



Events Calendar

Winter through Summer 2010

Please sign up for our E-Gazette electronic newsletter for the latest news and updates from the Oberlin Heritage Center. New subscribers can send an e-mail to members@oberlinheritage.org to be added to our mailing list.

All programs are free and open to the public, unless specified otherwise.

If reservations are required, you may register online at www.oberlinheritage.org, or call (440) 774-1700 to request a registration form. Street addresses for each program location are listed at the end of the calendar.

Nominate a deserving individual, organization or business for an **Oberlin Heritage Center Community Award**. Categories include Community Historian, Heritage Guardian, Heritage Center Volunteer of the Year, Community Teacher of the Year, History Teacher of the Year, Business Leader Service Award and Youth Community Service Award. The **deadline for nominations is February 2, 2010** and awards will be presented at the annual meeting on April 7th. Salute those who make Oberlin so special!

February 21 (Sunday, 2 – 4 p.m.) **Greet and Meet the *Oberlin News-Tribune's* Oberlinians of the Year: Erik and Michele Andrews** at a reception hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center and the *Oberlin News-Tribune* in cooperation with First Church, U.C.C. and the Oberlin Schools. The reception will be held in the JFO Room of The First Church of Oberlin, United Church of Christ. Please drop by, enjoy light refreshments, and help applaud and show appreciation to these Oberlin Heritage Center members, fabulous community volunteers, and all-around great citizens of Oberlin!

February 23 (Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.) **Freedom's Friends: Oberlin, the Underground Railroad, and the Martin Luther King Monument.** **Elizabeth Schultz**, the Oberlin Heritage Center's Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, showcases Oberlin's important role in the history of abolition and the Underground Railroad in this illustrated presentation. Kendal resident **Paul Arnold**, an Oberlin Heritage Center Honorary Trustee, and Oberlin College Emeritus Professor of Art, will also comment on Oberlin's Martin Luther King, Jr. monument which he designed. Location: Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium.

March 4 (Thursday at 7 p.m.) Encore presentation of **Freedom's Friends: Oberlin and the Underground Railroad** with **Elizabeth Schultz**, the Oberlin Heritage Center's Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, offering an illustrated presentation on Oberlin's important role in the history of abolition and the Underground Railroad. Location: Lorain County Metroparks' Vermilion River Reservation.

March 16 (Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.) **Dr. Charles E. Herdendorf** offers a new program based on the travel log and letters of his great-great-uncle, Henry Garfield, of Sheffield, Ohio. **The Gold Rush of 1849: Adventures of Lorain County's Buckeye Company on the California Trail** brings to life the trek made by a company of Northeastern Ohio men (including Garfield) who embarked on a six-month overland adventure to the gold fields of California. Professor Herdendorf and his wife, Ricki, repeated Uncle Henry's journey in 2007. Join them in re-living the '49-ers venture which included steamboat explosions on the Missouri River, Native American encounters in Nebraska, buffalo hunts, rattlesnake dinners, torturous deserts and rugged mountains to cross, and for some – the ultimate reward of finding gold! Location: Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium.

March 24 (Wednesday at 7 p.m.) **Kerry Adams**, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist at the Cleveland Restoration Society, presents **Planning Your Home Rehab Project**, for owners of homes built 50 years ago or more. This session will help you learn how to plan your home rehab project, decide what parts you should and should not undertake on your own, how to review bids and choose and work with the right contractors. Co-sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center, the Cleveland Restoration Society, the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission and the Lorain County Preservation Network. Location: Oberlin Public Library.

March 29 through April 2 (Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) **Spring Break History Explorers Camp** for boys and girls ages 8-13. Campers will have the opportunity to experience local history in many forms through games, crafts, history walks, and using modern technology to help preserve the past. Fee is \$95 per child (\$85 for children and grandchildren of Oberlin Heritage Center members); there is a \$5 discount for all who register by March 17, 2010. Location: Oberlin Depot, with some supervised walking trips around Oberlin as the weather permits. For more information: tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

April 7 (Wednesday – 5 p.m. Social Hour; 6 p.m. Dinner; 7 p.m. Program and Brief Business Meeting) **Oberlin Heritage Center Annual Meeting Dinner and Community Awards Presentations**. You won't want to miss this fun annual gathering of members and friends and update about recent and upcoming activities. The evening's featured speaker will be Oberlin College President (and Oberlin Heritage Center member) **Marvin Krislov**. Tickets are \$30 for the general public (\$25 for Oberlin Heritage Center members). A reservation flyer will be sent to members. Location: Oberlin Inn.

