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National History Day Workshop for Educators Hosted by Oberlin Heritage Center

The Oberlin Heritage Center is teaming up with the Ohio Historical Society to offer a **Workshop for Educators** this fall focusing on **National History Day in Ohio**. This all-day educational conference will take place on **Wednesday, October 7** from **8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** in Oberlin.

More than just one day, History Day is a program that allows students in grades 4-5 and 6-12 to do independent research and create a project that has a life outside the program. Each year, students are given an overall theme under which they can write historical papers, present original performances, design media documentaries, build creative exhibits, or construct imaginative websites as a result of their research. The 2010 theme is “**Innovation in History: Impact and Change.**” A district event is held in early spring, with the top projects moving on to the statewide Ohio History Day held in Columbus on April 24, 2010.

The Oberlin workshop will benefit teachers from many grade levels and fields of study in becoming better acquainted with the national program, seeing examples of projects, meeting fellow advisors, and receiving helpful tips for guiding student research. Whether this is the first time your school has participated in History Day, or you are looking for ways to expand your History Day skills and creativity, this workshop will be a fun and inspiring learning experience for all.

To register, you may download a registration form by visiting <http://www.ohiohistory.org/historyday> and following the link in the “New & Cool” box for “History Day Workshops in October.” Cost is \$40 which includes materials, continental breakfast, lunch and parking. Registration is due by October 1, 2009. If you have questions, or would like additional information, please contact Elizabeth Schultz at the Oberlin Heritage Center (440) 774-1700 or tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org or Megan Wood, the History Day State Coordinator at (614) 297-2343 or mwood@ohiohistory.org. Those who are interested in this workshop, but cannot attend on October 7, should contact Liz Schultz at the Oberlin Heritage Center about scheduling a condensed version, one-on-one mini-workshop.

Teachers from public or private schools, virtual academies or home schools all are encouraged to attend and learn more about National History Day, how it can enhance your teaching, challenge your students, and be a fun and inspiring learning experience for all.

For information about other fall events at the award-winning Oberlin Heritage Center, visit www.oberlinheritage.org or call (440) 774-1700.

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