2008: A Year of Celebration, Commemoration, and Collaboration

Throughout the year Oberlin and the Oberlin Heritage Center celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue and the 175th anniversary of the founding of the college and community. A special highlight was working with the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue Coalition and the Oberlin College Archives to kick off the celebrations by bringing the New York–based writer Nat Brandt, author of *The Town That Started the Civil War*, to speak to the community at the First Church in Oberlin and the Oberlin Public Library and to students at Oberlin High School. The Heritage Center also collaborated with the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission and Main Street Oberlin to celebrate and dedicate the new Downtown Oberlin Historic District Ohio Historical Society marker, which stands at the southwest corner of Main and College streets. Events throughout the year brought people together to reflect on our history, enjoy the moment, and look forward to a strong future.

Honorary Trustee David W. Clark illuminated and entertained the 158 members and friends who attended the April 2 Annual Meeting with his presentation on “Oberlin’s First Twenty Years, 1833 to 1853.” Later in the evening, Clark donned his hat as Richard R. Hallock Foundation Manager and concluded the meeting with a surprise announcement that electrified the crowd. He announced that the Richard R. Hallock Foundation was in the process of making a grant of $1,000,000 for the Oberlin Heritage Center Executive Director endowment. Hallock Foundation trustees Mrs. Richard R. Hallock and Robert O. Sawyer traveled from Georgia and Florida, respectively, to take part in this very special announcement and attend the Annual Meeting.

Clark noted that for several years the Hallock Foundation had taken satisfaction in making annual grants in support of compensation for the Oberlin Heritage Center Executive Director. He added that the Hallock Foundation had also made lesser grants from time to time to offset expenses for special educational opportunities for the Executive Director. Clark stated that the Hallock Foundation Board recognizes that these grants directly reflected the conviction of its founder, Richard R. Hallock, who believed that strong, competent, and imaginative leadership was essential for the organization’s survival and that such leadership was firmly in place for the Heritage Center with Patricia Murphy at the helm. The gift would perpetuate the grant support that the Hallock Foundation had given in recent years and to encourage others to step up and help the Heritage Center raise the additional funds necessary to complete its ongoing Endowment for History Education campaign. Needless to say, this major gift will have a huge, lasting impact on our organization, making it stronger and more sustainable.

Pat Murphy thanked Mrs. Hallock and the other Foundation trustees and commented:

I am deeply privileged to have known and learned much from both Colonel Richard Hallock and Mrs. Hallock. Each believed strongly in giving back to their community and their country. This generous gift inspires us all to do our parts in our own ways.

Expanding and enhancing the Oberlin Heritage Center’s outreach and offerings to schoolchildren and families continued throughout the year. Among the new programs we launched were “Saturdays at the Schoolhouse” (a free drop-in program for families...
Offered in the summer, “Lessons in the Past” (offered by appointment to school and youth groups in the schoolhouse with a costumed interpreter), and “History Makers” (a new weeklong summer day camp).

The Oberlin Heritage Center was one of only two organizations in Ohio to receive a highly competitive Museums for America grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in July. This three-year, $106,581 grant, which requires a local match, supports organizational capacity building, operating expenses, and staffing, all vitally important to continuing our work. As part of the grant, the Board and staff will be working to become certified by the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organization’s Standards for Excellence program.

Oberlin Heritage Center personnel and programs received several key awards in 2008. Trustee, life member, and volunteer Bert Latran Jr. was designated “Oberlinian of the Year” by the Oberlin News-Tribune, the twentieth community recipient of this annual award. Latran commented in a letter to the newspaper editor (January 15, 2008), “I was taught well and inspired by my family, friends, teachers, coaches, professors, drill sergeants, and others. And I have them to thank for making me who I am today.” Many Oberlin Heritage Center members and friends gathered to fete Bert at a Heritage Center reception held at the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church on March 2.

The Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums presented its “History Outreach Excellence Award” to the Oberlin Heritage Center at the Ohio Historical Society in October for the Heritage Center’s series of four Black History month programs on “Black Indians: A Hidden Heritage.” The series included offerings by the nationally known educator and historian William Loren Katz and were presented with the support and collaboration of an array of other organizations, including the Ohio Humanities Council, Oberlin College Office of President Marvin Krislov, the Oberlin College History Department, the Oberlin Student Philanthropy Club, the Cleveland American Indian Movement, the John Mercer Langston Institute, the Oberlin Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Oberlin Area Cooperating Ministries. More kudos arrived when the National Trust for Historic Preservation recognized the “Black Indians” series as a model for diversity programs in the Trust’s e-newsletter to state and local partner preservation organizations.

Oberlin Heritage Center’s multitalented financial assistant, librarian, and Past President Pat Holsworth received special recognition for her ongoing work in documenting the family histories of Oberlin at the 150th anniversary celebration of the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue on September 13 at the Oberlin Inn.

The Heritage Center partnered with the Ohio Historical Society to offer a full-day National History Day Workshop for local educators in the fall. Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Elizabeth Schultz offered several training sessions for volunteer docents during the year. The Heritage Center also continued to provide one-on-one guidance and workshops for other area historical societies and museums.

The Heritage Center remained attentive to community preservation needs by working with the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission, the Cleveland Restoration Society, and the Lorain County Preservation Network and other preservation groups to provide programming and technical assistance to increase appreciation for preserving old buildings. Preservation efforts in the twenty-first century are closely tied to raising awareness that reuse and restoration are ideal ways to become more environmentally responsible.
The Oberlin Heritage Center donated the Burrell-King House at 315 East College Street to Oberlin College in 2006. We all cheered when the Oberlin Conservatory of Music opened its Community Music School there in the fall of 2008. It had long been one of the town’s most architecturally and historically significant houses, and now it is also an excellent example of adaptive use of a historic home for a community purpose.

