



## Oberlin Heritage Center June 2022 Gazette

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### Thanks for all the Help!



Thank you to all who could make it out to help with OHC Grounds Day 2022. We were able to make significant progress clearing brush on our campus, preparing the pollinator garden for summer, and clearing out our planting areas.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Bert Latran, Jr. and Larry Lane who did tree work for OHC on April 29th.

*Photo Left: Cub Scout Pack 460 leader Ken Boone using a hose to rinse Jewett House's porch  
Photo Right: Oberlin College student volunteers, including environmental studies students*

### Upcoming Events

#### June's History Walk: Freedom's Friends

June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th at 11:00 am

This June, OHC is offering our **Freedom's Friends: Abolition and the Underground Railroad walking tour** on Saturdays at 11:00 am, beginning at The First Church in Oberlin (106 N. Main Street; Oberlin). Hear stories about Oberlin's most famous freedom seekers and the abolitionists known to have helped them make their way to freedom.



Admission is \$6 for adults and free for children, students, or members. **Advanced registration is strongly recommended.**

Can't make it out on a Saturday? The Freedom's Friends tour content is also available on a digital tablet that you can rent, Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00-3:00.

To register for a specific walking tour, you can visit our website

*Photo: The Oberlin Rescuers at the Cuyahoga County Jail in April 1859, Courtesy of Library of Congress*

## Commencement Weekend Tour Schedule

*Friday-Saturday, June 3 - 4*

This commencement weekend OHC will be offering several exciting public tour options that will explore diverse topics such as Abolitionism, Women's History and Civil Rights. You do not have to be affiliated with the college to participate.

### Guided History Walks around Oberlin:

#### Friday, June 3

- Scholars & Settlers - 1:00 pm

#### Saturday, June 4

- Freedom Friends - 11:00 am
- Scholars & Settlers - 1:00 pm
- Civil War to Civil Rights - 3:00 pm

Plus, self-guided indoor and outdoor tablet tours are available during open hours 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. **Advance registration is required for history walks this weekend.** For more information, tour start locations, pricing and to register, visit us at [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org).

## Docent Training

*Tuesday, June 8, 3:00 - 5:00 pm*



OHC has an exciting opportunity for history minded individuals to learn more about OHC's buildings and the stories of the people who inhabited them and to then share this knowledge with other community members.

This docent training is open to anyone interested in learning how to give tours to the public and will provide an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look into the Monroe House and Little Red Schoolhouse, as well as a discussion on how to engage visitors in learning about Oberlin's unique past.

If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please RSVP to [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org) or call (440) 774-1700.

## Summer Camps

Don't forget to sign up for one of OHC's unique summer camp experiences.

- Ancient Cultures Camp (7/18-7/22)
- Architecture Camp (8/1-8/5)
- Kids Through the Decades (8/8-8/12)

All programs run Monday through Friday from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm at the Oberlin Depot. Camps cost \$125 per registrant, with discounts for members of OHC and early registration. *Scholarships are available to students who qualify for free or reduced school lunch programs.*



For more information about camps or registration, visit our camp registration page or contact Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan at (440) 774-1700 or [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org).

## OHC at Second Saturdays

June 11



OHC will be participating in Oberlin's Second Saturday festivities this June. Family friendly activities and games will be hosted from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Downtown Oberlin will feature a wide variety of fun events.

## Juneteenth

Saturday, June 18, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

The Juneteenth Celebration this year will feature a New Orleans-style Second Line parade. There will be vendors, food trucks, and activities at the Underground Railroad Center. For full event details, visit <https://www.juneteenthoberlin.org/>

The Oberlin Heritage Center will host a table with local information and books for sale. You will also be able take your own photo with Rescuer Wilson Bruce Evans, and meet his wife, Sarah Jane Leary Evans as portrayed by Oberlin's Camille Hamlin Allen at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm at the Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society booth.



## Chalk Walk 2022

Saturday, June 25th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



Tired of walking on sidewalks? Draw on them!

For the first time since 2019, join hundreds of youths and adults in this creative, colorful, community event! OHC will be hosting a registration and chalk booth near its Main Street kiosk, just south of the Post Office.

## Job Posting

### Work with us!

**The Oberlin Heritage Center is seeking a new Museum Education and Tour Manager (METM)** to engage diverse residents and visitors using the nationally significant and inspirational history of Oberlin, Ohio. The primary responsibilities of the METM will include managing, developing, implementing, and evaluating K-12 educational programs, on-site and off-site tours, youth and adult outreach programs, and community events.

The METM also recruits and supervises volunteers and interns and assists with research projects, OHC's website and social media networks, and other projects in accordance with the institution's strategic plan and mission. This is a full-time position with a 40-hour work week, including Saturdays and some evening duties. This person will often be a front-line employee at events and at the museum and must be able to embody the community-oriented mission of the organization. For more information and application details, visit [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org/about/work](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org/about/work).

