



Oberlin Heritage Center June 2023 Gazette



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 online, 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

Upcoming Events

Oberlin Chalk Walk Returns for the 16th Year!

Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
(Rain Date – Sunday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)



This year marks the 16th anniversary of one of Oberlin's favorite summer events, Chalk Walk! On Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., local and regional artists will create imaginative chalk drawings throughout downtown Oberlin. Volunteers will be on hand to provide free materials and visitors of all ages can add their own artwork to the sidewalk gallery.

Oberlin Chalk Walk is a collaborative event organized by Allen Memorial Art Museum, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts

(FAVA), Oberlin Business Partnership (OBP), Oberlin Heritage Center, and Oberlin Public Library.

Master artists for this year's event are Wendy Mahon, Héctor Castellanos, and Dan Cherney. Local artists include Keith Joe Dick, Joseph Toothman, Karly West, and Beth Wolosz. Artists contributing to the wall outside the Oberlin Public Library are Alex Borroni, Jan Dregalla, Terry Flores, Dana Juliano, and Cara Romano. The theme for the wall is "Save the Coral Reef."

If you can't engage your inner artist in creating chalk art, come downtown to view art in action. Take a leisurely stroll (be sure to take photos), enjoy a meal or a snack at one of our local restaurants, visit our unique retail shops, and be amazed by what people can create from a few sticks of chalk and a sidewalk square.

Additional sponsors for Chalk Walk include Ginko Gallery & Studios, Oberlin Cable Co-op, Oberlin Subway, Kendal at Oberlin, Kohl's Associates in Action, Oberlin College, The City of Oberlin, and Friends of the Oberlin Public Library.

To learn more about the artists, and to see pictures from previous years' events, please visit: www.facebook.com/oberlinchalkwalk.

Lorain County Pride 2023 Schedule

Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24

Lorain County Pride 2023 this year will include two days of events spanning Friday, June 23 - Saturday, June 24.

Friday, June 23

- **SafeZone Workshop** - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Kendal - An in-person training to help participants gain a better understanding of the LGBTQ+ community and how to be an effective ally. Registration Required
- **Drag Show** - 8 p.m. at the Sco' - Dance, socialize, and connect. Ages 18+ are welcome. Registration Required



Saturday, June 24

- **Lorain County Pride** - 12 to 4 p.m. in Tappan Square - Visit with vendors, grab lunch, watch performances, play games, and connect with queer and allied community members. OHC will be participating with a table.
- **Pride Night with the Lake Erie Crushers** - 6 p.m. at Mercy Health Stadium - First Pitch is at 6:05. Arrive early to see Kaydence Jayne sing the National Anthem and throw out the first pitch. Bring Cash to Participate in the 50/50 raffle.

All the events except the Crusher's game are free, donations are welcomed.

For more information and to register for events visit <https://www.lgbtqloraincounty.com/>

June's History Walk: Freedom's Friends

June 3, 10, 17, 24 at 11:00 am

This June, OHC is offering its 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.

The tour is \$6 for adults and free for children, students, or members. **Advanced registration is strongly recommended.** Please visit oberlinheritagecenter.org to register.



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.

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

July and August History Walks

The Oberlin Heritage Center will be offering two more history walk programs this summer:

- July - Architecture History Walk 11:00 a.m. 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29
- August - Civil War to Civil Rights History Walk 11:00 a.m. 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26

Tours are is \$6 for adults and free for children, students, or members. **Advanced registration is strongly recommended.** You can learn more information about each tour or sign up for specific tours by visiting the desired date in on our [events calendar](#).

Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



This year, Juneteenth will be held at the George A. Abram Pavilion on Edison Street. Juneteenth programming will include an opening prayer by Elder Reverend Nevels, a reading of the Emancipation Proclamation by Oberlin College alum Donnay Edmund, and comments by Dr. Mary Ann Harris. Children's activities and a live DJ will be offered all day along. Food vendors and other vendors will be on site for the celebration.

The Juneteenth Parade will take place at 12:00 noon beginning at Spring Street Park and moving along Pleasant

Street to the Roundhouse and the Pavilion on Edison Street. The parade will feature a band led by Oberlin College alum Daniel Spearman, horsemen, a clown, candy, dancers, and other fun features.

The Maafa commemoration will be held at Westwood Cemetery in Oberlin from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. and will have an opening prayer by Elder Laurence Nevels. Shirley Chambers will lead those assembled in a selection as she has for the last five years. Daniel Spearman plays the trumpet for 'Lift Every Voice and Sing.' There will also be a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Ms. Linda Isabell (May 28, 1947 - January 13, 2023).

This event is hosted by Juneteenth Oberlin.

Mark Your Calendars! Summer Camps 2023 with OHC

Don't forget to sign up your campers!

Architecture Camp:

August 7-11 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm 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 email our Museum Education and Tour Manager at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org or visit oberlinheritagecenter.org.

Save the Date For an OHC Event at ESP Brewery

Tuesday, July 25 Evening

Save the date for our upcoming summer social event, this year at ESP Brewing in Amherst! Enjoy a night of good drinks, conversation, and some history. Members and their friends can meet new people and try a variety of beverages.

Job Posting

OHC Seeks AmeriCorps Member for the 2023-2024 Year



The Oberlin Heritage Center 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 the Oberlin Heritage Center, 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 (\$20,000), 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 (\$6,895).

To Apply: This program is managed by the Ohio History Connection in Columbus, OH (please visit <https://www.ohiohistory.org/ameri-corps> for more information). In order to be considered for the position, all prospective members must apply through the MyAmeriCorps website. Paper or email applications will not be accepted. 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 americorps@ohiohistory.org.