Oberlin Heritage Center volunteers demonstrated civic pride and creative recycling when they stepped up to the plate to salvage and reuse century-old iron railings when they were removed from the Morgan Street bridge over Plum Creek. George Clark rescued the badly deteriorated railings, and volunteers Walter Edling, Dick Holsworth, Bert Latran Jr., Charles Pope, and others spent hours repairing and refurbishing them. As a result of their labors the railings were installed as a handsome and functional decorative fence on the Heritage Center grounds in late fall. Some of the heavy lifting for the project was done by volunteers from the Oberlin High School football team.

Important progress was made on many less visible, but nonetheless important, ongoing projects, including the Westwood Cemetery Gravestone Transcription Project and the Citywide Historic Site Inventory. Collections assistant Prue Richards and the Collections Committee kept busy researching and planning a proposed major reinterpretation of the Monroe House front parlor to bring it back to the time period and color scheme of the home’s longest resident, Julia Finney Monroe. Oberlin Oral History committee volunteers conducted interviews with Charlotte Baker, Tom and Nancy Hubbard Cheshire, David Clark, Dick Gilbert, Helen Davidson Johnson, Bert Locke, Gene Presti, Kenneth Roose, Dudley Wood, and several members of the Oberlin Community Players, including Peter Crowell, Dan and Elizabeth Goulding, Michael Henle, Molly Johnson, Ray Kneisel, and Gene Presti. Many other interviews were edited, transcribed, and indexed by the Oberlin Oral History Committee members, staff liaison Pat Holsworth, and student interns and volunteers.

The staff, especially Liz Schultz, worked hard throughout the year together with Emerge, Inc. on a massive redesign of the Heritage Center’s website, <www.oberlinheritage.org>. This project was funded in part by a grant from the Stocker Foundation.

On a sad note, the passing of Eric Nord was another major milestone of 2008. A gentle giant, and visionary community and corporate leader and philanthropist, his impact on the Oberlin Heritage Center, the City of Oberlin, and all of Lorain County and Northeast Ohio cannot be overestimated. It was an honor to be asked by the late Evan Nord and Eric Nord to write and publish a history of the Nord Family several years ago. Investing in Community: The History and Legacy of the Nord Family of Ohio, by Martha Pickrell (2004), documents the tremendously important roles that members of the Nord family have played and continue to play in our community and region.

Pat Murphy spoke at the National Trust for Historic Preservation conference in Tulsa in October. She enjoyed sharing and showcas-
was 11,637 as compared with 7,860 in 2007. The Heritage Center enjoyed welcoming visitors from thirty-three states and fourteen countries beyond our borders. Lorain County residents represented 48 percent of total visitation in 2008, an increase of 15 percent over the previous year. This was attributed both to the Heritage Center’s becoming better known as a community asset and to the growing trend in tough economic times for what the travel industry calls “stay-cations” and “day-cations.” Please encourage your friends and neighbors to explore history close to home through the programs and tours of the Oberlin Heritage Center.

The Oberlin Heritage Center could not have accomplished all it did in 2008 without the help of about 300 volunteers. Those who keep track of their time logged 5,866 hours, as compared with 5,268 in 2007. The Board and staff extend a heartfelt thank-you to these hard-working and generous friends who served as goodwill ambassadors for both the Heritage Center and the Oberlin community.

Making smart use of limited resources, tight fiscal management, and living within our means are well established, standard operating practices at the Oberlin Heritage Center. President Jim White, Treasurer Walter Edling, and the Finance Committee worked closely with Financial Assistant Pat Holsworth and Executive Director Pat Murphy to monitor and review income and expenses and to plan for the future. As making ends meet has become increasingly challenging we have deferred some maintenance and pared expenses to the bone (and then some). We have reduced our paper mailings and are communicating more frequently through our periodic E-Gazette newsletter and our website while also recognizing that electronic communication is not available to or preferred by all. We introduced fees for some programs that we used to offer at no charge, although we fully intend to continue to offer free public programming throughout the community as much as we can afford to do so. We are weathering the economic storm and becoming stronger and more effective in the process. Our dynamic, century-old organization is not resting on its laurels. Your continued help and support is much appreciated and increasingly crucial as we move forward.

—James W. White
President, Board of Trustees

—Patricia Murphy
Executive Director

P.S. The Oberlin Heritage Center’s new E-Gazette newsletter is a great way to keep up with the latest news and activities. It is sent via e-mail once or twice a month at no charge to anyone who requests it. To subscribe, send an e-mail to Mary Anne Cunningham at <members@oberlinheritage.org> with “subscribe” in the memo line. To read recent issues at our website, go to <www.oberlinheritage.org/egazettearchive>.
In keeping with the year-long celebration of the town and college’s first 175 years, the 2008 Annual Meeting, held on April 2 at the Oberlin Inn, featured Honorary Trustee David W. Clark, who spoke on “Oberlin’s First Twenty Years, 1833 to 1853.” Some 158 guests enjoyed his informative and entertaining presentation.

Nominating Committee Chair Eugene Foggo Simon and Trustee Bert Latran Jr. presented the seventh annual Community Awards, described on pages 8 and 9.

The business meeting, chaired by President James W. White, included the election of Trustee Walter Edling as Treasurer. In addition, Bradley A. Hayes and Elisabeth M. Mahjoub were reelected to three-year terms as Trustees, and Ruth G. Shaeffer, Eugene Foggo Simon, and Jim White were reelected to one-year terms.

Special recognition as a new Honorary Trustee was given to David W. Mellott, who served on the Board from 2004 to 2008. Mellott is an attorney and partner in the firm of Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff in Cleveland. He provided exceptional leadership as a Trustee and Treasurer and as chair of the Collections Committee. An Endowed Life member, Mellott looks forward to remaining active with the organization.

