The Many Paths to History

Read the words “learning about history” and many people will imagine a book or have a sudden flashback to a high school classroom. But there are many other, often deeper and more personal, ways that people connect with history. See where your mind takes you when you read these words: historic village, antique engine show, personal collection, family tree, oldies station, documentary, “when I was your age-”, handcrafted, family recipe, classic movie, national park. We are constantly surrounded by and engaging with history in more ways than we think.

With that in mind, the Oberlin Heritage Center’s 2017 events calendar included more experiential programs to help people connect with history – while still keeping the tried-and-true tours, outreach, youth camps, community festivals, projects, research assistance, and evening lecture programs. Add that to what OHC regularly posts online and you can access history 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

You might have heard something in the air, as the Heritage Center hosted several musically-themed programs in the spring, including Music in the Home tours, a delightful parlor concert, a lecture about the Oberlin Conservatory of Music’s Special Collections, a behind-the-scenes visit to the college’s piano shop, and the powerfully moving Oh, Freedom! event, which combined music with spiritual and historic narratives, as well as with contemporary commentary.

The Dig Deeper into the Mudd field trip gave participants a first-hand chance to learn about the Oberlin College Archives, Special Collections, and letterpress studio in Mudd Library. Two other trips ventured further afield to the historic homes of Ohio-born presidents James A. Garfield and Rutherford B. Hayes. En route to each destination, Executive Director Liz Schultz shared history highlights of these national leaders’ connections to Oberlin.

Oberlin, Garfield, and Hayes

Just days before the election of 1876 Oberlin hosted a massive gathering that drew people from all over Lorain County. General James Garfield came to campaign for Rutherford Hayes and in his journal he recalled a crowd of 5,000 at the outdoor rallies, a fine display of fireworks, and another round of speeches in a packed First Church. According to the newspaper, the church crowd “dispersed to find a much larger audience near the square enjoying an impromptu concert given by the Elyria, Brownhelm and Oberlin bands.”

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Volunteer re-enactors Camille Hamlin Allen (OHC Trustee, pictured at left), Dennis Cook, and Judy Cook (Trustee) portrayed Oberlin residents Mary Cordin McCoy Harrison, Hiram Pease, and Dr. Julia Jump for this year’s Westwood Cemetery tour known as Every Good Story has a Plot. Each member of the trio discussed both lighthearted and tragic episodes from their lives that related to health, illness, and medicine.
The Many Paths to History

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The first annual Community Trivia Night was great fun as attendees puzzled their way through questions about history, medicine, movies, music, and more. [What is Ohio’s native state fruit? Answer at the end!] Guests also loved testing their listening skills and logic on the new Historically Inaccurate tour during which Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan wove together Oberlin oddities and outright falsehoods, which led to lively discussions of fact and fiction in Oberlin history. Another tour favorite was the second annual presentation of Every Good Story has a Plot, which included three new figures from Oberlin’s past greeting visitors to historic Westwood Cemetery.

Several wonderful events dazzled the eyes in the fall of 2017, including a special showing of the time-travelling adventure Back to the Future at the Apollo Theatre, video documentaries about the history of medicine in Oberlin, a fun array of historic toys displayed during the holiday season, and a special guest exhibit with the Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures of Lorain. This month-long collaboration was accompanied by a spectacular Fiesta en la Biblioteca, a one-day celebratory event at the Oberlin Public Library, which featured cultural foods, crafts, music and dance! See page 6 for the Heritage Center’s full program summary from the year. Special thanks go to the many partners, volunteers, hosts, experts, and sponsors who made these, and many more, history experiences possible!

Trivia Answer: Pawpaw!

Heritage Center Launches New Endowment Campaign at Annual Meeting

Members and friends of the Oberlin Heritage Center gathered at The Hotel at Oberlin on April 5 to celebrate the nonprofit’s accomplishments of the past year and to look ahead to the organization’s future. Mercy Allen Hospital President Joseph Sober presented the evening’s featured program to 170 guests, speaking on the History and Future of Oberlin’s Community Hospital.

OHC Honorary Trustee Dr. Jeannine McKibben displayed a mini-exhibit about Oberlin’s medical history.

Highlighting the event was Board President Gail Wood’s announcement that the Heritage Center had quietly raised $335,000 over the past 18 months toward the Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation and was now kicking off a community-wide public phase of the campaign at the Annual Meeting. Wood also revealed that a $20,000 challenge gift recently was...
contributed by donors Jane B. Nord and T.K. and Emily (Nord) McClintock that would match dollar for dollar any new gifts to the Endowment campaign. For more on the Campaign, see page 17.

Rounding out the evening were the 16th Annual Community Awards presentations for outstanding dedication to history, service, and the Oberlin community. Award recipients included:

**Sid Comings**, who received the Community Historian Award for researching and preserving stories from many aspects of life in Oberlin including Oberlin’s musical heritage, its historic downtown and business history, and its contributions to the fields of education, literature and sports,

**Andria Derstine** (John G. W. Cowles Director of the Allen Memorial Art Museum) and **Leo Evans, Jr.** (Oberlin College Office of Facilities Planning and Construction), who were recognized with the Heritage Guardian Award for their multi-year professional collaboration that led to the restoration of the ceiling and clerestory in the AMAM’s King Sculpture Court,

**Lisa Thacker**, Oberlin City Schools 6th Grade History Teacher, who was honored with the History Teacher of the Year award for engaging her students daily with learning activities and lessons that bring excitement and wonder to World History,

The **Oberlin City Schools Music Educator Team of Robert Duerr, Len Gnizak and Audrey John Melzer**, who received the Community Teacher of the Year Award for integrating the concept of “community” into their well-rounded musical education programs,

**Paul (Bud) Spierling**, who was hailed as the Heritage Center’s Volunteer of the Year for his work as a docent at the Oberlin historic site, and

**Radio Stations WOBL and WDLW (Doug and Lorie Wilber)**, who received the Business Service Leader Award for partnering with the Heritage Center and other community nonprofits to promote upcoming events through public service announcements, broadcasted interviews, and sponsored events.

Heritage Center Board President Gail Wood conducted the annual business meeting. Governance committee chair Donna Shurr presided over the election of Board officers, including Wood as President, Ken Grossi as 1st Vice-President, Stephen Johnson III as 2nd Vice President, Barbara Enos as Secretary and Edward Wardwell as Treasurer. Judy Cook was re-elected for another term on the Board, and Erik Breunig, Amy Chuang, and Marlene Merrill were elected as new Trustees. Long-time Board members Nicholas Jones and Donna Shurr were appointed Honorary Trustees.

Dr. Jeanne McKibben of Oberlin spent years researching and documenting the community’s long history of progress and collaborations in healthcare. This display at the Annual Meeting whetted our appetites for her public presentations that took place later in the year on the medical history of Oberlin.

Voted in as new Trustees of the Heritage Center were Marlene D. Merrill (left) and Erik A. Breunig. Also elected, but not pictured was Dr. Mann-Mann Amy Chuang.
Treasurer’s Report

On page 5 you will find the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Statement of Activities, Statement of Financial Position, and Functional Expenses for fiscal year 2017.

