



Oberlin Heritage Center May 2023 Gazette

Commencement Weekend Schedule *Friday, May 19 to Sunday, May 21*



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 Tours:

Friday, May 19

- Jewett House Tour - 2:00 p.m.
- Small Downtown, Big Stories - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 20

- Freedom's Friends - 10:30 a.m.
- Civil War to Civil Rights - 1:30 p.m.
- Architecture Tour - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 21

- Civil War to Civil Rights - 10:30 a.m.
- Freedom's Friends - 1:30 p.m.

Plus, self-guided indoor and outdoor tablet tours are available on Friday and Saturday during open hours 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. **Advance registration is required for history walks this weekend.** For more information, tour start locations, and pricing, please visit our website www.oberlinheritagecenter.org.

Upcoming Events

Paired With History

Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

This event is now fully booked. We thank all who have signed up. We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday!

If others would like to express their interest in future similar offerings please email tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org



Blowing in the Wind: An Exploration of Historical Flutes

Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



Michael Lynn, Professor of Historical Flutes at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, will present an introduction to the development of the flute using his personal, world-class collection. This lecture/demo will include flutes roughly from 1760 to 1900. The flutes are all in playable condition. This program will be held in the parlor of the Community Music School of the Oberlin Conservatory, located at the historic Burrell-King House (315 East College Street). Thanks to the generosity of the presenter and venue, this program is free but advance registration

is required due to limited seating. Please register on www.oberlinheritagecenter.org, email Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org, or call 440-774-1700.

You can also see more of Professor Lynn's collection on his website at originalflutes.com

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.



Also a special thanks to the Oberlin College Track Team members for helping to give us a head start.

Photo: Oberlin College Track team members.

We Need Docents for the Freedom's Friends Tour

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



As a small, nonprofit organization, we rely on and appreciate dedicated volunteers and tour guides. Unfortunately, we are severely lacking in tour guides who know and give the Freedom's Friends History Walk - one of our most popular and regularly booked tours. With the influx of tours and limited number of tour guides, we have a reduced capacity to accommodate requests for this 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, training on another date, or other volunteer opportunities, please reach out to Museum Education and Tour Manager Stephanie Bohnak at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

Mark Your Calendars! Summer Camps 2023 with OHC

Don't forget to make summer plans for your campers! The warm weather is almost here and spots will fill up quickly.

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

For more information or to register, please visit our website www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or email our Museum Education and Tour Manager at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org

Foiled Again Dates For May



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. Inquiries regarding

additional dates and organizational requests 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:

Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 2:00pm

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:00pm

Book online at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org

Join The Team

Part Time Museum Housekeeper

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.

Summer Internships for Students

For College Aged Students:

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

For High School Aged Students:

The Oberlin Heritage Center is hiring a Junior Intern to work 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 or to apply, please visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or email the Museum Education and Tour Manager at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

OHC Seeks AmeriCorps Member for the 2023-2024 Year



The Oberlin Heritage Center is tremendously pleased to announce that it has been chosen as a host site for an Ohio History Service Corps/AmeriCorps member for the 2023-2024 program year. The selected participant will be able to dedicate half of their time to projects at OHC, and will spend the other half assisting history organizations in the region. Members commit to a full year of service from Sept. 13, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2024.

Benefits include a living allowance, health insurance, eligibility for childcare assistance, professional development, and the ability for members to place qualifying student loans into forbearance for the duration of their service term. Additionally, members who successfully complete 1700 hours of service will receive an education award the equivalent of a Pell Grant.

To Apply: This program is managed by the Ohio History Connection (please visit <https://www.ohiohistory.org/amicorps> for more information). All prospective members (including any current members interested in returning for an additional year of service) must apply through the MyAmeriCorps website. Application Deadline: August 15, 2023, or until position is filled. Reviews and interviews begin immediately, so early applications are strongly encouraged. Questions can be referred to Stephanie Bohnak, the Oberlin Heritage Center Museum Education and Tour Manager or to amicorps@ohiohistory.org.

