

# Oberlin Heritage Center E-Gazette – January 8, 2011

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## Fannie Bailey, Oberlin and the Civil War

On **Tuesday, February 1 at 7:15 p.m.** at Kendal at Oberlin's **Heiser Auditorium**, the Oberlin Heritage Center welcomes **Dr. Kelly D. Selby**, a Walsh University assistant professor of history, discussing the Oberlin home front during the Civil War through a look into the personal journal kept by Fannie White Bailey. Mrs. Bailey was the wife of an Oberlin harness and saddle maker, and she lived in Oberlin while keeping this diary in the 1850s and 1860s. Bailey's journal provides a glimpse into the daily events of her life and those of her community and also illuminates the complex and diverse nature of how the Civil War altered Ohioans' lives at that time. Selby's illustrated presentation is one of many upcoming Civil War sesquicentennial (2011-2015) activities happening around the state. This event is free and open to the public. The Heritage Center originally planned this presentation for December, but due to inclement weather the program was postponed and rescheduled for this new date. Please join us!

## Save the Dates

Pat Murphy and staff are busy working on an exciting calendar of programs for the New Year. A 2011 Events Calendar will be distributed soon to all OHC members and friends. Meantime, save these dates:

**Wednesday, February 16 at 7:15 p.m.** at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium. Oberlin Heritage Center interns will impress you with their **Student Project/Learning and Labor Showcase** featuring some of the many different research and special projects that take place largely behind the scenes by our terrific student interns.

**Saturday March 19 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.** at First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. Congratulate the Oberlin Heritage Center's Past President, **Jim White**, for being named the **2010 Oberlinian of the Year** and plan to attend this special community-wide reception to thank him for all he does to make Oberlin a better place. The event, which is free and open to the public, is co-hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center and the *Oberlin News-Tribune* in cooperation with First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C.

**Monday, March 28 through Friday, April 1** at the Oberlin Depot. **Time Explorers! Spring Break Camp** for boys and girls ages 8-13. Create a kingdom, learn how to "rough it" in the west, march for your rights, play games that are thousands of years old, try ancient inventions, and wave your banner as this new camp takes kids through the fun, the fashion, the technology and the games of five different time periods (Ancient China, Medieval Europe, the American Frontier, the Civil War Era, and the 1960s Social Revolution). Campers can enroll in one, two, five days—as many as they wish. Reasonably priced, with discounts for Oberlin Heritage Center members. For more information, or to register, visit the OHC [website](http://www.oberlinheritage.org), or contact Liz Schultz at [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org) (or 440-774-1700).

**Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29-30**, various times and venues. A **John Mercer Langston Symposium**, co-sponsored by the John Mercer Langston Institute and the Oberlin Heritage Center, features two distinct illustrated presentations by Dr. Judith E. King-Calnek, an educational anthropologist and instructor at the United Nations International School and a Langston relative. **John Mercer Langston and the Shaping of African American Education in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century** takes place Tuesday evening at 7:15 p.m. at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium. **The Langston-Quarles Family: An Untold American Story** is offered Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Oberlin Public Library. Both events are free and open to all.

## Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New with GOOD NEWS!

The year 2010 ended on a very good note as the all-important Annual Fund campaign raised \$35,697 (surpassing the goal of \$35,000) from 310 donors (a 10% increase over last year's number of donors!). The Annual Fund provides essential income needed to operate the Oberlin Heritage Center and balance the budget each year. Thank

you one and all who supported the 2010 Annual Fund and helped the Heritage Center begin the New Year on solid financial footing.

## **Welcome New Business Members!**

The Oberlin Heritage Center is tremendously grateful to **nine new Business and Organizational members** who joined in 2010. Please visit and support the community-minded folks at: **Best Western Inn** (Elyria), **Gardenscapes Nursery** (Oberlin), **James A. Garfield National Historic Site** (Mentor), **KK Home Service** (Ken Nieding, Lorain), **The Main Street Barber** (Mark Cooley, Oberlin), **Old Way Farm & Market** (Linda Hartman, Oberlin), **Rafter A., Ltd.** (Rich Fredrickson, Elyria), **Roose & Ressler** (Kirk Roose, Lorain) and **T.L.C. Insurance** (Eric Hunsinger, Norwalk). For a complete [list](#) of all 102 Oberlin Heritage Center business/organizational members, visit [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org) and click on the “Join” tab.

