a better place to live, learn, work, and visit. Barbara Enos, a teacher at Oberlin’s Prospect School for more than thirty years, received the Community Teacher of the Year Award, while Kurt Russell was honored as History Teacher of the Year Award. Doris Sable and her great team of Kendal volunteers, who have assisted the Oberlin Heritage Center for the past decade by assembling its large bulk mailings. In addition to Mrs. Sable, the group’s coordinator, the Kendal Mail Crew includes Barbara Bennett, Mae Alice Donner, Joyce Dugan, Joan Ernst, Helen Fitzhugh, Dorothy Holbrook, Esther Hunt, Jane Ross Moore, Ann Potter, Catherine Rauch, Eunice Schaeffer, and Polly Warch.

President James W. White chaired the business meeting. He was reelected to a one-year term as President. Walter Edling was elected to a one-year term as First Vice-President and also reelected for a one-year term as Treasurer. Eugene Foggo Simon was elected to a two-year term as Second Vice President, and Robert B. Calhoun was elected to a two-year term as Secretary.

New Board members Nicholas R. Jones and Edward J. Wardwell were elected to three-year terms. Nick is the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a professor of English at Oberlin College. Ed Wardwell is a retired nonprofit administrator and treasurer of the Kendal at Oberlin Residents’ Association. Board members reelected to one-year terms were W. Jeanne McKibben, Ruth G. Shaeffer (now deceased), and James W. White. Eugene Foggo Simon was reelected to a two-year term, while Walter Edling, Roberta Garcia, Bert Latran Jr., Dina Schoonmaker, and Sharon Fairchild Soucy were reelected to three-year terms.

On display at the program were three recent award plaques that the Oberlin Heritage Center earned in the past year, including the Chemical Breakthrough Award (an award shared with Oberlin College) from the Division of the History of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society, received for raising public awareness about the role of Charles Martin Hall in the development of aluminum. Also displayed were the Heritage Center’s Preserve America Steward designation conferred by the White House and the United States Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for exemplary use of volunteers in caring for historic resources (see page 1), and the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums Excellence Award for a series of programs the Heritage Center hosted in 2008 titled “Black Indians: A Hidden Heritage.” Students from Langston Middle School and Oberlin High School who exhibited their History Day projects at the event included Katherine Cavanaugh, Taiya George, Avalon McKee, Rachel Mentzer, Glenna Medwid, and Paolo Orso-Giacone.

The noted essayist and humorist Harvey Gittler was the featured speaker at the Annual Dinner. On display during the Annual Meeting were awards recently bestowed on the Oberlin Heritage Center, among them the Chemical Breakthrough Award (shared with Oberlin College) from the American Chemical Society’s Division of the History of Chemistry, held by Board President Jim White and Executive Director Pat Murphy.
Expanding public awareness about the Oberlin Heritage Center and about the rich history and many cultural attractions of our community helps the organization to better serve the community in many rewarding ways. Several returning alumni here for Commencement / Reunion / Memorial Day Weekend commented that when they attended Oberlin College there was very little for visitors to do and there seemed to be little appreciation of the community’s rich history. Happily, that is changing markedly as Oberlin becomes better known as a small-town jewel that is well worth a trip. In bringing visitors to town, offering them and area residents an array of activities to enjoy, and orienting them to businesses and restaurants and other attractions and events, the Heritage Center is a strong community and regional asset that also plays an important role in economic development.

Joe Babcock, writing in an article entitled “You Don’t Have to Be a Student to Love Campus Life,” in the Chicago Tribune magazine on June 21, showcased Oberlin (and the Oberlin Heritage Center) as one of a number of college towns “full of cool people with real character” that are worthwhile family vacation destinations. The Cleveland Plain Dealer travel writer Susan Glaser wrote a great story that was published on August 9 about Oberlin’s history and its connections to Harpers Ferry and John Brown’s Raid. It showcased the Heritage Center’s history walks.

The Oberlin Heritage Center works hard to preserve and share the community’s history and to help make Oberlin a great place to live, learn, play, and visit. Your time, talents, financial support, and encouragement are very much appreciated and are essential in helping the Heritage Center accomplish its mission.