News From OHC

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for two more volunteers to sit at our information table for the afternoon shift (12:30-3:00pm) at First Church's Festive Showcase on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

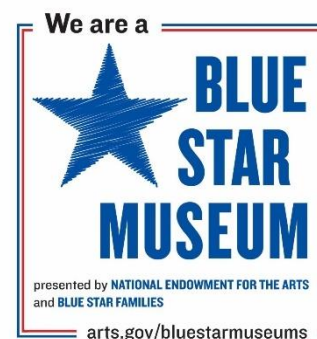
We are also in need of information table volunteers at the following:

- Juneteenth: Saturday, June 17 (Volunteer time slots TBD)
- Chalk Walk: Saturday, June 24 (10am-12pm; 12pm-2pm; 2pm-4pm)
- Lorain County Pride: Saturday, June 24 (12pm-2pm; 2pm-4pm)

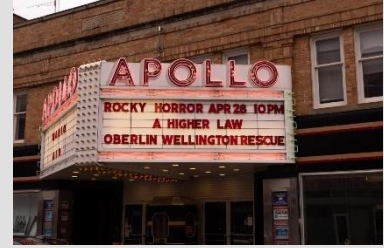
If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities OHC please contact us at 440-774-1700 or email tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

OHC is 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 20, 2023 (Armed Forces Day) through September 4, 2023 (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.



A Higher Law Documentary Premiere and Availability



Thank you to everyone who came out to see the world premiere of the documentary "A Higher Law: The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue" at the Apollo theater. The response was overwhelming and we had an insightful question and answer session following the feature presentation.

We were given a few copies of the documentary to share with other local history organizations and educational institutions. OHC is now taking orders from other individuals and organizations for DVD copies of the documentary. They are priced at \$20, including taxes, and the proceeds will go directly to the filmmakers at this time. For a copy, contact director@oberlinheritage.org to be put on a future order list and we will contact you when a shipment comes in.

Other future viewing opportunities:

- The filmmakers will be reaching out to PBS stations and film festivals to hopefully increase distribution and accessibility.
- There will be another local showing of the film in Oberlin on Saturday, September 9 with the Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society.
- You can organize a viewing! OHC's director, Liz Schultz, can work with you to host a viewing for your group/class/church. Contact her at director@oberlinheritage.org or 440-774-1700.
- The filmmakers hope to make the video available for streaming in the fall.
- A copy should be available at the Oberlin Public Library soon as well.

Photos Courtesy of Christina Paolucci



History Features

Two interesting history features have been added to the OHC website this week.

[Discrimination at the Oberlin Bowling Alleys](#) on the History Features page by Oberlin College winter term student Cal Ransom, goes in detail explaining a 1934 pattern of racial discrimination in Oberlin where the establishment "Oberlin Bowling Alleys" sought to and successfully excluded black patrons through use of a membership system.

[A history of the Platt Family and their monument](#) (the woman and cross statue) in Westwood Cemetery was authored by our research volunteer Evangeline McFarlin on the Westwood page.

Museum & Members Update



We are so grateful that so many were able to make it out to OHC's Annual Meeting! We had a great time seeing you all, presenting awards to our Community Award winners, and listening to Sara Fisher's enlightening presentation. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Thank you to the following people for submitting updates to the growing list of teachers and staff members of color who worked in the Oberlin City Schools: Joyce Gates, Ideajeanne Robinson Brown, Bob Singleton, Francine Toss.

We would like to welcome our newest members Glenn T. Hobbs, Eugene and Sandy Matthews, Amanda M. McCoy, Pamela Schmitz, and Thi Ni Thai.

Our deep condolences go out to the families of Elizabeth "Betsy" David, James A. Holliman, and Jane Stocker Norton for their recent loss.

Also of Interest:

Oberlin City Schools Facility Survey

In an effort to create an Oberlin City School District campus, Oberlin City Schools are seeking public input for Phase II of their new PreK-12 campus vision.

The survey provides the estimated costs for construction of each possible scenario. The estimates are based on constructing the building to Ohio Facilities Construction Commission specifications.

Gravestone Cleaning Volunteer Opportunities

Have you ever wanted to learn how to clean gravestones safely and without damaging the stone? The first Saturday of every month May through November you can stop by Westwood Cemetery around 9:30 a.m. for a lesson on gravestone cleaning techniques from the Friends of Westwood Cemetery. The work is not difficult and all supplies and equipment are provided.

This month the cleaning session will happen on May 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Grave Site Location Service

On Memorial Day weekend, the Friends of Westwood Cemetery and the Oberlin Heritage Center will be hosting a table to assist cemetery visitors on locating gravesites. The table will be located inside the entrance gate of Westwood Cemetery. It will be available on May 27, 28, and 29 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm – weather permitting.



THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE READING
MAY 13, 2023 | 7:00 PM | OBERLIN, OH
Poetry and performance for place and movement
Submit your work to foxostrich@gmail.com
No more than three poems, please
Parking for Oberlin Heritage Center near the School House and Theater

Poetry Reading at The Little Red Schoolhouse

May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a poetry reading organized by a community member at the Little Red Schoolhouse on May 13 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to perform in the reading, you can submit your work to the organizers of this event at foxostrich@gmail.com.

No more than three poems per presenter, please.



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