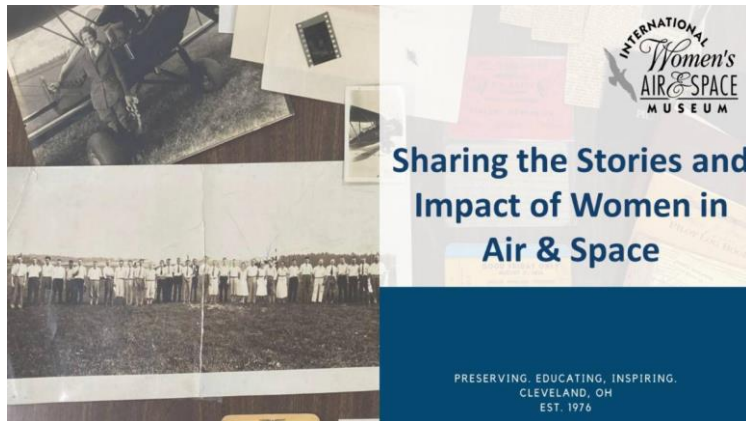




Oberlin Heritage Center April 2023 Gazette

Last Chance to Register for the Annual Meeting *Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00p.m.*



Join with others as the Oberlin Heritage Center marks another year of creating connections through history and celebrates people and organizations who have bettered the community. The event, held in the second floor ballroom of The Hotel at Oberlin, will begin with an optional social hour starting at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and then a brief business meeting, keynote program, and Community Awards.

This year's featured program, "Sharing the Stories and Impact of Women in Air & Space," will be **presented by Sara Fisher, Executive Director of the International Women's Air and Space Museum (IWASM)**. IWASM, located inside Cleveland's Burke Lakefront Airport, is free and open seven days a week and also offers guided tours and programs by appointment. (For more information, visit www.iwasm.org.) Sara earned a B.A. in History with a Women & Gender Studies Certificate from Ohio University and an M.A. in History concentrating in Public History from Wright State University. Many readers may remember Sara from her time as an AmeriCorps / Ohio History Service Corps member hosted by OHC 2017-2018.

OHC is delighted to recognize several individuals and organizations with Community Awards.

- **Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society:** Heritage Guardian Award, for their work preserving the home on East Vine Street and beginning to build a museum centered on the family and local and wider African American history and culture
- **Craig Enos and Glenn Hobbs:** OHC Volunteers of the Year Award, for their years of service as OHC's dedicated lawn mowing team

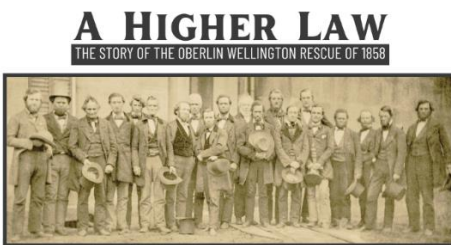
- **Chalk Walk founders Darren McDonough and Barry Richard:** Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award, for drawing so many collaborators together and bringing art and enjoyment to Oberlin
- **ThiNi Thai owners Jason and Matt Adelman:** Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award, for bringing more murals and whimsy (and delicious food) to downtown Oberlin

All are welcome to attend this event and registration is due by April 5. Tickets are \$35 for OHC members and \$40 for members of the public. To register please visit oberlinheritagecenter.org or contact ohcbiz@oberlinheritage.org to request a paper registration form.

Upcoming Events

Oberlin-Wellington Rescue Documentary World Premiere!

Sunday, April 23 at The Apollo at 4:00 p.m.



FREE - NO RESERVATION REQUIRED

Apollo Theatre - 4/23 at 4pm

Don't miss the upcoming film premiere of "A Higher Law: The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue" on Sunday, April 23 at 4:00 p.m. at Oberlin's Apollo Theatre. No tickets are required to attend this free showing and all are welcome. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. and the film runs just under 90 minutes. Filmmakers Scott Spears and Christina Paolucci will be present for a Q&A session after the showing.

The documentary brings to life the events surrounding John Price's rescue from slave catchers by community members from Oberlin and Wellington in 1858. The film follows Price's journey from Kentucky to Oberlin, increasing tensions between pro- and anti-slavery factions in the years leading up to the Civil War, Price's kidnapping and liberation, Oberlin's connection to the raid on Harpers Ferry shortly after, and reflections on post-Civil War inequities.

