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The Times They are a-Changin'

Tuesday, June 13 at 7:15 p.m.



Top row, left to right: Jim Lubetkin, Mildred Arthrell, Booker Peek; Bottom row: Margaret Smith, Marion Bradley Kelly, and (OHC Honorary Trustee) Bert Latran, Jr.

Sharing stories from Oberlin's Oral History Project, **Eugenia (Geni) Poporad Vanek** will offer insights into Oberlin in the 1960s and 1970s and recall some of the events that drew community members together ... or drove them apart. In this illustrated program, Vanek weaves together a tapestry of voices (*see some of their faces at left*) with their recollections of a tense war, a struggle for peace, and volatile issues of race, gender and civil liberties. The event takes place at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive) and is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend wearing their grooviest outfits!

Vanek, a retired educator and an OHC Honorary Trustee, researched and edited the Heritage Center's award-winning oral-history-based publication *Bonnets to Boardrooms: Women's Stories from a*

Historic College Town. She is a past recipient of the Heritage Center's "Volunteer of the Year" award. For more information, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700.

History Around Town & Across Time

Try a History Walk or Tablet Tour this Summer!



The Heritage Center offers outdoor learning opportunities this summer with several guided history walks and self-guided tablet (iPad) tours.

Learn about Oberlin's famous freedom seekers and those known to have helped them make their way to freedom on the Underground Railroad by taking part in the Heritage Center's *Freedom's Friends History Walk* offered *each* Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in June, July and August. The 90-minute tour begins at The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. and winds its way across town and through the Heritage Center before the last story is shared at Martin Luther King,

Jr. Park. Or choose to walk in the path of this community's impressive foremothers who helped shape what it meant to be a woman in Oberlin and across the country in 19th- and early 20th-century America. The *One Step More: Oberlin Women's History Walk* will be offered the

Summer History Walks or Tablet Tours continued...

first Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m. during June, July and August.

The Heritage Center also has something for those who prefer a "do-it-yourself" format. The *Freedom's Friends: Underground Railroad tablet tour* leads participants across town and campus to explore stories connected to Oberlin's early history. The *Picture the Past: Historic Downtown Oberlin tablet tour* covers a one-block radius extending from the corner of Main and College Streets and is filled with fun facts, historic photographs, and more! Borrow an iPad at the Monroe House for an hour or a day and move at your own pace through Oberlin history.

Remember tours and history walks are FREE as a benefit of being an OHC member! For more information, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700.

Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation Nord/McClintock Matching Challenge Receives Wide Support!



Thank you to 72 donors who have contributed \$16,854 to the Heritage Center's Endowment for Heritage Preservation campaign and have had their contributions matched by a special (\$20,000) challenge gift from Jane B. Nord and T.K. and Emily (Nord) McClintock. We still must raise \$3,146 in order to benefit from the full match. This Endowment addresses the ongoing maintenance, preservation, and conservation needs of the buildings, grounds, and collections – crucial funding that an already-

tight annual operating budget does not begin to cover adequately. To date, the Endowment total is at \$375,000 and its first payout has already been put to good use on bricks-and-mortar repair work that recently was completed at the Monroe House. You can see how necessary it was that the work not be deferred any longer -- these "before" photos of the Monroe House's loose chimney bricks atop the roof reveal how little effort was needed to disassemble them in order to replace the mortar and restabilize the structure. Please consider a gift to the Campaign now and its impact will be *doubled* by the Nord/McClintock match! Donate today or learn more about the Campaign at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org/getinvolved/makeagift.

Early Bird Gets the Summer Camp Savings Camps are Filling Quickly – Register by June 23 and Save!



Hands-on history learning and fun come together in the Heritage Center's week-long summer camps designed for boys and girls ages 8-13. This year's themes include: *Oberlin Ahoy! Pirates and Life on the High Seas* (July 17-21); *Architecture Camp* (July 31-August 4), and *History of Theater* (August 7-11). Camps are held at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street) from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

Scholarship assistance may be available to those who qualify for schools' free or reduced lunch programs (please inquire). Reserve

your space by June 23 and take \$5 off per camp for each registered child. Online registration is available at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700 for more information.

