



Oberlin Heritage Center  
November 2022 Gazette

Join us For Trivia Night on Nov 11.

The Oberlin Heritage Center PRESENTS:  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**

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**FRIDAY, NOV 11**

Doors 5:30pm-Contest 6pm at The First Church in Oberlin UCC

Trivia Night is back, live and in-person on November 11! Round up a team of players, or come on your own, and test your knowledge of pop culture particulars, historical minutia, geographic oddities, animal anomalies, and more.

There will be activities for children as well as several themed raffle baskets containing games, food, gift certificates, and local culture themed prizes. Register today!

To register, call Liz Schultz at 440-744-7100 or visit [oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://oberlinheritagecenter.org) .

# Upcoming Events

## Parents & Family Weekend Tour Schedule

*Friday through Sunday, November 4, 5, & 6*

### Parents & Family Weekend History Walks



Oberlin College's Parents & Family Weekend is one of the Oberlin Heritage Center's last big tour weekends of the year and the spots are filling up quick. If you haven't yet experienced a guided history walk across neighborhoods surrounding downtown Oberlin or a tour inside the Monroe House, this is your chance! Tours are open to the public as well as to campus visitors.

Advance Registration is required for the History

Walks. To register please visit [oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://oberlinheritagecenter.org)

#### Friday, November 4:

- Self-Guided Tours 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Civil War to Civil Rights 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. **(Almost Full)**

#### Saturday, November 5:

- Self-Guided Tours 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Freedom's Friends 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
- Architecture Tour 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

#### Sunday, November 6:

- Freedom's Friends 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

## Going High-Tech to Rediscover Ohio Indigenous Peoples' Earthworks

*November 15, 7:00 p.m. Zoom Program*



Dr. Jarrod Burks is a professional archaeologist specializing in geophysical surveys. He works for Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc., a private archaeology firm in Columbus, Ohio. Jarrod received his PhD and MA degrees in anthropology (archaeology) from The Ohio State University and his BA degree in anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. One of his great passions is relocating ancient earthwork sites

through geophysical survey. To that end he has surveyed several dozen of these earthwork sites in Ohio, making numerous unique discoveries, including finding previously unknown sites. Jarrod is the President and a founder of the Heartland Earthworks Conservancy, and the Treasurer of the Ohio Archaeological Council.

**Advanced Registration is required for this free Zoom program, to register please visit this address: <https://bit.ly/3ycoEVe>**

*Photo of the Great Serpent Mound by Eric Ewing*

## Thanksgiving Weekend at OHC



We at Oberlin Heritage Center would like to wish all who celebrate it a happy Thanksgiving!

Although the Heritage Center will be closed Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving Day, plan to visit on Friday, November 25 or Saturday, November 26. Bring your out-of-town guests to the Heritage Center between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to take part in self-guided tour of the Monroe House or visit on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. for a guided tour of Monroe House and the Little Red Schoolhouse. OHC makes it easy and fun to entertain guests in Oberlin this holiday weekend.

## Veterans Day Appreciation Ceremony

*Friday, November 11, 11:00 a.m.*

Honor the sacrifices of veterans on Friday Nov. 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Oberlin Elementary School (210 N. Park St.). There will be a slideshow of local veterans displayed during the ceremony. If you or a loved one served, please consider submitting a photo to the slideshow by sending a copy to [veteransdayceremony2022@gmail.com](mailto:veteransdayceremony2022@gmail.com)

If you are unable to attend the ceremony in person, you can watch the ceremony via livestream available at [stream.oberlinschools.net](http://stream.oberlinschools.net). This program is being organized by the Oberlin City Schools in collaboration with many community partners.

## News From OHC

### Welcome to Our New Interns

OHC has two new interns and two returning interns from the Community Based Work Study program through Oberlin College.

One of our new interns is Ellie Lane, a third-year student at Oberlin College who grew up in Portland, Oregon. She is studying History and Comparative American studies and has helped OHC with its Good Morning Oberlin Program about the history of Halloween



celebrations in Oberlin and will soon be helping with editing of our ongoing VHS digitization project.

Our second new intern is Eleanor Bolker, a first-year student who comes to Oberlin from New Hampshire. She has a strong interest in local history and has been helping OHC with a disability and accessibility historical research project.

Our returning interns are Adrienne Sato, who recently finished up a self-guided tour of Westwood cemetery focusing on black Civil War soldiers, and Lillian Gibson, who is working on a project concerning race and education in Oberlin.