Board President Jim White surprised Executive Director Patricia Murphy by presenting her with fifteen red roses in appreciation for each of her fifteen years of dedicated service to the organization.

The festivities concluded with the surprise announcement by Foundation Manager David Clark that the Richard R. Hallock Foundation had granted $1,000,000 to the Heritage Center for the endowment to support the Executive Director position (see pages 2 and 3). In attendance were Hallock Foundation Trustees Mrs. Richard R. Hallock and Robert O. Sawyer.

Board President James W. White (above) chaired the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Oberlin Heritage Center with his inimitable combination of savoir faire, wisdom, and humor. A key item of business was the election of Walter Edling (below) as Treasurer.

This History Day Project (above), created by Katherine Cavanaugh (right) under the supervision of Trustee Donna Marie Schurr (left), was displayed at the Annual Meeting. Ian Ting (center) wrote a paper as his project. David W. Clark (below) was the evening’s featured speaker.

To the delight of everyone present, the tables were turned when Executive Director Patricia Murphy (above) was honored with fifteen perfect red roses. Former Treasurer David W. Mellott (below) was feted, too, when he was elected Honorary Trustee.
Treasurer’s Report

The Oberlin Heritage Center publishes its Annual Report following the completion of its yearly audit so that the report can include an audited financial summary. The 2008 audit and IRS Form 990 are available upon request. In the past year the Board and staff have made a special effort to assure compliance with newly expanded IRS regulations. We are pleased that the organization’s audit by Cohen & Company yielded a clean, unqualified opinion again this year, with no significant adverse findings. The organization has had CPA audits conducted each year since 1999.

As with most organizations, the recent financial downturn throughout the nation hit the Oberlin Heritage Center hard. The changes occurred quickly and were to some extent unforeseen. Grant funding for historical organizations has become more and more difficult to secure. Concurrently, the market value of our endowment and investments has declined. To deal with this turn of events, the staff and Board of Trustees of the Oberlin Heritage Center have taken stringent measures in regard to budgeting and to controlling expenditures. We are fortunate to have available some limited reserves. Tapping into these reserves was necessary in order to project a balanced budget for 2009 while maintaining programs and services in spite of financial exigencies that might otherwise result in sizable reductions.

The 2009 budget approved by the Board in December 2008 allows for a draw from reserves of up to $50,000 if needed. However, close monitoring of expenditures should make it possible to use only a portion of that amount. For future budgeting processes, it is obvious that continuing to draw from reserves is not wise, nor even possible over time. While the current circumstances were perhaps difficult to predict completely, that rationale will no longer apply for subsequent budgets. We find it necessary to step up efforts in the areas of membership and fundraising as well as to control expenditures rigidly. The primary focus is on maintaining programs and services to the greatest extent possible within available resources.

The new grant from the Richard R. Hallock Foundation for the Executive Director Endowment is of course very much appreciated and a giant step in assuring a strong and sustainable future for our organization. The market value of this fund on December 31, 2008 was $848,788.

The Endowment for History Education had a market value of approximately $297,313 at year’s end. Income from it helps to support the Museum Education and Tour Coordinator staff position, the Heritage Center’s second full-time position (in addition to the Executive Director). An additional $500,000 is needed in order to fully support this staff position, which is currently funded in part by grants and fee-for-service projects. The Board will be working to mount a campaign for this when the timing is right.

It is imperative that the Oberlin Heritage Center continue to increase its contributions from individual donors as well as the revenues it receives from tours and programs, the Museum Store, the August Bed & Breakfast fund-raiser, and other sources. We also plan to become more proactive in promoting planned gifts and encouraging members and friends to consider remembering the Oberlin Heritage Center in their wills and estate plans.

We appreciate the generous support we receive in so many forms from our members and friends. Your support has never been more important in assuring the continued success of the Oberlin Heritage Center.

—Walter Edling
Board Treasurer

“Local History Champion” J.D. Britton Retires

J.D. Britton, Ph.D., came to the Ohio Historical Society’s Local History Office in January 1988. He holds degrees in history and public history from the University of Wyoming, the University of Idaho, and Washington State University, is the author of numerous publications, and previously worked for several local historical societies in the West and in Chicago. At the Local History Office J.D. provided high-quality guidance to many historical organizations and nurtured the relationship between OHS and the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums (OAHSM). Over the course of more than twenty years he developed diverse educational programs and worked to encourage effective preservation and sharing of community history among Ohio’s many historical societies through the promotion of a statewide network of public, amateur, and academic historians and schoolteachers.

Through OAHSM and the Local History Office, J.D. has been invaluable in serving as a facilitator for four Oberlin Heritage Center strategic plans. He is familiar to and beloved by many of our Board members, staff, and volunteers from his many visits to Oberlin. On behalf of the Board, staff, members, and volunteers, Pat Murphy presented J.D. Britton with an inscribed brick at the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Historical Societies and Museums in Columbus on October 3. Its twin has been placed in the brick walkway at the Oberlin Heritage Center (see page 19). Pat Murphy advised him that he is expected to visit his brick periodically, and while there he is heartily encouraged to stop in and say hello.
Oberlin Heritage Center / O.H.I.O.
Financial Summary for 2008

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
Program services $302,606 (86%)
Management and general 39,486 (11%)
Fundraising 9,714 (3%)
Total functional expenses $351,806 (100%)

REVENUE AND EXPENSES

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BALANCE SHEET

**Assets**
Total current assets $27,935
Fixed assets, less accumulated depreciation 782,136
Pledges receivable 16,178
Investment in subsidiary 379,309
Investments 1,748,448
Funds held in trust by others 112,282
**Total assets** $3,066,288

**Liabilities and net assets**
Total current liabilities $22,662
Net assets:
Unrestricted 1,402,966
Temporarily restricted 29,585
Permanently restricted 1,611,075
**Total liabilities and net assets** $3,066,288

The complete audited financial statement prepared by Cohen & Company, Ltd. is available upon request.
On April 2 the Oberlin Heritage Center proudly saluted seven award recipients during its seventh annual Community Awards presentation at the Annual Meeting: front row (left to right), Ann Livingston, Helen Davidson Johnson, and Carol Lasser; back row, Michael English, William P. Schreiner, Gary Kornblith, and Greg Supers (representing Supers Landscape, Inc.). Their many and varied accomplishments are described in the excerpts from the award certificates on this page and the facing one.

