

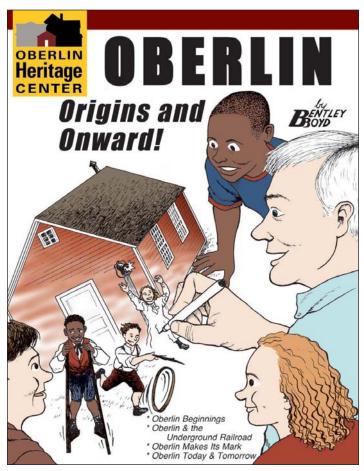




## Continuing Oberlin Heritage Center's Tradition of Excellence



2011 was a year of much action and accomplishment by the Board, staff, and volunteers in accordance with the directions and goals of the Oberlin Heritage Center's new five-year strategic plan. The Oberlin Heritage Center offered a lively and dynamic array of activities throughout the year and welcomed 10,645 visitors for tours, history walks, and programs throughout the area.



The publication of the Oberlin History comic book, **Oberlin: Origins** and **Onward!** caused a lot of "buzz" among fans of all ages. Colorful, creative, educational and entertaining, the book features many proud moments in Oberlin history from its founding in 1833 up to the present.

The Oberlin Heritage Center was one of six organizations honored by the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations (OANO) in a ceremony at the Ohio Statehouse on May 5, 2011 for achieving its Standards for Excellence, an ethics and accountability code for the non-profit sector. As part of the preparation to apply to achieve the Standards for Excellence, the Board attended a workshop about the Standards for Excellence and subsequently worked with Pat Murphy and Pat Holsworth to review and refine all governing policies and procedures. The "two Pats" then assembled and submitted a massive notebook of documents. Outside peer reviewers then examined all aspects of the Heritage Center's program operations, governance, human resources, financial management, and fundraising practices. Achieving the OANO Standards for Excellence in addition to having been accredited by the American Association of Museums (in 2005) demonstrates that the Heritage Center adheres to national standards, is well managed and responsibly governed, and fulfills its obligations to those who benefit from its programs, to contributors and to the public. The Oberlin Heritage Center received additional statewide recognition at the Ohio Local History Alliance annual conference in October in Worthington where it received a History Outreach Award for its Summer Camp Programs which were cited as an important model for other history organizations to emulate. Trustees Roberta Garcia and Donna Shurr, Honorary Trustee Jean Foggo Simon. Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Elizabeth ("Liz") Schultz, Executive Director Pat Murphy, and AmeriCorps Member **Richard Donegan** attended the awards luncheon along with representatives of history organizations from throughout the State. Continued on page 2

#### LOCAL PARTNER

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION THE MISSION OF THE OBERLIN HERITAGE CENTER IS TO PRESERVE AND SHARE OBERLIN'S UNIQUE HERITAGE AND TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK AND VISIT.

The Heritage Center also received a regional award from the Cleveland Restoration Society in July and a statewide award from the State Historic Preservation Office in November for its instrumental role in helping to preserve and transform the exterior of the People's Banking Company Building on South Main Street to become the new Oberlin branch of LorMet Community Credit Union. The project architect, Mark Lesner, worked closely with LorMet CEO Dan Cwalina and Heritage Center Executive Director Pat Murphy to return the facade of the building to its original mid-twentieth century Modern appearance as shown in a 1959 photograph from the Heritage Center's collection. The interior, too, is resplendent with 1950s and 1960s themed detailing, including a turquoise glazed brick safe that was uncovered during the renovation.

Staff and volunteers expanded the Heritage Center's outreach efforts to help serve new audiences in accordance with recommendations made by community members and by an outside Museum Education consultant as part of an American Association of Museums Museum Assessment Program ("MAP") Community Engagement Assessment that was completed in 2010. For example, the Heritage Center began offering free tours year-round for college students and introduced the new Soldiers and Civilians History Walk that showcases the community's unique roles in the Civil War, both on the battlefield and the home front.

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The Heritage Center launched a new hands-on-history enrichment program in conjunction with the City of Oberlin Recreation Department's summer playground program at Prospect School. Children aged six to nine enjoyed taking part in projects that combined fun and learning about architecture, historic transportation, clothing, and food. Liz Schultz reported that the participants found that the lemonade they made by hand was either deliciously refreshing or a total failure, depending on how much sugar they added! Refining and evaluating audience statistics also helped the staff and docents better define and serve target audiences.

Many behind the scenes projects also were accomplished, with assistance from volunteers, student interns, AmeriCorps members, and the Heritage Center's committees. One committee that was particularly active in 2011 was the Collections Advisory Committee. Collections Assistant **Prue Richards**, **Pat Murphy**, and committee members undertook and accomplished the complete review and revision of the Heritage Center's Collections Management Policy. Many individuals generously donated archival documents, historic photographs, publications, and artifacts that can be used to help tell the history of Oberlin from the abolitionists and the Underground Railroad era on through the F.A.A. Air Traffic Control Center and the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. Researchers from near and far made extensive use of the Center's Resource Center library to explore many aspects of the history of the area. The Heritage Center also hosted the "Building a Meaningful Collection Workshop" for representatives of local historical organizations as part of a series of events offered by the Local History Office of the Ohio Historical Society in association with the American Association for State and Local History's Standards and Excellence Program for Historical Organizations.

Assistant to the Director Mary Anne Cunningham and the Membership Committee kept busy throughout the year, as they do every year, to recruit, welcome, and retain members. The Heritage Center now has about 750 memberships, including approximately



**Pat Murphy, Walter Edling, Pat Holsworth**, and **Jean Foggo Simon** represented the Heritage Center at the Ohio Association of Non-Profit Organizations' awards ceremony at the Ohio Statehouse. Board President Edling proudly displays the Standards of Excellence certificate they were awarded.