April 11 (Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.) **Docent Training Introductory Workshop**. Love Oberlin and its history and want to help share it with others? Consider becoming an Oberlin Heritage Center volunteer docent -- a great way to learn more about Oberlin and its unique history! Talk to Museum Education and Tour Coordinator **Liz Schultz** (tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org) and make arrangements to take a complimentary tour before the training to see whether docenting is your "cup of tea." We ask that docents commit to leading at least four tours per year. This fun and diverse group of all ages and backgrounds also meets periodically for informational gatherings, field trips, and more. Register by April 8. Location: Monroe House.

April 21 (Wednesday at 7 p.m.) **Kerry Adams**, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist at the Cleveland Restoration Society, presents **The Greenest House is Already Built: Preservation and Sustainability in Your Older Home**. Discover simple things that owners of homes that are 50 years old or older can do to make their houses more energy efficient and environmentally sensitive. You can be "green" without changing the historic character of your home or breaking your budget. Co-sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center, the Cleveland Restoration Society, the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission and the Lorain County Preservation Network. Location: Oberlin Public Library.

For more information, visit www.oberlinheritage.org or call 440-774-1700.

April 25 (Sunday, 1 – 4 p.m.) **History Walk Training: Freedom's Friends.** Learn about Oberlin's role in the history of abolition and the Underground Railroad and how to present it in the format of a 75-minute walking tour through historic neighborhoods surrounding downtown Oberlin. Register by April 22. Questions: tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org. Docents are asked to commit to leading at least four tours or history walks per year. Location: Training begins at the Monroe House and will move on from there.

April 27 (Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.) **Pride, Progress, and Historic Preservation: Reviving a Historic Community in Madagascar.** Oberlin native **Karen Schoonmaker Freudenberger** shares images and stories from her 11 years in Madagascar where she worked on community revitalization, historic preservation and heritage tourism initiatives in the Old City of Fianarantsoa. Location: Kendal at Oberlin Heiser Auditorium.

May 2 (Sunday from 1 – 4 p.m.) **History Walk Training: Tappan Square.** Learn about the fascinating history and architecture surrounding Oberlin's Tappan Square and how to present it in the format of a 60-minute walking tour around the Square. Register by April 29. Questions: tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org. We ask that volunteers commit to leading at least four tours or history walks per year. Location: Training begins at the Monroe House and will move on from there.

May 8 (Saturday – 11 a.m.) Only in Oberlin, **The Big Parade** celebrates downtown Oberlin, creativity, and the arts and welcomes anyone and everyone to join in the fun! Watch for a group of Oberlin Heritage Center volunteers to be marching along the parade route and promoting upcoming summer programs (and let us know if you'd like to join in the fun)!

May 11 (Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.) Local historian **Bill Cutcher** presents **History of Aviation in Lorain County.** Learn about Lorain County pilots, airports, instructors and more from the era of the Wright Brothers through the mid-20th century in this illustrated presentation. Bill is a former Lorain County JVS auto technology instructor and plane owner. Together with his wife Bonnie, they owned Cutcher's Brownhelm Store from 1969 to 1999. Location: Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium.

May 14 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** Learn about early residents and hear stories of triumph and misfortune. Walk away with a lively appreciation of Oberlin's unique heritage and buildings. Tickets must be purchased 48 hours in advance either on the website (www.oberlinheritage.org) or at the Monroe House's Museum Store. Tickets are not available at the starting point for the tour. \$6 per adult, with \$1 discount for OHC members; free for children under 18 years (most likely to be enjoyed by children 9 years of age and up). The walk is approximately 60 minutes. History walk may be cancelled and fees refunded if fewer than 5 people pre-register or if it is raining at the tour start time.

May 15 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** This walking tour showcases Oberlin's important role in the history of abolition and the Underground Railroad. Tickets must be purchased through the website (www.oberlinheritage.org) or at the Monroe House's Museum Store. Tickets are not available at the starting point for the tour. \$6 per adult, with \$1 discount for OHC members; free for children under 18 years (most likely to be enjoyed by children 9 years of age and up). The walk is approximately 75 minutes long. History walk may be cancelled and fees refunded if it is raining at the tour start time.

May 15 (Saturday, 9 a.m. – Noon) **Pride Day** is a great time to lend a hand for spring grounds clean-up at the Oberlin Heritage Center. Come for all or part of the morning and bring a friend. Meet at the brick crossroads at the center of the Heritage Center grounds. Wear your work gloves (and bring your gardening tools if you wish).

For more information, visit www.oberlinheritage.org or call 440-774-1700.