This film is made possible, in part, by:

Ohio Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this film do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Ohio History Fund, a grant program of the Ohio History Connection. The Ohio History Fund is made possible by voluntary donations of state income tax refunds, sales of Ohio History "mastodon" license plates, and direct donations to the Ohio History Connection. www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund



Foiled Again Dates For April

Foiled Again! The Aluminum Mystery Experience is now an ongoing escape-room-style offering from the Oberlin Heritage Center perfect for your families, friends, teams, or clubs! Help Professor Jewett find his lost aluminum process notes and immerse yourself in the late 1800s as you search. This teamwork-based activity is best suited for detectives over the age of 9. We recommend groups between 3-8 participants.



Detectives will meet at the Jewett House after booking their group online via the link below. This experience is \$20 per group, but OHC members receive a 10% discount. Groups are private once booked. You can book online at oberlinheritagecenter.org. Inquiries regarding additional dates can be directed to the Museum Education and Tour Manager at 440-774-1700 or via email tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org

See below the following dates available for booking:

Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:00pm

~~Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 2:00pm~~ **Booked**

Grounds Day 2023 - Volunteers Needed

Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Join us the morning of Saturday, May 6 to help spruce up the grounds of the Heritage Center for summer visitors! Projects include trimming, weeding, and general yard clean up. Tools and supplies are provided, or volunteers are welcome to bring their own. (Volunteers can park in the lot behind the Monroe House, off of Vine Street.) For more information or to sign up, contact Liz Schultz at (440) 774-1700 or director@oberlinheritage.org.

Photo: Grounds Day 2022 helpers

Freedom's Friends Docent Training

Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Love history and museums? Being a tour guide for the Oberlin Heritage Center is a great way to learn about Oberlin's local history and its national significance today. You can also meet many interesting people from near and far who visit Oberlin to take part in our guided tour. Training for the Freedom's Friends Walking Tour will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in this or other volunteer opportunities, please reach out to our



Museum Education and Tour Manager Stephanie Bohnak at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org or visit oberlinheritagecenter.org.

Tour Guides will meet on the front steps of First Church at the corner of Lorain St. (Rt. 511) and Main Street (Rt. 58). Training is free and open to the public. Volunteers need no previous experience; all that is required is a commitment to assist with tours within the coming months.

Mark Your Calendars! Summer Camps 2023 with OHC

We know that many parents are already thinking about summer plans for your campers as the warm weather approaches. Mark your calendars for our two summer camps this year!

Architecture Camp:

August 7-11 from 9:30am - 4:00pm each day for ages 8-13
Members (including children/grandchildren of members) - \$110
Non Members - \$125

Astronomy and Antiquity Camp:

August 14-18 from 9:30am - 4:00pm each day for ages 10-15
Members (including children/grandchildren of members) - \$110
Non Members - \$125

Though registration is not yet open, if you would like to reserve your camper's spot before registration opens, please email our Museum Education and Tour Manager at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org

Paired with History: Wine and Cheese Pairing Program

Thursday, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us this May for a new program, 'Paired with History,' in which guests will be able to taste three wines with complementary cheeses including a white, rosé, and red varietal. Learn about the history of wine and cheese making processes as you explore a range of regions around the globe. Become the wine connoisseur in your friend group as you sip wines and educate yourself on how to pair food with them.

Graciously hosted with the Black River Wine Shop and Bar, participants can register online at oberlinheritagecenter.org.

This program is for participants 21+ and IDs will be checked at the door.

Guests are welcome to shop for wines following the event.



Job Posting

Work with us!

The Oberlin Heritage Center is still seeking a part-time, six-hour per week Museum Housekeeper. A work schedule, to be set during the museum's day-time open hours, will be determined by the employee in cooperation with the Executive Director and Collections Manager.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

Last Chance to Apply for Internships

Are you or one of your school-aged relatives looking for a summer internship? The Oberlin Heritage Center has opportunities for students interested in getting first-hand experience in the education and history fields.

For College Aged Students:

The Oberlin Heritage Center is hiring an Education and Research Intern from June 13 to August 18 at \$12/hr.

For High School Aged Students:

The Oberlin Heritage Center is hiring a Junior Intern from June 13 to August 18 at \$10.50/hr.

At these internships students will help with youth summer camps, help develop educational activities, conduct research, and learn to give tours to museum visitors. For more information regarding these internships, please visit the link below or email the Museum Education and Tour Manager at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org

To Apply please visit oberlinheritagecenter.org/work

News From OHC

Thanks To Our Strategic Planning Participants!