MICHAEL ENGLISH
Youth Community Service Award
Michael English, an Oberlin High School Senior, accomplished an outstanding project as the designer, coordinator, volunteer recruiter, and builder of signs used to promote activities sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center. The project included constructing and painting eight two-sided sandwich board signs and two one-panel hanging signs, all of which are sound, stable, and portable. The signs will be used to announce programs and community events, provide directions, and present other information as needed at the Oberlin Heritage Center’s main site and at other locations in the community where OHC programs are offered. This undertaking was done by Michael in partial fulfillment of the requirements necessary for him to attain the rank of Eagle Scout through Boy Scout Troop 401 in Oberlin. Michael’s initiative and strong leadership skills contributed greatly to the success of the project. He recruited more than a dozen volunteers, who donated a total of 78 hours to complete the assignment; Michael himself contributed more than one-third of this time. The Oberlin Heritage Center has long wished to enhance the signage at its site and in the community, and Michael provided an attractive and workable solution. He accepted the challenge and saw it through to an excellent outcome.

HELEN DAVIDSON JOHNSON
Heritage Guardian Award
Helen Davidson Johnson is a dedicated keeper, storyteller, and author of local and personal history. A lifelong resident of the Oberlin area, Helen has experienced many events and turning points in Oberlin history during the past nine decades. Helen and her late husband, Stephen, were strongly committed to preserving and sharing their community’s history. Steve was among the early Board members of the Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization (then O.H.I.O., now the Oberlin Heritage Center), and he served as its president from 1972 to 1985. During that time Helen was an active volunteer and was among those who spent days packing items from the home of Professor Frederick Artz, who had bequeathed his estate to O.H.I.O. She organized a crew to clean the many newly acquired dishes and silver that would be displayed in the restored James Monroe House. She subsequently donated many personal items of historical interest to the Oberlin Heritage Center when she retired from her Oak Street family home to an apartment in the community. She remains a strong supporter of the Heritage Center, having become an Endowed Life member as a “present to herself” upon her ninetieth birthday. The Davidson clan holds annual reunions, and as the matriarch of this large, extended family, Helen is the chronicler of family history. She published her memoirs in 2007 in time for the Davidson reunion. Times Remembered or What Happened to a Farmer’s Daughter is rich with information on the Davidson and Johnson families and many Oberlin friends and events. It is not only a valuable family history, but an excellent Oberlin history resource as well. She donated copies to both the Oberlin Heritage Center and the Oberlin Public Library so that the community would also have access to this wonderful history. Helen is remarkable for her unwavering enthusiasm and devotion to the history of both her family and her community.

GARY KORNBLITH
Community Historian Award
Gary Kornblith is an outstanding Oberlin College Professor of History, scholar, author, editor, historic reenactor, and community historian. His interests in nineteenth-century American history and twenty-first-century technology are reflected in both his academic pursuits and his community involvement. Gary has been teaching at Oberlin College since 1981. He is the author or coauthor of numerous books and journal articles and has spoken at workshops and conferences nationwide. He has volunteered as the webmaster of the Electronic Oberlin Group (EOG) since 1996. The EOG runs a website on Oberlin history, has sponsored workshops for K–12 teachers on “Oberlin History as American History,” and has joined with the Oberlin Heritage Center to develop an electronic database of historical images of downtown Oberlin. In 2004 Gary took part with other scholars in a two-day reenactment at the First Church in Oberlin entitled “The Lane Debates: The Making of Radical Abolition and the Oberlin Commitment to Racial Egalitarianism.” Gary collaborates with high school teachers in the Oberlin College Education Alliance Network (OCEAN) and belongs to the advisory board of The Bridge, Oberlin’s community technology center. He is working with Carol Lasser on a history of race in Oberlin, tentatively entitled Elusive Utopia. He also helped coordinate community plans for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue. Gary skillfully presents Oberlin history in the greater context of American history through many media and to broad audiences.
CAROL LASSER
Community Historian Award
Carol Lasser is an outstanding Oberlin College Professor of History, scholar, author, editor, historic reenactor, and community historian. She has written widely on women and gender in nineteenth-century America, and her book 'Friends and Sisters: Letters between Lucy Stone and Antoinette Brown Blackwell, 1846–1893' (coedited with Marlene D. Merrill) documents the relationship of two Oberlin women who made significant contributions to our nation’s history. Carol has developed a popular course for Oberlin College students, “Oberlin History as American History,” through which she introduces the class to the Oberlin Heritage Center and encourages students to use the Center’s collections as they research and write about particular topics in Oberlin’s past. Carol has done much to bring the College and community together through their shared history. She is a founding member of the Electronic Oberlin Group (EOG), a voluntary organization founded in 1996 to make Oberlin’s history available on the World Wide Web. Carol was a member of the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2003 and chaired the committees that developed the 1998 and 2000 strategic plans for the organization. In 2003 she spoke at the dedication of the Ohio Historical Marker at the Oberlin Heritage Center, which recognized “Abolitionism in Oberlin” and “Oberlin College and Community, Founded in 1833,” as part of a series of historical marker installations that took place during the Ohio Bicentennial celebration. In 2004 Carol took part in a two-day symposium on “The Lane Debates: The Making of Radical Abolition and the Oberlin Commitment to Racial Egalitarianism.” Currently, she is working with Gary Kornblith on a history of race in Oberlin, tentatively entitled ‘Elusive Utopia.’ She also helped coordinate community events for the 150th anniversary of the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue. Carol seamlessly weaves together her academic interests in women and history to preserve and share the important contributions made by Oberlin women and to engage and inspire others to explore local history within the context of our nation’s history.

