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Oberlin Heritage Center's Historic Amusement Park Program Recalls Summer Fun of Days Gone By

Come one, come all and enjoy the fun and thrills that accompany an end-of-summer trip to an old-fashioned theme park! Take a step back in time with the Oberlin Heritage Center as Maria Surovy presents "A History of Northern Ohio's Amusement Parks" on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. in Heiser Auditorium at Kendal at Oberlin (600 Kendal Drive, Oberlin). The presentation is free and open to the public.

You won't even need an admission ticket for this "virtual visit" to many family-favorite destinations such as Luna Park (Cleveland), Crystal Beach Park (Vermilion) and Idora Park (Youngstown). Recall the special attractions that made these places so memorable, delight in those that continue to thrive, while fondly remembering those that are long-gone. The illustrated presentation is based on research done by Ms. Surovy in fulfillment of her master's thesis for her MS degree in Historic Preservation from Ball State University (Indiana).

Maria Surovy is a summer assistant at the Oberlin Heritage Center, and has been associated with the Heritage Center in many capacities since 2003. Presently, she is a middle school social studies teacher at The Ratner School in Pepper Pike. She has taught Oberlin Heritage summer camps for several years. In addition to her historic preservation background, Surovy has a degree in secondary education (history and political science) from the University of Dayton. She taught for one year in Saipan in the Northern Marianas Islands and has traveled extensively throughout Asia and Europe. Most recently, she attended a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for Teachers on "Mozart's Worlds" in Vienna, Austria.

The Oberlin Heritage Center is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is widely recognized as a model small museum, historical society and historic preservation organization. It offers guided tours, history walks, educational programs for all ages, children's summer camps, and special events both at its complex of historic sites and throughout the community, often in collaboration with other organizations. The Heritage Center also houses a Resource Center for researchers of local history or family genealogies. For more information, visit www.oberlinheritage.org, call (440) 774-1700 or e-mail members@oberlinheritage.org.

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