May 16 (Sunday from Noon – 3 p.m.) – **I Spy Oberlin: History & Architecture Scavenger Hunt Training.** The “Scavenger Hunt” is a new program being offered several times this summer to families with children. Learn how to guide families on a walking tour of Oberlin or within Oberlin Heritage Center buildings (depending on weather) to find and discuss interesting objects and monuments from Oberlin's past. Register by May 13. Questions: tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org. Location: Training begins at the Monroe House.

May 16 (Sunday, 3:30 to 5 p.m.) Enjoy **Oberlin's Musical Heritage** and learn more about the special place Oberlin has occupied in the history of American music, thanks to many musicians who have passed through the town and the college. This spring, students in **Colin Roust's** "American Art Music" course are conducting original archival research to explore Oberlin's musical heritage. The students will present the results of their work, exploring the people and organizations that have made our town one of the leading musical centers in the country. Colin Roust teaches in the music history division of the Oberlin Conservatory. Location: Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium.

May 21 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

May 22 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

May 28 through May 31 (Friday through Monday, various times) **Commencement/Memorial Day Weekend** is a fun time to explore historic Oberlin and the Oberlin Heritage Center with activities available for all ages. For detailed information about each **History Walk** see the entries at May 14 and May 15; for additional information about the **Guided Tour of the Oberlin Heritage Center** see the general information section at the end of this calendar. For information about the **I Spy Oberlin! Scavenger Hunt** for families with children ages 5-11, see the entry at June 26. Stop by the Monroe House and visit the **Heritage Center's Museum Store** for Oberlin-themed souvenirs, books, and much free visitor information.

Commencement/Memorial Day Weekend Schedule of Oberlin Heritage Center Activities:

Friday, May 28	Tappan Square History Walk at 11 a.m. (fee and reservation required) Freedom's Friends History Walk at 3 p.m. (fee and reservation required) OHC Museum Store open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, May 29	Freedom's Friends History Walk at 11 a.m. (fee and reservation required) Oberlin Heritage Center tour at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (fee; reservations appreciated; walk-ins welcome) I Spy Oberlin: History & Architecture Scavenger Hunt at 3 p.m. (fee and reservation required) Museum Store open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 30	Tappan Square History Walk at 11 a.m. (fee and reservation required) Freedom's Friends History Walk at 3 p.m. (fee and reservation required) Museum Store open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday, May 31	Freedom's Friends History Walk at 1:00 p.m. (fee and reservation required)

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June 4 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

June 5 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

June 11 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

June 12 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

June 12 (Saturday from 3-4:30 p.m.) **Hands On History at the Schoolhouse: Dairy Day.** Families with children ages 7 and older will enjoy old-fashioned fun in the Little Red Schoolhouse as history and stories combine with an opportunity to churn up some sweet creamy butter or frosty ice cream. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations required by June 5; fee \$8 per child. 25 maximum/5 minimum.

June 18 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

June 19 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

June 21-25 (Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) **Junior Docent Camp** introduces young people ages 13-17 interested in community service and leadership to techniques of greeting the public, public speaking, giving tours, teaching historic games, and much more. Following completion of the fun, week-long session, participants can assist with various tours, special events and programs as their schedules permit. Fee is \$75 (\$65 for children and grandchildren of members) with \$50 reimbursed if the student completes fifteen hours of service for the Heritage Center by the end of 2010. Questions: tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

June 25 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

June 26 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

June 26 (Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Observe or take part in Oberlin's fifth-anniversary **Chalk Walk** celebration which continues the tradition of festive, colorful sidewalk painting that began in 16th century Italy. All skill levels are welcome – work right alongside master professional artists and local artists as they create works of sidewalk art all over downtown Oberlin. High quality pastels are provided to all participants. For more information, visit <http://www.oberlinchalkwalk.com/>.

June 26 (Saturday, 3 – 4 p.m.) **I Spy Oberlin: History and Architecture Scavenger Hunt** is designed for children ages 5-11 with an adult companion. Families will be guided through historic Oberlin while keeping their eyes peeled for historic markers, decorative details, and Oberlin oddities. Fun and engaging for all! Reservations required; fee \$5 per child. Location: The "hunt" begins at the Monroe House and traverses outside in fair weather; we will "spy" inside our historic buildings if it's raining.

July 2 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

July 3 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

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July 9 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

July 10 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

July 16 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

July 17 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

July 17 (Saturday, 3-4 p.m.) **Stories at the Schoolhouse.** A fun social and learning opportunity for preschoolers (and interested others) to gather at the Little Red Schoolhouse and enjoy a mix of stories and games. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Co-sponsored by the Oberlin Public Library.

