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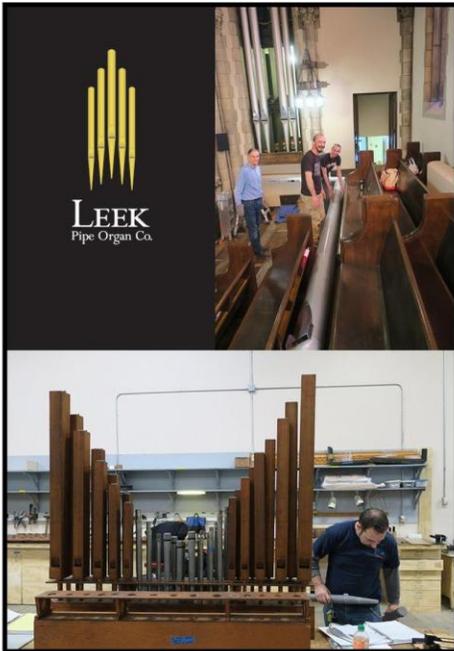
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## A Mechanical, Musical, Magnificent Excursion

### Members-Only Trip to Leek Pipe Organ Company – Friday, July 20



Oberlin Heritage Center members are invited to take part in this behind-the-scenes visit with a master organ builder. We'll be privy to a tour of the shop where the Leek Pipe Organ Company (288 Karl Street, Berea, OH) makes organ magic happen. Learn about pipe families and materials, "voicing" a pipe, and how organ technology has changed (and not changed) over time. The family-owned company was founded in 1976 by John G. P. Leek, former Curator of Pipe Organs at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Today, the company is run by John's son, James P. Leek, and it specializes in building, restoration, repairs and maintenance of pipe organs from a broad range of time periods. The two-hour tour (including some hands-on activities) begins at 10:00 a.m. and guests may drive on their own or car pool from Oberlin with OHC volunteers. Registration is required as space is limited to 25 people. Fee: \$20/person. Recommended for adults and youth ages 12 and up.

Learn more or make a reservation at [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call (440) 774-1700. (Not yet a member? Join online today or call the Heritage Center and request a membership brochure – we'd love to have you be part of this great new venture!)

## Vintage & Vintner: An OHC Summer Soiree

Tuesday, July 24 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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Join us for a relaxing social evening -- with a bit of history on the side -- at **Matus Winery** (15674 Gore Orphanage Road, Wakeman, OH). Jazz guitarist **Rich Holsworth** provides musical entertainment as guests arrive. Following a welcome presentation by the winery at 6:00 p.m., OHC Director **Liz Schultz** will present a mini-program on ***The First Automobiles in Oberlin***. Each guest receives tickets for two glasses of wine and more will be available for purchase. Enjoy a selection of complimentary light appetizers and sweets as well as nonalcoholic beverages.

There will be fun raffles on the side -- you may go home a prize winner! Special thanks to the evening's premier sponsor **Kurt G. Sarringhaus Co., L.P.A.**, co-sponsor **Herrick Jewelry**, and supporting partner **Business Advisory Services**, all of Oberlin. Tickets are \$30/person (21 and up). Make reservations early as this event fills up fast each year ([www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or 440/774-1700). Proceeds benefit the Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation.

## The Wheelmen (and Women) are Coming to Town!

Wednesday through Sunday, July 25-29



*1898 Oberlin College bicycling team; image from the OHC Resource Center collection*

You won't have to look hard to spot high wheel bicyclists when The Wheelmen arrive in Oberlin. Upwards of 200 riders are expected to come to town for the 51st Annual Meet, hosted this year by Oberlin College. The nationwide organization is made up of members from around the country (and some from abroad) who collect, restore, ride, research, and demonstrate bicycles, tricycles, and ephemera from the 'olde days' of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. While they will have a packed schedule of rides, programs, meet-ups, movies and more, there will be community-wide events as well, including a Friday night (July 27) Old-Fashioned Picnic & Concert on Tappan Square (with a public Wheelmen demonstration). Learn more about The Wheelmen at <http://www.thewheelmen.org/>. See the schedule for

the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meet, including public events at <http://www.vark.us/oh2018/>.

The Oberlin Heritage Center's Monroe House (73 1/2 South Professor Street) will be open to all for free, self-guided tours on **Thursday, July 26 and Friday, July 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Stop by to enjoy a special Heritage Center display of bicycle-themed photos and artifacts, including an 1890s lady's Geneva bicycle with beautiful curved wood fenders and a carbide headlamp.

## JFA Reunion Includes Jewett House Visit

Saturday, August 4 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – All are Invited!