OHC’s annual audit for 2017, conducted by Cohen and Company, can be found in its entirety on OHC’s website along with prior audits and IRS Form 990s. Audit reports show the consolidated results of the Oberlin Heritage Center and its two wholly owned subsidiaries, OHC Properties, Inc., (a property holding agency for 81 S. Professor Street) and Vineway, LLC (a commercial rental property at 82-86 South Main Street).

Multiple foundations, organizations, and donors provided fiscal support for projects large and small. Grants from The Nord Family Foundation allowed the Oberlin Heritage Center to rebuild the Monroe House retaining wall that neighbors the Oberlin Post Office. Other funding from TNFF allowed OHC to host a Paintings Conservation Seminar in collaboration with ICA (Intermuseum Conservation Association) and the Allen Memorial Art Museum and to serve as a host site for the Ohio History Service Corps / AmeriCorps program. The Oberlin Business Partnership provided funds to promote group tours and other programs, thereby increasing the number of visitors to the Heritage Center and Oberlin. The Community Foundation of Lorain County, once again, supported the Heritage Center with a grant to assist with staffing. A list of all grants and special project support awarded to OHC in 2017 can be found on this page at left.

Grants allow OHC to accomplish strategic goals, but it’s support through membership, annual fund donations, tours, and museum store purchases that ensure OHC can complete our daily work of preservation and education. In 2017, donor contributions brought in over $41,000 for the annual fund campaign and membership revenue was over $24,000. Program revenue saw a marked increase from the previous year due to the continuation of popular children programs like spring break and summer day camps, field trips to the James A. Garfield and Rutherford B. Hayes presidential sites, and our first annual trivia night. Endowment additions through pledge payments, donations, matching contributions from Jane B. Nord and T.K. and Emily (Nord) McClintock, and the sale of 89 S. Professor Street allowed OHC to add an additional $155,000 into the Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation.

Staff worked hard to make sure every dollar spent served the mission of the organization. Salaries and payroll items remained at 56% of the Unrestricted Funds expenses (first column of the Statement of Activities). Overall, unrestricted funds revenue saw a 13.3% increase while unrestricted funds expenses only rose 11.4%. The total change in net assets is due almost entirely to growth in restricted funds such as the Endowment for Heritage Preservation.

Ed Wardwell, Board Treasurer

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Oberlin Heritage Center/O.H.I.O. Financial Summary for 2017
Audited by Cohen & Company, Ltd.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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The Oberlin Heritage Center’s Finance Committee, which reports to the Board of Trustees, provides fiscal oversight.
The complete audited financial statement is posted online at www.oberlinheritagelcenter.org and is available upon request.
A Sampling of OHC Programs for 2017

JANUARY 24
Jeremy Smith, Oberlin Conservatory of Music’s Special Collections Librarian and Curator of the James and Susan Neumann Jazz Collection, presented a richly informative program revealing the Treasures of the Conservatory’s Special Collections to a large community audience in Heiser Auditorium at Kendal at Oberlin. Thank you to Northwest Savings Bank for sponsoring this free, public program.

“Jeremy Smith was dynamic, erudite, personable, and immensely entertaining…Like a fine concert”

JANUARY 27
An OHC members-only private tour allowed participants a look Behind-the-Scenes in the Piano Shop at the Oberlin Conservatory under the guidance of John Cavanaugh, Executive Director of Piano Technology and Robert Murphy, Assistant Director of Piano Technology. The group learned about the wide array of pianos owned by the Conservatory and how technicians keep them in tip-top condition throughout the year.

FEBRUARY 3
Another OHC members-only tour took us to the Oberlin College campus where the group had the fun opportunity to Dig Deeper into the Mudd and learn more about Mudd Library’s Archives and Special Collections with Archivist Ken Grossi and Head of Special Collections and Preservation Librarian Ed Vermue.

FEBRUARY 11
Dramatist, researcher, and educator Wesley G. Williams II teamed with musician and vocalist H. LeArthur (H.L.) Wright II in the special Black History Month tribute Oh Freedom! Commemorating the Negro Spiritual and the Underground Railroad. The powerful musical and theatrical program took place at The First Church in Oberlin, United Church of Christ, and was free and open to the public thanks to support from the Community Foundation of Lorain County and the Oberlin African-American Genealogy & History Group (OAAGHG).

“What passion and depth of subject. Really enjoyed the variety – dialogue, poetry, and music…So engaging that at times you could feel everyone just holding their breath waiting to hear Wesley’s next words or H.L.’s next piece of music.”

MARCH 1, 8, AND 15
Hands-on-History & Cultures of the World Home School Series featured three Wednesday afternoon sessions at the Oberlin Depot where students aged 8-13 explored the cultures of West Africa, Iran and Spain.

MARCH 14
Community historian and OHC Trustee Steve Johnson presented an original two-part spring series at Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium, which focused on World War II and its local impact. Oberlin Reacts to World War II, the first in the series, looked at Oberlin’s home front before, during and after the war. The series was sponsored by Northwest Savings Bank.

MARCH 21-23
Asmit and Grant stand by their block interpretation of a ziggurat (below) during OHC’s hands-on mini-camp held at the Oberlin Depot during local schools’ spring break. Around the World in 3 Days took youngsters ages 8-13 on a fabulous adventure of discovery as they explored the lands and traditions of the Arctic Peoples, Australia, West Africa, India and more.

APRIL 1
The Historically Inaccurate guided tour debuted on April Fool’s Day as an out-of-the-ordinary experience where visitors were challenged to call the docent’s bluff. As the tour moved along through the Heritage Center’s three, beautifully preserved historic buildings, tour-goers had the chance to try to identify fact from fiction and determine which stories were popular myths and which actually happened way back when.

APRIL 5
The 2017 Annual Meeting and Community Award Presentations at The Hotel at Oberlin looked at the history and future of Oberlin’s community hospital with guest speaker Joseph Sober, President of Mercy Allen Hospital. Dr. W. Jeanne McKibben, OHC Honorary Trustee, created a corresponding display that chronicled the medical history of Oberlin.

APRIL 11
Music was in the air as Oberlin Conservatory students Abigail Hakel-Garcia and Collin Sterne entertained guests with An Hour in the Parlor: Songs of the Turn of the Century and filled the Jewett House front parlor with music and song. Abigail sang and played violin and Collin added classical guitar as the tune required during the delightful evening concert.
Local historian Steve Johnson concluded his two-part World War II series with Oberlin Serves in World War II, which focused on those who saw action on the frontlines as pilots, infantrymen and medical personnel, as well as those who served behind-the-scenes in research, intelligence and logistics. Johnson’s long hours of researching newspaper accounts and oral history interviews were recognized later in the year when the series received a History Outreach Award in Public Programming from the Ohio Local History Alliance at its statewide conference. Johnson is pictured here accepting the award with Executive Director Liz Schultz.

The Heritage Center saluted Memorial Day with a free tour led through scenic Westwood Cemetery featuring stories of Oberlinians who served in the military.

