



Oberlin Heritage Center March 2024 Gazette

THE FIFTH STAR



Ohio's Fight for Women's Right to Vote
THURSDAY, MARCH 14 AT 7:15 P.M.

At the Oberlin Heritage Center's invitation, Dr. Jamie Capuzza will present a 45-minute illustrated program about Ohio's contributions to the historic women's suffrage movement on Thursday, March 14 at 7:15 p.m. at Kendal at Oberlin. The presentation will draw from her 2023 book, with the same name as this program. The title was inspired by Ohio being the fifth state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment. Highlights of the program will include pivotal state conventions, leaders of the movement, and the perseverance the movement required. Be sure to listen for some Oberlin connections as well. Dr. Capuzza is a professor in the Department of Literature and Communication Arts at the University of Mount Union in Ohio.

We are delighted to be back at Kendal at Oberlin for this program and appreciate being able to use the Heiser Auditorium. The program is free and open to all, including individuals who do not live at Kendal. Address: Kendal at Oberlin - 600 Kendal Drive. Feel free to contact the Heritage Center for specific directions if you have not visited Kendal before. Parking is available in front of the Community Center (the main entrance on the one-way circle, with the drive-through porch), and also in the rear lot.

Photo: Woman suffrage headquarters on Upper Euclid Avenue, Cleveland in 1912, courtesy of The Library of Congress

Upcoming Events

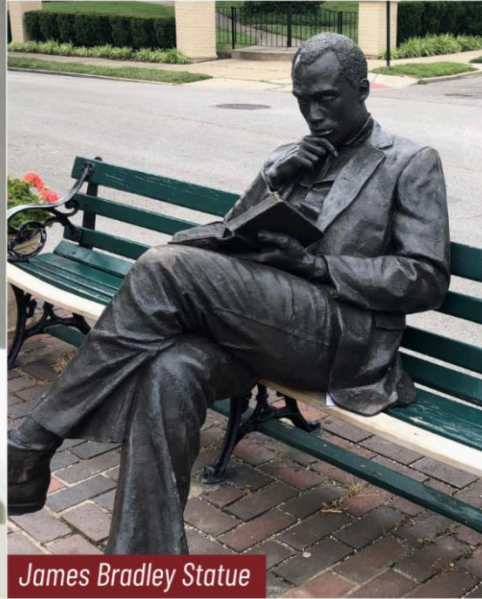
OHC Annual Meeting, Program, and Awards

Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m.

WHY DID THE LANE REBELS MOVE FROM CINCINNATI TO OBERLIN?



KEYNOTE SPEAKER CHRISTINA HARTLIEB
Director of the Harriet Beecher Stowe House



James Bradley Statue

We look forward to celebrating with you as the Oberlin Heritage Center hosts its 2024 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 10. All are invited, whether OHC members or not, to come for fellowship. The event, held in the second floor ballroom of the Hotel at Oberlin, will begin with an optional social hour and cash bar starting at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m., and then a brief business meeting, keynote program, and volunteer awards recognition.

We are delighted to welcome Christina Hartlieb, Executive Director of the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Cincinnati, as the keynote presenter. Her illustrated program, "Why did the Lane Rebels move from Cincinnati to Oberlin?" will tie together the history of our two communities, the historical figures whose stories intertwined, and the momentous events of the 1830s that shaped the anti-slavery movement in Ohio.

The Stowe House is open on select dates while it is being renovated, so visit their website at stowehousecincy.org for more information. Christina has been the Executive Director since 2017 and helped its programs and collaborations grow as the restoration continues. She is a graduate of Hanover College in Indiana and holds a Master's degree in history with a graduate certificate in Women's Studies from the University of Cincinnati. Prior to joining the museum field she was a high school social studies teacher.

OHC is excited to be proposing three new board members to its board (Kathleen Jaffee, Connie Schubert, George Wright) and honor two new honorary trustees (Ebony Johnson, Paul "Bud" Spierling).

We send our deepest thanks and congratulations to these OHC Volunteers of the Year, who will also be honored that evening:

- Kathleen Jaffee
- Anne Montoya

All are welcome to attend this event and registration is due by April 3. 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. Members should also receive a paper invitation via mail.



