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## **Oberlin Heritage Center Celebrates National Historic Preservation Week**

Oberlin, April 8, 2004 – Citizens in Oberlin, Ohio will join thousands of individuals around the country as part of a nationwide celebration of National Historic Preservation Week, May 3-9, 2004. “*New Frontiers in Preservation*” is the theme of the week-long celebration, which has been sponsored annually by the National Trust for Historic Preservation since 1971.

“Historic preservation has made great strides in recent years, but our job is by no means complete,” said National Trust President Richard Moe. “Older business districts and residential neighborhoods are still marred by disinvestments and deterioration. Landmarks of the recent past don’t always receive the attention that they deserve. Sprawl continues to devour precious open space and destroy the character that makes each community unique, and laws that protect historic places are under attack. Preservation Week 2004 calls on us to get involved and tackle the new and ongoing challenges we face, and to redouble our efforts to ensure that our movement accurately reflects the vision, energy and diversity of America.”

As part of the week-long celebration, citizens nationwide will celebrate with alumni reunions, career days, pageants, workshops, clean-up days, rallies, reenactments, and home and garden tours. In Oberlin, Preservation Week 2004 will be observed through the following events:

On Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street), Maria Surovy, Museum Fellow at the Oberlin Heritage Center will present a new program detailing Historic Downtown Oberlin as a recent addition to the National Register of Historic Places. This program is co-sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center and the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission and is free and open to the public.

On Saturday, May 8, at 1 p.m. in the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street), the Cleveland Restoration Society will present a slide show entitled “Residential Architectural Styles and Maintaining Architectural Character.” This free public program is co-sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center/O.H.I.O., The City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission and the Cleveland Restoration Society/Preservation Resource Center of Northeast Ohio. The illustrated program will last approximately one hour.

Visitors may tour the Oberlin Heritage Center at 73 ½ S. Professor Street on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., which is a great way to celebrate National Historic Preservation Week with friends and family. The Heritage Center is comprised of two historic house museums, the Monroe House and Jewett House, and a circa 1830s one-room schoolhouse. Tours are \$4.00 per person (free to O.H.I.O. members) and children under 18 years of age when accompanied by an adult.

The Oberlin Heritage Center/Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and share Oberlin’s unique heritage and to make the community a better place to live, learn, work, and visit. For more information, visit the organization’s website at [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org) or call 440-774-1700.

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