July 23 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

July 24 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

July 24 (Saturday, 3 – 4 p.m.) **I Spy Oberlin: History and Architecture Scavenger Hunt** for children ages 5-11 with an adult companion. See details at June 26 entry.

July 27-30 (Individual sessions, one per day Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.) **Day Camps for Scouts & Kids** with topics designed to assist Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts earn merit badges, including *What Makes America Special*; *The Past is Exciting*; *Local Lore* and *Cadette Journey Camp*. Fun for non-Scouts, too! Watch for more information at www.oberlinheritage.org or contact (440) 774-1700 (members@oberlinheritage.org) to be put on our Summer Camp mailing list.

July 30 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

July 31 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

August 2-6 (Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.) **Local Inventors and Innovators Camp** for boys and girls ages 8-13. Watch for more information at www.oberlinheritage.org or contact (440) 774-1700 (members@oberlinheritage.org) to be put on our Summer Camp mailing list.

August 6 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

August 7 (Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) **Family Fun Fair/Vintage Days.** Enjoy a community tradition featuring free family activities all over downtown with hands-on fun and mini-tours at the Oberlin Heritage Center.

August 7 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

August 9-13 (Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.) **Green Camp** (focusing on the environment and preservation) for boys and girls ages 8-13. Watch for more information at www.oberlinheritage.org or contact (440) 774-1700 (members@oberlinheritage.org) to be put on our Summer Camp mailing list.

August 13 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

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August 14 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

August 14 (Saturday from 3 – 4:30 p.m.) **Hands on History at the Schoolhouse: A Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration** is designed for families with children ages 7 and older who will learn how to cook in a Dutch oven, prepare a recipe, visit historic kitchens, and sample a Dutch oven dish. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register by August 7; fee \$8 per child. Maximum: 25 / Minimum: 5.

August 16-20 (Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.) **Architecture Camp** for boys and girls ages 8-13. Will help meet Scout merit badge requirements, too. Watch for more information at www.oberlinheritage.org or contact (440) 774-1700 (members@oberlinheritage.org) to be put on our Summer Camp mailing list.

August 20 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

August 21(Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

August 21 (Saturday, 3 – 4 p.m.) **Stories at the Schoolhouse.** See details at entry for July 17.

August 27 (Friday at 11:00 a.m.) **Tappan Square History Walk.** See details at May 14 entry.

August 28 (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.) **Freedom's Friends History Walk.** See details at May 15 entry.

August 28 (Saturday, 3 – 4 p.m.) **I Spy Oberlin: History and Architecture Scavenger Hunt** for children ages 5-11 with an adult companion. See details at June 26 entry.

Volunteers are needed to help with all of these activities (and many others). Please visit the website at www.oberlinheritage.org or call Liz Schultz at (440)-774-1700 for details.

Guided Tours of the Oberlin Heritage Center

Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. 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. Reservations always are appreciated; walk-in visitors are welcome for these tours, too. To make a reservation, visit www.oberlinheritage.org or call (440) 774-1700, or send an e-mail to tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

History to Go!

Some Oberlin Heritage Center workshops, presentations by speakers, history walks, "Lessons in the Past" (a special program for schools and youth organizations) and the "I Spy Oberlin: History and Architecture Scavenger Hunt" (for children ages 5-11 and their adult companions) are available to groups for a fee. Contact Liz Schultz at (440)774-1700 or e-mail tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org for details.

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The Museum Store

Looking for something different for the people on your gift list this year? The Oberlin Heritage Center's **Museum Store** has a great selection of gift items for adults and children alike. Visit online at www.oberlinheritage.org or stop by the Monroe House during the Heritage Center's business hours, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Remember that Heritage Center members receive a 10 percent discount on all purchases.

Street Address Locations for Oberlin Heritage Center Programs and Tours

First Church, U.C.C. – Northwest corner of Main Street/Route 58 and Lorain Street/Route 511. For Andrews' reception, use the double-door entrance on the northwest side of the community building adjoining the original Meeting House.

Kendal at Oberlin Heiser Auditorium - 600 Kendal Drive (main entrance)

Little Red Schoolhouse, Oberlin Heritage Center - 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

Lorain County Metroparks Vermilion River Reservation – 51211 North Ridge Road, Vermilion

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

Oberlin Heritage Center Monroe House – use 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)

Oberlin Inn - 7 N. Main Street

Oberlin Public Library - 65 S. Main Street

Mailing Address:

Oberlin Heritage Center

P.O. Box 0455

Phone: 440-774-1700

E-mail: members@oberlinheritage.org

Office, Museum Store & Library:

The Monroe House at the Oberlin Heritage Center

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