100 businesses and organizations. Members hail from near and far with about 500 of them from Oberlin, 90 from elsewhere in Lorain County, 70 from other parts of Ohio, and 85 from outside Ohio (including 35 states and 1 foreign country). Each and every member is greatly appreciated and is vital to our continued success.

The Oral History Committee undertook considerable research in preparation for doing a series of interviews on the Vietnam era in Oberlin. Committee members also did interviews with **Hank Annable**, **Connie Ponder**, and **Dick Williams**. All told, Heritage Center volunteers logged 4,517 hours of service during the year and others contributed additional hours not documented on time sheets.

The Heritage Center has been fortunate to host a talented full-time AmeriCorps member for two years as part of the Ohio History Service Corps/AmeriCorps Program and the Civil War 150 initiative. For the first year of the program **Karyn Norwood** held this one-year position. A recent graduate of Saint Michael's College in Vermont, Karyn did extensive research on Oberlin and the Civil War and helped to create the new Soldiers and Civilians History Walk. Her successor, Richard Donegan arrived in October from New Jersey where he had previously worked at the New Jersey State Archives and the Cape May County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society. Both AmeriCorps members helped immeasurably in staffing the Heritage Center, assisting with youth camps and children's programs, and undertaking special research projects. They also worked to foster regional collaborations with area historical organizations, visitors' bureaus, libraries, and other tourism partners. Each also assisted the Oberlin College Archives with digitization of its Civil War collection.

Staff and volunteers frequently take their show on the road and offer programs throughout the community and region. For example, AmeriCorps member Karyn Norwood took part in a panel discussion on bringing community commemorations to classrooms at the Ohio Local History Alliance regional meeting in Hinckley. Liz Schultz was a presenter at the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom conference in Cincinnati and also presented "Oberlin and the Underground Railroad" for the Elder College at Bowling Green State University. Pat Murphy spoke at the American Association of Museums

conference in Houston and also was the author of a chapter on "Human Resources Administration: Building an Effective Team" in the second volume of a new six-volume *Small Museum Toolkit* published by AltaMira Press in association with the American Association for State and Local History. She also continues to serve the museum field in her role as an Accreditation Commissioner for the American Association of Museums which meets three times a year to review museums that are seeking initial accreditation and reaccreditation.

The Oberlin Heritage Center is deeply grateful to OHC's long-time Financial Assistant/Librarian and former Board President **Pat Holsworth** who retired from her staff position in the fall following many years of dedicated service. She has had a huge impact in shaping the strong organization we know today. Many OHC members and friends attended a reception in her honor held at First Church in November. **Pat Holsworth** remains active with the organization as a library, genealogy and oral history volunteer and continues to serve on the Finance Committee.

The Heritage Center welcomed **Bethany Hobbs** as its new Business



State Representative **Dan Ramos**, offers warm congratulations to **Jim White** upon being named the *Oberlin News-Tribune's* Oberlininan of the Year. More than 200 of Jim's friends and colleagues attended a community-wide reception in March hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center and the *News-Tribune* at First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C.



Students from **Huron University College in London, Ontario** experienced a Freedom's Friends History Walk to learn about how the Underground Railroad operated in Oberlin and how it related to historic and current African Canadian communities in Ontario. Museum Education and Tour Coordinator **Liz Schultz** (front, left) invited Honorary Trustee **Thelma Quinn Smith** (front, right) to share her own family history tracing free and enslaved family members from the south to Oberlin and on to Canada.

Manager in September. Bethany brings an array of talents and expertise from previous positions at The Ohio State University and elsewhere. She has quickly become an indispensable part of the Heritage Center team.

Beloved Past President **James W. White** was lauded and saluted as the *Oberlin News-Tribune's* Oberlinian of the Year at a reception at First Church in March. He also received Oberlin College's Distinguished Service Award as part of the College Commencement services in May. His passing at 87 years young on December 7, 2011 marked the end of a distinguished career of service both to his profession as Oberlin College's nationally known Financial Aid Director and to non-profit organizations throughout the community. The Heritage Center benefitted tremendously from his astute and inspiring leadership and service in many capacities.

The Heritage Center is fortunate to have a very dedicated and talented Board of Directors contributing their skills and



The Oberlin Heritage Center's Summer Camp program was recognized with a History Outreach Award at the annual meeting and conference of the Ohio Local History Alliance. Representing the Oberlin Heritage Center at the awards ceremony in Worthington were, left to right: **Richard Donegan**, **Pat Murphy**, **Donna Marie Shurr**, **Jean Foggo Simon**, **Roberta Garcia**, and **Liz Schultz**.

resources in a great variety of ways. As part of building a stronger and greener organization, this year Board packets, policies and procedures, and Board reference materials that were formerly photocopied and provided in a thick orientation notebook have now been moved to a Board section of the website for ready electronic reference. This has helped save paper and reduce mailing costs. Board members especially enjoyed a fall tour to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens led by Heritage Center member **Julia Shaw**, a Stan Hywet docent and member of the Seiberling Family who built that grand country home in Akron.