*Pictured: (left) Eleanor Bolker, (middle) Ellie Lane, (right) Lillian Gibson*

## Your Holiday Shopping Can Benefit the Heritage Center

*Two Easy Ways to Help OHC Raise Funds*



Remember the [Oberlin Heritage Center's Museum Store](#) is a great source of holiday gift-giving ideas. The store is stocked with history-themed books, Anti-Saloon League beverage glasses, Oberlin afghans and other mementos, all of which are available online or at the gift shop located just inside the front door of the Monroe House (73 1/2 South Professor Street, at the back of the Conservatory

parking lot). Or, consider a truly one-of-a-kind and lasting gift by ordering an inscribed century-old brick to honor a special person or occasion in your life. A gift card announcement will be provided to the recipient for the holidays, and a photo of the installed brick will be sent when it is installed along the Heritage Center's brick pathway next summer.

You can also support the Oberlin Heritage Center while buying things from Amazon by using <https://smile.amazon.com> when you shop. Amazon will give to the charitable organization of your choice at no extra expense to you. The Heritage Center is listed under its legal name, the Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization.

## 2023 Community Award Nominations

The Oberlin Heritage Center's Community Awards Program celebrates and recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses whose outstanding accomplishments in serving the community are in keeping with our mission: To preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and to make our community a better place to live, learn, work and visit.

Award categories include:

- Community Historian
- Heritage Guardian
- Oberlin Heritage Center Volunteer of the Year
- Community Teacher of the Year (who encourage student community service)





- History Teacher of the Year
- Keep Oberlin Beautiful
- Business Leader Service
- Youth Community Service

Nomination forms are available on [oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://oberlinheritagecenter.org), Nominations are due by January 15, 2023. 2023 Award Winners will be recognized at OHC's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 as special guests of the Oberlin Heritage Center.

## Abandoned Bridge in Pittsfield reveals earlier path of Route 58



This month of OHC's social media will be focusing on historic bridges in Lorain County and we were able to document one of the oldest still standing in Lorain County.

OHC's Communications Coordinator, Steven Rice, was recently invited by the [Pittsfield Township Historical Society](#) to journey out to an abandoned bridge in a Pittsfield back yard that, through research

by the Pittsfield Township Historical Society, was determined to be from an earlier alignment of Route 58. The bridge was likely constructed around 1880 by the famous Massillon Bridge Co. of Massillon, OH who also made the Dean Road Bridge which was constructed in 1898 and rehabilitated in 2014. This Pittsfield bridge fell out of use around 1911 and now no longer has a deck to cross. Special thanks to Mike Fenik for letting us visit his land to see the bridge and to Bert Latran, Jr. and Lynn Youngblood for notifying OHC of the local history opportunity and providing background information on its origins.

To hear more about this and other historic bridges in Lorain County follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages during the month of November.

## October Museum & Members Update



OHC was very busy this October. We would like to congratulate our Board President Gail Wood once again on her recognition by the Ohio Local History Alliance with an Individual Achievement Award. Between three large school tours, three college tours, Oberlin City Schools Literacy Night, a Halloween history program at the Oberlin Business Partnership's

Good Morning Oberlin, and our new downtown history walk, OHC directly interacted with over 650 youth and adults!

We note with sorrow the passing of former OHC Members John "Jack" Baumann, David Blood, and Alfred MacKay.

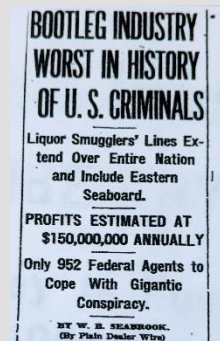
*Photo: Students visiting from Huron College in Ontario*

## Also of Interest:

### OHC's METM is Published!

The Oberlin Heritage Center's Museum Education & Tour Manager, Stephanie Bohnak, recently published an article with the Ohio Academy of History titled *'Raids and 'Rackets' Arouse Cleveland' Bootlegging and Dry Agents in Cleveland, Ohio 1919-1924.*

The article focuses on the corruption that infiltrated Cleveland's prohibition agents and features the story of the framing of prohibition agent Herbert Frederick Counts.



The article is available at <https://www.ohioacademyofhistory.org> in the "Proceedings 2020-2022: Pandemic Edition" section.

## Lorain County History Happenings

First Saturday Every Month - Oberlin African-American Genealogy & History Group  
December 3 - Oberlin City Tree Lighting & Holiday Event



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