The season of popular outdoor history walks returned with a weekly offering of the Freedom’s Friends: Underground Railroad & Abolitionist History Walk and a once-a-month opportunity to enjoy the One Step More: Oberlin Women’s History Walk. For those who preferred a “do-it-yourself” approach, self-guided tablet tours were available for learning more about the community’s abolitionist past or about the historic downtown district of Oberlin.

As part one of OHC’s summer Presidential Series, members and friends enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Mentor, Ohio and Lawnfield, the home of James A. Garfield, 20th President of the United States. The bus trip included an on-board discussion of Garfield’s professional and personal friendship with Oberlin’s James Monroe and the visit concluded with lunch together at a local restaurant.

Sharing stories from Oberlin’s Oral History Project, author and educator Geni Vanek offered insights into Oberlin in the 1960s and 1970s with The Times they are a-Changin’. In the illustrated program presented in Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium, Vanek (who received kudos afterward from audience members Cathie Radabaugh, left, and Jean Simon, center) wove together a tapestry of voices and their recollections of a tense war, a struggle for peace, and volatile issues of race, gender and civil liberties.

The 12th Annual Oberlin Chalk Walk showcased professional and local sidewalk “chalkers” and gave artists of every age the chance to create their own masterpieces. Co-sponsored by the Allen Memorial Art Museum, the Oberlin Business Partnership, the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts (FAVA), the Oberlin Public Library and the Oberlin Heritage Center.

Next stop: Spiegel Grove, the home of Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th President of the United States. Thirty-two guests took part in this second-in-a-series OHC summer field trip to presidential sites in Ohio. The tour included time to explore Hayes’ Presidential Library and Museum, and a private catered lunch before heading back to Oberlin at the end of a fun, full day!

Children ages 8-13 were ready for a week of adventure when they set sail in the new camp Oberlin Ahoy! Pirates & Life on the High Seas. Led by Museum Education & Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan, young mateys had the chance to learn about life on the high seas and navigation, while also creating their own original play (below).

Vintage & Vintner: An OHC Summer Soiree combined wine tasting, music, and munchies with a splash of history on the side. Jazz guitarist Rich Holsworth entertained as guests arrived, and OHC Executive Director Liz Schultz presented a mini-program on Oberlin’s historic, contentious relationship with alcohol. Vermilion Valley Vineyards in Wakeman hosted the event which was co-sponsored by Herrick Jewelry of Oberlin.

Architecture Camp, the Heritage Center’s signature kids’ camp, taught the basics of architecture through local tours, construction challenges, and envisioning buildings of the future. All camps were held at the Oberlin Depot, often enhanced by guest speakers and walking field trips to places nearby.

Young thespians enjoyed OHC’s new History of Theater camp, led by educator Maria Surovy, who offered campers the opportunity to learn how theater evolved over time and the influence of plays and musicals on culture. The week ended with the children creating their own mini theatrical production to perform for family and friends.

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SEPTEMBER
The Monroe House became backdrop for a beautiful, colorful display of artifacts and art from the collection of Lorain’s Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures. As part of the collaboration, visitors could experience guided tours in both English and Spanish or opt for a self-guided version. Highlighting the month-long guest exhibit was the Fiesta en la Biblioteca, a lively gathering that included music, dance, crafts, food and fun for all ages that took place September 23 at the Oberlin Public Library.

SEPTEMBER 9
The second annual Root Beer Float Friday welcomed Oberlin College students back to campus and offered an introduction to the Heritage Center while staff and volunteers served up frosty floats from the Jewett House front lawn. The Oberlin IGA and the Ohio Educational Credit Union were co-sponsors for the event.

OCTOBER 12
More than 100 movie-goers enjoyed an evening of zany science, time travel and plenty of fun as the ever-popular classic film Back to the Future was featured on the big screen at A Night at the Apollo. This OHC fundraiser for ongoing program support included contests, raffles and photo ops with an authentically cool DeLorean automobile. Special thanks to community partners Kurt G. Sarringhaus Co., Ltd. and Ratsy’s Store of Oberlin for helping to sponsor the event, and to several downtown businesses for donating contest prizes.

OCTOBER 19 & 24
Oberlin physician Dr. W. Jeanne McKibben, who spent decades documenting The Medical History of Oberlin through photographs and rare video interviews, shared some of her insights during an illustrated program at the Oberlin Public Library. An encore presentation of the free community program also took place at Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium. Mercy Regional Medical Center served as the premier sponsor for both programs.

"A valuable gift for the Oberlin community – by a physician, photographer and lecturer. Very dramatic…and informative presentation. I learned a lot that I hadn’t known about in depth.”

OCTOBER 27 & 28
Visitors enjoyed a fascinating, family-friendly look at local history during the Halloween season with the Heritage Center’s presentation of Every Good Story has a Plot. This year’s one-hour guided tour through Westwood Cemetery introduced new Oberlin pioneers Mary Cordin McCoy Harrison (portrayed by Camille Hamlin Allen), Hiram Abif Pease (Dennis Cook) and Dr. Julia Chapin Jump (Judy Cook) whose stories focused on medicine, diet, and health in the early days of the community.

NOVEMBER 10
Fun, food, factoids and falderal were all part of the Heritage Center’s new community-wide Trivia Night which took place at The First Church in Oberlin, United Church of Christ’s fellowship hall. Guests enjoyed an evening of friendly competition, emceed by WOBL’s Super Dave Andrews, with plenty of Lorenzo’s specialty pizzas, games, raffles and prizes on the side. The fundraiser for OHC’s ongoing programs was supported by premier sponsor Mercy Health/Mercy Regional Medical Center along with co-sponsors Herrick Jewelry of Oberlin and Northwest Savings Bank. Prizes were donated by numerous local businesses.

NOVEMBER 13
Alexia Hudson-Ward, Azariah Smith Root Director of Libraries at Oberlin College, presented an illustrated program on The Diaries of Emilie Davis in Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium. Davis was a 19th century free black woman who worked as a seamstress in Philadelphia and kept a diary from 1863 to 1865, during the height of the Civil War. The event was sponsored by Joe and Susan Woodward and their 1830 Hallauer House Bed and Breakfast.

“I liked the presenter’s passion for interpreting the past. Very engaging; gave an opening to encourage further inquiry into the subject.”

DECEMBER
The Heritage Center celebrated the season with a special holiday-themed exhibit in the Monroe House created by Collections Manager Maren McKee. With Wide-Eyed Wonder: Toys & Amusements from the Past offered visitors a chance to see some of the more entertaining objects from the OHC collection, and a few even offered hands-on experiences for all ages to enjoy.
Who's Who at the Oberlin Heritage Center in 2017

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Elizabeth Schultz, Executive Director
Deloris Bohn, Museum Housekeeper+ (retired July 2017)
Mary Anne Cunningham, Assistant to the Director+
Bethany Hobbs, Business Manager+
Amanda Manahan, Museum Education/ Tour Coordinator
Maren McKee, Collections Manager+
Maria Surovy, Education Assistant+ (Summer 2017)

Mary Worthington, Museum Housekeeper+ (hired August 2017)

“+” = Part-time staff member

Ohio Historical Society Ohio Service Corps/AmeriCorps Member
Sara Fisher (term began in Sept. 2017)
Mary Manning (term ended August 2017)


OHC Staff, from left: Mary Manning (AmeriCorps member), Amanda Manahan, Bethany Hobbs, Liz Schultz, Mary Anne Cunningham, Maren McKee and Linda Gates (Mature Services). Missing from photo: Deloris Bohn and Linda Gilmore (Mature Services).