## **Community Foundation Supports Oberlin Heritage Center’s Educational Outreach**

More good news received in December! **The Community Foundation of Lorain County** made a \$20,000 grant to the Oberlin Heritage Center to be used for history education outreach in 2011. The good work being done by **Liz Schultz**, the Heritage Center’s Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, and her terrific team of docents played a key role in the receipt of this funding. Thank you to Community Foundation donors supporting the Heritage Center’s proposal, including the Fred & Mary Behm Fund, the Jephtha Carrell Fund (Mrs. Demaris Carrell), the Ford MacArthur Endowment Fund, the Dr. Howard A. & Pearl L. Keiser Living Memorial Fund, the Robert & Wanda Singleton Fund, and the Stephens Family Fund.

## **Heritage Center Now Offers Free Tours to College Students**

Effective January 1, 2011, the Oberlin Heritage Center instituted a new tour policy that waives admission for walk-in tours and offers a \$1 discount on guided history walks to any Oberlin College or other college/university student with a current student identification card. Walk-in tours of the Monroe House (1866), the Little Red Schoolhouse (1836) and Jewett House (1884) are offered every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. These tours begin at the Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street), which is located at the back of the Conservatory of Music parking lot, directly south of the Kohl Jazz Building. History walks in the community are offered in warm-weather months on a regular basis, and reservations are required. For more information, visit [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org) or contact Liz Schultz, Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, at [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org) or (440) 774-1700.

## **The Wonders of Those Little Words “Thank You!”**

Last fall, the Oberlin Heritage Center received over \$5,000 worth of Microsoft software from the nonprofit organization known as **TechSoup Global**, which offers donation and discount programs through its mission to provide nonprofit and social benefit organizations with the technology resources and knowledge they need to operate at their full potential. A thank-you note was sent to TechSoup headquarters expressing the Heritage Center’s deep gratitude for such generous support. If this were the end of the story, it would still be a great one as the software tremendously enhanced the Heritage Center’s staff, interns, and volunteers’ capacity to accomplish their daily work. However, the story continues...shortly after receiving the “thank you” at their end, TechSoup’s Communications office was in touch with **Pat Murphy** wanting to know more about the Oberlin Heritage Center and planning to use OHC stories and photos in some of TechSoup’s future marketing campaigns. What a thrill! Stay tuned for more and we will let our readers know when and where the Oberlin Heritage Center will be included in some of TechSoup’s advertising.

## **Huānyíng Dào Ménluó Gùjū Lái!**

“Welcome to the Monroe House!” says the Chinese headline above. Recently, **Preston Sundin**, an Oberlin College senior and East Asian Studies major, as well as one of the Oberlin Heritage Center’s great student interns, translated the guided tour of the Monroe House into Chinese as a special project for his coursework. At the end of the first semester, Preston led three of his professors through the historic house on a practice tour in Chinese. As

part of his project, Preston identified many artifacts throughout the building with small signs written in traditional Chinese characters. (Current visitors notice that the signage will continue to be displayed for awhile because we think it looks so cool!) Preston plans to expand his Chinese tour to include the Jewett House and Little Red Schoolhouse before the end of the school year. He'll conclude his work by inviting his fellow classmates to experience the final version of his tour. We're super-proud of Preston and we're thrilled to have a Chinese version of our historic sites tour.

## **Reform, Progress, and Advancement on the Eve of the Civil War**

Check out our new blog series on Oberlin and the Civil War! This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the War Between the States, and the Oberlin Heritage Center has started sharing interesting Civil War facts. You can get the news the 21<sup>st</sup> century way - on our [blog](#) or [Facebook page](#), or the old fashioned way - by stopping by our kiosk on Main Street, just south of the Post Office, for occasional postings. **Karyn Norwood** has been creating these posts based on her ongoing research of Oberlin during the war years. Karyn is an AmeriCorps member placed at the Oberlin Heritage Center through the Ohio Historical Society's Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> Initiative, designed to increase regional awareness of Civil War events and programming.

## **Planning Know-How "To Go"!**

Conservatory of Music Professor **Joanne Erwin** invited Oberlin Heritage Center executive director **Pat Murphy** to speak to her winter term class of Music Education Masters degree students on January 4<sup>th</sup> about nonprofit management and strategic planning and how the Heritage Center has accomplished its goals. The class subsequently did its own mockup strategic plan for a community music program.