ANN LIVINGSTON
Oberlin Heritage Center Volunteer of the Year Award
Ann Livingston is a “volunteer extraordinaire” in many and varied roles, including those of “exceptional organizer,” “judicious advisor,” and “gracious hostess,” to name just a few. Much of what Ann does for the Oberlin Heritage Center, she does in a quiet, unassuming way, and often behind the scenes. She served on the Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2005, accepting the role of Vice President for two years. She was designated an Honorary Trustee upon her completion of two Board terms. She remains an active member of the Finance Committee, where her keen knowledge of financial affairs is invaluable. Since 2000 she has served as the Treasurer of OHC Properties, a subsidiary of the Oberlin Heritage Center, and has worked tirelessly to keep the organization on track financially. She is the driving force behind the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Bed & Breakfast Program, an annual fund-raiser of vital importance to the organization’s general operating budget. She not only makes her own beautiful and spacious home available for out-of-town guests through this program but also graciously opens it for Board, staff, and volunteer events. Ann and her husband, Dayton, were among the first to become Endowed Life members of the Oberlin Heritage Center. In all of her work, Ann’s experience, integrity, and impressive wisdom make her a priceless volunteer and member of our community.

WILLIAM P. SCHREINER
Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award
William P. Schreiner is a talented gardener, a respected horticulture columnist, and an active hands-on volunteer whose expertise and enthusiasm have made Oberlin a beautifully blooming place to live, learn, work, and visit. Since arriving in Oberlin in 2000, Bill has been a tireless contributor to the community’s beautification efforts. He served on Oberlin’s America in Bloom Committee for each of the five years that Oberlin was involved in the friendly competition and was cochair in 2007. To help promote and support Oberlin’s America in Bloom entries, Bill became a summer gardening columnist; to date he has written twenty-five articles for the Oberlin News-Tribune. In addition to his planning and administrative roles on the committee, Bill picks up his gardening tools regularly and uses them to plant and spruce up green areas all over town. His contributions include helping with the flower-box plantings on the South Main Street bridge, planting and maintaining garden areas around the Oberlin entry sign on State Route 58 North, and also keeping several garden areas looking lovely around Langston Junior High School and Kendal at Oberlin. The 1,100 volunteer hours he contributes annually to gardening and horticulture activities make a tremendous impact on the aesthetics and appearance of our community. Bill is generous in sharing his gardening know-how and energetically rallies others to the cause.

SUPERS LANDSCAPE, INC.
Business Leader Service Award
Supers Landscape, Inc. is a longtime Oberlin Heritage Center business member, and Greg Supers and other employees volunteer at our site. The company was one of the first community businesses to become a member in 1996, and it has been a leader among our business supporters ever since. Beginning with that first winter, the Supers crew has voluntarily cleared the Heritage Center’s parking lot after each major snowfall. This service is an invaluable contribution to the organization and its staff, with significant savings in terms of both budget and backaches. The Supers’ snowplow seems to magically appear at just the right moment to keep the parking area open and safe for staff, volunteers, and visitors. In addition, Supers Landscape expanded their in-kind services to include occasional “weed and feed” applications to the extensive lawns at the Oberlin Heritage Center. Professional maintenance such as this greatly enhances the appearance of the Heritage Center’s grounds for everyone who visits or simply passes by. The Oberlin Heritage Center is deeply grateful to Supers Landscape, Inc. and its employees for their years of kindness and generosity to our nonprofit organization by helping maintain an outdoor environment that is both pleasing and safe.

Oberlin Heritage Center Youth Community Service Award recipient Michael English and the team of volunteers he recruited created these signs. The project was part of Michael’s work toward the rank of Eagle Scout.
A Sampling of Programs and Events

This listing includes Oberlin Heritage Center programs offered to members and the general public. It excludes many tours, presentations, and field trips that also took place throughout the year. Clearly, the Oberlin Heritage Center is a dynamic organization that offers a wide array of creative programming.

JANUARY 22
Oberlin Heritage Center Trustee Donna Shurr presented “Learning from Japan” about her experiences as one of 200 teachers selected to be part of the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. Donna spent three weeks observing Japanese students and teachers, learning about their cultural practices, trying delicious foods, and traveling through local neighborhoods.

JANUARY 29
More than two hundred guests enjoyed Dr. Charles E. Herdendorf’s program, “From Volcanoes to Glaciers: Three Billion Years of Spectacular Great Lakes Scenery in the Making.” He explored the geological processes that created the Great Lakes and the mineral resources in the basin. Starting in Lake Superior, his presentation took everyone on a geological tour of each of the lakes, ending where the Saint Lawrence River meets the Atlantic Ocean. Dr. Herdendorf is Professor Emeritus of Geological Sciences at The Ohio State University and an Affiliate Scholar Professor Emeritus of Geological Sciences at The Ohio State University and an Affiliate Scholar. His presentation took place at the Oberlin Public Library on February 12. Another educational DVD, “How to Trace Your Native American Ancestry,” was presented on February 19. After the video, viewers participated in thoughtful discussions of their own experiences of learning about their heritage. Discussions were led by Eugene Foggo Simon, Roberta Garcia, Sharon Land, and Sundance. The month of events culminated in two programs by the nationally known author, historian, and educator William Loren Katz. He presented “Black Women and Men Pioneers: The Real West” on February 22. He also presented “Black Indians: A Hidden Heritage” on February 23 at Oberlin High School.