Applications are due by the end of the day June 24, 2022

## News From OHC

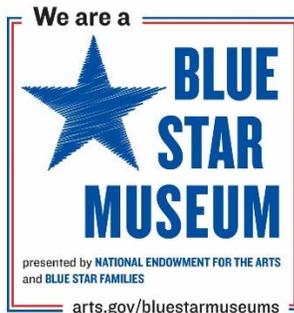
### Farewell to Amanda Manahan at the End of the Summer

We send our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Amanda Manahan, who has served as OHC's Museum Education and Tour Coordinator since 2015. Amanda will be leaving OHC in mid-August (but staying in Oberlin!) to pursue other interests and obligations. Amanda has been a positive force at OHC, including as an engaging educator, supportive mentor to interns and AmeriCorps members, insightful colleague, and generous collaborator. She has spearheaded numerous strategic initiatives during extremely challenging times, such as developing the new Civil War to Civil Rights tour, constructing a pollinator garden, creating a digital self-guided tour, building OHC's library of video resources and virtual offerings, writing new wayfinding



materials, leading OHC's research and interpretation of more 20th century history, connecting with and serving community groups, and so much more. We'll miss you, Amanda!

## OHC is Once Again a Blue Star Museum



OHC is happy to be offering free summer admission to active-duty military and their families as part of the Blue Star Museum Program. This program allows for free access to OHC (as well as a number of other museums nationwide) for active-duty military, National Guard, and Reserve personnel and up to five family members from May 21, 2022 (Armed Forces Day) through September 5, 2022 (Labor Day). Thanks to a suggestion from an OHC member, we are delighted to also welcome active members of the foreign service and their family.

## Local Food Drive in June

The Oberlin Heritage Center's Ohio History Service Corps member, Erin Robichaud, will partner with Oberlin Community Services to host a local food drive at the Monroe House. The food drive coordinates with a day of service overseen by ServeOhio, Ohio's Commission on Service and Volunteerism. This year's ServeOhio Day focuses on addressing food insecurity in Ohio communities.



**Donations can be made via a marked container on the front porch of the Monroe House from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm each Tuesday - Saturday.** Food donations must be unopened and within one year of the "best by" date (i.e., with a date of June 2021 or after). The Oberlin Heritage Center and Oberlin Community Services encourage the following donations: canned soups, canned tuna or chicken, pasta, peanut butter, and vegan or gluten-free items. Canned goods with pop-up tabs are preferred so those without access to a can-opener may receive these items. All donations received by the Oberlin Heritage Center will be given to Oberlin Community Services for distribution.

## New Addition to Conversations with Lothrop

We were excited to make yet another community interview public from the Richard Lothrop VHS collection. Check out the interview with John and Sandy Douds of Doud's Veterinary Hospital, conducted in 2000.

You can visit our Youtube Channel at <https://bit.ly/3NMUXPF>

## Congratulations to our Graduating Interns

OHC would like to extend an enthusiastic congratulations and thank you to our Oberlin College / OHC graduating interns: Sophie Falvey, Callie Howard, and Logan McDermott-Mostowy.

We would also like to thank our interns who will be returning to us next school year in the fall, Lillian Gibson and Adrienne Sato.



## Members Update & News from the Second Floor



In some exciting news from Vine St., The Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society was recently added to the African-American Civil Rights Network. We at OHC would like to congratulate them for this significant accomplishment as they continue their restoration of the historic home.

The African American Civil Rights Network encompasses properties, facilities, and interpretive programs, all of which present a comprehensive narrative of the people, places, and events associated with African American Civil Rights movement in the United States.

We note with sorrow the passing of OHC members Elizabeth Rumics and Louise Dunn. We also send warm wishes of support to others who have lost loved ones.

## OHC Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers needed - The spring sunshine and rain are making our grounds grow lush and green - faster than we can handle! Please contact Executive Director Liz Schultz if you can volunteer a few hours a week or month to keep our grounds trimmed and safe for visitors. [director@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:director@oberlinheritage.org)

## Sponsors Welcome!

Want to get the word out about your business and support a community initiative at the same time? Be a premier or co-sponsor of one of the Oberlin Heritage Center's events! Reach thousands of people through mention in our newsletter and event publicity. Some

of our featured events include our annual wine outing (which supports our Endowment for Heritage Preservation), Root Beer and Yesteryear, and Trivia Night. Contact Liz Schultz for details! [director@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:director@oberlinheritage.org)

## Also of Interest:

### Lorain County History Happenings

Every Saturday - Sandstone Village Garage Sales in Amherst

June 4 - Westwood Cemetery Clean-Up Day

June 12 - Amherst Sandstone Village Car & Bike Show

### Host a Student from Italy!

The Oberlin Rotary Club is seeking volunteers to host a high school exchange student from Italy for part of the 2022-2023 academic year. You don't have to be a Rotarian to be eligible! This is a life-changing, rewarding experience. If you have any curiosity, contact Oberlin Rotary Club President Melanie Satterfield at [mfredrickson1968@gmail.com](mailto:mfredrickson1968@gmail.com).



### Westwood Cemetery Clean-Up Day, June 4

The Friends of Westwood Cemetery are hosting cemetery stone clean-up days on the first Saturdays of the month, June through September. Come out to the cemetery on June 4 at 9:30 am to lend a hand! For more information, contact [friendsofwestwood@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwestwood@gmail.com).



### AmeriCorps is Recruiting for 2022

Recruiting has begun for Ohio History Service Corps AmeriCorps members to start in September 2022 and serve through August 31, 2023. The Lorain Historical Society is a host site this year. More information and the application links can be found on our website at [ohiohistory.org/ameri-corps](http://ohiohistory.org/ameri-corps).



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