—James W. White
President, Board of Trustees

—Patricia Murphy
Executive Director
As expected, the financial circumstances of the Oberlin Heritage Center reflected the general economic conditions. The very tight 2009 budget required great diligence on the part of the Board and staff. Some of the impact of the economic downturn was eased by the fact that investment returns from the OHC endowment holdings are based on a rolling average of the value of the endowment over the previous twelve quarters. However, this also means that lower returns from the endowment will extend into the coming years.

Funding for maintenance of facilities continued to be a concern, with only the most pressing issues addressed. As has been the case for some time, the 2009 budget did not contain suitable contingency and maintenance funds.

 Fortunately, the 2009 Annual Fund campaign was a resounding success. A total of $36,464, well over the budgeted amount of $30,000, was contributed by 283 donors (as compared with 267 people contributing $28,150 in 2008). Remarkably, 41 percent of the people who were asked to support the Annual Fund campaign did so (compared with 36 percent in 2008).

Money raised in the Annual Fund campaign is used directly for general operating expenses, and the amount raised represents more than 10 percent of the general fund budget. Such support is essential and increasingly crucial to the Heritage Center’s continued success and survival, as investment and interest incomes have declined and some of the foundations that have traditionally supported the Heritage Center have shifted their funding priorities and/or reduced their grants for organizations such as ours.

As a result of the Annual Fund’s success and stringent cost-saving efforts, the Oberlin Heritage Center was able to maintain and even increase programmatic offerings. Tour income declined slightly, but retail sales and program revenues exceeded goals.

The Oberlin Heritage Center’s 2009 audit by Cohen and Company yielded a clean, unqualified opinion again this year, with no significant adverse findings. The full audit and the IRS Form 990 are available upon request.

The Oberlin Heritage Center Board and staff are very grateful for the support received from the community, members, foundations, local businesses, and organizations to help accomplish its mission.

—Walter Edling
Treasurer

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**Grants and Special-Project Support**

**Anonymous**
General operating support

**City of Oberlin and City Historic Preservation Commission**
Citywide Historic Sites Inventory

**Cleveland Foundation**
(Alva Stone and Adele Corning Chisholm Memorial Fund)
General operating support

**The Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County**
(Jane and Eric Nord Fund)
History education

**David and Eleanor Ignat**
General operating support

**Institute of Museum and Library Services**
Museums for America
Helping to build organizational capacity

**The Nord Family Foundation**
General operating support; Support for the History Extravaganza

**Nordson Corporation Foundation**
Support for educational activities

**Oberlin Area Chamber of Commerce**
Support for participation in the Heritage Travel/Partner Places program (National Trust)

**Oberlin College Bonner Scholars Fund**
Junior Docent Program

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**Corporate and Foundation Matching Gifts**

IBM Corporation Matching Grants Program
The Nord Family Foundation
Nordson Corporation Matching Gift Program
# Oberlin Heritage Center / O.H.I.O.
## Financial Summary for 2009
 Audited by Cohen & Company, Ltd.

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Oberlin Heritage Center's Finance Committee, which reports to our Board of Trustees, provides fiscal oversight. 
Please contact the Heritage Center’s office to obtain a copy of the complete audited financial statement.
A Sampling of Programs and Events

JANUARY 27
Carol Lasser and Gary Kornblith presented “The Promise of Opportunity in 19th Century Oberlin” at Kendal at Oberlin.

FEBRUARY 23
“The Scientist as Entrepreneur—Miscible or Immiscible; Lessons Learned from Real Life.” Sponsored by the Oberlin College Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in cooperation with the Oberlin Heritage Center and the American Chemical Society, the event was held in Craig Lecture Hall at the Oberlin College Science Center.

FEBRUARY 24
Sara Hobbs of the Cleveland Restoration Society presented “Maintaining Your Older Home” at the Oberlin Public Library. The program was cosponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center, the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission, the Cleveland Restoration Society, and the Lorain County Preservation Network.