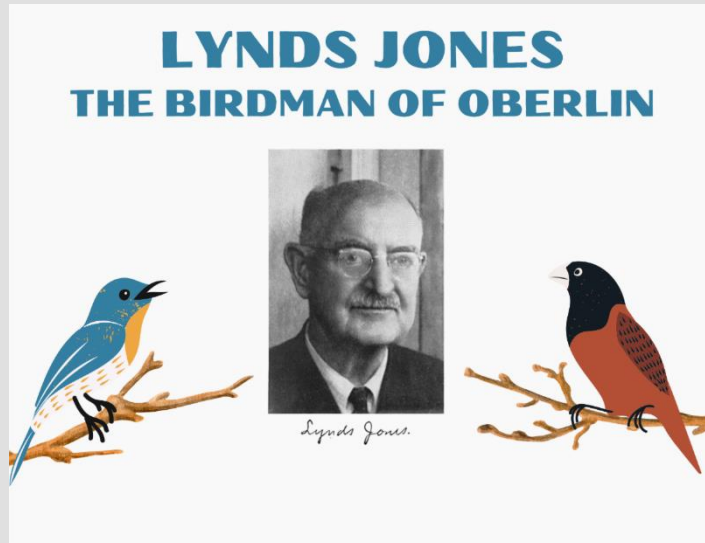
Prepare for an extraordinary experience this April in Oberlin! On Monday, April 8th, the 2024 Solar Eclipse will cast its shadow over northeast Ohio, creating a once-in-a-lifetime event. The Oberlin Heritage Center invites you to join the celebration at Mill on Main (95 S. Main Street) starting at 1:00 p.m. Experience the eclipse's peak around 3:15 PM, and don't worry about Ohio's unpredictable weather – the festivities continue indoors with live streams from sunnier locations if the eclipse itself isn't visible when the time comes! Dive into celestial-themed fun with a mocktail social, interstellar snacks, and mingling with fellow eclipse enthusiasts. As a special souvenir, each registered attendee will receive a unique art print, serving as your pass in and out of the party.

The event runs from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a cost of \$25. Eclipse glasses are complimentary with registration, and extra pairs are available at the OHC store for \$2.50 each. Don't miss this opportunity to make memories under the celestial spectacle in Oberlin!

OHC is also looking for volunteers to open their homes as bed and breakfast accommodations for travelers visiting Oberlin during the week of the eclipse. Proceeds support OHC. If you have an interest in being part of OHC's Bed and Breakfast program, please contact us by calling 440-774-1700 or emailing OHCbnb@gmail.com.

Lynds Jones - the Birdman of Oberlin Program

Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.



Join Oberlin's Diana Steele, an avid birder and former Northeast Regional Director at the Ohio Ornithological Society, as she explores the life and times of Lynds Jones (1865-1951) on April 30 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this free illustrated program in the Community Room of the Oberlin Public Library at 65 South Main Street.

Jones, who graduated from Oberlin College in 1892, began teaching ornithology at his alma mater — the first course of its kind ever offered at an American college or university.

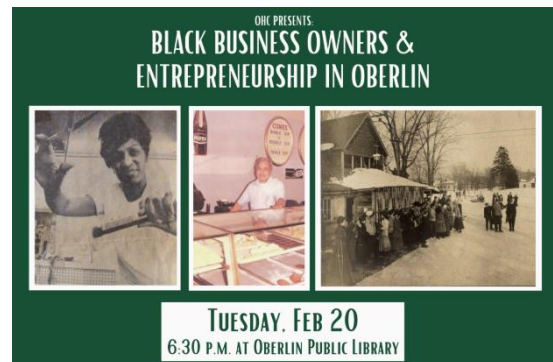
Not only was he a professor at

Oberlin for nearly four decades, Jones also had a tremendous impact on the fields of ornithology and recreational birding. He founded both an ornithological society (The Wilson Ornithological Society, 1888) and a journal (now the Wilson Journal of Ornithology, 1889) that remain active today. Jones is also responsible for many of the common practices that recreational birders take for granted as "standard practice" in the field, more than a century later.