Staff Provided by Mature Services, Inc.

Linda Gates, Front Office+ (Term ended October 2017)
Linda Gilmore, Front Office+

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(later renamed Oberlin Village Improvement Society/OVIS)
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Student Interns (from Oberlin College except as noted)

- Nico Alvarez (Work Study / Fall Semester)
- Zaria Amerson (Volunteer / Summer) (Elyria High School)
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- Alexandria Nicome (Work Study / Spring Semester)
- Nia Owen (Bonner Scholar / Spring & Fall Semester)
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- Maya Vermue Peters (Junior Intern / Summer) (Oberlin High School)
- Xun Zheng (Winter Term)

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- Robert Dillon

MEMBERSHIP

The Heritage Center ended the year with 726 memberships (that is, an individual, a household, a business or an organization). This year, 100 of those were Endowed Life memberships, a group fondly referred to as ELMs. Like Oberlin’s Historic Elm tree, the Heritage Center’s ELMs are deeply rooted in their support of the organization, and have contributed through the years a cumulative total of $2,000 or more to an endowment fund. ELMs are considered OHC members for life (and never again have to deal with yearly membership renewal reminders 😃). Whether an ELM or an annual member, the Heritage Center deeply appreciates each and every supporter – all together OHC’s marvelous membership keeps the organization strong, healthy and moving forward!

ENDOWED LIFE MEMBERS

(donors whose cumulative giving to an endowment fund totals $2,000 or more)

Platinum

($50,000 and above)

- Anonymous
- David & Eleanor Ignat (Middlebury, VT)

Gold ($25,000 - $49,999)

- Mann-Mann Amy & Wuu-Shung Chuang, MDs
- Dick & Pat* Holsworth, in honor of Jeptha and Demaris Carrell & in honor of Pat Murphy
- Nicholas R. & Sue Copeland Jones (Berkeley, CA)
- Eric* & Jane Nord

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OHC bid farewell to Deloris Bohn (right), who retired after 13 years as housekeeper-extraordinaire at the Heritage Center. Retired Collections Assistant Prue Richards (left) was especially appreciative of Deloris’ efforts!

One of these Juneteenth helpers is not like the others…
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$5,000 to $9,999
Jane Blodgett
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$250-$499
Constance Anderson (Athens, Greece)

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Albert J. McQueen
Kelly D. Mezurek (North Canton)
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Grethchen B. Roose
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Cynthia & Geoffrey Andrews
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Betty & Bill Annable
Hank Annable
Anonymous
The Arbogast Family
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Gini & Randy Barbato
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The Oberlin Heritage Center is an endorser of the nation-wide History Relevance Campaign and continuously acknowledges and affirms seven ways that history is essential to our lives – through identity, critical thinking, vibrant communities, economic development, engaged citizens, leadership, and legacy. The photographs shared here are just some of the ways OHC positively impacted all ages in 2017.

1. A lesson in the classroom is a traditional way to learn about themes and events in history, yet today’s methods of teaching are anything but routine. Teachers and students appreciate being able to learn from guest presenters who offer in-depth knowledge and experience on specific topics. For example, the Heritage Center’s Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan led programs at many area schools during the past year, reaching over 1400 school children including every first and third grader in Oberlin. Here, 4th graders in the Lorain City School System debate a scenario question during a program about abolition and the Underground Railroad.

2. Field trips to historic sites are a great way to enhance classroom learning. Fourth graders from Gesu Catholic School in University Heights have visited the Heritage Center annually for at least the past dozen years. AmeriCorps member Mary Manning enjoyed taking excited and insightful questions during the Gesu students’ most recent visit.

3. During the past year, more than 200 children travelled back-in-time for lessons in the 1836 Little Red Schoolhouse. Here, Oberlin third graders are participating in an old-fashioned spelling bee.

4. Fun and games also bring history to life for all ages. These students from Elyria enjoyed playing old-fashioned games in the sunny schoolyard on a field trip to the Heritage Center.

5. The Pioneer Craftsmen Experience is a collaborative gathering of historians and artisans demonstrating skills and sharing stories of the past with local 3rd through 5th graders each September. OHC’s education team spoke to 370 students over the course of two days at the event hosted by the Lorain County Metro Parks in the Vermilion River Reservation.

6. History may be found in song lyrics, poetry, and other forms of the spoken word. Performers Wesley G. Williams II and H. LeArthur (H.L.) Wright II shared the legacy of 19th century freedom seekers in Oh, Freedom! Commemorating the Negro Spiritual and the Underground Railroad, a stirring program of music and dramatic narrative presented at The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C.

7. Windows of opportunity can pop up anywhere for taking a moment to explore local history. Ohio History Service Corps / AmeriCorps member Mary Manning was invited to create this mini exhibit for display in Mercy Allen Hospital during February’s Black History Month.
Bridges of understanding are created through learning about shared and distinct local histories, diverse cultures, and opportunities for collaboration such as the special month-long guest exhibit that took place at the Monroe House in September. John Berrios, Board member of Lorain’s Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures, guides visitors through the display of artifacts, clothing, kitchen utensils, textiles and more from 19 different countries.

College and high school students are an important part of the Heritage Center’s work force; some earn money for their education through the federal work-study program, a few are paid through grant funding, and still others are OHC volunteers. All bring energy, enthusiasm, brains and talent to the organization and some go on to careers in the fields of museum studies, historic preservation, architecture, teaching and others related to their time spent at the Heritage Center. Summer interns (pictured, left to right) Maya Peters, Isaiah Krugman, and Kai Joy helped OHC staff keep things running smoothly during a busy season.

While independent learning is a reward unto itself, prizes are surely fun as well! Amanda Manahan presented the Hubbard Prize to Ewan Inglis and Asher Cipinko for their National History Day website entry, “The League of Nations’ Rise.” The prize is named for OHC members Ned and Gail Hubbard, in honor of the Hubbard family that lived at 73 South Professor Street.

Walking the same pathways as Oberlin’s forebearers can make a memorable impact on many of us. Trustee and docent Michele Andrews guided visitors on an autumn history walk filled with engaging stories, images from the past, and stops at local landmarks, bringing new meaning to “history in motion.”

Students in the summer Architecture Camp had a great time exploring and sketching Oberlin buildings, then taking what they’d learned to envision new designs for the future. The Oberlin Heritage Center’s signature children’s camp has been offered annually since the year 2000.