Join Us for a Day Trip to President Garfield's "Lawnfield" Seats Still Available for June 9 Visit



We're making a "last call" to join in our history adventure to Mentor, Ohio where Heritage Center members and friends will visit Lawnfield, the home of the 20th President of the United States. The excursion departs Oberlin via motor coach at 8:15 a.m. and includes an on-bus discussion of Garfield's visit to Oberlin, guided tour, time to explore the shop and

grounds on your own, and a group lunch. We'll return to Oberlin by 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$65 for adults; \$60 for children ages 10-18 (\$60/\$55 if you are OHC members). Combine this field trip with the second in our Presidential Series (July 14 to the *Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums* in Findlay, Ohio) and reap further savings! Register online at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700. (We haven't met a minimum for the Rutherford B. Hayes trip yet, so please register soon to help make it a "go.")

Oberlin Juneteenth 2017 Saturday, June 10, All Day



**Oberlin
Juneteenth**

Juneteenth is a community-wide tradition commemorating the ending of slavery in the U.S. This year's theme, *Heroes & Heroines of Oberlin: A Homecoming Celebration for the Tuskegee Airmen*, includes a wide assortment of festivities taking place throughout the community. A highlight of the day will be a special presentation for the Tuskegee Airmen at Martin Luther King, Jr. park (corner of East Vine and South Pleasant Streets) at 10:30 a.m. with featured speaker **Delbert Spurlock**.

Be sure to stop by Tappan Square (intersection of SR 58 and SR 511) to enjoy an array of foods, music and entertainment. Visit the Heritage Center's booth at the Square to learn more about Oberlin's nationally significant history. Find out more about Oberlin Juneteenth at <http://www.juneteenthoberlin.com/>.

Oberlin Chalk Walk 2017

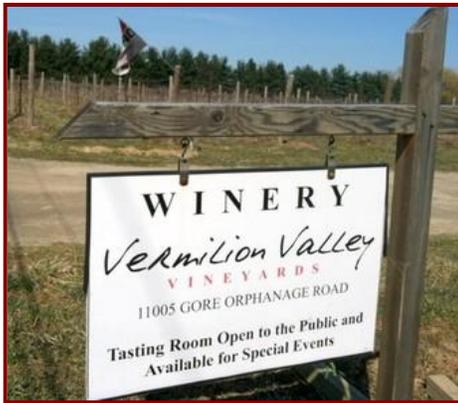
Saturday, June 24, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. throughout Downtown Oberlin



Join in the excitement of this festive colorful event that pays homage to the tradition of sidewalk painting that began in 16th century Italy. The 12th Annual Oberlin Chalk Walk showcases professional and local sidewalk "chalkers" and gives artists of any age the chance to create their own masterpieces. All are welcome; high quality chalk is provided free. Be sure to stop by the Heritage Center's table on South Main Street for a fun break! This community event is a collaborative partnership among the Allen Memorial Art Museum, the Oberlin Business Partnership, FAVA, the Oberlin Heritage Center, and the Oberlin Public Library. Find out more at <http://www.oberlinchalkwalk.com/>.

Save the Dates!

New Events Calendar Will be Mailed to OHC Members this Month



Watch for the Heritage Center's second-half-of-the-year calendar of events to arrive in OHC members' mailboxes soon. The Heritage Center has created all kinds of new and engaging ways to learn about local history and connect with other history enthusiasts. Mark your calendars now for these coming events:

* **July 18 (Tuesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.)** *Vintage & Vintner: An OHC Summer Soiree* at Vermilion Valley Vineyards (www.vermilion-valleyvineyards.com). Co-sponsored by Herrick Jewelry (www.herrickjewelry.com) of Oberlin.

