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Mark Twain: An American Life

The Oberlin Heritage Center welcomes folksinger/storyteller Judy Cook in a multimedia program on the life and times of American writer Mark Twain (1835-1910). The presentation includes excerpts from Twain’s writings read by Dennis Cook, songs and tunes of the era sung and played by Judy, and projected images including photos of the day, works of art, and lyrics to the choruses so that all may join in. The spoken word, illustrations and music combine to provide fascinating insights into Twain’s life and the America he lived in. This free public program takes place on Thursday, November 17 at 7:15 p.m. at Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive) and is presented in collaboration with Kendal at Oberlin’s Third Thursday series.

Judy Cook performs each year throughout the United States and Britain. She is recognized for her depth of understanding and storytelling ability in ballad form, her dedication to the music, and her willingness to do her research. Judy has released four musical CDs and is the author of the book, A Quiet Corner of the War. The latter centered on the Civil War letters of her great-great grandparents and led to the creation of three Civil War programs including “On the Homefront,” which was hosted by the Heritage Center before a capacity audience at Kendal in early 2015. Judy currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the Oberlin Heritage Center.

For more about Judy Cook, please visit www.judycook.net. For more about the Oberlin Heritage Center, or other upcoming OHC programs, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700.

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