Oberlin History: Making New Connections

In 2016, staff and volunteers of the Oberlin Heritage Center set their sights on strengthening programming that would engage the public and lead to greater community involvement. These efforts led to exciting collaborations, varied programming, and newly uncovered histories.

Connecting People with History

OHC offered numerous programs in 2016 in collaboration with community partners and in places that took history on the road. We brought the history of Dave, an early 19th century enslaved potter who acquired the rare skills of reading and writing, to children at Prospect Elementary School, residents of Welcome Nursing Home, and to the campus for a free public program at Oberlin College.

Volunteers from the Kelton House Museum and Gardens in Columbus were invited to present Not on Our Watch: The Oberlin Wellington Rescue of 1858 at Mount Zion Baptist Church’s fellowship hall. OHC worked with Kulture Kids of Cleveland to host The Last Fugitive Slave at The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. and staff helped answer questions during the accompanying school outreach programs. The Oberlin African-American Genealogy and History Group invited OHC to present on the Oberlin Oral History Project, and the Allen Memorial Art Museum requested a program on African-American business owners from Oberlin’s history.

A few programs took us further afield, including to an Alcoa aluminum plant, McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation Laboratory, and Vermilion Valley Vineyards. Perhaps a favorite of the year was the new Every Good Story Has a Plot tour of Westwood Cemetery, in which three OHC Board members presented as costumed interpreters the less-often told stories of Oberlin historical figures.

Other tour highlights included a special free presentation of the “Radicals and Reformers” tour of Westwood Cemetery on Memorial Day, during which participants were also able to learn more about the Friends of Westwood Cemetery organization as they enjoyed a refreshment break. Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan created a new Music in the Home tour to help visitors experience OHC’s historic buildings as homes once filled with song and music.
Oberlin History: Making New Connections

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OHC also knows that preservation begins at home, and so offered two public programs intended to give members of the public the skills they need to save their family heirlooms: Collections Care & Preservation and Caring for Your Historic Photographs, each presented at the Oberlin Public Library.

These pilot programs and new connections already have spurred projects in 2017 and reinforced the idea that everyone’s history matters, that everyone’s actions affect the historical record, and that we can do more by working together. Please refer to our calendar of programs on page 6 to see additional ways residents and visitors, children and adults, connected with history.

Expanding the Timeline

The Heritage Center regularly interprets defining moments in Oberlin’s early history, but that leaves out many equally powerful individuals, events, and social movements from more recent years. In 2016, we broadened the timeline and scheduled several public presentations about events of the 20th century. Mary Manning, an AmeriCorps member serving her second year at OHC, started the year with the community program Great City, Great War: Oberlin’s Response to World War I and created newspaper archives, biographies, and an online listing of known soldiers. Norm Craig, Oberlin College Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus, took us into the air with a presentation about the Wright Brothers and their personal connections to Oberlin through their sister, Oberlin College graduate and trustee Katharine Wright Haskell. Collections Manager Maren McKee prepared a mini exhibit of swimwear from the early- and mid-1900s. Guest speaker Andrew Mizsak presented a history of the National Park Service, which celebrated its Centennial in 2016. Jiyul Kim, Visiting Assistant Professor of History at Oberlin College, presented The Korean War: How it Changed Our World at the Oberlin Public Library and several attendees were veterans of the conflict.

Farewell

One of the leaders of the new Strategic Plan and these outreach and timeline initiatives was OHC Board President Nicholas Jones. Nick joined the Board in 2009 and served as President since 2014. Following his retirement as a Professor of English at Oberlin College at the end of 2016, Nick resigned from the Board as he and his wife Sue moved to California. Like many Oberlinians who move away, they are still with Oberlin in spirit.

OHC Annual Meeting Salutes Town and Gown Achievements in History

A full house, good company, upbeat atmosphere, high energy presenters and award recipients, and one last hurrah in the Oberlin Inn made for a memorable Annual Meeting in 2016. More than 170 members and friends of the Oberlin Heritage Center gathered at the Inn on April 6 to celebrate the organization’s accomplishments of the past year and to look ahead to the future. Dean of the Oberlin Conservatory Andrea Kalyn presented the featured program on the Legacy and the 150th Anniversary of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Dean Kalyn spoke of three common themes that have influenced the Conservatory’s long history and which continue to direct its vision for the future: aspiring to the highest standards of excellence, nurturing artistic curiosity and experimentation, and making an impact on the world through music.