The Heritage Center ended the year with a bang by publishing its new history comic book, Oberlin: Origins and Onward!, which was a year in the making. It was written and illustrated by **Bentley Boyd** who worked together with project coordinators Pat Murphy, Liz Schultz, and Gail Wood, a trustee, docent, and retired Oberlin 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. It is designed to appeal to elementary grade students to ensure that reading and exploring Oberlin and its history will be fun, but it also has great appeal for Oberlin fans and visitors of all ages. The creative and colorful comic book was produced in memory of a former Oberlin Heritage Center trustee, Nicholas Stevenson, and funded by his friends. Each Oberlin third grader will receive a free copy of the book annually in conjunction with their study of local history and their visit to the Little Red Schoolhouse. The comic book is also for sale at the Heritage Center, in its on-line museum store, and in local stores, with all proceeds helping the Heritage Center accomplish its mission: to preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and to make our community a better place to live, learn, work and visit.

As always, we welcome your questions, comments and suggestions, and we thank you for your generous support, past, present and future. It helps our energetic and creative staff, volunteers and interns preserve and share our community's rich history in so many ways.

<i>—Walter Edling</i>	
Board President	

*—Patricia Murphy* Executive Director

# Annual Meeting features Burt Logan, CEO of the Ohio Historical Society

The 2011 Annual Meeting held on April 6, 2011 featured the Ohio Historical Society's new CEO, **Burt Logan**. His illuminating and entertaining remarks on "Harleys, Vespas, and History in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ohio" helped the 144 members and friends who attended to reflect on the importance of preserving our community's past and recent history and sharing it with new generations.

Another highlight of the festivities was the announcement by **Jennifer Williams**, the executive director of the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations, that the Oberlin Heritage Center had achieved the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations'

Standards for Excellence: An Ethics and Accountability Code for the Nonprofit Sector. She commended the Heritage Center staff, Board, and volunteers for their commitment in building such a well-managed and responsibly governed model small nonprofit organization that so effectively served the community and the public. She presented Board President **Walter Edling** and Executive Director **Pat Murphy** with a handsome framed certificate which now hangs in the Monroe House entrance hall. The Oberlin Heritage Center is both the first history organization and first non-profit in Lorain County to secure this designation. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Oberlin Heritage Center Community Awards presentation by **Jean Foggo Simon** and **Scott Broadwell** recognized:

• Charlotte Bosch, a docent and membership committee volunteer, Oberlin Heritage Center Volunteer of the Year Award (for outstanding volunteer service with educational programs, tours, membership and office duties)

• Anna Ernst, a 2010 graduate of Oberlin College, Community Historian Award (for her research on the introduction of African American music and jazz to the curriculum of the Conservatory)

• Victoria Hardnett, a senior at Oberlin High School, Youth Community Service Award (for volunteering at the Heritage Center and throughout the community)

• **Bill Roniger**, a history and social studies teacher at Oberlin High School, **History Teacher of the Year Award** (for inspiring his students about history and helping them to understand the everyday practice of law); and

• LorMet Community Federal Credit Union, Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award (presented to LorMet CEO Dan Cwalina and project architect Mark Lesner for the preservation and renovation of the mid-century Modern building at 49 S. Main Street as its new Oberlin branch)

During the business meeting Board President **Walt Edling** and Executive Director **Pat Murphy** reviewed the year's highlights and saluted the staff, Board, and volunteers for their hard work and generous support. The business meeting also included the election of three new Trustees, each to three-year terms:

- Ken Grossi
- Stephen Johnson, III
- Donna Marie Shurr



Board President **Walt Edling** and Executive Director **Pat Murphy** are all smiles at the Oberlin Heritage Center's Annual Meeting as the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations' Executive Director **Jennifer Williams** announces that the Heritage Center is the first museum and historical organization in Ohio and the first nonprofit organization in Lorain County to achieve certification for OANO's Standards for Excellence.

In addition, **Robert B. Calhoun** was re-elected to a two-year term and **Kurt Russell** was re-elected to a three-year term.

Elected as new officers of the Board were **Robert B. Calhoun** (Second Vice President) and **Gail Wood** (Secretary), joining continuing officers **Walter Edling** (President), **Nicholas R. Jones** (First Vice President), and **Cathe Radabaugh** (Treasurer).

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Oberlin Heritage Center Board member **Bert Latran, Jr.** (left) and Board President **Walt Edling** (right) welcome Ohio Historical Society CEO **Burt Logan** to the OHC Annual Meeting at the Oberlin Inn. Logan's keynote address, "Harleys, Vespas, and History in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ohio," focused on the challenges engaging younger generations in the field of history.



This year's Community Awards recipients were (front, left): Anna Ernst (Community Historian Award), Victoria Hardnett (Youth Community Service Award), and (back, left): Charlotte Bosch (Oberlin Heritage Center Volunteer of the Year), Bill Roniger (History Teacher of the Year), and Dan Cwalina, CEO/President of LorMet Community Federal Credit Union (Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award).

As treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee, I am amazed at what our organization achieves within the confines of a very tight operating budget. The past year was particularly challenging as grant dollars have become harder to obtain and endowment funds have yielded less income since we work with a rolling 3-year average market value in determining our annual distribution to help cover operating expenses. Our focus remains on providing programs and services in accordance with our mission, while also addressing basic necessities such as insurance, utilities, routine maintenance, and staffing. We have reluctantly deferred some expensive, much-needed building maintenance matters, such as replacing the badly deteriorated, leaky Jewett House roof and repairing the decaying Jewett House barn. We will need to find solutions for these challenges in the not too distant future.