Members of the Jewett Family of America will be visiting the Heritage Center's Jewett House (73 South Professor Street) during Oberlin's 26th annual Family Fun Fair, which features free activities all over town for families with young children. The public is invited to a 2:00 p.m. mini-program about Frank and Fannie Jewett, who lived in the house from 1884 to 1923.

You'll be fascinated by the Jewett connections to many national events and social movements that took place during the 19th and 20th centuries. After the presentation, visitors may view newly installed history panels about Frank's extended family and tour the beautifully preserved house at their own pace. JFA President **Greg Jewett** of Lexington, VA will be on hand to welcome visitors and share stories of notable Jewetts throughout history.

Learn more about the Jewett Family of America at <https://www.facebook.com/JewettFamilyOfAmerica/>.

## Summer History Fun for Kids

### Camps, Games, Tours – Children Learn as they Play at OHC!



Museum Education & Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan leads an "I Spy" tour past the Jewett House on OHC's grounds.

Summer camp season is upon us! Register now for the Heritage Center's *From Farm to Fork to Fun* camp (which takes place July 16-20), *Architecture Camp* (July 30 - August 3) or *Explore Oberlin* camp (August 6-10). Day camps are designed for boys and girls ages 8-13 and are held at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street) with some walking field trips nearby. Reserve a spot soon for your child or grandchild (remember, OHC members receive a discount on the camp fee). Find out more or register at [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or (440) 774-1700.

The Heritage Center has old-fashioned games available to borrow for free and play with on the Heritage Center grounds. Arrange a play date and stop by the Monroe House (73 1/2 South Professor Street) to choose from classic lawn games like ring toss, jump rope, graces, or the hoop-and-stick. Challenge your friends with a ball-and-cup toy competition -- is it luck or skill that crowns the winner?! Sign-out games any Tuesday through Saturday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. now through the end of August.

Young folks and the young-at-heart will enjoy the Heritage Center's *I Spy Oberlin* tour, a guided one-hour walking tour through historic Oberlin designed for ages 5-11 accompanied by an adult. You'll be kept on your toes seeking out historic markers, decorative details and Oberlin oddities. The tour is offered free during the community's annual Family Fun Fair on **Saturday, August 4**. Reservations are encouraged ([www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or 440/774-1700) for this 11:00 a.m. tour, which begins at the Monroe House.

## Take a Walk through Time

### OHC Offers Summer History Walks for Many Interests



Guided walking tours are available throughout the summer featuring several different themes. Tours run from 75-90 minutes, and are reasonably priced (most are free for OHC members, children and college students). Try one soon – and find out how fun it can be to experience learning in motion!

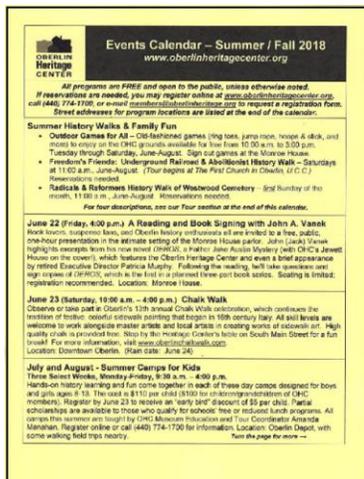
- **Freedom's Friends Underground Railroad & Abolitionist History Walk-** every Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in July and August. Hear stories about Oberlin's most famous freedom seekers and people known to have helped them make their way to freedom.
- **Radicals & Reformers History Walk** - offered the *first Sunday* of this month and next at 11:00 a.m. The setting is Westwood Cemetery and this tour promises a pleasing balance of a scenic landscape and stories of the many spirited men and women of Oberlin who simply refused the status quo.

## Summer Walking Tours continued...

- **Self-Guided Tablet Tours** - For those who prefer to move at their own pace, borrow an iPad from the Heritage Center any Tuesday through Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to experience the *Freedom's Friends History Walk* or the *Picture the Past: Historic Downtown Oberlin* walking tour.

Call (440) 774-1700 or visit [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) for fees and starting locations.

## New Summer/Fall Events Calendar Available Connect with Local History in Coming Months



The Heritage Center's latest events calendar offers an exciting line-up of history-themed programs and activities for all ages including free community lectures, a new trio of costumed interpreters with fascinating stories to share in the "Every Good Story has a Plot" Halloween-season tour of Westwood Cemetery, the second annual Community Trivia Night, and a timely tour making its debut at the end of the year, which focuses on the clocks and watches in OHC's collection. For the preservation-minded, sign up to take part in one of our Scanning Saturdays this fall and get help digitizing some of the special photographs in your family collection. Or, explore the newly upgraded collections storage areas in the Jewett House during "Cabinets, Closets & Cupboards" a free, guided peek behind usually-

closed doors that will be hosted by the Heritage Center as part of this year's Ohio Open Doors event. To view the calendar online visit [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) (click on "Events and News" in the main menu bar, then scroll down and click on "Detailed calendar of upcoming events") or call (440) 774-1700 and request a copy of the calendar.