Highlighting the evening were the 15th Annual Community Awards presentations for outstanding dedication to history, service, and the Oberlin community. Award recipients included:

The Oberlin African-American Genealogy and History Group (OAAGHG) was recognized with the Heritage Guardian Award for preserving important aspects of the community’s African-American history with a number of free services and programs for all community members that further an interest in family history and research.
The Prospect School Third Grade Team (Felicia Christian, Brandi Hicks-Watson and Christine Hohman), who adapted traditional elementary lessons on Oberlin history into the International Baccalaureate program’s “Who We Are” Unit of Inquiry, was honored as a group with the History Teacher of the Year award.

Ken Stanley received the Community Teacher of the Year Award for his work as founder and driving force behind The Du Bois Project, which encourages underrepresented and minority children to enjoy math, while also successfully increasing self-esteem and building community among participants.

Melissa Clifford and Eileen Telegdy were hailed as the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Volunteers of the Year for their work in digitizing the Oberlin oral history cassette collection of interviews.

Leo Braido/Oberlin IGA received the Business Service Leader Award for partnering with the Heritage Center to create his store’s “Oberlin Proud” atmosphere through historic images from the OHC photograph collection.

Julia Elrod, an Oberlin High School honors student, was applauded with the Youth Community Service Award for her commitment to volunteering weekly at the Heritage Center in addition to her involvement in many other aspects of community service.

Heritage Center Board President Nick Jones conducted the annual business meeting. Governance committee chair Donna Shurr presided over Jones’ re-election as the organization’s president for another two-year term, as well as the re-election of Board members Barbara Enos, Brittnei Sherrod and Gail Wood. Voted in as new Trustee was Laurel Price Jones, while long-time Board member Scott Broadwell was appointed an Honorary Trustee.

New Trustee Laurel Price Jones.

Leo Braido, owner of Oberlin IGA, makes a few remarks upon accepting the Business Service Leader Award as OHC Collections Manager Maren McKee looks on.
Grants and Special Project Support

Anonymous
Children’s Camp Scholarships

Community Foundation of Lorain County
The Jane & Eric Nord Fund (Mrs. Jane Nord)
General operating support

Edward W. and Gail F. Hubbard
Hubbard History Day Prize

David and Eleanor Ignat
Special projects and general operating support

Anne V. Martin
Underground Railroad research

National Endowment for the Humanities
Collections storage improvements

The Nord Family Foundation
Monroe House parging project

Nordson Corporation
Educational programs support

Oberlin Business Partnership/City of Oberlin/Bed Tax Grant
Rack card distribution and advertising on social media

Tom & Mary Kirtz VanNortwick
Children’s programming

Treasurer’s Report

On page 5 of this annual report you will find the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Statement of Activities, Statement of Financial Position, and Functional Expenses for fiscal year 2016.

We are appreciative of the many members, donors, organizations, and foundations that support the mission of the Oberlin Heritage Center each year. First and foremost, OHC members and friends broke records in both numbers and dollars as 316 donors raised over $45,000 for general operations through the Annual Fund campaign. Membership contributed another $26,000 to general operations support and $33,444 was added into OHC endowments as seen in the Statement of Activities Permanently Restricted Funds column. Endowment donations allow the Heritage Center to plan for the future knowing the income received from the growth of the endowments will fund preservation and programmatic projects for years to come.

We are also grateful to the organizations and foundations that provide fiscal support for special projects that OHC would otherwise be unable to fund. A grant from The Nord Family Foundation allowed the Oberlin Heritage Center to parging the south wall of the Monroe House in April. At the end of the year, OHC was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for Humanities which will be used to purchase collections supplies resulting in better storage for historic textiles and OHC’s expanding collections. We continue to be tremendously grateful for the “people who care” at the Community Foundation of Lorain County, steadfast supporters of the Heritage Center for the past 20 years. A list of all grants and special project support awarded to OHC in 2016 can be found on this page.

Most expense categories remained steady from the previous year except for a measurable decrease in Administrative/office operations expense line. When reviewing the Functional Expenses compared to last year, 2016 did have a slight increase in Fundraising expenses as OHC worked on expanding its Planned Giving and Endowment campaigns. We show a slight decrease with Program Service expense and a significant decrease in Management and General expenses which resulted in an overall 6% decrease in unrestricted expenses from the previous year. Because of careful spending, 2016 was the first time since 2009 where OHC did not have to draw extra funds from its Unrestricted Investment Fund to cover expenses or cash flow deficits.

OHC’s annual audit for 2016, conducted by Cohen and Company, yielded a clean, unmodified opinion, and 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).

Ed Wardwell, Board Treasurer
## Oberlin Heritage Center/O.H.I.O. Financial Summary for 2016

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.oberlinheritagcenter.org and is available upon request.
A Sampling of OHC Programs for 2016

JANUARY 16 AND JANUARY 20
Great City, Great War: Oberlin’s Response to World War I presented first at the Oberlin Public Library and reprised at Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium by AmeriCorps member Mary Manning.