MARCH 3
Dennis Lamont and Albert Doane presented “The History of Electric Street Railways in Lorain County” at Kendal at Oberlin.

MARCH 17
The Oberlin Heritage Center’s Oral History Committee presented “Vignettes about Growing up in Oberlin 1900 to 1940” at Kendal at Oberlin.

APRIL 1
The Annual Meeting at the Oberlin Inn featured Harvey Gittler presenting “Don’t Touch That Dial: A History of Radio from the Early 1920s through the 1950s.”

APRIL 28
Sara Hobbs presented “Exterior Painting and Historic Color for Your Older Home” (same cosponsors and location as the February 24 program).

MAY 2
Oberlin Heritage Center volunteers took part in the “Big Parade” with a colorful Apollo Theatre marquee float made by student volunteers.

MAY 11
Rob Thompson presented “Celebrate the Centennial of Oberlin’s Hollywood Street” at the Oberlin Public Library.

MAY 15
The Morgan Street Bridge railing—turned-fence was dedicated in a special outdoor ceremony at the Jewett House.

MAY 16
Oberlin Heritage Center volunteers gathered for the annual grounds cleanup as part of “Pride Day.”

MAY 22–25
“The Grand Oberlin History Extravaganza” at the Oberlin Depot, held during Commencement / Reunion / Memorial Day Weekend, included a vast and lively array of presentations, exhibits, and children’s activities supported in part by The Nord Family Foundation. Presenters included:
Jane Blodgett on “Oberlin College Architecture: A Short History”
Prue Richards on “Oberlin’s Invisible Leading Lady, Julia Finney Monroe”
Pat Murphy on “An Armchair Tour of Downtown Oberlin’s Historic District”
John Mercer on “Giles Waldo Shurtleff (1831–1904): The Man behind the Statue”
Steven Plank on “Looking beneath the Gown: The Saga of Academic Regalia at Oberlin”
Ed Vermue on “The Anti-Slavery Collection of the Oberlin College Library: A Monument to The Town That Started the Civil War”
Jane Blodgett on “A Social History of American Architecture”
Dennis Lamont on “Travel Back in Time with Tip Maddock”
Liz Schultz on “A Virtual Tour of the Oberlin Heritage Center”

SEPTEMBER 26
“Smithsonian Magazine’s 5th Annual Museum Day” offered free admission for Oberlin Heritage Center tours.

OCTOBER 3
“Community Day” featured free family-friendly events and activities all over town, including at the Oberlin Heritage Center.

OCTOBER 6
Fourth-grade students from Prospect School presented “The Rescue of John Price,” at Kendal at Oberlin and Prospect School. Prospect teacher Barbara Énos, recipient of the Oberlin Heritage Center Community Teacher of the Year Award, wrote the play.

OCTOBER 7
“A National History Day Workshop for Educators” was held at the Oberlin Depot. It was cosponsored by the Ohio Historical Society and the Oberlin Heritage Center.

OCTOBER 14
Back by popular demand, Pat Holsworth and Prue Richards presented “Be a Good Ancestor Workshop: Collecting and Preserving Your Family History, Stories, and Artifacts.” Held at the Oberlin Depot.

OCTOBER 16
“Community Arts and Culture Day” included free fun and educational activities

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JUNE, JULY, and AUGUST
History walks, tours galore, “Saturdays at the Schoolhouse,” and summer day camps focusing on “Hungry for History,” “Kids and World Cultures: The Ancient World,” “Friends of Freedom,” and several daylong camps designed to help children meet badge requirements for organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

JUNE 26
Museum staff and volunteers from throughout northeast Ohio learned how to write more effectively for a variety of media at the “Writing for Clarity Workshop.” Hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center at the Oberlin Depot, the all-day workshop was presented by the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums with the support of the Ohio Humanities Council.

JULY 21
“John Vanek: A Writer Returns Home” featured the poet reading a selection of works from his new book, Heart Murmurs. Presented at the Oberlin Public Library.

