

Events Calendar

Fall-December 2009

September 11 (Friday, 11 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See page 4 for details.

September 19 (Saturday, 11 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See page 4 for details.

September 20 (Sunday) Volunteer as a docent for the Oberlin Heritage Center and share Oberlin's powerful and nationally significant history with visitors of all ages. Our next **docent training workshop** will be on September 20 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. This **free** introductory workshop will set beginners on their way to becoming docents and refresh the knowledge of experienced docents who wish to attend. It will include an overview of the Oberlin Heritage Center, its historic buildings and collections, helpful hints for giving great tours, and the telling of many of the fascinating stories that make Oberlin's heritage so rich. The only prerequisites are coming on a tour before the training and having a passion for sharing your interests in history, education and the community. For more information or to register, please call Museum Education and Tour Coordinator **Liz Schultz** at 774-1700 or send an e-mail to tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org by September 16.

September 26 (Saturday) Come to the Oberlin Heritage Center for a **free** tour during *Smithsonian Magazine's 5th Annual Museum Day*. Guided tours of the Oberlin Heritage Center's three historic buildings will be available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Adults can present a Museum Day Admission Card to receive a free tour for themselves plus one guest (children and members are free already). A printed version of the admission card is available in the September 2009 *Smithsonian* issue. The downloadable version is available at <http://microsite.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>. This celebration offers free admission at participating museums throughout the U.S.. Visitors spending the day in Oberlin may also enjoy experiencing our history walks (fee required and pre-registration encouraged):

September 26 (Saturday, 11 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See page 4 for details.

October 2 (Friday, 11 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See page 4 for details.

October 3 (Saturday) **Community Day** – Free family-friendly events will take place all around town this Saturday as part of celebrating the Apollo Theatre re-opening. Visit the Oberlin Heritage Center where **free** guided tours of its three historic buildings will be offered at 10:30 a.m or 1:30 p.m. (advance registration recommended). Or, drop by between Noon and 3 p.m. to visit the Little Red Schoolhouse to explore Oberlin's oldest historic building, practice your ABCs, and play historic games. Stop by the Monroe House to learn from collections assistant **Prue Richards** about work underway to return the front parlor to the era of Julia Finney Monroe, the home's longest resident, and explore the first floor with adult and Junior Docents (ages 13 to 17). The Museum Store will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stop by and purchase your own Apollo T-shirt or sign up for our raffle for a **free** family membership and Apollo T-shirt. Stay tuned for details about this fun-filled day planned by Oberlin College, the City of Oberlin, and other organizations.

October 6 (Tuesday, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.) Fourth grade students from Prospect School in Oberlin will present a 30-minute play, *The Rescue of John Price*, about the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue, at 10 a.m. at Kendal at Oberlin and again at 7 p.m. at Prospect School. The play was written by Prospect School teacher and 2009

Oberlin Heritage Center Community Teacher Award recipient **Barbara Enos**. John Price escaped from slavery in Kentucky and lived in Oberlin until he was kidnapped by slave catchers in 1858. In one of the most famous events in Oberlin history, residents and students of Oberlin and Wellington rallied to help John Price escape from the kidnappers and continue his journey to freedom. The play was first presented by Oberlin Heritage Center summer campers to their parents and friends in 2008. This program is **free** and open to all.

October 7 (Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) **National History Day Workshop for Educators**. The Oberlin Heritage Center and the Ohio Historical Society are offering a full-day workshop for educators at the Oberlin Depot to learn more about History Day, see examples of projects, meet fellow advisors, and get helpful tips for guiding student research. Learn about interpreting primary sources, analyzing historical topics, and selecting topics and activities specific to the theme of History Day for 2010: **Innovation in History: Impact and Change**. The \$40 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. Participants will visit the Oberlin Heritage Center to see how teachers and students can use local history resources to research and create History Day projects. For more information contact **Megan Wood**, the History Day State Coordinator at mwood@ohiohistory.org (614-297-2343) or **Liz Schultz** of the Oberlin Heritage Center staff at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org (440-774-1700).

October 9 (Friday, 11 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk** See page 4 for details.

