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Oberlin Heritage Center Seeks Volunteers for History Walks

The Oberlin Heritage Center will offer two training workshops for volunteer docents interested in learning how to guide themed history walks in and around Oberlin. Afternoon sessions will be led by Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, Liz Schultz, for the 75-minute Freedom's Friends (Underground Railroad) and the Scholars & Settlers (Tappan Square) History Walk. Each workshop is free and open to the public, with advance registration requested. Volunteers need no previous training in leading tours; all that is required is a commitment to assist with at least four history walks within the coming year. Being a docent is a great way to learn more about the nationally significant history of Oberlin and to meet an array of interesting people from near and far who take part in these warm-weather walking tours.

The **Freedom's Friends History Walk** training takes place on **Saturday, May 3** from 1-4 p.m. Volunteers will learn about Oberlin's role in the history of abolition and the Underground Railroad and how to present the walking tour through historic neighborhoods surrounding downtown Oberlin. Registration is requested by April 28.

Scholars & Settlers History Walk training takes place on Saturday, May 17 from 1-4 p.m. Volunteers will learn how to present stories about Oberlin's earliest residents and the triumphs, debates and scandals linked to the landmarks around Tappan Square. Register by May 12.

Both history walks will be offered each week in June, July and August. The Scholars & Settlers walk will occur Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m., while the Freedom's Friend walk takes place Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. Additional dates may be added for group tours by appointment.

Volunteers may choose to attend the training for either or both of these tours. Each session begins at the Monroe House before moving on to cover the history walk routes. The Monroe House is located at 73½ South Professor Street in Oberlin, with the parking lot entrance at 20 West Vine Street.

For more information, or to reserve your place at a workshop, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org, call 440-774-1700 or e-mail tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

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