History can be a family affair! This family borrowed the Heritage Center’s self-guided tablet tour version of the Freedom’s Friends History Walk and enjoyed the chance to make a stop at the Little Red Schoolhouse and ring the bell.
Who’s Who at the Oberlin Heritage Center in 2017

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Household (continued)

Howard & Jean Broadwell
Robert & Ruth Brown (New Haven, OH)
Barbara J. Bruer
Anita Buckmaster (Hamden, CT)
Bill & Denise Capers
Claudine & Terry Carlton
Samuel Carrier & Susan Kane
Jeffrey & Susan Cheshire (Solon)
George E. Clark
John R. & Kathleen M. Clark (Lorain)
Susan K. Clark DVM (Mansfield)
ed & Marianne Clark (Amherst)
Susan Clayton & Chris Howell
John D. & Ronnie Cole
Susan Jane & William C. Colley
Judith M. Connolly & Kathy J. Reynolds
Anne & Rollin Conway
Dennis & Judy Cook
Roger Copeland & Michele L. Gross
Tim Cowling
Judith Davidson & Ceasy & Robert K. Creasy (Corte Madera, CA)
Conlenth Crosier & Peter Crowley
Harvey Culbert & Louise Luckenbill
Sean Decatur & Renee Romano (Gambier)
Jan & Jerry DeMarinis
Polina Dimova & Jason Trimmer
Mr. & Mrs. Albert C. Doane (Amherst)
James C. Dobbins & Suzanne Gay Amanda & Ed Dobos
Keith Downing & Malfrid Rustad
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Darlene & David Eakin (Frankfort, KY)
Bernard & Sheila Eckstein
Jim & Kim Eibel (New London)
Anne & John Elder
Margaret-Arn & Milton Ellis
Robert M. Ernst (Avon)
Ann & Gerry Findlay
David & Nancy Finke
Gay Fischer
Patricia & Richard Fishel (Minneapolis, MN)
Carol & Daniel Fishwick (Willoughby)
Stephen FitzGerald & Yumi Iijiri
Kimberly & Stephen Fixx (Elyria)
Gail & Kevin Flanagan (Grafton)
Dennis & Sue Flood
Bob & Diane Follet
Christopher & Monica Frank
Arline & Arne* Franzen (Superior, WI)
Ann L. Fuller
Allison & Claire Gallaher (Grafton)
Rebecca Ganzel Thompson (St. Paul, MN)
Carver Clark Gayton (Seattle, WA)
Barbara & Donald Gilbert (Stone Mountain, GA)
Alfred R. & Charlotte Goerlich (Amherst)
Chê S. & José M. González Jr.
Phyllis Gorfan & W. Bruce Richards
Jill & Kevin Greenwood
Wendy Griewe
J. Lynn Haesly & Andrew Young
Ariene & Don Hall
Jim Hamilton
Larry A. & Nancy A. Harper (Amherst)
Danielle Hawkins
Ruth S. Hayes (Amherst)
Shirley Hayward
Carl & Marcia Heckert (Wellington)
Brian Hedges
Angela & Miles Heilman
Jean M. Heller
Sabrha Henke
Christa & James Heib (South Amherst)
Robert & Kass Hillard
Margaret Hoag (Concord, MA)
Kevin Hobbs (Crozet, VA)
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Kathy & Mark Jaffee
Adelbert Jenkins
Gregory L. Jewett (Lexington, VA)
Ben Jones & Tanya Rosen-Jones
Bill & Jody Kannen
Marilyn & Robert Kasayka (South Amherst)
Evon & Ilana Kresh
Lorna & Richard Kretchmar
Sonja Kruks & Ben Wisner
Mari Kuroda & Michael Reynolds
Judy & Roger Laushman
Bruce & Nancy Layne (Shelbyville, KY)
Anita & Tom Lock
Nancy L. London & John E. Petersen
Dorothy S. & Joseph R. Luciano
Amanda Manahan & Joseph L. Cross
Barry & Sharon Manahan (Hamilton, IN)
Charles & Nancy Matthews
Dennis & Ellen Mavruch
Carl & Mary McDaniel
Darren & Jane McDonough
Mary & Richard McKee
John & Nicola Memrott
Bill Miller & Ann Pilisy
Mary Minter & Michelle Minter
Georgia Newman & David Young
David & Mary Jo Ockenga (Wakeman)
Bob & Bonnie Oliphant (Westford, MA)
David & Elaine Orr
Diantha & Victor* Paré
Allan & Elizabeth Patterson (London, OH)
Booker C. Peek
Harol & John Pesuit
Barbara A. & Ronald A. Pierre (LaGrange)
Erika Pilisy
Bill & Patti Pitts
Brenda & David Pitts (Columbus, IN)
Steven & Katherine Plank
Laurence & Marjorie Porter
Dale & Kim Preston
Diane L. & Ray C. Radabaugh (Holland, OH)
Jessie L. & Ray O.* Reeder
Barbara & Don Reeves
Margaret & Mark Reynolds
Deborah Roose & David Snyder
Jerene & Paul Rosa (Wakeman)
Jacques Rutzyk & Dyane Sheword
John & Karla Sanderson
Judith A. & Richard G. Schmidt (Cleveland)
Cathy & Jim Schultits
Kathryn & William* Schreiner
John G. & Kathleen A. Secrist
Gayle Sherry
Maureen & Patrick Simen
Chris & Laura Slocum
Harold & Linda Slocum
Rachel Somoskey
Sharon Fairchild Soucy
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Cathleen & Michael Strauss
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Mary Worthington & Tom Hinders
Milan Wyman
Elizabeth E. Young
Larry & Sue Young
James E. & Janice C. Zinser (Wakeman)

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Elizabeth McCall Aldrich
Anonymous
Chelsea Baker (Bradenton, FL)
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Julia Binder
Rachael Blake (Santa Cruz, CA)
Deloris Bohn (Wellington)
Jennifer Bowman
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Richard W. Bryant (State College, PA)
Susan Husted Burrows (Centennial, CO)
Dwight W. Call
Angela Ceci (Amherst)
Deborah Ciprus (Sheffield Village)
Joel Clancy (Raleigh, NC)
Marsha Darcy
Cary Dell (Cleveland)
Andria Derstine
Linda Diaz
Kaitlyn Donaldson (Lorain)
Marion G. Drummond
Joyce Duded
Jonathan Edmonds (Brooklyn, NY)
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Eli Goldberg (Burlington, VT)
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Carol S. Tufts
Chris Perry Tuohy
(Syracuse, NY)
Anna Vitek
Debbi Walsh
Margie Walter
Andrew Laurence Watiker
(New York, NY)
Maryann Hanak Watson (Amherst)
Wilma L. Weber*
Thomas Weisbarth
(North Ridgeville)
Joanna Wiley
Wesley G. Williams II
(Alexandria, VA)
Amelia Woodward
James H. Young
Lynn M. Youngblood (Wellington)
Rand Zalazala (Wartown, MA)

**Educator ($25)**

Deborah Carden
(Perkins Township)
Olivia A. Cousins (Brooklyn, NY)
Monika Hunziker-Schane
Claudia Macdonald
Nina Reid-Maroney
(Thamesville, ON, Canada)
Melissa Rogers (Wellington)
Jenny & John Sekulic (Wakeman)
Marti Stuedle (Wellington)