News From OHC

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for table volunteers for our information table(s) at the following events:

- Juneteenth: Saturday, June 17 (Setup, 10 am-12 pm, 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm, Takedown)
- Chalk Walk: Saturday, June 24 (Setup, 10am-4pm; 12pm-2pm; 2pm-4pm, Takedown)
- Lorain County Pride: Saturday, June 24 (Setup, 12pm-2pm; 2pm-4pm, Takedown)

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

Congratulations to Leadership Lorain County Graduate Maren Mckee!



OHC Collections Manager Maren McKee recently graduated from Leadership Lorain County's "Best Class of 2023" in their Signature Leadership Program.

The Signature Leadership Program is an annual nine-month adult leadership class that explores segments of Lorain County (Economic Development; Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion; Health & Wellness; Law & Government; Education, Loving Lorain County, and Community

Engagement), while focusing on developing leadership skills and promoting teamwork, networking and collaboration. Congratulations Maren on this outstanding accomplishment.

Photo: Maren with Anne and Ed Wardwell, who have long supported professional development programs at OHC

LGBTQ Research

One of OHC's Oberlin College interns, Ellie Lane, conducted research into the history of the LGBTQ community on Oberlin College's campus over this last semester. The research included collecting scans of several campus resources from the 1990s.

You can look forward to seeing some highlights from this research being featured in the Oberlin Heritage Center's June social media postings.

Museum & Members Update



You may have noticed some new additions to the OHC grounds this month. We have finally installed our interpretive signs which are the result of a grant from the Community Foundation as well as work from OHC staff members Amanda Manahan and Steven Rice. We would also like to send a special thank you to board member Travis Jennings for his help in installing the signs permanently in the brick crossroads on OHC's grounds.

Congratulations to Gene Matthews for receiving the Distinguished Service to the Community Award during Oberlin College's commencement weekend! Gene briefly

served on OHC's board before shifting over to become president of our subsidiary Vineway board, which manages the building at 82-86 South Main.

Kudos to former OHC intern Callie Howard for publishing an article in the May/June 2023 Local Historian journal of the Ohio Local History Alliance about the STEPS Standards of Excellence Program. Callie is currently an Ohio History Service Corps AmeriCorps member serving at the Rickenbacker Wood Foundation.

We would like to thank and welcome our newest members: Elizabeth Houston, Stephen Kerr, Sarah Lloyd, Josie Jones, Emma Smith, Ann Tye and John and Margaret McBride.

Our deep condolences go out to the family and friends of Endowed Life Member Thelma Morris for their recent loss. Thelma was a delight and real gem and will be missed.

Also of Interest:

Oberlin-Wellington Rescue Theater Project - June Performances

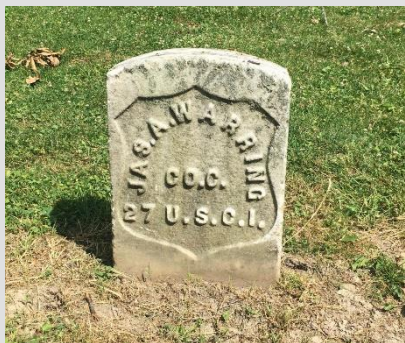
The Rescue of John Price by award-winning playwright and novelist Ifa Bayeza is a dramatization of the historic Oberlin-Wellington Rescue. Join The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue Theater Project as they continue to imagine this epic story for the stage. The Staged Readings are June 23, 24, 25 at 7:00pm in the Irene and Alan Wurtzel Theater located at 67 N. Main Street on the campus of Oberlin College.



About the Project:

1858. At the height of the frenzy over the Fugitive Slave Act, 16-year-old John Price makes his way from the depths of Kentucky slavery over the frozen Ohio River to the abolitionist sanctuary and utopian college town of Oberlin. When slave catchers threaten to kidnap John back into slavery, a crowd of hundreds of Oberlin and Wellington citizens led by a revolutionary group of Rescuers prevent his capture and speed him on to his quest for true freedom. Based on actual historical events, the inside story of "the little town that started the Civil War."

For more information, please visit the website: www.owrproject.org



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 June 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Sandstone Village Car and Bike Show in Amherst

Please join the Amherst Historical Society on Sunday, June 4 from 12-4 p.m. for Historic Village Building Tours, Food, Raffles, DJ, Vendors, Shops at Sandstone Village, and much more!

Car Show registration is from 10am-12pm, with dash plaques given to the first 200. Please enter Sandstone Village down Jefferson Street.

Free parking and shuttle for spectators is available at the Amherst Junior High, 548 Milan Avenue, Amherst, Ohio 44001

For more information, please contact The Amherst Historical Society at 440-988-7255 or office@amhersthistoricalsociety.org

On-Erie Beach Article (<https://greenbookcleveland.org/locations/on-erie-beach/>)

Please enjoy this fascinating article on Green Book Cleveland about the On-Erie Beach, which may have been the only Black owned and operated beach in northeast Ohio and was a popular tourist destination in the 1930s. Research about On-Erie Beach is also being conducted by the Lorain Historical Society.

Early on, On-Erie Beach was sometimes referred to as “Erie-on-the-Beach,” one of a string of various names it acquired over the years. The beach was intended as a “summer colony,” an exclusively African American summer resort, with various privately owned cabins on site. The loss of public transport, gasoline rationing and travel restrictions during World War II contributed to On-Erie Beach’s decline and it was largely disused by the 1950s. Please read the article for more information.



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