Diana Steele has been a science writer for nearly 30 years, both at the University of Chicago and as a freelance writer for newspapers, magazines, and radio. She is an avid birder, and has birded in all 50 U.S. States and six continents, including South America, Asia, Europe, Australia/New Zealand, and Antarctica. She monitors Eastern Bluebird and American Kestrel nest-boxes in Oberlin, and volunteers as a driver/guide for the Biggest Week in American Birding in Northwest Ohio. Steele has also served as the coordinator for the Black River Audubon Society's Jack Smith Outstanding Speaker Series and a volunteer banding assistant for Black Swamp Bird Observatory.

Black Business Owners Program Available on YouTube

The video of the Oberlin Heritage Center's free public program "Black Business Owners & Entrepreneurship in Oberlin" is now available on OHC's Youtube channel. This updated presentation, which originally premiered in 2018, highlights the long, remarkable history of these industrious Oberlinians, including their accomplishments, struggles, and the legacies they left behind. You can enjoy the program by visiting OHC's YouTube Channel





Grounds Day

Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

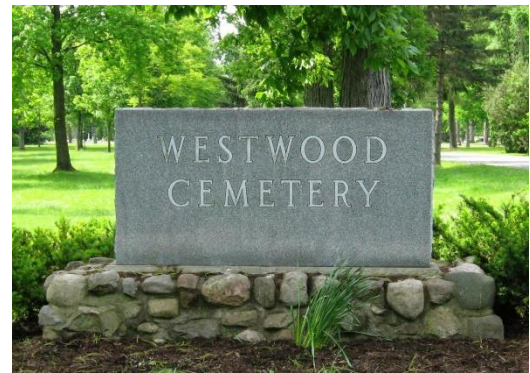
Join us the morning of Saturday, May 18 to help spruce up the grounds of the Heritage Center for summer visitors! Projects include trimming, weeding, and general yard clean up. Tools and supplies are provided, or volunteers are welcome to bring their own. (Volunteers can park in the lot behind the Monroe House, off of Vine Street.) For more information or to sign up, contact Liz Schultz at (440) 774-1700

or director@oberlinheritage.org.

Photo: Oberlin College track team grounds volunteers, 2023.

"One Step More": Oberlin Women's History Walk Available

For Women's History Month, take a stroll through Westwood with us and explore Oberlin's storied activist history. This guided tour promises a pleasing balance of Westwood Cemetery's scenic landmarks and stories of some of the many spirited men and women of Oberlin who simply refused the status quo. Find out which resident was remembered as "gentle, soft-spoken, tolerant and yet nobody's fool." Visit the headstone of the man who escaped from slavery (twice!) and later served on the Oberlin village council.



This tour is available by group reservation. Please contact the Museum Education and Tour Manager at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org to make arrangements.

Summer Internship



Do you know anyone looking for an interesting summer internship? The Oberlin Heritage Center has exciting history opportunities for people interested in getting first-hand experience in the education and history fields. Work with children and help make history!

The Oberlin Heritage Center is hiring an Education and Research Intern for 40 hours a week, during 10 weeks this summer at \$12/hr. This position is open to graduating high school seniors and current college students.

In this internship students will help with youth summer camps, help develop educational activities, conduct research, and learn to give tours to museum visitors. For more information, please email the Museum Education & Tour Manager at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org. This position is made possible by the Nordson Corporation with support from the Community Foundation of Lorain County.

Volunteer Positions Available - Join Us!

As part of its new strategic plan the Oberlin Heritage Center is trying to make it easier for volunteers to become involved with the organization in exciting and impactful ways. Below are descriptions for current volunteer opportunities with our energetic team. And please note that although not promoted in this newsletter, OHC is always seeking volunteers interested in becoming tour guides.

All of these positions allow for flexible schedules, although recurring commitment is appreciated. All positions include the benefits of camaraderie and life-long learning. We can also work with volunteers to achieve required organizational or school service hours.

Grounds Steward

- Time Commitment: 2-4 hours a week; flexible

Abolition Education Assistant

- Time Commitment: 1-2 commitments a month; more during February and the warmer months

Store Consultant

- Time Commitment: Flexible, with most devoted to an initial overhaul and evaluation

For more information regarding these volunteer positions, please email the Museum Education and Tour Manager Amanda Manahan at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

News From OHC

OHC Receives Ohio History Fund and Green EDGE Grants

The Oberlin Heritage Center has received two grants to fund a replacement of the the outdated upstairs heating and cooling unit in the Monroe House. The grants received were \$9,956 from the Ohio History Fund and \$7,096 from the Green EDGE Fund. OHC is extremely grateful to have been selected by these programs. The old unit began leaking last summer and caused some damage to Monroe House's plaster ceiling on the first floor before being repaired. These funds will be used to purchase and install a more sustainable and safe dual heat pump system to compliment the main system that was installed last year in Monroe House's basement.