**Senior / Student ($20)**

Mary Adams (Westlake)
Carmille Hamlin Allen
Judith Apartment
Dorothy Baker
Ann Beach
Phyllis Bement (Columbia Station)
Ruth A. Bent
Phyllis A. Berger
Patricia A. Birmingham
David W. Blood
Betty & Cliff Buckosh
(Hendersonville, TN)
Marilyn Burns
Catharina Meints Caldwell
Kathleen Carothers
Shirley Chambers (Elyria)
Hannah Cicpino
Mrs. Glenn M. Clapp
Robert H. Close (Avon Lake)
Jim & Joan Cobb
Joe & Sue Colucci
Sid Comings
Lyn Cope
Thomas L. Cramer
Lesslie Crowell (Charlottesville, VA)
Don & Susie Cunningham
(New Waterford)
Elizabeth & Martin David
Cynthia A. Dede
Ann Devenny (Elyria)
Kay L. Diederick
Joanne Douglas
Robert M. Dudash & Inge Avard
Dudash
Roy U. Ebihara
Joanne Erwin (Cherry Hill, NJ)
Cherie L. Fabian (Elyria)
Ann M. Francis
Diane & Stuart Friebert
Sharon Furrow

**Business & Organizational Members**

Heritage Ambassador ($500-$999)

- McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation Laboratory, Inc.
- Conservation Laboratory, Inc.

Heritage Leader ($250-$499)

- Cohen & Company (Cleveland)
  General Plug & Manufacturing (Grafton)
- Meadowbrook Investment Advisors (Livonia, MI)
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Heritage Leader (continued)
Oberlin College
Raffer, A., Ltd. / Rich Fredrickson (Elyria)
Melanie B. Satterfield, DDS

Heritage Rescuer ($100-$249)
John Berkemeyer Painting LLC / Betty & John Berkemeyer
Broadwell Painting
1830 Hallauer House Bed & Breakfast / Joe & Susan Woodward
Emerge Inc. (Avon Lake)
Forthero Alarm Systems (Elyria)
The Hotel at Oberlin
Lin-Barry Incorporated / Barry & Linda Jones (Amherst)
PlaceMakers Land Co., Ltd.
Eric R. Severs Co., L.P.A.
Turnbull Plumbing & Heating, LLC
Turnbull Trucking & Excavating
Welcome Nursing Home

Sustaining Members ($50)
Cowling Funeral Home
Dounds Veterinary Hospital
Gardenscapes by Joanna LLC
Herrick Jewelry
Anne & Leonard Jacko DDS
Kuno Creative Group (Avon)
National Business Brokers, Inc. / Michael F. Galbreath
Ratsy’s Vintage Store
Southern Lorain County Historical Society (Wellington)
Watson Hardware

Active Members ($25)
Adeva Salon and Spa
Advance Auto Parts #6997
Amherst Historical Society (Amherst)
Apollo Theatre / Cleveland Cinemas
Ben Franklin Store / MindFair Books
The Breunig Law Firm Co., LPA (Elyria)
Business Advisory Services LLC
Campbell House Antiques
Carlyle Gift and Flower Shop
City of Oberlin
Clifford Business Services, LLC (Wellington)
Cowhaus Creamery
Custom Cleaning Services
Dicken Funeral Home Inc. (Elyria)
EcoSphere Associates / Ricki Herdendorf (Sheffield Village)
Firelands Association for the Visual Arts (FAVA)
The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C.
James A. Garfield National Historic Site (Mentor)
Global Vocabulary LLC (Columbia Station)
Green Circle Growers
Grunwell-Cashero Co. (Cleveland)

2017 VOLUNTEERS
Excluding Board members who are listed on page 9. Includes staff members who volunteer hours beyond those for which they are paid.

Zaria Amerson
Teri Anderson
Dave Andrews
Erik Andrews
Dorothy Baker
Meisha Baker
Sue Barsay

The annual holiday volunteer breakfast is a celebration of the amazing amounts of time and talent that OHC friends devote to making the Heritage Center a valued community resource. More than 60 smiling faces are pictured here, and we’ve still got room to add YOU if you’d like to join this enthusiastic crew!
DONORS TO ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Following a quiet year of fundraising behind-the-scenes, the Heritage Center launched the public phase of the Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation in 2017 with the announcement of a $20,000 challenge gift from donors Jane B. Nord and T.K. and Emily (Nord) McClintock, which was matched dollar for dollar with new gifts and pledges to the campaign. Gail and Ned Hubbard also offered a matching challenge to OHC’s former interns to help build this new endowment in honor of retired Executive Director Patricia Murphy, who mentored many college student interns throughout her 22 years of service to the organization. Both efforts were clearly successful, and by the end of the year, the Endowment had grown to just over $443,000 in gifts and pledges. Below is a listing of gifts received in 2017, indicating those matched by the Nord and Hubbard challenge gifts. (This listing does not include Endowed Life members making payments on previous Endowment pledges – those donors are listed on page 10.)

Anonymous

Jeanne Buhlbeck, in memory of Pat Holsworth
Janet E. Bolland, in memory of Helen Gaye Lawrence
Erik & Kelly Breunig
Ellen & Scott Broadwell, in memory of Ron Gorman
Barbara J. Bruer
Andrea Carbone, in memory of Dr. Sarah MacLennan Kerr
Nancy & Tom Cheshire, in honor of Edward W. Hubbard

Tracy R. Chevalier
Judy Connolly, in memory of Sarah MacLennan Kerr
Dennis & Judy Cook
Ann & Norman Craig, in memory of Sally Kerr
Peter Crowley & Conleth Croter
Don & Mary Anne Cunningham, in memory of Ruth Schwaegerle and in memory of Sally Kerr
Charles E. Dial, in memory of Sally Kerr
J. Dennis DiPaolo, in memory of Sally Kerr

Mae Alice Donner
Joanne F. Durante, in memory of Ron Gorman
Robert J. Eakin
Mr. & Mrs. Walter H. Edling
Dale Embry
Carol & Phil Fichter, in memory of Ron Gorman
Robert D. & Sara W. Follett, in memory of Sally Kerr
Alan S. Gage, in honor of Pat Murphy
Linda C. Gates
H. Dean & Susan R. Gibson, in honor of Martha J. Gibson and in memory of Harold D. Gibson
Anne Gill, in memory of Ron Gorman
Marjorie & Norman Henderson
Christa & James Hieb
Bethany & Jeff Hobbs, in memory of Ron Gorman
Edward W. & Gail F. Hubbard
James Jablonski, in memory of Ron Gorman
Amy L. Kenneley, in memory of Ron Gorman
Ian Kerr, in memory of and in honor of Dr. Sarah MacLennan Kerr
John A. Kerr & Linda B. Kerr, in memory of Sally Kerr
King Family Fund, in memory of Mrs. Ernestine Evans King
Bert L. Latran Jr., in memory of Sally Kerr
John Leinenweber
Ann & Dayton Livingston
Elisabeth M. Mahjoub
Emily & T.K. McClintock, in memory of Evan Nord
Suzanne O. McDougal
W. Jeanne McKibben, MD
Albert J. McQueen
Maxwell G. Morgan
Patricia Murphy & Keith Koening, in memory of Ron Gorman; in memory of Sally Kerr; in honor of Deloris Bohn; and in honor of Linda Gates
Mrs. Jane B. Nord, in memory of Evan Nord
Kathleen & Richard Nord
Bob & Bonnie Oliphant
Allan & Elizabeth Patterson
Laurel G. & Rhys Price Jones
Jean D. Schaefier
Dina & Richard Schoonmaker, in memory of Karen Schoonmaker
Freudenberger
Elizabeth Schulte, in memory of Ron Gorman and in memory of Sally Kerr
Cynthia & Eric R. Severs
Shirley Shubert and Family, in memory of Ruth Schwaegerle
Paul R. Spierling & Pauline Handman
Lori A. Taylor
Kathy Toth-Smith, in memory of Sally Kerr
Gavin Tritt & Julie Min
John & Eugenia Poporad Vanek
Andrew H. White, in memory of Ron Gorman
Grover A. Zinn

