



Oberlin Heritage Center September 2023 Gazette

Root Beer & Yesteryear

Saturday, September 23, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

OHC PRESENTS:

ROOT BEER & YESTERYEAR

SEPTEMBER 23 - 1PM TO 4PM

Join friends old and new at the Oberlin Heritage Center on Saturday, September 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for this family-friendly (and FREE!) event featuring live music performances, historic portrayals, old-fashioned games, exhibits and best of all -- root beer floats for everyone! Why root beer? Throughout most of its history Oberlin was a "dry" town, meaning you couldn't buy alcohol within city limits. Times have changed but a fondness for this summer treat hasn't. The floats are generously provided by Oberlin IGA, while free popcorn is made possible by the Oberlin Athletic Boosters Club and Bethany Hobbs.

Entertainment Schedule:

- 1:30 p.m. - Piano performance on the 1880 Sohmer & Co. piano in Jewett House by Oberlin Conservatory student Leo Lu

- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Outdoor music by “The Front Porch Swatters”
- 2:30 p.m. - We are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Sarah Jane Leary Evans (portrayed by Camille Hamlin Allen) for a brief meet, greet, and update in the Little Red Schoolhouse. Mrs. Evans is visiting on behalf of the Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society.
- Historic games at the Little Red Schoolhouse for the young and young-at-heart
- A Little Red Schoolhouse Coloring Page (Artwork by Zaria Amerson) will be available at the event and is also downloadable online at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org.
- OHC Trustee Fr. Brian Wilbert will be bringing a display of antique phonographs as well as his Ford Model T.
- A display of vintage cameras, arranged by OHC Communications Coordinator Steven Rice
- Various raffles and prize baskets

Volunteers are still needed!

Please contact Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org or (440) 774-1700 if you can help make this event possible! We need volunteers in 2-hour shifts between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. to greet guests at the information table, welcome people at the Jewett house, and supervise games at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Upcoming Events

Every Good Story Has A Plot: Mainstreet Memories

Saturday, September 30 at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Shopkeepers, business owners, families, and con artists have all walked Oberlin’s Main Street. Join the Oberlin Heritage Center and meet some of these familiar faces at our Every Good Story Has a Plot: Main Street Memories program on Saturday, September 30 at 1:30 PM or 4:30 PM. Walk through Westwood Cemetery for this 60-minute experience and talk to a few of the many interesting individuals who have impacted Oberlin’s history. Reservations are required in advance as space is limited to 20 people per time slot. The tour will remain on paths, but some may be uneven or contain loose gravel.

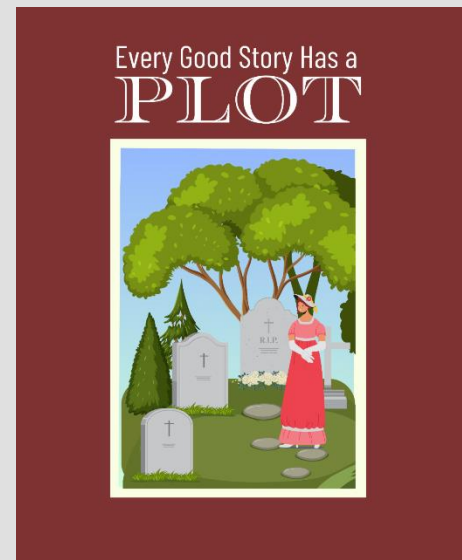
For mobility concerns or questions, please reach out to Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org. In case of rain at start time, the tour will be cancelled and fees refunded.