* **July 25 (Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.)** *John Brown's Raid on Harpers Ferry: The Oberlin Connection*. Ron Gorman presents at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium (with an *Encore Presentation* on **Sunday, August 13 at 2:00 p.m.** at Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Oberlin's House of Zion Fellowship Hall). Both programs are sponsored by the 1830 Hallauer House Bed & Breakfast (www.hallauerhousebnb.com) of Oberlin.

* **September (All Month!)** *Guest Exhibit at the Heritage Center with the Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures* includes several opportunities during the month to enjoy a bilingual (English/Spanish) tour and an invitation to attend a *Fiesta en la Biblioteca* (fun gathering in the Oberlin Public Library) on Saturday afternoon, **September 23**.

* **October 12 (Thursday, 7:00 p.m.)** *Movie Night at the Apollo!* Enjoy a lively (if not always accurate) romp through time with our own special showing of the science-fiction, adventure, comedy film *Back to the Future*. The gala evening will be filled with a carload of movie-themed amusements -- fun for the whole family!

OHC members will receive details -- including how to register for events that require reservations -- in the upcoming calendar mailing. Watch for more information at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700 to be added to the mailing list.

AmeriCorps Position Open at Oberlin Heritage Center

Application Deadline is August 15, 2017



The Oberlin Heritage Center is pleased to announce that the organization has been chosen as a host site for an Ohio History Service Corps/AmeriCorps member for the 2017-2018 program year. The selected participant will work part-time on projects at the Oberlin Heritage Center and part-time assisting other history organizations in the region. The program is managed by the Ohio History Connection in Columbus, and the year of service runs from September 20, 2017 through August 2018.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and a college graduate. In order to be considered for the position, all prospective members (including any current members interested in returning for an additional year of service) must apply through the My AmeriCorps website. Applicants are encouraged to submit materials early as application reviews and interviews begin immediately.

Volunteer at the Heritage Center!

Helpers Needed for a Variety of Summer Activities



If you have a few hours to give to the Heritage Center, we have some "job openings" for volunteers this summer!

Helpers are needed for 2-hour shifts between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to staff the Heritage Center's welcome/literature table for Juneteenth (June 10), Chalk Walk (June 24), and Family Fun Fair (August 5). If you're available, contact Amanda Manahan at (440) 774-1700 or tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

Do you have a green thumb? We're always looking for volunteers to weed and trim on the grounds at the Heritage Center. Help just once, or make it a regular occasion throughout the summer -- whatever time and talent you have to give will be appreciated! Contact director@oberlinheritage.org if you can lend a hand.

How about joining our volunteer "Mail Crew?" Volunteers are needed 3 or 4 times a year to help assemble big mailings from the Heritage Center. We meet at Kendal at Oberlin for 60-90 minutes of stuffing/sealing envelopes with a bit of socializing on the side! If you would like to be on the list to be called to help us out occasionally, contact members@oberlinheritage.org.

Here's a way to help in a BIG way without ever leaving home! Bed & Breakfast hosts are needed during Oberlin College's first-year student orientation for one or more nights between Monday, August 21 and Wednesday, August 23 (with the greatest need being on Monday and Tuesday nights). We have a growing list of visiting families who need accommodations (some needing a pet-free environment). If you can provide a single or double room in your home, with a private or shared bathroom, and a simple breakfast the following morning, please contact ohcbnb@gmail.com. All proceeds from the B&B fundraiser help stretch the Heritage Center's general operating budget.

OHC Offers Free Tours through Blue Star Museum Network

Free Admission to Active Military and their Families



The Oberlin Heritage Center is among the more than 2,000 museums across America that are committed to welcoming active military families this summer season. Now in its eighth year, the Blue Star Museum program is a collaboration begun by the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families (a national nonprofit founded to support and connect military families). Participating museums agree to

provide free admission to active military and their families between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Some museums, such as the Oberlin Heritage Center, even extend their Blue Star welcome to service families all year round. Museums include children's museums, fine arts museums, history and science museums. Find out more (including other Blue Star Museums in network) by visiting www.arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums.