## Save the Date for Lucy Stone's 200th Birthday Party at OHC Saturday, August 11 at 4:00 p.m.



Next month marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of **Lucy Stone** (on August 13, 1818), one of Oberlin College's earliest and best known female graduates (class of 1847) as well as a continuous advocate for expanded opportunities for women at the College. She began her public life as an activist for the abolitionist movement (her first engagement in public speaking was at an anti-slavery rally in Oberlin, where she shared the podium with James Monroe, whose home is now part of the Oberlin Heritage Center). Later, Stone began devoting part of her time on the lecture circuit to speaking out for women's rights. When she married Henry B. Blackwell (an abolitionist) in 1855, she retained her own name as a protest against the unequal laws applicable to married women, thus originating the term "Lucy Stoner" for a woman who does not change her name upon marriage. She and her husband worked together as

## Lucy Stone Birthday Party at OHC continued...

influential leaders in the Suffrage Movement, through their publishing of the *Woman's Journal* and *Woman Suffrage* leaflets.

All are invited to take part in the birthday celebration by stopping in for cake and fun at the Heritage Center on Saturday afternoon, August 11. *A special invitation is extended to all local "Lucy Stoners" to join us and we'll plan to gather you together for a fun photo op.* Mark the date on your calendar and check back in next month's *E-Gazette* for more information.

## **Ron Gorman Provides Legacy Gift to Heritage Center**



Family and friends were shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of OHC trustee **Ron Gorman** from heart disease around this time a year ago. Although a relative newcomer to the Heritage Center, Ron had jumped in with both feet, leading exceptional tours and programs about the anti-slavery era, writing insightful blog posts, spending countless hours researching Oberlin history, and being elected to the Board of Trustees in 2015. Although still a fairly young man, Ron had paused to do some thinking about what he might want his lifetime legacy to be. In a characteristically humorous yet straightforward letter to his family regarding his final wishes, he asked that a percentage of his estate be given to the Heritage Center after all other commitments had been settled. This planning resulted in a marvelous \$20,000 gift that will augment

OHC's impact for years and years to come. The Heritage Center Board of Trustees approved the designation of half of Ron's bequest to the Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation (for which Ron was one of the "spokespersons" and appeared in the endowment campaign brochure), with the remaining half going to the organization's Investment fund that supports general operations particularly when special needs arise.

The Heritage Center is most grateful to Ron and his family for the tremendous difference he made to this organization as an active volunteer and as a proactive thoughtful planner who made sure his last wishes were carried out as he desired. For more information on planned giving, e-mail OHC Executive Director **Liz Schultz** at [liz.schultz@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:liz.schultz@oberlinheritage.org) or call (440) 774-1700.

## **History Minute: 35 Years Ago at the F.A.A. (And How YOU Can Help Preserve 20<sup>th</sup> Century Stories of Local Workplaces)**



Through the years, the Heritage Center has received numerous inquiries about the history of the Federal Aviation Administration's air traffic control center based in town. Read on for excerpts from this 1983 "Information Pamphlet" (donated not long ago from the estate of local historian Eleanor Owen) about the Cleveland Air Route Traffic Control Center.

## **F.A.A. History continued...**

*Cleveland Air Route Traffic Control Center is geographically located in Oberlin, Ohio, and is noted for being "The World's Largest Air Traffic Control Facility." [The "Center" had been in Cleveland since 1935 and moved to Oberlin in 1961.] Cleveland Center was consolidated with the Pittsburgh Center in 1962 and with the Detroit Center in 1964. The controllers in the Cleveland Center are responsible for separating enroute "Instrument Flight Rule" traffic. They do this by providing each airplane with a block of moving airspace of its own, using appropriate time-distance-altitude separation. After an airplane has taken off, the tower controller turns responsibility over to a controller in the Center. The plane remains the responsibility of that Center until it leaves its jurisdiction (as much as 300-500 miles), then the responsibility is turned over to the next Center, and so on. When the airplane is approximately 20 miles from its destination, the Center controller turns responsibility for the plane over to the controller in approach control or tower.*

Primary types of equipment described in the 1983 pamphlet: 8 long-range radar systems, 38 Planned Video Displays, 24 remote controlled air/ground sites using 105 radio frequencies, four 550-kilowatt diesel back-up generators, data and audio recording devices, IBM 9020D and 9020E computers, and 285 telephone circuits. *"The telephone system within the Center has the capability to provide service to a community of 45,000 people."*

### **Control Space Covered, Then and Now:**

1983: Center's control space covered portions of Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Indiana, Michigan, and Ontario, covering 69,425 square miles.