Pricing (tickets available on www.oberlinheritagecenter.org):

Adults: \$15

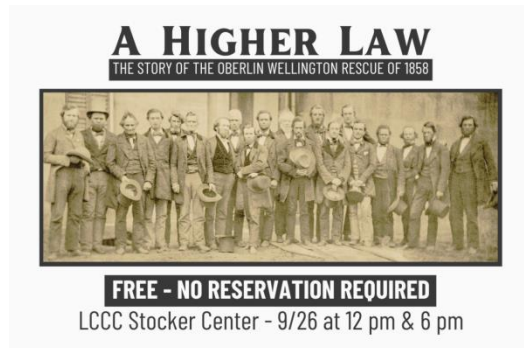
Members: \$12

Children: \$5



Film Screening of A Higher Law at LCCC Stocker Arts Center

Tuesday, September 26, 12:00 – 2:30 PM and 6:00 – 8:30 PM



There will be two free screenings of the recently released documentary "A Higher Law: The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue of 1858" on Tuesday, September 26 at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at LCCC's Stocker Arts Center. These showings are part of the ongoing celebrations for Lorain County's Bicentennial. The Rescue was a key event in the history of abolitionism leading up to the Civil War, when a group of 37 men were charged with violating the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. This is the first time that a 'higher law'

defense was used in a federal court case.

These screenings are free and open to the public, no registration required. They are offered as a collaboration of Lorain County Community College, the Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society, Oberlin Heritage Center, and Lorain County Historical Society.

Redlining Program At The Oberlin Public Library

Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.

OHC has developed a program examining the history of redlining in Oberlin and the Oberlin Public Library will be hosting it Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. Redlining is the discriminatory practice in which services, often financial services like loans, are withheld from neighborhoods often occupied by minorities, low-income, or otherwise marginalized groups. It is also a term used to describe many forms of housing segregation.



This program is free and registration is not required.



Save the Date for Community Trivia Night

Friday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.

OHC will host its annual Community Trivia Night on Friday, November 10. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the contest will begin at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org or by calling 440-774-1700.

Keep an eye out for more details in our October and November newsletters!

Parents Weekend Tour Offerings

Friday-Sunday November 3-5

The Oberlin Heritage Center offers a number of options for guided and self-guided tours during this special weekend. Tour fees range from \$3-\$6 for adults; OHC members and children under 18 enjoy ALL tours free. Drop-in visitors are welcome for the self-guided Oberlin Origins tour of the Monroe House or to reserve an outdoor tablet tour, while all other tours and history walks require advance registration. Please click on a history walk below for more information and to make an online reservation. In case of rain at start time, the tour/history walk will be cancelled, and fees refunded. Register online at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org

Friday, November 3:

- Self Guided Tours 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Guided Tour of the Jewett House 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Saturday, November 4:

- Self Guided Tours 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Freedom's Friends 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Architecture Tour 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Sunday, November 5:

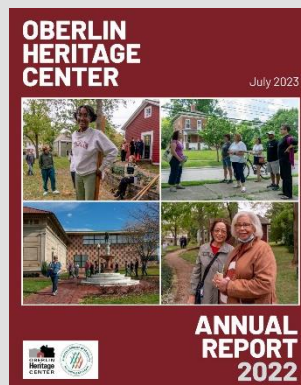
- Architecture Tour 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- Civil War to Civil Rights 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Work With Us!

Volunteer Store Manager

OHC is seeking a volunteer store manager to evaluate OHC's product stock and work with vendors to create or source new products, all in consultation with OHC staff and within OHC's resources. Much of this can be done from home. Contact Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org or by calling (440) 774-1700.

News From OHC



OHC's 2022 Annual Report is Available

The Annual Report contains information detailing OHC's activities, donors, and projects during the 2022 calendar year. It also includes dozens of high quality photographs of events, historic postcards, and volunteers from 2022.

Thanks to Pat Ives for identifying the mystery house on page 15 as 177 Grafton Street.

Museum & Members Update



Thank you to OHC's student interns Alex LoPresto, Maddie Morse, and Myles Riggins for their outstanding work this summer. OHC will miss you all and wishes you the best in your future endeavors.