We remain optimistic and continue to move forward in accordance with our mission while making the most effective use

#### Grants and Special Project Support

The Cleveland Foundation (Alvah Stone and Adele Corning Chisholm Memorial Fund)

Endowment for history education

Community Foundation of Lorain County

Fred and Mary Behm Fund Jeptha Carrell Fund

Ford MacArthur Endowment Fund

Dr. Howard and Pearl L. Keiser Living Memorial Fund Stephens Family Fund

Robert and Wanda Singleton Fund History education outreach

**David and Eleanor Ignat** General operating support

**Institute of Museum and Library** Services Museums for America Building institutional capacity

> **Nordson Corporation** Education activities

## **Treasurer's Report**

we can of our resources. We are very grateful that income from annual fund contributions has been strong and we are gratified by this important show of community support. In 2011, we raised \$38,135 in the annual campaign, exceeding our goal of \$35,000. Each staff member and 88% of the Board of Trustees contributed to the campaign as part of 266 total annual fund donors. In addition, we are very pleased that we have a very solid membership base and that membership income for 2011 was \$28,975, reflecting an increase of \$3755 over the previous year. We are also very grateful to all who have contributed to our endowment funds, purchased an inscribed brick, shopped in our museum store, or otherwise helped to financially support the Heritage Center.

The Statement of Activities in the audited financial summary in this annual report reflects expenses and income for the Oberlin Heritage Center and for the 89 S. Professor Street Group Home property which it owns and which is operated by the Lorain County Developmental Disabilities Board. The Statement of Financial Position in the audited financial summary includes the Heritage Center's investments in rental properties which are managed by OHC Properties, Inc. (three residential rental properties on the perimeter of the Heritage Center grounds) and Vineway LLC (which manages the commercial building at 82 S. Main Street.) Please note also that the

#### Support for Internships, Training Programs and Professional Development

American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)

Leadership Lorain County Public Service Internship Program

Mature Services, Inc.

The Nord Family FoundationAmeriCorps Grant

Oberlin College Bonner Center for Service and Learning

**Oberlin College Work Study Program** 

Ohio History Service Corps/Ohio Historical Society (AmeriCorps) Functional Expenses summary shows a breakdown of the categories of our expenses, reflecting our emphasis and focus on program services.

Your continued support is vitally important and helps the Oberlin Heritage Center in so many ways. Please let me know if I can answer any questions you may have about the Heritage Center's financial picture or if you would like any additional information.

*—Cathe Radabaugh* Treasurer

#### Corporate and Foundation Matching Gifts

CIGNA Matching Gifts Program IBM Corporation Matching Grants Program The Nord Family Foundation

Nordson Corporation Matching Gift Program



Bethany Hobbs joined the staff as Business Manager in September 2011 after the retirement of Pat Holsworth. Bethany's family includes a long-line of Oberlin Heritage Center members. Her husband, Jeff, pictured here, is the grandson of OHC Trustee/volunteer extraordinaire, Glenn Hobbs (now deceased) and son of OHC Volunteer of the Year (2003) Terry Hobbs.

### **Oberlin Heritage Center/O.H.I.O. Financial Summary for 2011**

Audited by Cohen & Company, Ltd.

#### **STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Revenue	Unrestricted Funds	Temporarily Restricted Funds	Permanently Restricted Funds	Total
Annual fund, grants & other contributions	\$80,482	\$41,874	\$80,660	\$203,016
Special events and fundraising	24,452	φ41,074	φ00,000	24,452
Membership	28,975			28,975
Program revenue	13,329			13,329
Museum store sales	4,493			4,493
Investment income	21,652	17,268		38,920
Change in value of funds held in trust by of	,	17,200		(16,484)
In-kind revenue	3,909			3,909
Miscellaneous	23,888			23,888
Equity in income of subsidiary	6,151			6,151
Net grants released from restrictions	88,630	(88,630)		0,101
Total revenue	279,477	(29,488)	80,660	330,649
Expenses	213,411	(23,400)	00,000	330,049
Salaries, benefits and payroll taxes	232,613			232,613
Depreciation	26,467			26,467
Building / grounds maintenance	16,253			16,253
Administrative / office operations	67,517			67,517
Programs and projects	29,022			29,022
Legal and professional fees	13,607			13,607
Total expenses	385,479			385,479
Change in Net Assets	(106,002)	(29,488)	80,660	(54,830)
Net Assets at beginning of year	1,603,297	52,503	1,622,500	3,278,300
Net Assets at end of year	\$1,497,295	\$ 23,015	\$1,703,160	\$3,223,470

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets		
Total current assets	\$	32,824
Fixed assets, less accumulated depreciation		430,840
Pledges receivable		28,347
Investment in OHC Properties Inc & Vineway LLC		869,837
Investments	1	1,770,289
Funds held in trust by others		121,127
Total assets	\$ 3	3,253,264
Liabilities and net assets		
Total current liabilities	\$	29,794
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	1	1,497,295
Temporarily restricted		23,015
Permanently restricted	1	1 <u>,703,160</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 3	3,253,264

#### **FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

Program services	\$334,601
Management and general	43,224
Fundraising	7,654
	\$385,479

The Oberlin Heritage Center's Finance Committee, which reports to the Board of Trustees, provides fiscal oversight. The complete audited financial statement is posted online at www.oberlinheritage.org.

### A Sampling of Programs and Events in 2011

#### **JANUARY 1**

The Heritage Center extended an offer of **FREE guided tours to any college student** with a current ID. We looked forward to welcoming many young visitors from Oberlin College, Lorain County Community College, and other institutions of higher education.

#### **FEBRUARY** 16

Eight college and high school student interns and volunteers shared insights from a wide range of projects and experiences they had participated in at the Oberlin Heritage Center during the aptly titled "Student Project Showcase: Learning and Labor." Rocio Leon (OC '13), Rachel Luczkowski (OHS '08; OC'12), Eli Goldberg (OC'12), Brittnei Sherrod (OHS '07; OC '11), Victoria Hardnett (OHS '11), Preston Sundin (OC '11), Tim Krumreig (Firelands High School '08; OC '12) and Ondrea Keith (OC '10) presented before a fascinated audience at Kendal at Oberlin and made it clear that the Oberlin College

motto ("Learning and Labor") is still very much alive in this community!