Today: Same space covered, see map at <https://www.radioreference.com/apps/db/?aid=2232>.

### **Aircraft handled:**

1982: 1,700,768

2015: 2,304,949 (Seventh highest in US in 2016)

### **Letters you might wonder about:**

FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)

ARTCC (Air Route Traffic Control Center)

ZOB (Cleveland Center's designation – similar to an airport code)

Learn more about the Oberlin Center in this 5-minute video

<https://www.faa.gov/tv/?mediaId=1773> titled **FAA TV: How Air Traffic Control Works in Cleveland** (*this reference to "Cleveland" really means "Oberlin"*)

### **Two ways Heritage Center friends can help:**

- Do you have similar information pamphlets or materials about places you work/worked in Oberlin? Please consider donating them to the Oberlin Heritage Center.
- Oral history volunteers are hoping to interview people about the FAA strike in 1981. If you're interested in being interviewed or have materials to donate, e-mail Executive Director Liz Schultz at [liz.schultz@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:liz.schultz@oberlinheritage.org) or call her at (440) 774-1700.

## Volunteer Needs at the Heritage Center



We continue to look for Bed-and-Breakfast volunteers to host parents bringing their first-year students to Oberlin College at the end of August. Hosts are needed for one or more nights **between Monday, August 27 and Wednesday, August 29**, with the greatest need being on Monday and Tuesday nights. 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](mailto:ohcbnb@gmail.com).

We have a need for a volunteer or two who can help with the task of installing our annual batch of newly inscribed century-old bricks along the pathways at the Heritage Center.

Training is provided. The work can be done an hour or two at a time over the course of several days that are convenient to your schedule (a total of 6-8 hours are needed for this project). If interested, contact [members@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:members@oberlinheritage.org).

Volunteers are needed to staff the Heritage Center's info table or supervise old-fashioned games on the lawn for a two-hour shift during the 26th Annual Family Fun Fair on **Saturday, August 4**, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you can help, contact [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org).

If you think you might enjoy guiding tours or being a room docent, save the date of Saturday morning, **September 29** for OHC's next docent training workshop. If you've not experienced an Upstairs/Downstairs tour through the three historic buildings on the Heritage Center's site, arrange to take a complimentary one in advance to see what being a docent is all about. E-mail [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org) to find out more.

## OHC Members Update

### Be Part of a Good Thing

Welcome new OHC member **Sarah Andrews** (Washington, DC) who is the Heritage Center's first *third-generation* member (all active concurrently), following in the footsteps of grandparents **George and Marlene Andrews** and parents **Erik and Michele Andrews**.

We mourn the passing of Endowed Life Member **Dan Goulding**, who with his wife, Elizabeth (also deceased), provided much joy to the organization as exceptional volunteers and program presenters.

The community is invited to attend a Celebration of Life for **Don Illig** on **Friday, July 6 at 2:00 p.m.** at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive). Don, an OHC Endowed Life Member and a highly regarded volunteer at the Heritage Center, passed away earlier this spring.

Members of the Oberlin Heritage Center care about each other as well as care about preserving Oberlin's extraordinary history. Be part of a good thing and become a member of the OHC community today. Join or renew your membership at [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call (440) 774-1700 and request a membership brochure.

## OHC Staff, Board and Intern News



OHC staff and friends bid a fond farewell last month to front desk staff member **Linda Gilmore** (at left, top photo) after four years with the Heritage Center. Linda worked for the Oberlin Heritage Center as part of Vantage Aging's Senior Community Service Employment Program funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Ohio Department of Aging. During her time here, Linda made many new friends for the organization, and brightened countless days for her co-workers with her great wit, amazing book-and-movie trivia, and her kindness to all.



In June, the Heritage Center staff also welcomed new summer part-time interns **Glori-June Gyorfi** and **John Elrod**. Glori, who hails from Lorain, is a rising senior at The Ohio State University and is majoring in Strategic Communications with a minor in Professional Writing. She comes to OHC by way of Leadership Lorain County's ten-week paid internship program which pairs local college students with non-profit organizations around Lorain County. At the

Heritage Center, Glori will lead tours, assist with summer camps, and help with special projects. John has been a Saturday morning volunteer for the Heritage Center during the past year and was selected for OHC's Junior Intern summer position, partially funded by the Nordson Corporation. John, a rising senior at Oberlin High School, guides tours at the Heritage Center, assists with public relations efforts, and will help with kids' camps later this season.