“Well-prepared, clear, well-paced. Excellent examples of real experiences during the war. Ms. Manning had new information for this long-time [Oberlin] resident.”

FEBRUARY
Collections Care and Preservation 101 filled the Oberlin Public Library’s community room to capacity with 60 participants who learned the do’s and don’ts of basic preservation practices. The free workshop was offered by Jennifer Souers Chevraux, Education Outreach Officer and Interim Executive Director of ICA-Art Conservation in Cleveland.

MARCH 1, 8 AND 15
Hands-on-History & Cultures of the World Home School Series, a three-class series held at the Oberlin Depot on Wednesday afternoons, explored people, land and traditions of the Arctic Native Nations, Japan, and Ireland.

MARCH 5
National History Day Ohio District 3 Competition included three OHC representatives among the judges: staff member Amanda Manahan, Board member Ken Grossi and OHC volunteer Penny Jaffe. This year’s Oberlin Heritage Center Hubbard Prize, supported by members Gail and Ned Hubbard, was presented to the Oberlin High School team of Chris Schroth (left), Hannah Cipinko, and Jullion Fenderson, pictured here with their OHS faculty advisor (and OHC Trustee) Donna Shurr for the creation of their website An Indelible Impression: Exchanging the Melody of Peace During Oberlin College’s Choral Encounter with the Soviet Union.

MARCH 12
OHC Collections Manager Maren McKee and volunteer Kelsey Voit shared tips and techniques on Caring for Your Historic Photographs in a free community workshop at the Oberlin Public Library.

MARCH 17
The Heritage Center saluted local women’s impact on national history in its illustrated program One Step More: Oberlin Women’s History presented by Executive Director Liz Schultz at Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium. The Women’s History Month program was part of Kendal’s Third Thursday lecture series.

MARCH 21 & 22, MARCH 23 & 24, and repeated MARCH 29 & 30, MARCH 31 & APRIL 1
Spring Break Mini-Camps: Feel the Oberlin Rhythm and Spark an Idea! Power & Energy in Ohio offered at the Oberlin Depot for boys and girls ages 8-13. Here, retired Oberlin High School Band Director (and OHC Trustee) Steve Johnson offers some marching band pointers to the “Oberlin Rhythm” campers.

APRIL 6
The 2016 Annual Meeting, Dinner and Award Presentations at the Oberlin Inn saluted the Legacy and the 150th Anniversary of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music with guest presenter Andrea Kalyn, Dean of the Conservatory.

APRIL 11
The Heritage Center launched a new “OHC Members-Only” event series with a behind-the-scenes visit to the Alcoa Forgings & Extrusions plant in Cleveland to learn more about modern day manufacturing and uses of the aluminum extraction process that was first discovered in 1866 by one of Oberlin’s favorite sons, Charles Martin Hall.

APRIL 27
Oberlin College Emeritus Professor of Chemistry Norman Craig presented a soaring history lesson in The Wright Brothers and Oberlin: A Mutual Adoption, which took place in Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium.

SPRING 2016
The Oberlin Heritage Center and the Oberlin College Archives paired up to host a local edition of the statewide “I Found It in the Archives” contest. Oberlin High School sophomore Lucy Cipinko (pictured here between College Archivist Ken Grossi and OHC Executive Director Liz Schultz) won the local round and went on to be selected as a state finalist in the competition organized by the Society of Ohio Archivists.

MAY 20-22
Commencement/Reunion Weekend History Walks and guided tours filled this busy weekend of welcoming visitors
from near and far, plus the special debut of a new Music in the Home tour of the 1866 Monroe House and 1884 Jewett House that featured musical artifacts and sounds of the time.

MAY 25
Sharing stories from Oberlin’s Oral History Project, Eugenia (Geni) Poporad Vanek offered insights into the local response to some of the most devastating events of the 20th century in The Turbulent Times of the 1930s and 1940s presented at Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium.

“Very interesting – recalls the stories told by my grandparents and parents. Delightful presentation!”

MAY 30
In celebration of Memorial Day, the Heritage Center offered a FREE Radicals & Reformers History Walk through Oberlin’s scenic Westwood Cemetery.

SUMMER 2016
Tour visitors could get in the swim at the Heritage Center with a special Summer Fun mini-exhibit of seldom-seen historic swimsuits from OHC’s collection.

JUNE-SEPTEMBER
Warm-Weather History Walks: Freedom’s Friends (Underground Railroad) History Walk, “One Step More” Oberlin Women’s History Walk, Scholars & Settlers (Tappan Square) History Walk, and Radical & Reformers (Westwood Cemetery) History Walk were led regularly by volunteer docents in and around downtown Oberlin.