October 14 (Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) **Be a Good Ancestor Workshop: Collecting and Preserving Your Family History, Stories, Photographs and Artifacts**. This two-part workshop at the Oberlin Depot is a great way to learn from the pros, Oberlin Heritage Center staff members **Pat Holsworth** and **Prue Richards**. They have extensive experience and advanced training in archival and artifact preservation, genealogy and oral history. The morning session will address proper care of artifacts, documents, textiles and photographs. The afternoon session will provide guidance on genealogy and oral history. Lunch and an optional half-hour individual follow-up consultation with either of the presenters are included in the price for the all-day workshop: \$55 (\$50 for Oberlin Heritage Center members). Registration for either the morning or afternoon session is also available for \$35 (\$30 per members) plus \$10 should you wish to have lunch with the presenters and attendees. Attendees will receive a folder of resource materials. Pre-registration is required and is limited to 25 participants.

October 16 (Friday) **Community Arts and Culture Day**. Oberlin and other area teachers are attending NEOEA workshops and kids have the day off. What a great time to get out and enjoy hands-on learning fun! Community arts and culture organizations, including the Oberlin Heritage Center, Allen Memorial Art Museum, and the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts are hosting **free** activities for families. The Oberlin Heritage Center will host historic games, crafts, and activities at the Oberlin Depot from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Children accompanied by parents or grandparents can try writing with a quill and ink, play marbles, express their creativity with craft projects, walk on stilts, and try other fun outdoor and indoor games. The depot also has an outdoor playground for young visitors to enjoy. For more information, check our online Event Calendar or contact Liz Schultz, Oberlin Heritage Center Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, at 440-774-1700 or by email at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

October 17 (Saturday, 11 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk** See page 4 for details.

October 24 (Saturday, 11 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk** See page 4 for details.

October 27 (Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.) Family historian **Lynn Youngblood** will present **Life in Pittsfield and Oberlin, 1890-1909: The Diaries of Harriet Pomeroy McRoberts** at Kendal at Oberlin. She will share stories and illustrations about the life of her great, great grandmother who was among the early settlers of the area and whose farm house on Hallauer Road has been in the family for 175 years. Lynn Youngblood has

spent years transcribing diaries and going through family papers and pulling together a remarkable story of a pioneer woman, her family and place in the world. Lynn grew up on the family farm and is a graduate of Oberlin High School and Ohio State University. She works for a veterinary practice and is active with the Pittsfield Township Historical Society.

November 7 (Saturday) During Oberlin College Parents' Weekend local residents and visitors alike will enjoy guided tours of the Oberlin Heritage Center at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. In honor of the weekend, college students and children tour for **free!** All are also welcome to enjoy (fee required and pre-registration encouraged):

November 7 (Saturday, 11 a.m.) Tappan Square History Walk at 11:00 a.m.

November 10 (Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.) Members of the **Oberlin Heritage Center's Oral History Committee** will read excerpts from transcribed oral history interviews focusing on **Oberlin in the 1930s and 1940s**. You'll enjoy hearing the personal stories of an array of people who lived in the Oberlin area during the Depression and its aftermath. Among the topics included will be helping others, public works projects, college-town relations, stores selling on credit, bank failures, and living full lives when money was in short supply. Sound familiar? Yes, there are many parallels with what is happening in our country today. Among those whose interviews will be featured are Millie Arthrell, Foster Bows, Harold Gibson, George Jones, Mary Hobbs Joy, Frank Locke, Pat Stetson, Bob Thomas, Eugene Tresch, and Frank Zavodsky. This **free** program will be presented at Kendal at Oberlin.

December 1 (Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.) Kerrington Adams, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist at the Cleveland Restoration Society, presents **The American Home Interior: Treatment and Transformation** in a "CSI" style manner where he examines the processes curators and preservationists use to restore interiors based on physical evidence, literature of the era, and searching out appropriate reproduction treatments. Covering the broad period of 1850-1950, the program is designed to appeal to owners of older homes as well as to anyone who enjoys period furnishings, decor and styles. Adams has been on the staff of the Cleveland Restoration Society since 2004 and previously worked on historic house interpretation and restoration in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Dayton, Ohio, and at Hale Farm & Village. This **free** event is co-sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center, the Cleveland Restoration Society, the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission and the Lorain County Preservation Network. It will be held at the Oberlin Public Library.