Members Update

Current Members—Please Update Your Contact Information with OHC



OHC members, if you have moved recently, discontinued use of a telephone landline, or changed service providers, please update us with your current contact information. Keeping our membership records up-to-date and accurate is important to us, and a clean mailing list saves the nonprofit a lot in terms of both time and money. Call the Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700 or e-mail members@oberlinheritage.org with changes to your contact information.

We extend a warm Heritage Center welcome to new members **Bill & Denise Capers, Jeff & Susan Cheshire** (Solon), **Linda Diaz, Olivia Hay, Alexandra Nicome, Joanna Wiley** and new business member the **Oberlin Property Group**. (All are from Oberlin unless indicated otherwise.) A special shout-out goes all the way to Wisconsin where the

Heritage Center now has TWO (!!) new Endowed Life Members. Thank you very much to **Sharon Copeland Ramczyk** (Stevens Point) and **Linda & Lowell Schultz** (Marshfield) each of whom contributed generously to the Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation and became ELMs at the Copper level.

Members give the Heritage Center its vitality and energy, and we are grateful for *each and every one* of you! If you are not yet an OHC member, we'd love for you to join today at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700.

OHC Staff, Board and Intern News



May always is a BUSY time for group tours at the Heritage Center, keeping Museum Education & Tour Coordinator **Amanda Manahan** and OHC's great team of docent volunteers on the go most of the month. An annual favorite visit is that made by Oberlin's Prospect School Third-Graders who spend a day of readin', writin' and 'rithmetic as pioneer-era children would have done in the Little Red Schoolhouse (*at left, third-graders return to their lessons after enjoying recess in the schoolyard*).

Collections Manager **Maren McKee** was invited by the Medina County Genealogical Society to present a workshop last month on *Caring for your Historic Photographs*.

If you missed OHC Board Member **Steve Johnson's** live interview on **Radio Stations WOBL/WDLW** early in May, you have another opportunity now. Steve spoke about his research and preparation in putting together the two *Oberlin and World War II* programs he presented this spring. Listen at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B9zzaKj9baxZeUE2c0g0Vm5ZSVE>.

How fun it was to visit with former OHC interns **Rocio Leon** (OC 2013), **Preston Sundin** (OC 2011) and former AmeriCorps member **Jen Graham** (OC 2012) who stopped in at the Heritage Center when back in Oberlin for their college cluster reunion last month.

OHC Staff, Board and Intern News...

Congratulations and best wishes to OHC intern **Olivia Hay** who was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa prior to graduating with the Class of 2017 at Oberlin College. Applause, applause also to OHC intern **Alexandra Nicome** who was awarded Honors in Art History at this year's commencement exercises.

Also of Interest

History and Museum Happenings Around Northeast Ohio

American Pickers is a series on the History Channel that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking." One of the show's staff recently reached out to OHC to request help in spreading the word that the show will film in Ohio in late June and the hosts are looking for people in the area with unique antique collections and interesting stories behind them. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflex.com or call 1-855-OLD-RUST (653-7878).

As part of the Centennial Celebration for Oberlin's **Allen Memorial Art Museum**, all are invited for birthday cake on the museum's front lawn (87 North Main Street) on **Monday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m.** The AMAM also will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on this, the exact date of its opening in 1917! Admission is free.

The **International Women's Air & Space Museum (IWASM)** will host its annual **Rocket Day** on **Wednesday, June 14, 2017** from noon to 3:00 p.m. The museum is teaming up with the Great Lakes Science Center and NASA Glenn Research Center for an afternoon of fun learning about the science of rockets. Admission is \$1 per child. Space is limited and registration is required; call (216) 623-1111 to reserve your place.

The **Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden** presents a free *Liszt Concert in the Garden* on **Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** The event features international pianist Vera Holczer, a native of Budapest, who performs regularly on WCLV 104.9 FM. All are welcome to bring a picnic basket and enjoy an afternoon of musical delight in the garden that is located at 1070 East Boulevard (accessed from Martin Luther King Boulevard). The Hungarian Cultural Garden was dedicated October 1934 on the 123rd anniversary of the birth of Franz Liszt, and since then has had a special link with the composer.