Thank you to all who participated in our in-person strategic planning public forums and our online survey.

We appreciate your thoughtful suggestions and comments. We will be reviewing the feedback over the next few months and working toward releasing a plan early this fall.

OHC Needs Volunteers!

OHC needs volunteers for our greeting table at the First Church in Oberlin UCC on Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm for Spring Festival. If you are interested in representing OHC at this event please contact tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org

History of POC teachers in Oberlin City Schools Project

Oberlin College student and OHC intern Lillian Gibson has been working for over a year developing a spreadsheet of educators and staff members of color who have worked in the Oberlin City Schools. This project was started as part of an ongoing effort to document the history of how race and racism impacted local education over the decades, including neighborhood schools, educational disparities, Black history curriculum (or lack thereof), and staff diversity. There is no comprehensive source documenting staff members of color so we're hoping community members can help fill in information. If you are interested in taking a look at her draft spreadsheet and contributing additional info or names, please email OHC director Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org

Museum & Members Update



Thank you to The Nord Family Foundation for a grant of \$20,000 to help reroof Jewett House's barn and repaint the iron fence around the Monroe House. Maintenance and improvement projects like these are vital to keep OHC in good shape for future generations to enjoy.

In other news, some of you may have received notices from Amazon Smile that giving to OHC is no longer possible. Please know this entire program has been retired by Amazon.

We would like to thank our newest members Wilson Hughes, Brigette Johnson, and Tom Karro-Gassner.

Our deep condolences go out to the families of Jiann I. Lin and Patricia Bailey Stetson, as well as our gratitude for their naming the Oberlin Heritage Center as a possible place to send memorial gifts. Both were members for over twenty years. OHC often designates memorial gifts toward an endowment so that the impact of the contributions is felt for generations to come.

We also send our condolences to the families of Ralph Hayes, who was very active in the Pittsfield Township Historical Society, and Marcia Heckert, who was an active member of OHC and once won contest to name OHC's stag statue, which she dubbed "Straus".

Also of Interest:

Free Film Showing at the Apollo - April 1

There will be a free screening and subsequent panel discussion/Q&A of the documentary *Descendant* at the Apollo on April 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Descendant tells the story of the Clotilda - the last known ship to smuggle stolen Africans to America - the unthinkable cover-up, and the impact of that crime on generations of descendants living in Africatown. Once the past is revealed, can the future be reclaimed? For more information on this event visit oberlin.edu/events

2023 Oberlin Easter Egg Hunt

Come out to Tappan Square on Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to experience Oberlin's annual Easter egg hunt. The event will take place at 67 North Main Street in downtown Oberlin (Near West College Street).

If you would like more information, please visit cityofoberlin.com/easter



Liz Schultz on Cleveland News 5

OHC's Executive Director, Liz Schultz, was featured at the end of February by News 5 for a short form documentary about the preservation and rehabilitation efforts that went into the Henry's Barn facility at the North Star Preserve.

Liz discusses the history behind Henry's Barn and the life of Henry Thomas, a formerly enslaved person

who served as caretaker of the Johnson House on Professor street, for whom the barn was named. You can view the documentary on the News Channel 5 website, www.news5cleveland.com as well as read the accompanying article. Both feature quotes from Liz.

**Oberlin Schools
Alumni Association**
alumni@oberlinschools.net
IN-PERSON MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17
7 P.M.
OHS MEDIA CENTER
281 Pleasant Street

We will:
ELECT 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
VICE PRESIDENT & SECRETARY

DISCUSS WAYS TO SUPPORT THE SPRING
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ALUMNI GAMES



Oberlin Schools Alumni Association Meeting

There will be an in-person meeting for the Oberlin Schools Alumni Association on April 17, 7:00 pm to discuss Board of Directors and Committee chairs/members at the Oberlin Senior High School, Media Center. This association was created to promote and encourage a continuing interest in OCSD through planned events. Their goal is to foster the importance of life-long educational opportunities for Oberlin students. Contact alumni@oberlinschools.net or call 440-776-4608 for more info.

Heritage Home Program Information Session - April 17

The Cleveland Restoration Society will be holding an information session for Oberlin residents at the Oberlin Public Library in the Community Room on April 17 at 6:00 p.m. For more information of this and other events for the Heritage Home Program please visit heritagehomeprogram.org/events/ .



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