



## Oberlin Heritage Center January 2023 Gazette

### Field Trip to ICA Conservation Lab!

*An OHC Members-Only Offering, Monday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m.*



We are excited to offer an opportunity for OHC members to visit ICA (originally known as the Intermuseum Conservation Association) in Cleveland's historic Clark-Fulton Neighborhood. ICA is the oldest, full-service art conservation laboratory in the country and was founded right here in Oberlin in 1952! This visit, expected to last about 75 minutes, will include a history of the organization, tour of their new labs, and a first-hand look at some of their current projects. The fee for this experience is \$15 per person and, thanks to ICA's blessing, the fee entirely supports OHC's programs and services. Space is limited to 20 people for this visit, so please [register soon](#).

Guests will be asked to remove their coats, bags, and handbags in the labspace. Some chairs will be available but the majority of the visit will be spent standing and walking around the lab. The space is wheelchair accessible but please let us know in advance so ICA's team can move things to improve the experience.

ICA is located within the Pivot Center for Art, Dance, and Expression at 2937 W. 25th Street, Cleveland, OH, 44113. The entrance to the lab is on the second floor, via the elevator inside the main entrance and to the right. Participants are expected to meet at ICA by 1:55 p.m. Parking is available off of Castle Avenue, which runs alongside the property. A limited number of carpool spaces, for an additional fee, are available with OHC staff, who will be leaving from Oberlin at 1:00 p.m. Contact Executive Director Liz Schultz at 440-774-1700 or [director@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:director@oberlinheritage.org) for details.

## Upcoming Events

### Scanning Saturdays at Oberlin Public Library Craft Room

January 21 and 28, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days



Scanning Saturdays are back on January 21 and 28 and we are coming to a location near you, the Oberlin Public Library! Do you want a high-quality digital copy of your grandmother's high school graduation photo? Or maybe of a snapshot of your uncle when he was in the service? Or a slide from that memorable vacation? From families, to parties, to pets, to homes, the Oberlin Heritage Center can help you preserve and share your special photographic memories. While the scanner is scanning, Collections

Manager Maren McKee will be happy to share ideas for storing and labeling your photo collection. Participants are asked to bring a flash drive to take copies home. We will be offering scanning services from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both January 21 and 28. Appointments for this free service to scan up to 10 items are not required but are highly recommended. Make an appointment now by contacting Maren at [history@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:history@oberlinheritage.org) or (440) 774-1700.

OHC is also looking to expand our collection of Oberlin images from the recent past. If you have photos that document community events, church history, neighborhoods, families, business etc. from the 1960s on and would be willing to share copies with OHC, please consider making an appointment during Scanning Saturdays.

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Rededication to the Dream

Monday, January 16, 12:15 p.m. via Zoom

Join the Metro Central Unit of the NAACP and all who wish to participate in the annual rededication of Dr. King's dream and the sharing of reflections, quotes, and inspiration. This event is free for all on Zoom or through the Oberlin Heritage Center's Facebook livestream. No advance registration is required. Support for this event is also provided by the Bonner Center at Oberlin College. For more information: [metro.central.naacp@gmail.com](mailto:metro.central.naacp@gmail.com)

Follow The Link Below on the day of the event:

<https://bit.ly/3X2AOde>



## Happy New Year From OHC



We at the Oberlin Heritage Center Hope everyone had a happy and healthy New Year celebration.

We look forward to providing the same high quality and engaging educational content that we always have in 2023 and beyond!

## Jewett House Tours Are Returning in 2023

*First Friday of Every Month at 1:30 p.m.*

Join us every first Friday of the month for a guided 45-minute tour of the Jewett House at 1:30 p.m. Learn about Frank Fanning Jewett, Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett, Charles Martin Hall, the Aluminum Reduction Process and life in Oberlin during the Progressive Era. Additional topics include architecture, interior design, social reform, and student boarders who stayed with the family during their time at Oberlin College.



Registration is not required but recommended. Walk-ins are welcome. To register please visit [oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call us at 440-774-1700.

## Virginia Proctor Powell Florence: A Life, A Legacy

*Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Oberlin Public Library*



Join the Oberlin Heritage Center for a program about Oberlin College alumna Virginia Proctor Powell Florence, who was the second African American and the first African American woman to earn a professional degree in librarianship. Born in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, Powell Florence graduated from high school in Pittsburgh and then followed her mother's footsteps to Oberlin College where she graduated in 1919. She then earned a Bachelor of Library Science degree from the Pittsburgh Carnegie Library School. Her 40-year career included positions in public libraries and schools in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Richmond,

Virginia. During her lifetime she faced discrimination in her choice of studies and career opportunities and was active in Civil Rights organizations.