Nord Match

George & Marlene Andrews, in honor of Michele Andrews
Hank Annable
Anonymous
Anonymous, in memory of Florence E. Balcomb
Anonymous, in memory of Ruth Schwaegerle
William G. Arthrel, in memory of Millie & George Arthrel
and in memory of the 10 million Ukrainian victims of the Holodomor of 1932-33
Jeanne R. Bay
John Berkmyer Painting LLC (John & Betty Berkmyer)
Kay W. Bigglestone, in memory of Bill Bigglestone
Janet E. Bolland, in memory of Tom Bolland
Ellen & Scott Broadwell
Howard & Jean Broadwell, in honor of Pat Murphy
Katie Brown
Betsy L. Bruce
Beatrice M. Clapp, in memory of Patricia Holsworth
Jon D. & Sheryl H. Clark
Judith M. Connolly & Kathy J. Reynolds, in memory of Sarah MacLennan Kerr
Covington Funeral Home (Tad Cowling)
Ann & Norman C. Craig
Don & Mary Anne Cunningham, in memory of Ron Gorman
Andria Derstine
Jack & Kathy DeRuyter
Mae Alice Donner
J. D. Donovan, in memory of Linda Donovan
Lee C. Driskamer & Judith Sellers
Anne & John Elder
Ann & Gerry Findlan
Gay A. Fischer
Kimberly & Stephen Fix
David V. Foos
Carver Clark Gayton
Jack Glazier
John & Susan Edwards Harvith, in honor of Colette Buck
Carl & Marcia Heckert
Jean M. Heller
Marjorie & Norman Henderson
Eddie & Ricki Herdendorf
Karen P. & Terence G. Hobbs
Clyde Hohn
Jerry & Karen Hotell
Alexia Hudson-Ward
Ann Emeric Ingram
Carl W. Jacobson
Adelbert Jenkins
Sarah MacLennan Kerr & Charles E. Dial, in honor of Pat Murphy
Anne G. Koening, in honor of my mom, Pat Murphy
Scott Koening, in honor of Pat Murphy
Darlene Rae Krato
Linda D. Lewis, in memory of Verba L. Lewis
Katherine Linehan & Glenn Loafmann
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Nord Match (continued)
Nancy L. London & John E. Petersen
Lorenzo’s Pizzeria (Larry Cariglio)
Amanda K. Manahan & Joseph L. Cross, in memory of Ron Gorman
Charles & Nancy Matthews
John McGlothlin, in memory of Ron Gorman
Steven J. McQuillin
Cheryl Johnson Mees
John & Nicola Mommott
Brenda L. Mikota
Naomi Moore
Mary C. Nelson
19th Century Club
Oberlin Property Group
Brenda & David Pitts, in memory of John & Dellaiah Copeland
Dale & Kim Preston
Sharon Copeland Raczcyk, in memory of the Copeland Family
Ann K. Recknor
Barbara Rollins
Gretchen B. Roose, in memory of Ken Roose and in honor of Pat Murphy

Jerene & Paul Rosa
Andy & Cindy Ruckman
Linda G. Salisbury
Judith A. & Richard G. Schmidt, in memory of Esther (Fowls) Schmidt and Gordon Schmidt
Linda & Lowell Schultz
Cate & Paul Schwaegerle, in memory of Ruth Schwaegerle
Drew H. Severs
Neal & Jean Shannon
Donna M. & Thomas E. Shurr
Lawrence B. Siddall
Jean Foggo Simon
Bruce & Sue Simonson
Robert Skelton, in memory of Ralph A. Jones
Ruth E. Spencer
Delbert L. Spurlock Jr.
Linda Styer
Sheryl Thacker, in honor of Anna Vernon, OC 2017
Kathy Toth-Smith
Bob & Carla VanDale, in memory of Ann Lewis
Eva & Tom Weber, in honor of Pat Murphy

Kevin & Susan Weidenbaum
Lynn M. Youngblood, in memory of Anne Youngblood
Gerald Zeitlin

Hubbard Match
Anonymous
Chelsea Baker
Rachael Blake
Kaitlyn T. Donaldson, in honor of Pat Murphy
Jonathan Edmonds
Eli Goldberg
Matthew David Hintz, in honor of Dave & Cynthia Hintz
Christopher & Erin Holmes
David Kaplovitz, in honor of my wonderful year working as a volunteer at OHC
Hyun-Jung A. Kim, in honor of Pat Murphy
Rachel Luczkowski
Monica Monsalve
Philip Parsons
Laura A. Previll, in honor of Marilyn Fedelchak-Harley
Elena Rippel

DONORS TO THE ANNUAL FUND
$1,000 & Above
Fran & Roger Cooper, in honor of Liz Schultz and Mary Anne Cunningham
Mrs. Richard R. Hallock
Richard R. Holsworth, in memory of Pat Holsworth
David & Eleanor Ignat
Gary Kornblith & Carol Lasser, in honor of Liz Schultz and in memory of Ron Gorman
Darlene Rae Krato

Legacy Gifts

Conversations at the Heritage Center constantly weave together the past, present, and future. Memorial and estate gifts mirror that interplay, with individuals choosing to look back at the past, think about the impact they can have in the present, and dream of what could be in the future. Such gifts, small and large, greatly affect OHC’s capacity to host programs, preserve artifacts and objects, record conversations, conduct new research, and teach youth and young professionals.

Several gifts came to the museum in 2017 from families and friends honoring individuals who supported OHC in their lifetimes, including Sarah MacLennan Kerr, Ernestine Evans King and former trustee Kurt Breunig. Long time member Thomas Gayters left instructions in his will that several Oberlin related items be given to the Oberlin Heritage Center, including a circa 1934 trumpet that he owned and played. Mr. Gayters was a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory and his family was well known for owning and operating an ice rink on East Lorain Street. Both Mr. Gayters and Mrs. King gave Oberlin artifacts and photographs to the Heritage Center during their lifetimes as well.

