



Oberlin Heritage Center E-Gazette

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Open

For the summer!

Tour Options

- Advance Registration is required
- 30-Minute “**Oberlin Origins**” Tours in the Monroe House: Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday at 10:30am & 1:30pm. Tours are \$3/adult; free for members, college students, and children under 18.
- Outdoor 60-minute History Walks June-August. History walks are \$6/adult; free for members, college students, and children under 18.
 - Saturdays at 11:00am - **Freedom’s Friends: Abolition & the Underground Railroad** (begins in front of The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C.)
 - July 11 & August 8 at 3:00pm - **Oberlin’s Responses and Reactions to Issues of Race** (begins in front of The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C.)
 - July 25 & August 22 at 3:00pm - **Architecture Walk** (begins at Flagpole on Tappan Square at intersection of Main & College Sts)
 - Tablet Tours are available through rental of OHC-owned devices. Currently, OHC offers two self-guided tablet tours: *Freedom’s Friends: Abolition & the Underground Railroad* and *Picture the Past: Downtown Oberlin*.

Please call 440-774-1700 to reserve your tablet in advance. Tablet rentals are \$5/hour or \$20/day; 20% discount for OHC members. Make your reservations and payments for tours by registering online at <https://secure.oberlinheritage.org/events.shtml> or by calling the museum at 440-774-1700. The museum is open for the public Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-3pm.

All visitors or household groups must complete a COVID-19 screening survey. Indoor visitors are required to wear face coverings if they are physically able to do so, and masks are strongly recommended for history walk participants. Disposable masks are available at the museum, as supplies last (donations are greatly appreciated to help offset costs of providing this service). We also encourage visitors to take advantage of our hand sanitizing station and/or restroom for hand washing before and after the tour. We ask all museum patrons to follow social distance guidelines by standing 6 feet apart from individuals not in their immediate familial or familiar group. Visitors who do not follow our safety protocols may be refused service and asked to leave.

Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 8th

Last chance to register for the Virtual Annual Meeting! The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a welcome, then right to business approving minutes and reports, electing new trustees, and saying goodbye to outgoing trustees. Our keynote speaker is Professor Amy Margaris, who has adapted her presentation about the now-gone "Oberlin Museum" into a virtual illustrated presentation. After a brief Q&A session, we will take a minute to convey the most recent news of the Heritage Center before bidding you all a lovely evening. For additional information on the specifics, visit our [event page](#).

How do I register?

If you registered for the April meeting, you will need to register again to attend. Please click this [link](#) to register for the free meeting or email Bethany Hobbs at ohcbiz@oberlinheritage.org with a list of who will be "attending" that night. Approximately 1 week before the meeting you will receive an invitation with a Zoom link and instructions on how to join. At minimum, you will need a computer with sound to listen and interact. You can also dial by phone to listen to the meeting.

If you have questions about the meeting or using Zoom, contact Executive Director Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org or (440) 774-1700.



Interns Arrive!



Jacob Selent



Natalie Brennecke



Alex Shaver

Jacob Selent is a graduate of Firelands High School and attends Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he is studying Classical Humanities, German, and History. Jacob plans to apply for a Fulbright teaching position in Germany after graduation. After Fulbright, he would like to pursue a Master's in History either in Europe or in the United States. "I chose the Oberlin Heritage Center because I wanted to be involved with history on a local level. I am currently working on a feature about John Mercer Langston, who was an abolitionist, politician and diplomat," Jacob said. "Some of my hobbies include playing video games and working on cars. I am involved in Miami's Model United Nation chapter." He also taught German as a foreign language at a local elementary school in Oxford, Ohio during the Spring semester.

Alex Shaver is from Mentor, Ohio and attends Cleveland State University, majoring in Art History/Museum Studies. "I would love to do something with collections management, or grant writing for non-profit organizations," Alex said when asked about future plans. "I have volunteered here before, and it really left an impact on me. Oberlin has a very dynamic history and it is very interesting to learn about." Alex is researching and gathering information about monuments and memorials in Oberlin that will be added to the OHC website, as well as working on updating the object inventories of the Monroe House, Jewett House, and the Little Red Schoolhouse. Plus learning how to give tours! In what little spare time is available, he is visiting museums and he likes to play golf as the game is a good excuse to go outside and get exercise.

Natalie Brennecke is from Oberlin, and will begin her freshman year at the Cleveland Institute of Music as a Viola Performance Major. "After graduating college, I would love to become a music teacher, and

possibly play in an orchestra," said Natalie. But her early interest was to be a history teacher, and the Oberlin Heritage Center Junior Internship seemed like a great way to further her knowledge about history and Oberlin in general. She is working on a research project about the Burrell-King House on East College Street, and also helping guide tours and assist with summer camps. Natalie also enjoys reading, sewing, crocheting, knitting, and quilting.

History Minute

Oberlin College student Ella Murray created an online exhibit about the Shule Ya Kujitambua school in Oberlin, which was active in the 1970s and created in reaction to the public school system not addressing the needs of African American students. The website includes a historical overview, images, newspaper articles, and audio clips with founder Kofi Lomotey as well as school attendees and parents. Visitors can navigate the site using the list/table of content icon. Link: <http://scalar.oberlincollegelibrary.org/syk/index>

Folk Camp: Arts, Trades, and Crafts

(Virtual & In-Person Hybrid Camp): August 3-7 (Monday – Friday)

This camp provides an opportunity for children to discover ideas of what makes something an art, trade, or craft and why they have changed over time and continue to with new technologies. Campers will uncover forms of human creation through exploring historic tradespeople, meeting craftspeople, and participating in hands-on activities. Folkways that will be explored include basketry, carpentry, cooking, fiber arts, ceramics, and more!

The Folk Camp will offer in-person hours Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 9:00am-12:00pm on the Oberlin Heritage Center grounds (73 ½ S. Professor Street). In-person camp days will take place primarily outdoors and there may be occasional walking field trips to locations around town. Children must bring appropriate outdoor attire, sturdy shoes, and a mask each day. A bag lunch and water bottle must also accompany the children every day they come to the museum. Camp is \$45 for members; \$50 for nonmembers. Please register at

<https://secure.oberlinheritage.org/events.shtml?details=NTEyMA==>

Additional questions? Email Amanda at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org

Behind the Basement Door: Exploring OHC's Collections in Storage

Did you know that only 60% of OHC's collection is on display? From teddy bears to wedding dresses, OHC's collection is filled with interesting artifacts that are not often seen by the public. Join OHC's Collections Manager, Maren McKee, for a virtual public program that explores some of the rarely seen objects from OHC's collection storage.



This program will be broadcast live on OHC's Facebook page in two 15-minute parts. You don't have to have a Facebook account to be able to view the Oberlin Heritage Center's page and watch this event. Just go to our page at the time of the programs. <https://www.facebook.com/oberlinheritagecenter> (If Facebook asks you to join, you can just select "Not Now")

Part I - July 17 3:30 p.m.

Part II - July 24 3:30 p.m.

CARES Act Support

Are you considering making a donation to show your support of the Oberlin Heritage Center? The recently passed CARES Act allows up to a \$300 charitable donation to be tax-deductible on your 2020 taxes, even if you don't itemize. Consult with your tax advisor if you have any questions regarding this deduction.

* Visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org and use the "Make a Gift" link to donate today on your credit card or,

*Mail a check to: Oberlin Heritage Center, PO Box 455, Oberlin, OH 44074.

Please know your gift is much appreciated as we negotiate this uncertain time in history.



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