December 8 (Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.) Kelly D. Selby, a Walsh University assistant professor of history (and formerly an Oberlin Heritage Center graduate student intern), will present **Oberlin's Sable Arm: Black Ohioans and the Civil War** at Kendal at Oberlin. In May 1863, the U.S. War Department created the Bureau of Colored Troops to coordinate the enlistment and service of African Americans in the Union Army. Free black men from Ohio enthusiastically volunteered, and by the end of the war the state sent over 5,000 soldiers to the United States Colored Troops. These men served for a variety of reasons, and experienced many different consequences as a result of their contributions. This **free** program will explore how Oberlin-area African Americans participated in the war and the effect that their service had on their lives when they returned to Ohio. Selby obtained her Ph.D. in nineteenth-century United States history from Kent State University in 2008. Her dissertation was on "The 27th United States Colored Troops: Ohio Soldiers and Veterans."

Please note: Most Oberlin Heritage Center lecture programs are free and last about one hour with first-come, first-served seating. Exceptions are noted in the descriptions. Please visit our website at www.oberlinheritage.org to register for a history walk or workshop, become a member, make a gift, or sign up for our free e-newsletter (or send an email to members@oberlinheritage.org with "subscribe" in the subject line), or call 440-774-1700 for updates and changes. Members receive a discount for programs for which there

is a fee and other benefits. Not a member yet? Please join today! Your support is greatly appreciated!

History Walks and Oberlin Heritage Center Tour Details:

Each of the Oberlin Heritage Center's **History Walks** (Tappan Square and Freedom's Friends) lasts approximately one hour and is given by a trained docent who shares stories and historic photographs. They are offered on the dates listed above and to groups of 8 or more at other times by appointment. Cost: \$6 per person with advance paid reservation or \$8 per person on the day of the tour (\$1 discount for Oberlin Heritage Center members). Walks may be cancelled and refunds will be made if fewer than five pre-register or if it is raining at tour start time. Each walk is limited to 20 people. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Small town...big stories to share! Prepare to enjoy.

- **Tappan Square History Walk:** You'll learn about early residents and hear stories of triumph and misfortune and walk away with a lively appreciation of Oberlin's unique heritage and buildings. (begins at the northwest corner of Main and College Streets)
- **Freedom's Friends: Underground Railroad and Abolitionist History Walk:** This tour showcases Oberlin's important role in the history of abolition and the Underground Railroad. (begins at the northwest corner of Pleasant and Vine Streets).

Guided tours of the Oberlin Heritage Center are offered every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. all year round. The tour includes three historic Oberlin buildings that serve as background for some extraordinary stories (as well as recollections from day-to-day life) of the community and college in its first century, from the 1833 founding through the turn of the 20th century. Admission is \$6 for adults. Oberlin Heritage Center members are free; children are free when accompanied by a parent or guardian. To make a reservation call (440) 774-1700, or send an e-mail to Liz Schultz at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org. Walk-in visitors are always welcomed for these tours.

History to Go! Some Oberlin Heritage Center workshops, presentations by speakers, history walks, and "Lessons in the Past" (a special program for schools and youth organizations) are available for groups for a fee.

Street address locations for Oberlin Heritage Center programs and tours:

Oberlin Heritage Center Monroe House – use free Vine Street parking lot entrance for tours, office and museum store: 20 W. Vine Street just west of Midas Muffler at S. Main and Vine Street (and walk from the parking area to the Monroe House front entrance which faces the Conservatory Litoff Building construction site). This is where guided tours begin.

Oberlin Heritage Center Little Red Schoolhouse – located in the middle of the block behind 81 S. Professor Street; parking lot entrance is behind Midas Muffler (College and Vine) at 20 W. Vine Street.

Kendal at Oberlin – 600 Kendal Drive (all Kendal programs are in Heiser Auditorium).

Oberlin Depot – 240 S. Main Street (overflow parking on north side of South St. and across S. Main/Route 58)

Oberlin Public Library – 65 S. Main Street (Community Meeting Room).

Prospect Elementary School, 36 S. Prospect Street.

Mailing Address:

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