If you haven't filed your taxes yet, please consider contributing to the Ohio History Fund when you get to the donations section.



The project "Sustainable Climate Control for the Monroe House" is funded in part by the Ohio History Fund, a grant program of the Ohio History Connection. Your donations to the Ohio History Fund make this program possible. www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund

Our Ongoing Tour Offerings

- **Self-Guided *Oberlin Origins* Tours of the Monroe House** - Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (last entry at 2:30 p.m.)
- **Guided *Oberlin Origins* Tours of the Monroe House and the Little Red Schoolhouse** - Thursday & Saturday, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- **Jewett House Tours** - first and third Friday of the month, 1:30 p.m.
- **Foiled Again! The Aluminum Mystery Experience** - Second Friday of the Month, 2:00 p.m.
- **Summer History Walks** - Saturdays beginning in June, 11:00 a.m.

If you are unable to visit during one of OHC's scheduled offerings, reach out to the Museum Education & Tour Manager at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org for alternative programming options. Make your reservations today through [OHC's Event Calendar](#).

Museum & Members Update



OHC has been busy this February! Construction is underway on the accessibility ramp that when complete will allow easier access to Jewett House to those with wheelchairs and for whom steps can be difficult to traverse. Additionally, Museum Education and Tour Manager Amanda Manahan has been hard at work educating classes of Lorain County's schoolchildren about the trials and tribulations of those who escaped through the underground railroad.

OHC would like to thank Board Member Carl Jacobson and Executive Director Liz Schultz for recently increasing their Endowed Life Membership levels from Copper to Aluminum.

It is with great sorrow that we note the passing of Martha Ferrazza, who was a Keep Oberlin Beautiful Community Award Winner in 2022 for her work on the mural at the rear of the College Book Store building.

Also of Interest:

Kurt Russel and OHC Featured on Spectrum 1 News

Spectrum 1 News recently featured Oberlin High School teacher and former National Teacher of the Year Kurt Russell at the Oberlin Heritage Center's Monroe House in a video and article that has been posted on their website. The video contains reminiscences Russell's Childhood as well as his experiences at the schoolhouse as a young boy. If you would like to see the video and read the article you can visit spectrumnews1.com. (If you receive a popup limiting your access to the video, just select "ask later.")





Oberlin's African American Pioneers - March 2

The Oberlin African-American Genealogy and History Group and the Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society are sponsoring the program "Oberlin's African American Pioneers: Stories of the First Generation" which will be presented by former Oberlin College professor Gary Kornblith on Saturday, March 2 at 11:00 a.m. The presentation will be held in the Community Room of the Oberlin Public Library.

Join the Program on Zoom on March 2 or come to the library:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84609721297>

Meeting ID: 846 0972 1297

Passcode: OAAGHG

Community Foundation Student Scholarship Applications Open

The Community Foundation of Lorain County administers scholarship funds for subjects like medical school, journalism, ministry, nursing, or engineering and high school and professional school students.

A large variety of scholarships are available and are based on a field of study, merit, financial need, and community involvement. Applications are open until April 1 at 11:59 p.m. You can learn more about this program or apply by visiting <https://www.peoplewhocare.org/apply/scholarships>.

Artifact ID Day - Presented by Firelands Archaeology

Have you ever found a prehistoric artifact and wondered what it is?

Firelands Archaeology is offering you a chance to find out! Bring along your specimens (limit of 10) and they will help you identify it!

Artifact ID Day is taking place on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Lorain County Metroparks Beaver Creek Reservation Visitor Center in Amherst.

Access Statement:

Our external events will be held in a wheelchair accessible space, T-coil broadcast systems are available at the Oberlin Public Library and Kendal at Oberlin, though none currently exist for the Hotel at Oberlin. Restrooms at most venues are gender-specific and visitors are welcome to use their preferred restroom. For any additional queries about accessibility information please email director@oberlinheritage.org.



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