Family and friends were shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of OHC trustee Ron Gorman in June 2017. Although a relative newcomer to the organization, Ron jumped in with both feet, leading exceptional tours and programs about the anti-slavery era, writing insightful blog posts, spending countless hours researching Oberlin history, and being elected to the Board of Trustees in 2015. Although still young, Ron had paused to think about his own past, present, and future. In a characteristically humorous yet straightforward letter to his family regarding his final wishes, he asked that a percentage of his estate be given to the Heritage Center after all other matters had been settled. This planning resulted in a marvelous $20,000 gift that will augment OHC’s impact for decades to come.
Planned and Unplanned Preservation Projects

One of the greatest, though often quiet and invisible, responsibilities of the Oberlin Heritage Center is to ensure that the objects, documents, photographs and buildings in its care are preserved for present and future generations. For this reason, staff and volunteers of OHC are constantly evaluating the condition of the collections and planning for their care. But even with carefully crafted maintenance schedules and collections management plans, every year brings a mix of both expected and unexpected preservation projects. Here are a few things that were in need of care in 2017:

Masons from Grunwell Cashero restoration company addressed priority areas of deteriorated brickwork and tuck pointing on the Monroe House. Brick workers said that the mortar on this chimney was so decayed they could pull much of it apart by hand! This project was funded by the first-ever distribution from the recently launched campaign to build the Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation. By the end of the year, donations and market growth brought the endowment to $454,921, which was nearly halfway to its ambitious goal. The income from this new endowment will help provide the Heritage Center with the financial means to address immediate and major, long-term projects (like roofs) that would otherwise sit on the wish list until they suddenly jumped to the emergency list. A healthy endowment makes sure maintenance needs like this stay off of either list and just get DONE.

Staff were dismayed to find that someone had thrown a rock through a second floor window of the Monroe House, breaking both a storm window and an original interior window. Fortunately, the artifacts on display beneath the window were not damaged by the shattered glass. Local contractor Pat Ives did some investigating and repair on the 1836 Little Red Schoolhouse to make sure we stay ahead of ants and other six-legged visitors who found their way into and around the walls.

This circa 1900 Seth Thomas & Sons mantle clock donated by Ellen Adams needed some TLC (and a pendulum!) to get back in working order.

The Heritage Center was grateful and proud to receive funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities at the end of 2016. This $3,267 Preservation Assistance Grant for Small Institutions allowed OHC to outfit a climate controlled room in the Jewett House for more collections capacity with stainless steel racks, archival boxes, Ethafoam padding, and tissue paper. Project management for the grant was led by Collections Manager Maren McKee, and resulted in improved storage for historic textiles and space to continue OHC’s collecting goals for items from more recent history.
People Who Make It Happen

People are the heart of OHC: Writers, presenters, weeders, advisors, fixers, greeters, teachers, ambassadors, donors, planners, thankers, researchers, mailers, trimmers, mowers, builders, sponsors, bakers, painters, haulers, number-crunchers, bloggers, filers, clippers, crafters, and hosts.

Okay that last one was made up (B&B hosts) but you get the idea! The photos that follow show only a TINY view of the wonderful people who make this museum move.

“Uncovering History – Literally”

Since 2015 volunteers of the Heritage Center’s Westwood Cemetery Committee have been steadily logging GPS coordinates for the stone markers in the cemetery, led by OHC trustee and surveyor Rich Fredrickson. In the course of collecting this data, the crew often helped the city uncover lost stones. As the group was collecting GPS coordinates for the markers in section Q, they couldn’t find the stone of a man named Jack Highland. While there are many individuals buried in Westwood whose graves are not marked by headstones, we knew there should have been one for Jack because about 20 years ago OHC volunteers recorded information from his stone. But where was it? After spending quite a bit of time searching, with no success, volunteer and database-keeper Judy Connolly went home to consult the HUGE maps that show individual grave locations. Still no stone to be found. At that point she contacted Mike Ives and the city grounds crew to let them know there was probably a sunken stone in the area. Sure enough, they located it - 6 inches under the ground. While it is somewhat common for flat stones to sink a bit in Oberlin’s notoriously wet terrain, this was an upright stone!

We were so proud when intern Alexandra Nicome (OC ’17) was presented with the Oberlin College Bonner Center for Service & Learning’s award for Student Excellence in Community Engagement for her work at the Heritage Center (pictured between OHC’s Amanda Manahan, left, and Liz Schultz, right).

Honorary Trustee and super-volunteer Bert Latran, Jr. and colleague Larry Lane (owner of Quality Tree Service) spent a considerable amount of time keeping the Heritage Center’s many trees safe and beautiful for all to enjoy.

Docents went on a field trip to the James A. Garfield Memorial in Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland. An annual excursion to nearby historical sites provides a great opportunity for Oberlin Heritage Center docents to “see how others do it.”

The Renerts family came all the way from Bay Village to help at OHC’s spring Grounds Clean-up Day.

A water fixture on the outside of the Monroe House didn’t do well during the freeze/thaw cycle of winter and led to some water getting inside. Everyone responded quickly and calmly and no collections items were damaged.

Eighty-one photographs and postcards were donated to OHC in 2017, all of which are now housed in a safe and accessible archive. This close-up of the Pope family (at right) was taken in front of 122 West College Street in 1895. If you have photographs of Oberlin people and places but you’re not ready to donate the originals, we archive copies as well!
Bob and Emmett Lodge and helpers generously gave of their time, machinery, and space to haul and store sandstone away from OHC. The salvaged stone and decaying pallets previously stacked along the Heritage Center’s perimeter had become a safety concern until our friends at McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation Laboratory stepped up to save the day.

Oberlin College started their year with a community Day of Service and did some heavy lifting, scrubbing, and pruning at OHC (although no hauling water was involved!).

OHC members Gordon and Barbara Evans invited students in the Hands-on History & Cultures of the World Home School Series to learn about West Africa through their personal collection and memories of living there.

Volunteers Linda Gates, Steve Johnson, and Sue Meyer pitched in with behind-the-scenes work, including a mailing to all members and research for a World War II program.

The OHC family lost several volunteers and friends in 2017, including trustee and local abolition aficionado Ron Gorman, faithful finance fact-checker Katy Lester, editor extraordinaire Sally MacLennan Kerr, and dearest, dedicated docent Ruth Schwaegerle. All had been recipients of Community Awards from the Heritage Center for their tireless service.
BUY-A-BRICK FUNDRAISER

The intersecting brick walkways at the Oberlin Heritage Center have become a place to meander and muse upon the wonderful inscriptions that appear on more than 450 engraved century-old bricks lining the paths’ borders. These meaningful messages were added in 2016. Proceeds from the project help maintain bricks lining the paths’ borders. These meaningful messages have become a place to meander and muse upon the wonderful...
History can be found at almost any turn: books, newspapers, movies, old letters, photographs and more. Whether you realize it or not, you’ve probably got some great history resources in your own home library. The Heritage Center often shares its collections of high school and college yearbooks with researchers, writers, genealogists and more who visit the Resource Center to do period research. Filled with photos documenting people, activities, and awards, yearbooks also provide clues about fashion trends, pop culture, and the supporting community surrounding the school. Look at these ads from past O-High (Oberlin High School) and Hi-O-Hi (Oberlin College) yearbooks to recall some local businesses that contributed to the downtown landscape and economy in years gone by.