MARCH 11
Sara Hobbs, Associate Director at the Cleveland Restoration Society and Field Representative for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, presented “The Greenest Building Is Already Built! Sustainability and Historic Preservation” in the Adam J. Lewis Center for Environmental Studies at Oberlin College. She emphasized that demolition of any building is a significant waste of resources and that historic preservation and green building movements can work together to conserve and promote sustainability within our communities. Hobbs described simple things that homeowners can do to make their houses more energy efficient and environmentally sensitive while still preserving historic integrity.

APRIL 2
The Oberlin Heritage Center Community Awards Presentation and Annual Meeting was held at the Oberlin Inn. David W. Clark spoke about “Oberlin’s First Twenty Years, 1833 to 1853.” This presentation launched the Oberlin Heritage Center’s yearlong salute to the 175th anniversary of Oberlin’s founding. The evening included the seventh annual Oberlin Heritage Center Community Awards presentation, and the meeting concluded with a surprise announcement from the Richard R. Hallock Foundation (see pages 2, 3, and 5).

APRIL 11 and 12
Nat Brandt, author of The Town That Started the Civil War, visited Oberlin in mid-April to present several programs cosponsored by the Oberlin College Archives and the Oberlin Heritage Center in partnership with the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue Coalition. His visit was the kickoff to a series of celebratory events planned throughout the year on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue. More than three hundred guests attended his programs during the two-day visit. Brandt gave a special program at Oberlin High School and then presented two free public programs open to all. On April 11 he spoke at the Oberlin Public Library about his newest book, In the
**Docent Training Workshop**

Several new and veteran volunteers attended a Docent Training Workshop to learn how to share Oberlin’s powerful and nationally significant history with visitors of all ages. The workshop included an overview of the Oberlin Heritage Center, a tour of the historic buildings and collections, helpful hints for giving great tours, and the telling of many of the fascinating stories that make Oberlin’s heritage so rich. This workshop was held again in September.

**JUNE 19**

Liz Schultz and Donna Shurr presented a seminar providing OCEAN (Oberlin College Educational Alliance Network) teachers with an overview of the National History Day program. OCEAN is a college program through which high school students can take college-level courses for credit. This session was coordinated with Oberlin College professors Carol Lasser and Gary Kornblith.

**JULY and AUGUST**

The Oberlin Heritage Center offered four weeklong day camps for boys and girls aged eight to thirteen: “American Kids Hands-on-History Fun,” “History Makers,” “Exploring the Built Environment: An Architecture Workshop for Kids,” and “Kids and Cultures around the World.” The camps are designed to stimulate children’s creativity and to whet their appetites for history, architecture, art, crafts, games, and the tastes and sounds of other cultures and times.

**JULY 8**

Nearly 100 enthusiastic community members and representatives of state organizations gathered on the lawn of the New Union Center for the Arts to dedicate a new Ohio Historical Marker in Oberlin. The marker was installed at the southwest corner of Main and College Streets and commemorates downtown Oberlin’s National Register Historic District. Speakers included County Commissioner Betty Blair, Oberlin City Council President David Sonner, Ohio Historical Society representative J.D. Britton, Heritage Ohio representative Jeff Siegler, City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commissioner Jane Blodgett, Main Street Oberlin Director Christina Nichols, and Oberlin Heritage Center Executive Director Patricia Murphy. The marker was unveiled by local Girls Scouts and Heritage Center supervolunteer and Honorary Trustee Richard Holssworth. Dick did the mapping and photography for the district nomination, which was written by Pat Murphy. Refreshments were provided thanks to downtown restaurants.

**AUGUST 2**

More than 400 boys, girls, men, and women visited the Oberlin Heritage Center to celebrate Lorain County’s Family Fun Fair and Vintage Days. As part of the festivities throughout Oberlin’s downtown, visitors were invited to stop by the Heritage Center to see the open historic houses, play games inside and outside the Little Red Schoolhouse, try children’s crafts in the Jewett House, and...
stop by Jupie’s Old Fashioned Sorghum Taffy Pull tent to hand-pull taffy and sample delicious popcorn.

AUGUST 5
The local historian and City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commissioner Jane Blodgett introduced the new DVD of the lectures of the late Oberlin College Professor Geoffrey Blodgett at this well-attended evening program on “A Social History of American Architecture.”

AUGUST 26
Women’s Equality Day in 2008 celebrated its eighty-eighth anniversary and the fourteenth annual Oberlin area celebration of women’s gaining the right to vote. The Oberlin Heritage Center was one of many cosponsors of the event, which featured the program “Women Governors: Then and Now.”

SEPTEMBER 13
Despite foul weather, the community-wide celebration marking the 150th anniversary of the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue was attended by more than 500 guests and community members in high spirits. The celebration included speeches and ceremony, entertainment, children’s activities, Oberlin Heritage Center living history volunteers, and a community luncheon. The event was sponsored by the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue Coalition of community organizations, including the Oberlin Heritage Center.

SEPTEMBER 30
Program attendees delved into downtown’s history and architecture via “An Arm Chair Tour of Downtown Oberlin’s National Register Historic District,” presented by Oberlin Heritage Center Executive Director Patricia Murphy, who prepared the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the district.

OCTOBER 4
The college and community hosted events and programs all over town celebrating Oberlin’s 175th birthday! The Oberlin Heritage Center offered free guided tours of the Heritage Center’s historic sites and a free guided tour of Tappan Square.

OCTOBER 24
This day marked the last of the regularly scheduled “A Walk through Time” tours in 2008. Visitors learned about the earliest residents of Oberlin, heard fascinating stories of triumph and misfortune linked to the landmarks around Tappan Square, and walked away with a lively appreciation of Oberlin’s unique heritage. These walking tours were offered June through October and to groups by appointment.