#### **FEBRUARY 24**

Historian and author John Vacha presented "Behind Bayonets: The Civil War in Northern Ohio" at the Oberlin Public Library as a kick-off event for leaders of local historical organizations, museums, schools, and libraries to discuss plans and ideas for celebrating the Civil War sesquicentennial. The program was co-hosted by the Ohio Historical Society's Ohio History Service Corps/ AmeriCorps program and the Oberlin Heritage Center.

#### **MARCH 19**

More than 200 people signed the guest book at the communitywide reception honoring Heritage Center's Past President **Jim White** as the *Oberlin News-Tribune's* **Oberlinian of the Year.** The event was co-hosted by the News-Tribune and Oberlin Heritage Center and held at First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C.



Oberlin Heritage Center student interns and volunteers took center stage in a community program spotlighting the work they do for the organization. Taking part in the **Student Intern and Volunteer Learning and Labor Showcase** were (front, left): **Victoria Hardnett** (Oberlin High School '11), **Ondrea Keith** (Oberlin College '10), **Rachel Luczkowski** (OHS '08 and OC '12), **Eli Goldberg** (OC '12), and **Rocio Leon** (OC '13). Back row, left: **Tim Krumreig** (Firelands High School '08 and OC '12), **Preston Sundin** (OC '11) and **Brittnei Sherrod** (OHS '07 and OC '11).

#### MARCH 28-APRIL 1

"**Time Explorers**" spring break camp, led by **Liz Schultz** at the Oberlin Depot, took youngsters through the fun, fashion, technology and games of five different time periods of history.

#### MARCH 29

Judith E. King-Calnek, an educational anthropologist and instructor at the United Nations International School in New York, presented "John Mercer Langston and the Shaping of African American Education in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century" at Kendal at Oberlin. The program was part of a symposium hosted by the John Mercer Langston Institute and the Oberlin Heritage Center.

#### MARCH 30

The Langston symposium continued for a second evening (see above) and brought back **Judith E. King-Calnek**, a distant relative of John Mercer Langston, for "**The Langston-Quarles Family: An Untold American Story**." The event took place at the Oberlin Public Library.

#### **APRIL 6**

Oberlin Heritage Center's Annual Meeting featured Burt Logan, CEO of the Ohio Historical Society, sharing his thoughts on "Harleys, Vespas, and History in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ohio" at the Oberlin Inn.

#### **APRIL 7**

Liz Schultz presented "Oberlin and the Underground Railroad" for the ElderCollege at Bowling Green State University's Firelands branch.

#### **APRIL 27**

The Heritage Center invited members and volunteers to help the **City of Oberlin** shape its new strategic plan through a facilitated, one-hour "**Community Conversation**" at the Oberlin Public Library.

#### MAY 5

Oberlin Heritage Center was honored by the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations (OANO) at an awards luncheon at the Ohio



OHC's newest AmeriCorps member **Richard Donegan** (left) took the opportunity to meet many Oberlin Heritage Center members and friends among the standing-room-only crowd attending a community presentation by Oberlin College Professor of History, **Gary Kornblith** (second from left) on *"The Coming of Emancipation."* The program began with brief introductions by Executive Director, **Pat Murphy** (second from right) and Oberlin College history professor and Oberlin Heritage Center Honorary Trustee, **Carol Lasser** (far right).

Statehouse in Columbus. The Heritage Center was one of six Ohio nonprofit organizations to receive the **Standards for Excellence** certification this year.

#### **MAY 10-14**

More than 20 northeast Ohio historical organizations joined together for a week-long launch of the "Summer of History" celebration with many planned events focusing on life in the Western Reserve from the earliest times until the end of the Civil War. The Oberlin Heritage Center took part in the kick-off festivities at the May 10 "Travel Rally" hosted by Positively Cleveland in downtown's Tower City, and also offered guided tours and a Freedom's Friends history walk - all with free admission - during the inaugural week.

#### **MAY 21**

A great crew of volunteers worked hard to spruce up the grounds at the Heritage Center during **Oberlin Pride Day** and readied the site for visitors



Dr. Judith E. King-Calnek (center), an educational anthropologist and instructor at the United Nations International School and herself a Langston descendant, presented a twopart symposium in March on the life and work of John Mercer Langston, co-hosted by the John Mercer Langston Institute and the Oberlin Heritage Center. King-Calnek was introduced to audiences at Kendal at Oberlin and at the Oberlin Public Library by JMLI founder Olivia Cousins (left) and OHC Executive Director Pat Murphy (right).

expected during the busy summer season.

#### MAY 27-30

A friendly, knowledgeable team of Oberlin Heritage Center volunteers and staff welcomed visitors from near and far during **Commencement/Memorial Day Weekend** activities which included: **Scholars & Settlers History Walk** (Tappan Square), **Freedom's Friends History Walks** (Underground Railroad), **Soldiers & Civilians History Walks** (Civil War) and **guided tours of the Monroe House**, **Little Red Schoolhouse** and **Jewett House**.

#### **MAY 31-JUNE 2**

**Oberlin 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Oberlin's Prospect School** enjoyed their **annual visit to the Little Red Schoolhouse** where each class brought history to life by recreating a school day 19<sup>th</sup>century-style. Recess outside with the wood stilts and hoops is always a big hit!