OHC has had several interesting maintenance projects pop up over the last month including Shake Pro Solutions washing off the Little Red Schoolhouse's roof, John Kowalski tuning the antique piano in Jewett House's parlor in preparation for Root Beer and Yesteryear, Turnbull Plumbing replacing our sump pump and having Ken Pajor of Central Exterminating come out to take care of some yellow jackets that had taken up residence on Monroe House's porch.

We would like to thank OHC Trustee Elizabeth Elrod for coming out to help OHC staff clean up the grounds following the recent series of violent storms that struck Northeast Ohio and Three Eagle Cloud for dropping off some tasty pizzas for OHC's staff last week.

We would also like to thank and welcome our newest members: Alexander LoPresto and ESP Brewing Company.

Our deep condolences go out to the families of Samuel Goldberg and Ed Long, Jr. for their recent losses.

Also of Interest:

"Art Fair in the Square" on Sept. 9

FAVA's *Art Fair in the Square*, will be held on Saturday, September 9th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Tappan Square in Downtown Oberlin. Sponsored by the City of Oberlin, *FAVA's Art Fair in the Square* will take place rain or shine, and will feature local and regional artists, food trucks, musical entertainment, and more!



Evans Home Historical Society Annual Meeting

The Third Annual Meeting of the Evans Home Historical Society (EHHS) will be held Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. (George Abram Pavilion, Edison Street, in case of rain). EHHS is celebrating the great strides they have made toward the rehabilitation of 33 East Vine Street. In addition, they will be honoring the achievements of the Oberlin Underground Railroad Center Implementation Team with a Legacy Guardian Award.

As part of the Evan Home Historical Society's Annual Meeting there will also be a screening of the documentary on Saturday, September 9 at 3:00 p.m. at the Oberlin Public Library.

Hickories on Tap at the Lorain County Historical Society's Hickories Museum

Sample a variety of craft beers from local breweries at this annual event on the picturesque lawn of The Hickories Museum on Saturday, September 9, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Ticket holders will receive 10 beer sample tickets to redeem for 10 4 oz. samples (there will be several drink options in addition to beer). Additional sample tickets will be available for purchase during the event. There will be food trucks on site (food truck fare not included in the ticket price) and music, basket raffles, and a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are \$35 per person (\$30 for LCHS members, \$10 non-alcoholic drinks ticket option available). For tickets please visit LCHS.org This is a strictly 21 and over only, rain or shine event.

Lorain Historical Society History on the Rocks Gala

Join the Lorain Historical Society as they host their Annual History on the Rocks Gala at The Shipyards in Lorain on Friday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m. This year's event will feature specialty cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, and casino game entertainment!

For more information please visit the Lorain Historical Society at Lorainhistory.org.

Gravestone Cleaning Volunteer Opportunities

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.

The next cleaning session will happen on September 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre from The Amherst Historical Society

"Murder She Rhymed" is a 1920's Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre By Jack Pachuta, directed by Valerie Farschman! In 1928 Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan earned the nickname "Little Chicago" because not only was it filled with vice and corruption, but it was also a place where "Scarface" Al Capone himself called the shots. AND... murder was as common a commodity as bootleg liquor!

Tickets are \$40 per person, and \$35 per person for AHS members. Dress for a 1928 Party with prizes, a buffet, and raffles at the Amherst Historical Society, 113 South Lake Street, Amherst, Ohio 44001!

"Murder She Rhymed" will be on four dates:

- Saturday, September 16 at 6pm (doors open at 5:30pm)
- Sunday, September 17 at 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm)
- Saturday, September 23 at 6pm (doors open at 5:30pm)
- Sunday, September 24 at 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm)

Reservations required by September 8th- please contact AHS at 440-988-7255 or office@amhersthistoricalsociety.org to reserve your tickets.

Oberlin College's Fall Illumination in Tappan Square

Oberlin College will be hosting a Fall Illumination in Tappan Square on September 30th from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. with music, lanterns, and food trucks. Many Oberlin College alumni are expected to attend.

The college will have alumni and guests on campus beginning on Thursday, September 28 through Sunday, October 1.



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