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**Oberlin Heritage Center Offers Training for History Walk Docents**

The Oberlin Heritage Center will offer two free training workshops for volunteers interested in leading themed history walks this summer in and around downtown Oberlin and in Westwood Cemetery on the west side of town.

Docents can learn to lead guided history walks in either of two themes:

The **Freedom’s Friends Underground Railroad and Abolition History Walk** shares stories (in the format of a 90-minute walking tour) about Oberlin’s most famous freedom seekers and people known to have helped them make their way to freedom. This workshop takes place **Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**. Register by April 20. The session begins at the Heritage Center’s Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street in Oberlin) and moves on from there. Parking is available in the Heritage Center’s parking lot accessed off of 20 West Vine Street (behind Midas Muffler).

The **Radicals & Reformers Westwood Cemetery History Walk** (a 75-minute guided walk) promises a pleasing balance of Westwood's scenic landmarks and stories of some of the many spirited men and women of Oberlin who simply refused the status quo. This workshop takes place **Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**. Register by April 27. Participants will meet at the Westwood entrance (429 Morgan Street) with parking available along the cemetery’s inside ring road.

Both workshops are open to the public, and no prior docenting experience is necessary. Trained docents are asked to make a commitment of helping with at least four tours per year as part of the Oberlin Heritage Center’s volunteer program.

The Freedom’s Friends History Walk will be offered every Saturday at 11 a.m. in June, July and August and at other times for groups by appointment. The Radicals & Reformers History Walk will be offered the *first* Sunday of the summer months at 11 a.m.

For more information, or to reserve your place at the docent training workshop, please contact Amanda Manahan, the Heritage Center’s Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org or (440) 774-1700.

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