JUNE 25
The 11th Annual Oberlin Chalk Walk showcased professional and local sidewalk “chalkers” and gave artists of all ages the chance to create their own masterpieces. Co-sponsored by the Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin Business Partnership, the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts (FAVA), the Oberlin Public Library and the Oberlin Heritage Center.

JUNE 27
A Robust Pairing of Wine and History included light jazz by guitarist Rich Holsworth, a sampling of fine wines, and a taste of history on the side as Mary Manning gave a brief presentation on The Great French Wine Blight of the Mid-1800s, an event which altered the course of the entire wine industry. Vermilion Valley Vineyards in Wakeman hosted this sold-out evening for the Heritage Center.

JULY 25-29
Children ages 8-13 had a “blast” in the newest hands-on-history camp led by Amanda Manahan, Museum Education & Tour Coordinator. Out of this World! Aerospace and Aviation provided campers with many opportunities to learn more about air-and-space history and technology, including a conversation with local pilot (and OHC’s Past Board President) Walt Edling whose visit included an up-close inspection of this grand remote-control plane.

AUGUST 1-5
Children taking part in the All Work, All Play summer camp learned how ideas of work and recreation changed over time and continued to evolve with the introduction of new technologies. The children met people who still work in traditional ways and create with their own hands, including basket- and candle-makers, carpenters, and more.

AUGUST 8-12
Architecture Camp, the Heritage Center’s signature kids’ camp, taught the basics of architecture through local tours, construction challenges, and much more.

AUGUST 14
Participants marveled at the scope of the preservation work underway as they went behind-the-scenes at the nationally-recognized McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation Laboratory in another of the Heritage Center’s “Members-Only” special events.

AUGUST 17
Andrew Mizrak, Principal Consultant & CEO of the Cultural Sites Advocacy Group, marked the 100th birthday of the National Park Service with a program on National Parks: America’s Best Idea presented at Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium.

SEPTEMBER 6
Anne McEvoy of the Lakewood-based nonprofit Women in History presented a colorful first-person performance in Victoria Woodhull for President! before a spellbound audience in Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium.

SEPTEMBER 9
Oberlin College students were welcomed to campus with an invitation to attend the Heritage Center’s first annual Root Beer Float Friday on the Jewett House front lawn.

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A Sampling of OHC Programs for 2016
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SEPTEMBER 10

The Oberlin Heritage Center celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the Monroe House with an open house where visitors had the chance to explore behind-the-scenes from attic to basement and enjoy a piece of birthday cake (displayed here by Board President Nick Jones and Executive Director Liz Schultz).

SEPTEMBER 20

George Wingard, Program Coordinator at the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program at the University of South Carolina, visited Oberlin to share the important and inspiring story of Discovering Dave in a special community event co-sponsored with the Oberlin College Department of History.

“Thank you so much for sharing Dave’s...story with such passion. It was excellent that the Dave piece [clay pot] was brought out and touchable!”

OCTOBER 18

The Oberlin Public Library was the setting for an excellent discussion on The Korean War: How it Changed Our World, presented by historian, educator and retired military officer Jiyul Kim.

“Clear insightful presentation on topic not often heard. Helped me better understand where we are today with North Korea’s leadership. I’d like to hear him again with additional information.”

OCTOBER 28-29

The free community event was co-hosted by the Kendal Third Thursday Lecture Series.

“Lovingly, beautifully planned and executed; very informative even though Mark Twain is so familiar. Huge audience – we all loved it!”

NOVEMBER 30

The Last Fugitive Slave, the incredible, true story from our nation’s Underground Railroad past of freedom seeker Sara Lucy Bagby, was presented by Cleveland’s Kulture Kids in a free community performance and panel discussion at The First Church in Oberlin, United Church of Christ. The event was a partnership among OHC, The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C., and Kulture Kids and funded in part through a grant from the Ohio Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

DECEMBER 6

Oberlin College student interns at the Heritage Center not only share an interest in local history, some bring a global perspective to their internships through recent studies abroad. Current interns Lucy Haskell, David Kaplovitz (both at right, speaking with OHC member Erika Pilisy) and Alexandra Nicome (at left) talked about their overseas experiences in A Glimpse Across the Pond, a free community program that took place in Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium.