Local listeners may hear John (bottom photo, far left) and Glori-June (far right, pictured with Nikki Fullmer of WOBL/WDLW at center) in newly-recorded public service announcements that are airing this summer on radio stations WOBL (1320 AM/107.7 FM) and WDLW (1380 AM/98.9 FM). Radio station manager and president Doug Wilber told us he was impressed by the interns' poise in the studio -- and we agree!

Assistant to the Director **Mary Anne Cunningham** sat down with Executive Director **Liz Schultz** to record an oral history interview recalling early highlights from her 25 years with the Heritage Center. OHC's oral history committee has been busy conducting other interviews in the community, including recent conversations with Board member **Steve Johnson**, former staff member **Linda Gilmore**, and OHC member **Jim Donovan**.

### Also of Interest

**Announcing a New Tour for Oberlin:** There is another self-guided digital tour about Oberlin! Long-time resident **Phyllis Yarber Hogan** has created a history tour tying together the history of remarkable women and Groveland Street. This tour includes images, text, and the voices of

### Also of Interest continued...

Oberlin youth sharing these histories. Access the tour from a computer at <https://izi.travel/en>. Click the "EXPLORE" button and begin typing "Oberlin" and select the "Oberlin's African-American Community: Historic Groveland" from the list of available tours. To access the tour from a mobile device, download the free izi.TRAVEL app through the Apple App Store, Google Play Store, or the Microsoft Store. Go to the All Guides tab and search for "Oberlin" or give the app permission to locate your device and select the tour name from the list of available tours.

**FRONT International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art** is a summer-long (**July 14 - September 30**) exhibition of contemporary art featuring projects and installations by artists from around the world in multiple locations across Northeast Ohio, including the Allen Memorial Art Museum in Oberlin. Three international artists will be featured in Oberlin: New York City-based artist Barbara Bloom's work will appear at the AMAM, Venezuelan artist Juan Araujo at the Weltzheimer-Johnson House, and the work of Chinese artist Cui Jie will be presented at the Richard D. Baron '64 Art Gallery inside Oberlin College's Dewy Ward '34 Alumni Center. Find out more about FRONT International at [www.frontart.org](http://www.frontart.org) and about the featured installations in Oberlin and public events surrounding them at [www2.oberlin.edu/amam/](http://www2.oberlin.edu/amam/).

**Oberlin's Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee** presents the film *Our Spirits don't Speak English: Indian Boarding School* on **Thursday, July 19 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street). This compelling documentary gives the Native American perspective on Indian Boarding Schools and uncovers the dark history of U.S. Government policy which took Indian children from their homes, forced them into boarding schools and enacted a plan to educate them in the ways of Western Society. The award-winning film gives a voice to Indian children forced through a system designed to strip them of their Native culture, heritage and traditions. Questions? Contact Committee member Jean Foggo Simon at [foggo@oberlin.net](mailto:foggo@oberlin.net).

The **James A. Garfield National Historic Site** ((8095 Mentor Avenue in Mentor, OH) hosts its 9th annual **Civil War Encampment Weekend** on **Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Learn about camp life, the experience of battle, and future President James A. Garfield's experiences fighting for the Union. The event includes numerous reenactor groups and some live firing demonstrations with blank cartridges. Free and open to the public. More information at <https://www.nps.gov/jaga/index.htm> or call (440) 255-8722.

The 98th national anniversary and 24th annual Oberlin area celebration of women gaining the right to vote will take place on **Saturday, August 25** at a noon luncheon held at Kendal at Oberlin's Fox & Fell Dining Room (600 Kendal Drive). The event is open to the public and includes an inspiring program on the theme of "Raise Your Voices," moderated by Alison Ricker. Featured speakers are **Betty Blair**, former Lorain County Commissioner; **Sharon Pearson**, Oberlin City Councilwoman; and an introduction to the growing grassroots organization known as **Lorain County Rising**, an all-volunteer group of local community members who are passionate about pressing issues that affect those of us in Lorain County, the state of Ohio, and our nation. The event also offers a special salute to **Kate Walsh**, a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1988-1994. Reservations at \$15 include a fresh salad buffet and beverage; make checks payable to **WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY** and mail to: Ovidia Guaderrama, 191 Hollywood St., Oberlin, OH 44074. For more information, contact Ovidia at (440) 775-3711.