#### JUNE- OCTOBER

Warm weather months were a fine time to learn more about Oberlin's powerful history while enjoying time outside. Through the summer and early fall, Liz Schultz and her great team of docent volunteers led several differently-themed walks including Soldiers & Civilians (Civil War), Freedom's Friends (Underground Railroad) and Radicals & Reformers (Westwood Cemetery). For younger guests, the I Spy Oberlin: History and **Architecture Scavenger Hunt** was a fun way to spy, learn, and keep moving. Training workshops were offered for tours and history walks throughout the course of the year.

#### **JUNE 18**

Oberlin Heritage Center volunteers greeted historyminded visitors at a booth in Tappan Square during the community's annual **Juneteenth** celebration.

#### **JUNE 20-21**

Eight bright and energetic teens joined the ranks of **Junior Docents** after attending the Oberlin Heritage Center's twoday camp led by Liz Schultz.

#### JUNE 25

The Oberlin Heritage Center was one of five co-sponsors for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Oberlin Chalk Walk** along with the Allen Memorial Art Museum, FAVA, Main Street Oberlin and the Oberlin Public Library.

#### **JUNE 26**

Oberlin Heritage Center's volunteer docents headed to Lakewood, Ohio for their annual "**Docent Field Trip**" to enjoy a walking tour of a historic neighborhood, a relaxing dinner, and an evening with Abraham Lincoln at the Ohio Chautauqua presented by the Ohio Humanities Council.

#### JUNE 29-AUGUST 3

"Playground Experience" was a new collaborative program between Oberlin Heritage Center and the City of Oberlin's Recreation Department, offered in once-a-week fun learning sessions for elementary-age students. The focus was on literacy and history, with Liz Schultz, and Leadership Lorain County Summer Intern Kaylie Smith presenting such themes as Schoolhouse Days, Historic Clothing, and Food (Without a Grocery Store) over the course of the six-week summertime program.

#### **JULY 13**

Kelly D. Selby, assistant professor of history at Walsh University (and a former graduate student intern at the Oberlin Heritage Center) discussed "A Life Recorded One Day at a Time: Fannie Bailey, Oberlin, and the Civil War" at Kendal at Oberlin.

#### JULY 25-29

Young recruits learned about a soldier's life, the home front,

19<sup>th</sup> century communication and technology, and more in the "Soldiers and Civilians: Civil War Era Camp for Kids" led by Liz Schultz and Karyn Norwood.

#### **AUGUST 6**

Oberlin Heritage Center was a lively stop during the 19<sup>th</sup> annual **Family Fun Fair** taking place throughout Oberlin. Our good neighbors from the Pittsfield Township Historical Society offered Civil War-themed pastimes for kids, while Heritage Center volunteers welcomed visitors of all ages as they toured the historic buildings and played old-fashioned games on the Schoolhouse lawn.

#### **AUGUST 8-12**

"Kids & World Cultures Camp" explored a dozen countries in this one-week summer camp held at the Oberlin Depot. Their adventures, led by Maria Surovy and Laura Laubenthal, included a Scottish bagpipe presentation, Italian cooking demonstration, and the opportunity to learn a little bit of African hand drumming.

#### **AUGUST 15-19**

Liz Schultz guided a creative bunch of youngsters in the everpopular "Architecture Camp" at the Oberlin Depot. The week included a walking tour of Oberlin architecture, designing your own mini-building, and a chance to talk with a real-life architect!

#### AUGUST 18

Karyn Norwood wove together both lively and poignant accounts of Oberlinians serving on the battle field and of their loved ones who kept the home fires burning in "The Civil War: Oberlin Perspectives on the Home Front and the War Front" presented at Kendal.

#### SEPTEMBER 14-15

More than 400 school-aged children took part in the Lorain County Metro Parks "**Pioneer** *Continued on page 10*  **Craftsman Experience**" at Mill Hollow in the Vermilion River Reservation, rotating among stations demonstrating different aspects of pioneer life. At the Heritage Center's station, **Liz Schultz** got the children thinking about the courage it took to escape from slavery and the commitment needed to assist brave freedom-seekers on their journey to freedom.

#### **SEPTEMBER 24**

Oberlin Heritage Center offered free admission for guided tours at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. as part of **Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day**. More than 1,000 museums participated around the country in the seventh year of this annual event when museums emulate the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DCbased properties.

#### **SEPTEMBER 28**

Local educator (and Oberlin Heritage Center Board member) **Donna Marie Shurr** presented a beautifully illustrated and engaging community program on "Learning from China" at Kendal at Oberlin, sharing highlights and observations from her summer study trip to China through the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), which was supported by The Freeman Foundation.

#### **OCTOBER 8**

**Oberlin Heritage Center's Summer Camp** programs were honored at the annual meeting and conference of the Ohio Local History Alliance in Worthington, Ohio. The Heritage Center's fun and educational offerings for kids and teens received the **History Outreach Award** in the public programming category.

#### **OCTOBER 14**

Oberlin Heritage Center teamed up with FAVA, Allen Memorial Art Museum, and Oberlin Public Library/America Reads Program to offer fun learning activities in venues around town during **Community Arts and Culture**  **Day**. These local organizations kept kids busy while schools were closed to allow teachers a day for continuing education training.

#### **OCTOBER 26**

Brothers Kenneth W. Jewett and Gregory L. Jewett collaborated on the program "Frank Jewett and the Jewetts: More than Aluminum" at Kendal at Oberlin, introducing audience members (which included a significant number of Jewetts!) to the far-reaching influence of the Jewett family in America.