AUGUST 1
Family Fun Fair / Vintage Days

AUGUST 18
John Mercer made it a beautiful day for baseball at Kendal at Oberlin when he presented “Voices of the Tribe: Cleveland Indians Broadcasters from the 1920s to the 1990s.”

Above: Langston Middle School and Oberlin High School students who participated in the National History Day competition and displayed their projects at the Annual Meeting were Rachel Mentzer, Paolo Orso-Giacone, Avalon McKee, Glenna Medwid, Taiya George, and Katherine Cavanaugh. Below: Fourth graders from Gesu School in University Heights rotate between lessons and recess at the Little Red Schoolhouse.
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Smiles are a hallmark of the Oberlin Heritage Center staff, whether greeting visitors, leading tours, or hosting events and programs. Seated: Theron Burnett, Pat Holsworth, and Pat Murphy. Standing: Prue Richards, Deloris Bohn, Liz Schultz, and Mary Anne Cunningham.
During Commencement / Reunion / Memorial Day Weekend visitors and townsfolk alike flocked to the Oberlin Depot for “The Grand Oberlin History Extravaganza.” Among them were Dan and Marly Merrill, who examined one of the exhibits with the intensity for which they are renowned, and Endowed Life Member Bill Farquhar (OC ’43), who displayed photographs of Oberlin he took while he was a college student.

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Another popular annual event in Oberlin is the August Family Fun Fair / Vintage Days. Not only does the Oberlin Heritage Center have an attention-getting display, here staffed by Assistant to the Director Mary Anne Cunningham, it offers tours and toys for all.

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A significant component of the Oberlin Heritage Center’s outreach and service activities is its summer camp program. In 2009, “Friends of Freedom” campers visited Charles Grandison Finney’s grave in Westwood Cemetery and learned how he and others advocated the end of slavery; and Boy Scouts learned about the life and legacy of a twentieth-century exemplar of freedom and philanthropy, Colonel Richard R. Hallock, as they learned how to properly raise a flag at the Hallock memorial flagpole by the Monroe House.
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“Hungry for History” summer campers savored their lessons: Above, lads grapple with a historic food grinder; below, bowls compete for freshly churned chocolate ice cream.

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A Sampling of Programs and Events, continued from page 9

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for kids and families at the Oberlin Depot on a day when school was not in session. It was cosponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center, Allen Memorial Art Museum, the Oberlin Public Library, and the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts (FAVA).

OCTOBER 27

NOVEMBER 10
The Oberlin Heritage Center’s Oral History Committee presented “Oberlin in the 1930s and 1940s” at Kendal at Oberlin.

DECEMBER 1
Kerrington Adams of the Cleveland Restoration Society presented “The American Home Interior: Treatment and Transformation” (same cosponsors and location as the February 24 program).

DECEMBER 8
Kelly D. Selby presented “Oberlin’s Sable Arm: Black Ohioans and the Civil War” at Kendal at Oberlin.
Honoring Those Who Serve Our Community

Each year the Oberlin Heritage Center honors individuals or organizations for exemplary service to the Oberlin community—always a difficult choice, given the legion of individuals dedicated, as the Heritage Center’s mission states, to preserving and sharing Oberlin’s unique heritage and making our community a better place to live, learn, work, and visit.

To the left are the recipients of the Heritage Center’s 2009 awards, presented during the Annual Meeting on April 1. Seated: Doris Sable, coordinator, and the Kendal Mailing Crew, Volunteers of the Year; Barbara Enos, Community Teacher of the Year; and Sigrid Boe, Keep Oberlin Beautiful. Standing: Roland Baumann, Heritage Guardian; and Kurt Russell, History Teacher of the Year.

Below, several members of the Kendal Mailing Crew gathered for a group photograph. Seated: Polly Warch, Doris Sable, Mae Alice Donner, and Dorothy Holbrook. Standing: Joan Ernst, Eunice Schaeffer, Jane Ross Moore, and Ann Potter. Not shown are crew members Barbara Bennett, Joyce Dugan, Helen Fitzhugh, Esther Hunt, and Catherine Rauch.

For additional information about the awards and the Annual Meeting, see page 4.