DECEMBER

A sampling of collections items acquired in the past year was displayed as A Year in Review Mini-Exhibit, which was enjoyed by visitors to the Monroe House throughout the month.
Who's Who at the Oberlin Heritage Center in 2016

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Nicholas R. Jones, President (January–December)
Gail Wood, President (December)
Gail Wood, 1st Vice-President (January–December)
Ken Grossi, 2nd Vice President
Barbara Enos, Secretary
Edward J. Wardwell, Treasurer
Camille Hamlin Allen
Michele Andrews
Richard Baznik
Scott Broadwell (term ended April 2016)
Judy Cook

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Dina Schoonmaker
Ruth Schweagerle
Shirley Shubert
Eugene Foggio Simon
Thelma Quinn Smith
Martha Stacy*
James R. Underwood
Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick
Eugenia Poporad Vanek

STAFF MEMBERS
Elizabeth Schultz, Executive Director
Deloris Bohn, Museum Housekeeper+
Mary Anne Cunningham, Assistant to the Director+
Bethany Hobbs, Business Manager+
Amanda Manahan, Museum Education/Tour Coordinator
Maren McKee, Collections Manager+

* Deceased
+ Part-time

BOARD PRESIDENTS PAST AND PRESENT
Oberlin Improvement Society
(later renamed Oberlin Village Improvement Society/OVIS)
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2005-2010 - James W. White
2010-2014 - Walter Edling
2014-2016 - Nicholas R. Jones
2016-Present – Gail Wood


OHC Staff, from left: Linda Gilmore (Mature Services), Amanda Manahan, Bethany Hobbs, Liz Schultz, Maren McKee, Mary Anne Cunningham, Mary Manning (AmeriCorps member), and Linda Gates (Mature Services). Missing from photo: Deloris Bohn.
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The Heritage Center was fortunate to have wonderful summer interns — college student Rachel Mauer at right (KSU 2016) and our first high school Junior Intern Hannah Cipinko (OHS 2016).

The Heritage Center’s membership is an ever-changing and evolving mix of supporters, and that variability contributes greatly to the organization’s continued strength, durability, and progress. While a faithful 16% have been members for 20 years or more (and a stabilizing 46% for 10 or more), there’s also an energizing 38% who became members within the past 5 years! In 2016, 70 new members joined the organization, and total membership stood at 721 at year’s end. We’ve noticed, too, that in recent years, there’s been a slight shift in membership to reflect a growing number of members who live outside of Oberlin. Presently, just over half (56%) of OHC members live in Oberlin; the rest hail from 56 other communities in Ohio, 30 states (plus Washington, DC), and four foreign countries. Thank you to ALL from near and far who supported the Heritage Center at some time in 2016. (Members are from Oberlin if not indicated otherwise.)

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(Cheshire, CT)

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Taking our show on the road was a great way to engage new audiences, feature new histories, highlight local landmarks, and build stronger connections with community partners. Here are highlights from a few of those outings:

1. As a benefit of being a member, this year OHC introduced special “Members Only” field trips. The first venture was to the Alcoa plant in Cleveland and included a lunch discussion with Chemistry Professor Norm Craig about Oberlin’s historic connection to the aluminum industry. While at the plant we got to see Alcoa’s 50,000 lb press. Later in the summer OHC members visited McKay Lodge Fine Art Conservation Laboratory to see their facilities and the ongoing restoration of objects and sculptures from all over the nation.

2. The “All Work, All Play” summer camp included a visit to the letter press studio at Oberlin College’s Mudd Library. Special Collections and Preservation Librarian Ed Vermue showed the students all of the “type” that printers had to painstakingly select and arrange for printing. Students then got to make and print their own flyers.

3. Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan was invited to present a Thursday Tea program at the Allen Memorial Art Museum. Amanda chose to speak about African-American businesses in Oberlin’s history. Student interns helped with the research and interested attendees shared suggestions for more that could be included in future programs on this topic.

4. The Heritage Center was fortunate to be able to present public programs in Kendal at Oberlin’s fine Heiser Auditorium several times throughout the year. In this fall program about Mark Twain, OHC Board member Judy Cook dazzled the audience with music while her husband, Dennis, read excerpts from Twain’s writings.

5. “Not On Our Watch: The Oberlin Wellington Rescue of 1858” was presented in October by volunteer actors from the Kelton House Museum and Gardens in Columbus. More than 100 people attended the performance, which was held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church fellowship hall in Oberlin.

6. Historian and retired career U.S. Army officer Jiyul Kim presented the program “The Korean War: How it Changed our World” at the Oberlin Public Library. We were grateful to Professor Kim for sharing his expertise on this less-often talked about war, and to the library for letting OHC present this and other programs in a popular community space.

7. In 2016, OHC reached over 2,500 adults and children through outreach programs, including these Lorain City Schools fourth graders who proudly showed off their work after discussing slavery, the network of the Underground Railroad, and what three things they would choose to bring with them if they started on a journey to freedom.

8. We were delighted to work with Kulture Kids of Cleveland to present the performance “The Last Fugitive
Slave.” Artist Robin Pease portrayed the historical figure Lucy Bagby to a crowd at The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. Community members played supporting roles in this play about the last person legally returned to slavery in accordance with the Fugitive Slave Law, which happened right here in northern Ohio.