#### **OCTOBER 28**

Oberlin Heritage Center hosted the "**Building a Meaningful Collection Workshop**" at the Oberlin Depot for representatives of local historical organizations. Led by **Andy Verhoff** of the Ohio Historical Society's Local History Office and **Prue Richards**, Collections Assistant at the Oberlin Heritage Center, the session was part of a series offered by the Local History Office throughout the state this autumn in association with the American Association for State and Local History's (AASLH) new Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations.

#### **NOVEMBER 16**

Gary Kornblith, Oberlin College Professor of History, examined why the United States, unlike most other nations, ended slavery through a massive war rather than by peaceful means. "The Coming of Emancipation" was presented before an audience of 170 at Kendal at Oberlin.

#### **NOVEMBER 19**

After serving ten years on the Oberlin Heritage Center staff as Financial Assistant (and prior to that she served on the Board and was Board President from 1998-2001), **Pat Holsworth** was honored at a communitywide **Retirement Reception** held at First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. *Continued on page 23* 

## Annual Meeting features Burt Logan, CEO

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Appointed as honorary trustees for their exceptional service to the Board of the organization were:

- Bradley Hayes (Board member from 2005-2011)
- Carol Lasser (Board member from 1997-2003)
- Betty Mahjoub (Board member from 2005-2011)

• Jean Foggo Simon (Board member from 1999-2011, Board Secretary from 2003-2005, and Board Vice President from 2005-2011)

• James W. White (Board member from 1999-2011, Board President from 2005-2010, and previous Board Vice President and Board Secretary)

Board Member Mary Van Nortwick announced the launch of a \$400,000 Endowment for History Education campaign. This new fundraising effort is the second part of a campaign to build an \$800,000 endowment to support the salary of a full-time Museum Education and Tour Coordinator. The first phase of the campaign was completed in 2007, allowing the Heritage Center to hire Elizabeth ("Liz") Schultz for the position which has also been partially supported by grants and special projects. Mary Van Nortwick announced that 100% of the Heritage Center's Board and Staff have already contributed to the campaign. She encouraged all in attendance to support it generously as an important way to help the Heritage Center reach new audiences through its outstanding heritage education activities.



The Board of Trustees announced the appointment of several new honorary trustees at the annual meeting and saluted them for their extraordinary service on the Board: (front, left): Jean Foggo Simon, Betty Mahjoub, and (back, left): Carol Lasser, Brad Hayes, and Jim White.



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Honorary Trustee and Volunteer of the Year (2004) **Dick Holsworth** won't be found resting on his laurels at the Oberlin Heritage Center! He even offers service with a smile as he fixes a patch of uneven bricks along the OHC pathways during Oberlin Pride Day in May.



OHC's Board officers form the Executive Committee and work together with the Board of Trustees and the Executive Director to help assure a strong future for the organization (front, left): **Cathe Radabaugh**, Board Treasurer, and **Gail Wood**, Board Secretary; (back, left): **Nick Jones**, First Vice President, **Walter Edling**, Board President, and **Robert Calhoun**, Second Vice President.

## Saluting Pat Holsworth!

Board President, Staff Member, and Volunteer Extraordinaire! Pat H. became a member of the Oberlin Heritage Center in 1993 and quickly rolled up her sleeves and got involved! She joined the Board in 1997, was elected Board President in 1998, and upon completing her term in 2001, she signed on as a parttime Financial Assistant. All the while, Pat has been active in the Heritage Center's Resource Center as librarian, genealogist, researcher and oral history interviewer and transcriber. She and her husband, Dick, are Endowed Life members of the Oberlin Heritage Center and both have had a huge impact in shaping the strong organization we know today. Pat retired in the fall of 2011 after serving ten years as the Heritage Center's Financial Assistant. We are delighted she remains active as an Oberlin Heritage Center library, genealogy and oral history volunteer and Finance Committee member.



**Pat Holsworth** (center) greets OHC Honorary Trustees **Dick Gilbert** (left) and **Jeanne McKibben** (right) at a reception hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center at First Church in Oberlin in November 2011. Many OHC members and community friends stopped by to thank and applaud Pat for 18 years of service to the organization as volunteer (1993 – present), Trustee (1997-2001), and staff member (2001-2011).



Pat Holsworth (center, OHC Board President from 1998-2001) is surrounded by fellow Board Presidents including James W. White (2005-2010), Cathe Radabaugh (2003-2005), Pat H., Roberta Garcia (2001-2003), and Marianne Cochrane (1990-1998).



**Pat** and her husband (an OHC Honorary Trustee), **Dick Holsworth**, each were lauded in 2006 by the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums (now the Ohio Local History Alliance) with the Individual Achievement Award in recognition of their outstanding service to local history.



**Pat Holsworth**, flanked by volunteer **Audrey Kolb** (left) and student intern **Andrew Watiker** (O C '10), welcomed visitors to the Heritage Center's booth at Juneteenth.



**Pat Holsworth** and OHC colleague **Prue Richards** (Collections Assistant) developed a popular "Be a Good Ancestor" workshop that was offered several times at the Oberlin Depot during Pat H.'s tenure on the Heritage Center staff.



No, we're not keeping Pat behind bars so she won't leave the organization! Fortunately, she plans to continue volunteering as a master genealogist and librarian in the OHC Resource Center.



Pat may even continue to assist with Pride Day grounds clean-up, as she was doing when this photo was snapped in 2010.

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Board President **Walt Edling** (back, left) with staff members at the annual meeting (front, from left): **Karyn Norwood** (AmeriCorps), **Liz Schultz**, **Pat Holsworth**, and **Prue Richards**; (back, from left: **Walt Edling**, **Pat Murphy**, **Mary Anne Cunningham**, **Theron Burnett** (Mature Services, retired), **Tommy Trice** (Mature Services) and **Deloris Bohn**.