The program presenter, Eboni Johnson, is the Outreach and Program Librarian of Oberlin College and has championed research and recognition of Virginia Proctor Powell Florence. Johnson earned a BA from Oberlin College and MLIS from Kent State University. She loves empowering students to conduct their own research and is interested in diversity and social justice in libraries, including creating frameworks to help underrepresented people be more visible in library and archival collections.

This program, offered during Black History month, is free and open to the public.

*Photo: Virginia Proctor Powell Florence in the 1920 Hi-Oh-Hi Oberlin College Yearbook.*

## News From OHC

### Thank You To Our Supporters!

#### Thank you to Nordson Corporation

OHC is pleased to report that it was awarded a gift of \$4,750 from the Nordson Corporation for 2023. These funds support an array of youth programs including the free Underground Railroad Outreach Program with Lorain City Schools, Summer Camps, and the Junior Intern Program. Thank you to Cecilia Render and those at Nordson for your commitment to enriching our local community.



#### Thank you to The Community Foundation of Lorain County

We were honored to receive a grant from The Community Foundation of Lorain County for general operating expenses in 2023. Funds like these help OHC keep the lights on (literally), offer summer youth programs, provide a welcoming visitor experience, and preserve and share historical resources in digitally accessible ways. Our community work would not be possible without The Community Foundation of Lorain County.



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### Masks No Longer Required While Visiting OHC

As of January 1, 2023, OHC will no longer be requiring indoor masking of visitors and staff. Visitors with concerns can still arrange for private tours or request that docents or staff members wear masks during their visit.

### 2023 Community Award Nominations

**Final Call Notice:** Get your ballots in by January 15th!



The Oberlin Heritage Center's Community Awards Program celebrates and recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses whose outstanding accomplishments in serving the community are in keeping with our mission: To preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and to make our community a better place to live, learn, work, and visit.

Award categories include:

- Community Historian
- Heritage Guardian
- Oberlin Heritage Center Volunteer of the Year
- Community Teacher of the Year  
(who encourages student community service)
- History Teacher of the Year

- Keep Oberlin Beautiful
- Business Leader Service
- Youth Community Service

Nomination forms are available on [oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://oberlinheritagecenter.org), Nominations are due by January 15, 2023. 2023 Award Winners will be recognized at OHC's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 as special guests of the Oberlin Heritage Center.

## OHC is Adding History Every Month

The Oberlin Heritage Center is constantly adding new photos, videos, and written accounts of history related to Oberlin to our website and social media.

Several projects have been happening behind the scenes at OHC recently, including the cataloging of substantial Oberlin postcard collections of the Annable and Gorske families, the addition of Gladys Court city directory research to our [Inventory page](#), and the addition of a few more videos to our digitized VHS collection on [OHC's YouTube page](#).



## Museum & Members Update



Early in December, OHC staff were delighted to welcome Jean-Yves, Fabienne, and H el ene of the M unch family who share roots with the Oberlin's namesake, Jean-Fr ed eric Oberlin. The family recently moved to Columbus, Ohio from their family home in Waldersbach, France which is near the Mus e Oberlin, the museum about J. F. Oberlin. In the picture shown here, the house in the foreground is theirs, while the house just behind, with the modern addition, is the museum. OHC Director Liz Schultz enjoyed giving the family a mini after-hours tour and talking about J. F. Oberlin's ideals and impact. Check out their [museum's website](#) to learn more about why Shipherd and Stewart were inspired by [his works](#).

OHC also began a community paper chain in December in which community members have contributed their fond memories of 2022 and/or their new year's resolutions for 2023.

We hope this is the start of a new annual tradition that will promote community engagement and reflection on the year that has passed.

OHC would like to thank our newest members, Susan L. Wurster and Stephanie Bohnak.

It is with great sorrow that we note the passing of Mary Lee Orr and Candyce Hughes Coulibaly.

## Also of Interest:



**NAMI** Family-to-Family  
National Alliance on Mental Illness

**FAMILY TO FAMILY EDUCATIONAL COURSE**

Every Wednesday  
Jan. 4 - Feb. 22 6-8pm  
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Oberlin, OH 44074

Education and Support for Families

- Meets weekly for 8 weeks
- Is offered free of charge
- Is taught by a trained NAMI facilitator
- Follows a structured format covering issues frequently faced by families dealing with mental illness

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OR EMAIL OFFICE@NAMI-LLC.ORG

### Free 8-Week Class from the National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidenced-based program. This means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition.

NAMI Family-to-Family is taught by NAMI-trained family members who have been there, and includes presentations, discussions and interactive exercises.

If you would like to learn more please visit the [NAMI Website](#).

## Lorain County History Happenings

First Saturday Every Month - Oberlin African-American Genealogy & History Group  
Lorain County Bicentennial coverage has started - Stay tuned to all the Lorain County local history social media pages for updates.



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