NOVEMBER 6
Guests who attended the program “How to ‘Green’ Your Older Home” took away great tips, new ideas, and the understanding that going green does not have to be expensive or change a house’s historic features. The program, held at the Oberlin Public Library, was led by Sara Hobbs of the Cleveland Restoration Society and Field Representative for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, followed by a presentation on energy audits by Doug McMillan of the Oberlin Municipal Light and Power System.

NOVEMBER 8
The Oberlin Heritage Center offered guided tours of its historic buildings and walking tours around Tappan Square as part of Oberlin College’s Parents Weekend. College students and children toured for free.

NOVEMBER 18
The lawyer and historian Jeffrey Fort followed up his 2007 program “Survey of Ohio Land” with “Ohio’s Military Campaigns.” Fort’s research focused on a century’s worth of war in the Ohio territory, prior to attaining statehood. Even today one can see the mark those campaigns left on the Ohio countryside as forts became towns and military roads became highways.

A Sampling of Programs and Events

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Who's Who at the Oberlin Heritage Center

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Asha Hannah (Work Study) (Fall Semester)
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Philip Parsons (Work Study)
Sarah Schaffter (Spring Semester)
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Preston Sundin (Work Study)
Andrew Waliker

STAFF PROVIDED BY MATURE SERVICES
Elizabeth Bates, Office Assistant*
Theron Burnett, Buildings and Grounds Assistant*

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George Clark

* Deceased during 2008
* Part-time
** Committee members are listed as volunteers on pages 18 & 21.

The hands are few and the tasks many, but the stalwart staff of the Oberlin Heritage Center always manages to work wonders. Front row (left to right): Pat Holsworth, Elizabeth Bates, and Liz Schultz, Back row: Theron Burnett, Prue Richards, Mary Anne Cunningham, and Pat Murphy. Not pictured: Deloris Bohn.

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Norson Corporation (Westlake)
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Oberlin Cable Co-op
Oberlin Market
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(Shffield Lake)
Keith R. & Victoria K. Young

While attending the 50th Oberlin College reunion, Tom and Nancy Hubbard Cheshire visited the Jewett House (visible in the background), which they recalled fondly from visits with Nancy’s grandparents, Laura and Pliny Deane Hubbard, the second owners of the house. Tom and Nancy shared their memories in an oral history interview.
Who’s Who at the Oberlin Heritage Center

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS, continued

Kendal at Oberlin
Lorain County Community College (Heritage Rescuer, $100) (Elyria)
Lorain County Historical Society (Elyria)
Main Street Oberlin, Inc.
Missouri Historical Society (St. Louis, MO)
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
19th Century Club (Heritage Collector, $50)
Oberlin AARP #395
Oberlin Area Chamber of Commerce
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Oberlin College Department of History
Oberlin Conservatory
Oberlin Seniors
Scottish Games Motorcycle Group (Heritage Collector, $50)
Sheffield Village Historical Society (Sheffield Village)
Southern Lorain County Historical Society (Wellington)
Tabor Historical Society (Tabor, IA)
Visit Lorain County (Amherst)
Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Firelands Chapter

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Children of returning alumni learned a bit about Oberlin’s history during Commencement/Reunion weekend. They held up signs and balloons in front of the Little Red Schoolhouse for a group photograph that was featured on the National Trust for Historic Places website (www.preservationnation.org) as part of its “This Place Matters” campaign.
Who’s Who at the Oberlin Heritage Center

Households, continued
John Cavanaugh & Sarah Colson
Tom & Nancy Hubbard Cheshire
(Orchard Park, NY)
George E. Clark
John R. & Kathleen Clark (Lorain)
Susan K. Clark DVM (Mansfield)
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Matt & Marny Havas (Elyria)
Bradley & Nicole Hayes (Wellington)
Ken & Janet Hetrick
James & Christa Hieb (South Amherst)
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The Medwed Family
Marian M. Meredith (Berea)
Bill Miller & Ann Pilisy
William W. & Ruth Miller
Donna Moats (North Ridgeville)
Tom & Cindy Moroney
Jacob Morris Family (Spencer)
Lewis Nielson & Nita Karpf
Eric & Kaye Norenberg
Dr. David & Mary Jo Ockenga
(Wakeman)
Bob & Bonnie Oliphant (Westford, MA)
David & Elaine Orr
The Owens Family (Spencer)
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Kevin & Susan Weidenbaum
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Jean Weston & Tom Weston
Carol Wilde
Richard & Shirley Williams
Frederick & Diane Wolf (Wakeman)
Barbara Jocelyn Frost Wymann
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Grover & Mary Zinn
James E. & Janice C. Zinser (Wakeman)

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Elizabeth McCay Aldrich

Camille Allen
Hank Annable
Judith Appleton
Dorothy Baker
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Bill Bigglestone (Tucson, AZ)
Patricia Birmingham
Betty Blair (Elyria)
Sharon W. Bliecher
Beth Blissman
Eugenia R. Bobo
Cindy Bowens
Gary Boyle
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As part of their visit to historic Oberlin, children from St. Mary School in Elyria learned that these rails were not actually part of the Underground Railroad and that the railroad was not actually underground. Now considered a monument to that remarkable escape route, Cameron Armstrong created the structure in 1977, when he was a senior at Oberlin College.

