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### **Oberlin Heritage Center's Own Receives State Honor**

Cathe Radabaugh, former board president of the Oberlin Heritage Center/O.H.I.O., received the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums (OAHSM) 2005 Individual Achievement Award Oct. 8, honoring her many years of outstanding service. Radabaugh, who is never one to seek the limelight, graciously accepted the honor. "Since my family, past presidents and current board president are here, I guess I'll have to be truthful," she said a bit jokingly at the awards ceremony held in Columbus. "But the truth is that Oberlin is blessed with a great history to tell and the board has had great people on it over the years and the staff is superb, so it has simply been a pleasure volunteering for the organization."

Radabaugh's tireless and enthusiastic love for the Oberlin Heritage Center was supported by dozens of letters of nomination describing her "down to earth" nature and hands-on guidance at any time of day or night – even responding to security alarm rings at the buildings at night. No task was ever too great or small for Radabaugh's attention. Her energy, enthusiasm, sense of humor always create a warm and spirited environment. It was that continuity in leadership and steadfast devotion that earned her the award.

Radabaugh began serving on the board in 1993. Her contributions and leadership have helped ensure the organization's success and growth since then. In addition to serving as board president from 2003 to 2005, Radabaugh was treasurer from 1993 to 2001 and an O.H.I.O. Trustee from 1993 to 2005. Most recently, she played an integral part as chairperson for the Strategic Planning Committee and continually volunteers on numerous fundraising projects for the organization, including offering bed and breakfast accommodations in her home to support the cause.

"We rely on the countless hours of volunteer time donated by people like Cathe Radabaugh and others, for without them the Oberlin Heritage could not continue to keep its doors open," said Patricia Murphy, Executive Director of the Oberlin Heritage Center. "This award honors Cathe Radabaugh, but we are also honored that she chooses to so graciously donate her time and energies to our organization to continue carrying out the mission of sharing Oberlin's unique heritage with others."

The Oberlin Heritage Center and the Radabaugh and Hobbs family were well represented at the event which was held at the Ohio Historical Society. Also among those in attendance were Oberlin Heritage Center Board President James White, and Past Presidents Roberta Garcia, Pat Holsworth and Marianne Cochrane in addition to trustee Eugene Simon, Honorary Trustee Thelma Quinn Smith, and Executive Director Pat Murphy as well as members from Oberlin and Toledo.

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