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Semester) César Palacio (*Work Study* and *Bonner Scholar*) (Fall Semester)

Barbara Percival (Spring Semester)

Kaylie Smith (*The Ohio State* University) (Leadership Lorain County Intern) (Summer 2011)

Jane Spies (Youngstown State University graduate program) (Fall Semester)

Preston Sundin (*Work Study*) (Spring Semester)

Erin Swenson-Klatt (Work Study)



We welcomed back Oberlin College student interns Tim Krumreig '12 (a Geology major and Firelands High School graduate from Oberlin), and Erin Swenson-Klatt '13 (a History/Environmental Studies double major from Minneapolis, MN), who have been assisting in many arenas at the Heritage Center since they first arrived at the college. Both are wellversed as docents: Tim is also trained in Collections care, while Erin is a great help with program publicity.



Joining OHC as interns in 2011 were first-year Oberlin College students, César Palacio (Dallas, TX) and Monica Monsalve (Miami, FL), both Bonner Scholars, which means they have an especially strong commitment to community service as they pursue their college degrees. César plays several musical instruments and plans to double-major in clarinet performance and English, while Monica plans to major in Politics and History with an emphasis on Peace & Conflict Studies.



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Collections Assistant **Prue Richards** and Summer Assistant **Maria Surovy** catch up at Pat Holsworth's retirement reception.

The Oberlin Heritage Center ended 2011 with 742 memberships including 70 who joined the organization as brand NEW members during the year. We're especially grateful to 13 supporters who became new Endowed Life members in the past year, and 7 current Endowed Life members who increased to a higher level of commitment. Thank you to <u>all</u> of OHC's members who make great things happen at the Heritage Center! If you are not yet a member, please join us by returning the membership form on the last page of this report, or become a member online at www.oberlinheritage.org. Every member at the Oberlin Heritage Center plays an important role in the ongoing success of the organization!

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Assistant to the Director Mary Anne Cunningham works throughout the year together with the hardworking volunteers of the Membership Committee to recruit and retain members who are the backbone of our organization. She has been a key part of OHC's staff since 1993 when she joined the organization a few months after Pat Murphy became its part-time director.

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#### **NOVEMBER 30**

Music, fun, pride, and affection were all part of **Pat Gorske Price** and **Steve Johnson**'s lively presentation "**Music Moved Us: Oberlin High School's Billingsley Bands of the 1960s**" that took place at the Oberlin Public Library.

#### **DECEMBER 14**

**Diana Tittle** offered an absolutely eloquent, informative, and entertaining program at Kendal at Oberlin on "**Elisabeth Severance Prentiss: Oberlin's Forgotten Angel**." The event was co-sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center and the Allen Memorial Art Museum.

#### DECEMBER

The Heritage Center announced the publication of the colorfully illustrated Oberlin history comic book **Oberlin: Origins and Onward!** which was a big hit with readers of all ages.



Cleveland author **Diana Tittle** (center) presented an eloquent, informative and entertaining public program at Kendal's Heiser Auditorium on Elisabeth Severance Prentiss, "Oberlin's 'Forgotten' Angel." Representing the co-sponsors of the event are OHC Executive Director **Pat Murphy** (left) and Allen Memorial Art Museum Interim Director **Katherine Solender** (right).

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Senior or Student	\$20	Active \$25
Individual	\$30	□ Sustaining \$50
Household	\$50	Heritage Collector \$75
Heritage Collector	\$75	Heritage Rescuer \$100
Heritage Rescuer	\$100	Heritage Leader \$250
Heritage Leader	\$250	Heritage Ambassador \$500
Heritage Ambassador	\$500	Heritage Champion \$1,000
Heritage Champion	\$1,000	Other \$
Endowed Life Member I	I \$2,000 (p	ayable within five years)

Endowed Life Member I \$5,000 (payable within five years)

Business and organizational members receive all of the membership benefits listed above, as well as a special Certificate of Appreciation suitable for display.

## The Oberlin Heritage Center welcomes gift memberships and contributions in honor of or in memory of individuals. Please contact the office for more information.

I am a new member

□ I am renewing my membership

□ I wish to make a contribution, in addition to my membership dues:

- for general operating support (the Annual Fund)
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Endowment for History Education

\$\_\_\_\_\_ in memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_\_

□ I wish to learn more about becoming an Oberlin Heritage Center volunteer

**Thank you for helping us serve our community!** Please complete this form and mail it, with your check payable to the Oberlin Heritage Center, to P. O. Box 0455, Oberlin, Ohio 44074. For further information, call 440-774-1700, e-mail <members@oberlinheritage. org> or stop by our office at the Monroe House, 73½ South Professor Street. Office hours are Tuesday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

### Award-Winning Children's Programs Make History Fun!

Photos shown clockwise from upper left, as follows: Civil War Era Soldiers and Civilians Camp, Medieval Europe Time Explorers Camp, 1960s Camp, Junior Docent Camp, and Architecture Camp.



Civil War Era Camp. OHC Junior docent and re-enactor, **Alistair Nunamaker** (standing, far right) helped lead activities.



**Emma Kim** (left) and **Autumn Swiers** (right) model their architecturally-detailed outfits during Architecture Camp.



Medieval Europe Campers immersed themselves in creating kingdoms and building castles, with guests **Argh** and **Sir Dougal**.



1960s Day Campers welcomed 1960s student activist **Bill Arthrell** who talked about politics, protest and peace.



Junior Docent teen campers **Ali Zahorec** and **Khyla Silva** shared the spotlight at the Little Red Schoolhouse.