## **Oberlin Heritage Center Community Award Nominations**

Please take a few minutes to nominate an outstanding individual, organization, or business whose accomplishments in serving the community are in keeping with the Oberlin Heritage Center's mission *to preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and to make the community a better place to live, learn, work and visit.*

Award Categories include:

**Community Historian** - for an individual who adds to the knowledge of the history of Oberlin through research, writing, and/or educating others.

**Heritage Guardian** – for an individual or group dedicated to the ideals of conservation and preservation and who serves our community as a leader in preserving history, historical records, or historic buildings.

**Oberlin Heritage Center Volunteer of the Year** – for a volunteer who makes extraordinary contributions of time and talent to the Oberlin Heritage Center.

**Community Teacher of the Year** – for an area educator who inspires his or her students to get involved in community service.

**History Teacher of the Year** – for an area educator who inspires his or her students to learn more about history. Anyone may submit a nomination by February 1, 2011. You may click [here](#) for an entry form or visit the "What's New" sidebar at [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org). Award winners will be announced and saluted at the Oberlin Heritage Center's Annual Meeting on April 6, 2011.

## **In Memory**

The end of 2010 also brought with it several losses to the Oberlin Heritage Center community. Endowed Life Member **Sally Arnold** passed away in October, while OHC History Teacher of the Year (and also Endowed Life Member) **Mildred Arthrell**, and OHC Volunteer of the Year **Doris Sable**, both passed away in December. Doris's memorial service was held on December 30, 2010. Sally Arnold's life will be celebrated on the anniversary of her birthday, February 18, 2011, in an afternoon gathering at Kendal at Oberlin. There will be an Oberlin memorial service for Millie Arthrell at First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. on Saturday March 5 at 2 p.m.; a Tulsa, OK service for Millie was held on December 27. We mourn the loss of these wonderful women each of whom was tremendously devoted to preserving and sharing Oberlin history.

## Also of Interest

**Teacher Institutes:** Each year the **National Endowment for the Humanities'** Division of Education Programs offers teachers opportunities to study a variety of humanities topics in NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes. Application Deadline is March 1, 2011. For more information about the programs and the application process, click [here](#) or visit <http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html>. **The University of Dayton** is sponsoring Mozart's Worlds: Bridging West and East in Vienna, Austria from June 20-July 15 (4 weeks). For more information, visit the UD [website](#) at <http://campus.udayton.edu/~nehinstitute2011>. The **National Gallery of Art** invites K-12 teachers to apply for a 6-day seminar in July that will explore American art of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Apply by March 15, 2011 and visit [www.nga.gov/education/teacinst.htm](http://www.nga.gov/education/teacinst.htm) for more. K-12 history, social studies and English teachers may apply to the **Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History** 2011 Summer Seminars (one-week each), which are taught by renowned historians on college campuses in the U.S. and the U.K. Application Deadline is February 1, 2011. For a complete list of the Gilder Lehrman seminars, information about full and partial fellowships, graduate credit, and to apply online, visit [Gilder Lehrman Summer Seminars](#) at [www.gilderlehrman.org](http://www.gilderlehrman.org) and click on the Education/For Teachers tab.

**UGIVE.org** is a free nonprofit website with a mission to catalyze, excite, and empower the next generation of volunteers --- our youth across the country! UGIVE connects high school students with nonprofits near them in order to put volunteerism back in the hands of the students performing it. UGIVE, founded in Cincinnati just 3 years ago, has already spread to more than 17,000 students nationwide. It landed in Northeast Ohio in August 2010 and already has 500 students and over 100 nonprofits connecting with one another to make our area a more selfless, more connected community. UGIVE tracks every volunteer's hours and automatically builds service resumes for them! Nonprofits, school personnel, and high school students are all welcome to join in the UGIVE culture of service by visiting UGIVE.org for themselves. (The Oberlin Heritage Center already has signed up to participate and met recently with UGIVE's wonderful local representatives, Molly and Kristina, and we're looking forward to working together with UGIVE and new high school volunteers!)

Kudos to the **1830 Hallauer House Bed & Breakfast** ([www.hallauerhousebnb.com](http://www.hallauerhousebnb.com)) for being the runner-up in the Ohio Hotel and Lodging Association's quest for the 2010 Ohio B&B of the Year! Congratulations to Proprietors Joe and Susan Woodward (Oberlin Heritage Center business members) who will be aiming for #1 B&B in 2011!

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