In addition to presenting public programs, OHC staff members also presented programs at conferences and workshops designed to help other history organizations and cultural institutions learn from our experiences. Assistant to the Director Mary Anne Cunningham (pictured) talked with attendees at the regional Ohio Local History Alliance conference about Fundraising and Friendraising. Also this year, Executive Director Liz Schultz led a panel session about incorporating technology in museums at the national conference of the American Association for State and Local History, while Collections Manager Maren McKee and Ohio Local History Service/AmeriCorps member Mary Manning each organized spring workshops about historic photographs and collections care.

Sometimes we stay put and send our guests out for “history on the road!” In the Amazing Oberlin Smartphone Race, participants solved clues that led them to historic landmarks around town.

We were excited to offer our first ever Root Beer Float Friday in September! This new event for Oberlin College students was held on the front lawn of Jewett House and was designed to let students know who we are, where we are, and what they might learn here—all the while enjoying a refreshing treat.

OHC offered “A Robust Pairing of Wine and History” at Vermilion Valley Vineyards. The summer evening included music, wine tasting, and a mini history program about “The Great French Wine Blight” presented by AmeriCorps member Mary Manning.
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Excluding all Board members whose names are listed on page 9.
Includes those staff members who volunteer hours beyond those for which they were paid.

- Martin Ackermann
- Teri Anderson
- Erik Andrews
- Laine Berger
- Charlotte Bosch
- Scott Broadwell
- Barbara J. Bruer
- Colette & Martin Buck

What does an OHC volunteer do? Almost anything and everything to keep the organization running smoothly! Volunteers guide tours and history walks, serve as Board and committee members, write website history blogs, mow grass, do research in the library, stuff envelopes, present community programs, greet visitors at special events…and so much more. It’s always fun to gather these many talented and generous folks from their widespread tasks and celebrate their service to the Heritage Center at the annual holiday volunteer breakfast.
Leaving a Legacy at the Heritage Center

We were honored to receive $16,000 in memorial gifts in 2016. Charlotte Bosch, a long-time docent and one of the kindest “schoolmarm’s” ever to welcome and teach children in the Lessons in the Past program at the Little Red Schoolhouse, passed away in September. Pat Holsworth, a former co-worker, Board member, and librarian, who is also featured on page 22, passed away in November. The families of each directed that memorial gifts could be sent to charitable organizations, including the Oberlin Heritage Center. We were honored that family and friends recognized how much sharing history and serving the community meant to these thoughtful, passionate, and selfless women.

If you want your passion for historic preservation, research, and education to carry beyond your lifetime, please consider a planned gift to the Oberlin Heritage Center. The easiest way to do this is to designate an amount or percentage of your Probate Estate or Trust to go to the Oberlin Heritage Center, with a simple statement such as this included within the document:

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Similar options include specifying the Oberlin Heritage Center as a beneficiary of a retirement plan, life insurance policy, or financial account. A Charitable Gift Annuity is a way to benefit from annual payments during your lifetime and also leave a legacy. Contact Executive Director Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org or (440) 774-1700 if you would like to have a conversation about giving, or notify the organization that you have already included OHC in your plans.
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Behind-the-Scenes with Volunteers and Interns

The Oberlin Heritage Center hums with activity, much of which is possible only through the help of dedicated volunteers and student interns. Here is a sneak peek at what people are doing behind-the-scenes.

PUBLICITY
Did you know that a press release from OHC typically was e-mailed to over 100 media contacts? Staff also posted each event happening throughout the year to a dozen statewide and local online calendars. Yet computers haven’t replaced good old-fashioned posters and mailings completely! In addition to her work as a docent, student intern Alexandra Nicome (OC 2017) helped design many of the more than 50 different flyers that promoted OHC programs during the year. Jean Simon came in nearly every Tuesday to copy and trim flyers, and then update a clippings notebook of OHC programs and press (after all, we like to document history). Then Nancy Harper took in some fresh air as she delivered flyers to info boxes on the grounds, to the library, businesses, and other locations in town. She also regularly updated the information kiosk on South Main Street, just south of the Post Office. And residents from town and Kendal at Oberlin got together four times during the year to help with bulk mailings from the Heritage Center. This volunteer “Mail Crew” assembled, stuffed and sealed envelopes like a fine-tuned machine!

COLLECTIONS
We were fortunate to receive a dozen boxes of newspaper clippings and documents collected by long-time local historian Richard Lothrop. OHC super volunteer Steve Johnson put in over 350 hours in 2016, copying clippings onto acid free paper, sorting college-related articles to go to the Oberlin College Archives, and creating people and subject files. Office assistant Linda Gates filed thousands of pages, so that people seeking information about their ancestors, former neighbors, old grocery, or any other topic, might find some helpful historical background, courtesy of Mr. Lothrop.