Matt & Elizabeth Elrod
Ray English & Alison Ricker
Craig M. & Barbara J. Enos
William & Jodi Ensinger
Joseph & Jean Ferris (Saline, MI)
Gerry & Ann Findian
Carol, Daniel, & Colin Fishwick
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Jeffrey E. Fort (Toledo)
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Linda T. Grimm
Mike & Connie Grube
Valerie Hardnett

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Who's Who at the Oberlin Heritage Center

Individuals, continued

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Sharon Land
George H. Langeler
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Katherine Linehan
Richard P. Lothrop
Doris Y. Lyle (Amherst)
Claudia F. Macdonald
Dianne Mahar (Amherst)
Kathy McCordwell (Madison, IN)
Steven McQuillon (Westlake)
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Maria Surovy (Elyria)

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The Oberlin Heritage Center quite literally could not operate smoothly without the time and talents of its student interns and volunteers—their enthusiasm and energy are contagious. They help with research projects, staffing programs and events, giving tours, preparing flyers, and running the copy and folding machines. Shown here are (left to right) Ondrea Keith, Philip Parsons, and Sarah Schaffer.

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More than 300 people volunteered for the Oberlin Heritage Center in a great variety of ways in 2008. For most it was a labor of love. Some worked on their own or at home; others gave tours, presented programs, served on committees, or helped with special projects and events. Some received community service credits through their high schools or completed projects as part of college coursework; others had valuable experiences and developed new skills to add to their resumes and job applications. Please note that some student interns (listed on page 13) also volunteered hours beyond what they were paid for, so their names appear on both lists. Staff members who volunteered their time over and above their usual paid duties also appear in the volunteer listing. Excluded from this listing are all Board members who also volunteer their time; their names appear on page 13. The Board and staff are grateful to all who contributed generously of their time and talents for the betterment of our organization and community.

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Margaret G. Papworth

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The brick pathway at the Oberlin Heritage Center is lined with century-old inscribed bricks—cleverly, lovingly, memorably worded—that recognize hundreds of people, events, and thoughts that have special meaning to members and friends. Additions to the pathway in 2008 include (donors are in boldface type; inscriptions are in capitals):

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Reliving history: Oberlin’s twenty-first-century third graders spend a day each May, appropriately garbed and separated by gender, in the nineteenth-century Little Red Schoolhouse. Among their lessons is taking turns reading out loud from their McGuffey readers (left). Come summer and the Oberlin Heritage Center’s day camps, youngsters have additional opportunities to dig into our past. A special treat for “History Makers” campers was reading old newspapers in the Oberlin News-Tribune offices (right).
Who’s Who at the Oberlin Heritage Center

Up to $50, continued
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David S. Davies and Bronwen P. Davies
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Judith Shreiner
Shirley J. Shubert
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Women’s Equity Action League
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A Sampling of Programs and Events, continued from page 12

DECEMBER 2
Part of what makes Oberlin so special are its historically and architecturally significant buildings and structures that provide physical links to our past. Oberlin Heritage Center Executive Director Patricia Murphy offered the illustrated presentation “Let’s Look at Oberlin Landmarks” to highlight these buildings and their landmark designations. In the spirit of this election year—and just for fun—attendees were also invited to vote for their favorite Oberlin building, favorite Ohio building, and favorite building anywhere in the world.

“Turnabout is fair play!” Some of the invaluable Oberlin Heritage Center docents and volunteers on a June 25 field trip to Wellington: seated (left to right), Eugene Foggo Simon, Prue Richards, and Pat McCreedy; standing, Deloris Bohn, Thelma Quinn Smith, Mary Anne Cunningham, Jean Broadwell, Ann Livingston, Dina Schoonmaker, Eugenia Bobo, Janet Bolland, Tim Simonson, Eliza-beth Bates, Katy Lester, Betty Mahjoub, and Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Liz Schultz. Tim guided the group on a walking tour of the city’s historic houses, and they also enjoyed a visit to the Spirit of ’76 Museum.

Who’s Who at the Oberlin Heritage Center
Help Continue the Celebration . . .

... By becoming part of the Oberlin Heritage Center family. All members receive timely notices of events and programs, free admission to the Oberlin Heritage Center, reduced prices on programs for which there is a fee, Time Travelers benefits at other historical institutions throughout the country, and a 10 percent discount in our Museum Store. Your membership and contributions will support the preservation, maintenance, and administration of our historic sites and regular tour programs, as well as public programs about Oberlin heritage, local history and civic affairs. We appreciate your membership at whatever level you select.

How can I resist? Please enroll me!

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Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue

On a stormy September Saturday some 500 people—town and gown, old and young—gathered on the covered patio of the Oberlin Inn to celebrate the 150th anniversary of what has come to be known as the “Oberlin-Wellington Rescue” of John Price, a fugitive slave who had been captured (see pages 1, 3, 10–12). The Organizing Committee for the anniversary celebration (1) included: Phyllis Yarber Hogan, Oberlin resident; Carol Lasser, Professor of History, Oberlin College; Rev. David T. Hill, Pastor, The First Church in Oberlin, UCC; Patricia Murphy, Executive Director, Oberlin Heritage Center; Sharon Pearson, City of Oberlin; Gary Kornblith, Professor of History, Oberlin College; and Maggie Robinson, Oberlin College Office of the President.

Oberlin Heritage Center Living History volunteers (2) portrayed some of the Oberlinians involved in the rescue (left to right): Marty Buck as Simeon Bushnell, Prue Richards as Mrs. James Fitch, Scott Medwid as Chauncey Wack, Thelma Quinn Smith as Winnifred Quinn Connor (one of her Oberlin ancestors), Barney Hartman as Matthew Gillett, and Sam Lyle-Medwid as Mrs. James Fairchild. Not pictured: George Abram as Charles Langston. The newspaper shown in the photograph, from which the Living History volunteers read, is The Rescuer, produced by the jailed rescuers and reproduced for the anniversary celebration. Copies are available upon request at the Oberlin Heritage Center while supplies last.

Dance Diaspora (3), Oberlin Choristers (4), and others performed; and a lavish buffet luncheon was served to all (5). Children (6) were included in the festivities, too: Volunteers from several local organizations oversaw a variety of nineteenth-century activities for them.