In addition to paid work study interns, OHC hosted college student volunteers. Bonner Scholar Nia Owen (OC 2018) worked with Collections Manager Maren McKee to inventory the photograph collection. Olivia Hay (OC 2017) assisted with processing a large donation of photographs from the Oberlin News-Tribune. The Collections Committee met several times during the year to discuss policies and practices that would ensure a long-life for the Heritage Center’s collections. The group also thoughtfully discussed what items should be accepted given the organization’s mission, and what historic objects should be directed to other institutions. As the year came to a close, the Committee had identified specific target areas for enhancing the Heritage Center’s collections, including 1) Persons, places and events that brought people together, 2) Persons, places and events that revealed divisiveness, 3) What history had disappeared, and 4) What was in danger of disappearing.

EDUCATION
For every hour of a new tour or lesson you can bet that about 10 hours were spent in researching and planning – much of which was done by students. Rebecca Posner (OC 2018) researched activity lessons for youth camps and outreach programs and wrote a history feature about Sylvester Graham and his connection to Oberlin’s historic diet fad. Lauryn Countess (OC 2020) transferred the new Music in the Home tour from iPad to computer so the tour could be edited in the future. David Kaplovitz (OC 2017) researched materials in preparation for OHC’s guest program at the Allen Memorial Art Museum about Oberlin African-American businesses. Victoria Abraham (OC 2020) developed a lesson and activity plan for the history kit “We Were Here,” about immigrant experiences in the United States. Adult volunteers also worked with Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan to learn how to lead tours and outreach programs.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
Passersby may not think much about it, but there is quite a bit of green space at the Heritage Center. Thank you to Terry Hobbs and Craig Enos for keeping us trim and tidy in...
2016. We also had a great group of Oberlin College Track Team volunteers come for a weekend of grounds clean up and washing some walls in the Monroe House in April, as well as other Oberlin College students who came during the campus Day of Service in the fall to help the Heritage Center get ready for winter.

**ORAL HISTORY**

Several volunteers continued to collect oral histories for the organization, now using a digital recorder instead of a tape recorder. Individuals interviewed in 2016 included Midge Brittingham, Rob DiSpirito, Gigi Jones, Sarah MacLennan Kerr, and Booker Peck, in addition to live radio interviews on campus station WOBC with Camille Hamlin Allen, Erik Andrews, Steve Johnson and Annessa Wyman. Oral history volunteer Geni Vanek also presented the outreach program “From Civil War to Civil Rights: Stories from the Oberlin Oral History Project” all the way down in her second home state of Florida.

**GPS SURVEYING FOR HISTORY**

Members of the OHC Westwood Cemetery Committee spent many a weekend morning or afternoon out in the field, recording GPS location data of headstones, footstones, tombstones, and monuments. This information will help volunteers, cemetery workers, and visiting family members find specific graves more quickly. 2,752 done and 5,505 to go! This invaluable data has been tracked by volunteer Judy Connolly for years, and now Judy Cook is learning as well. Many thanks also to Rich Fredrickson for lending his equipment and talents for this project, as well as volunteering innumerable hours doing a detailed property survey of the Oberlin Heritage Center’s campus.

**RESEARCH**

Ron Gorman spent hundreds of hours tracking down original sources, cross checking newspaper accounts, and investigating leads in relation to an ongoing project to document Underground Railroad activity in Oberlin. He and Executive Director Liz Schultz hope to publish a compilation of these events, and the individuals involved, in the coming year.

Multiple staff members and volunteers also assisted with answering research questions throughout the year. Just a few that came up in 2016:

- What are the oldest buildings in Lorain County that are still standing?
- What sources document that the Little Red Schoolhouse was racially integrated when it was used in the early 1800s?
- I have an old photograph of Oberlin. Where were these buildings located?

**By the Numbers**

As of the end of 2016, OHC had:

- Guided tours for 2,266 people.
- Research and answered 79 formal requests for information in-person, online, or over the phone.
- Engaged with our 1,077 Facebook followers.
- Hosted programs in 11 community locations.
- Acquired over 40 historic artifacts that document Oberlin’s past.
- Provided online information in over 28,800 website sessions.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART OF THE ORGANIZATION!**

In 2016, volunteers dedicated 5,235 hours of their time toward the mission to “preserve and share Oberlin’s unique heritage and to make our community a better place to live, learn, work and visit.” And we know that many more contributed their time and didn’t track hours, snuck in to do a bit of weeding while we weren’t looking, or chauffeured a friend around town while talking about Oberlin history. In 2016, the Independent Sector estimated the value of volunteer time in Ohio at $22.99 per hour. That would mean, volunteers provided a savings of more than $120,000 to OHC! But as nice as that sounds, it is their energy, camaraderie, creativity, questioning, and leadership that really make OHC volunteers shine!
OHC Remembers Pat Holsworth

Former OHC Board President, staff member, and volunteer extraordinaire Pat Holsworth passed away at home on November 16, 2016. Many knew Pat from her 20-year career as a public library administrator with the Cuyahoga County Public Library and the Oberlin Public Library. She joined the Heritage Center as a member in 1993, and was tapped as a Board member in 1997. The next year, Pat was elected Board President. Upon completing her term in 2001, she signed on as an OHC staff member and held the position of part-time Financial Assistant for the next ten years. Throughout her long association with the Heritage Center, she contributed thousands of hours as a librarian, genealogist, oral history volunteer, and much more – always willing to take on whatever task needed to be done. In a memorial service held in Oberlin on December 2, retired OHC Executive Director Pat Murphy eulogized her dear friend and colleague (each of whom would sometimes be mistaken for “the other Pat”). “Let’s all follow Pat’s lead in serving our communities in our own ways,” Murphy remarked. Fellow eulogist Gary Kornblith, Oberlin College Emeritus Professor of History, described Pat as “Warm, smart, upstanding, dedicated, generous—and indefatigable. She was by any measure a terrific person. I would add that she was a particular kind of person: a bridge builder, somebody who reached across social divides, worked easily with others [and] shared her knowledge readily.” Pat Holsworth is survived by her husband, Dick, sons Richard Jr. (Caxixi) and Edwin, and two grandchildren. The Heritage Center honored Pat with an inscribed brick along the Heritage Center walkway that reads: PAT HOLSWORTH / INDEFATIGABLE / 1937-2016. She is greatly missed.

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 and improve the Heritage Center grounds.

| ADINA LANGER       | EOID MULLANEY |
| LOVE YOU MOST      | AIDAN MULLANEY |
| YOUR FAMILY        | John Mullaney  |
| Matthew DeAngels  |                |

| FIRST CHURCH       | CHARLOTTE BOSCH |
| APPRECIATES        | GIFTED TEACHER  |
| SALLY KERR         | KAITLYN GOSS    |
| The First Church in | AMERICORPS      |

| THOMAS LIBERTY     | PAT HOLSWORTH   |
| BROWNE             | INDEFATIGABLE   |
| 1930-2016          | 1937-2016       |
| Bertha Browne Fusselman |                |

| ANNE V MARTIN      | ANNALEE SEKULIC |
| LOVE FOREVER       | OHC INTERN     |
| Anne V. Martin     |                 |

| OHC THANKS         | OHC THANKS      |
| TRUSTEE SCOTT      | NICK JONES      |
| BROADWELL          | TRUSTEE 2009-16 |
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| FIRST Elected      | NICK BAILEY    |
| COUNCILWOMAN       | CADEN RYAN    |
| Kathy Reichard     |                |

| RALPH TURNER       | JOE J. BRADA   |
| PSYCHOLOGIST       | INSPIRED ARTS |
| LIVELY AT 100      | 1911-1999      |
|                    | Cathy Sexton  |
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Name, as I wish it to appear in the Gazette and on the Oberlin Heritage Center mailing list:

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The Oberlin Heritage Center welcomes gift memberships and contributions in honor of or in memory of individuals. Please contact the office for more information.

☐ I am a new member

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$______ for general operating support (the Annual Fund)

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$______ in memory/honor of: ________________________________________

☐ I wish to learn more about becoming an OHC volunteer

**Thank you for helping us serve our community!**

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Planning for the Next 150 Years

In 2016, the 1866 Monroe House celebrated its 150th Birthday! Just like anyone getting ready for a party, we wanted the house to look its best!

Passersby might have noted over the years that cracks were forming on the back side of the Monroe House. The house used to sit on a street called “College Place,” which ran behind Second Church, a second branch of the Congregational Church that used to be at the corner of College and Professor Streets. When the new Conservatory of Music was built on the site of the church in the 1960s, most of College Place was demolished. The Monroe House was saved and rolled into place on its present-day site. At that time, the furthest rear addition was not moved and the back of the house was coated over with a material called “parging.”

During the spring of 2016, Grunwell-Cashero Co., specialists in building restoration, removed damaged areas of the parging and recoated the entire back wall, as well as treated a few aging bricks of the Monroe House to prevent further loss. Thank you to The Nord Family Foundation and members of the Oberlin Heritage Center for making this preservation project possible.

On a warm September day, seventy people came to celebrate the birthday of the house, enjoy cake and refreshments, and poke into its nooks and crannies. The birthday also coincided with the statewide Ohio Open Doors celebration of historic buildings.