



## Oberlin Heritage Center November 2023 Gazette

### Trivia Night

*Friday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.*

**There are just a few days left to take advantage of our early bird special where you will enjoy \$5 off per adult or \$4 per youth if you and your teammates register before Friday, November 3.**

Test your team's knowledge with these sample questions:

- The ladies of Amy Tan's Joy Luck Club meet to play what game with plum blossom and chrysanthemum tiles?
- What movie featured an approximately 200 year old white oak tree near Malabar Farm State park here in Ohio?
- What song, written by Steven Stills, appeared on Crosby, Stills & Nash's 1969 debut album and captures Stills' feelings about the imminent breakup of the relationship with his girlfriend, singer-songwriter Judy Collins?
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Trivia Night is on Friday, November 10. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the contest will begin at 6:00 p.m. at The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. Kurt G. Sarringhaus is returning as our premier sponsor, ARRC One is returning as a Co-Sponsor, and Kevin and Max Greenwood are returning as our MCs. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Pricing:

\$20 for adults (\$18 for OHC Members)

\$15 for youths (\$13 for OHC Members)

To register, visit [oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call Liz Schultz at 440-774-1700. Team captains can register their whole team at once or advise their players to register themselves. We'll be in touch with the captains as soon as they register.

Teams this year will be limited to 8 adults, whether they're playing or not. (Kids under 18 years old don't count toward the team limit but still need to register.)

Answers: *Mahjong, The Shawshank Redemption, Judy Blue Eyes*

## Upcoming Events

### Parents Weekend Tour Offerings

*Friday-Sunday November 3-5*



The Oberlin Heritage Center is offering a number of options for guided and self-guided tours during this year's Parents Weekend. Tour fees range from \$3-\$6 for adults; OHC members and children under 18 enjoy ALL tours free. Drop-in visitors are welcome for the self-guided Oberlin Origins tour of the Monroe House or to reserve an outdoor tablet tour, while all other tours and history walks require advance registration. Please click on a history walk below for more information and to

make an online reservation. In case of rain at start time, the tour/history walk will be cancelled and fees refunded. All tours are open to the public.

#### Friday, November 3:

- Self Guided Tours 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Guided Tour of the Jewett House 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

#### Saturday, November 4:

- Self Guided Tours 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Freedom's Friends 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Architecture Tour 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

#### Sunday, November 5:

- Architecture Tour 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- Civil War to Civil Rights 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

### Foiled Again

*November 24 and 25 at 2:00 p.m.*

Foiled Again! The Aluminum Mystery Experience is back this fall. Foiled Again is perfect for your families, friends, teams, or clubs! Join us at the Oberlin Heritage Center and book this private mystery experience where your group will have a chance to help Professor Jewett solve the mystery of where his aluminum science notes went inside the Jewett House. Immerse yourself in the late 1800s as he helped his student, Charles Martin Hall,



discover the Aluminum Reduction Process. This teamwork-based activity is best suited for detectives over the age of 9. We recommend groups between 3-8 participants.

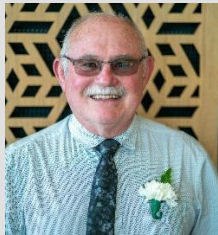
Detectives will meet at the Jewett House after booking their group online via our [events page](#). This experience is \$20 per group, but OHC members receive a 10% discount. Groups are private once booked. Inquiries regarding additional dates can be directed to the Museum Education and Tour Manager at 440-774-1700 or via email [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org).

See below the following dates available for booking:

Friday, November 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 25 at 2:00 p.m.

## News From OHC



### Thank You to Craig Enos

Craig has been helping to take care of OHC's grounds, including mowing much of the green space, since 2017 and is retiring this winter. He brings his own heavy duty equipment and handles everything from large swaths of grass to detailed trim work. Craig also helped lead the design, material sourcing, and construction of OHC's pollinator gardens.

His contributions to keeping OHC beautiful for all its visitors do not go unappreciated and the OHC team is very grateful for his years of dedicated service.

The Oberlin Heritage Center will be looking for someone to volunteer to take over Craig's mowing. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Liz Schultz at [director@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:director@oberlinheritage.org) or by calling 440-774-1700.

### Donate Your Tablecloths to OHC

If you are downsizing or decluttering your house this autumn, OHC would be happy to take any solid colored tablecloths off your hands to use during programs and special events.

Here are some of the sizes we are looking for:

- Card table - 33.5"x33.5"
- Small Rectangle - 2'x4', 2'x5'
- Large Rectangle - 3'x6' or larger

If you have a table cloth you think we would be interested in, please contact Liz Schultz at [director@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:director@oberlinheritage.org) or by calling 440-774-1700.

### OHC Will Close For The Holiday Season

The Oberlin Heritage Center will be closed to the public from Tuesday, December 19 through Monday, January 15, 2024. This time will help OHC's staff focus on end-of-year reporting, behind-the-scenes collections projects, and prepare for a host of events to come in the new year.

We appreciate the understanding of our patrons.

## Museum & Members Update



Community Foundation

LORAIN COUNTY



Thank you to the Community Foundation of Lorain County for their recent grant to the Oberlin Heritage Center which will help with 2024 operating expenses.

Thank you to Gail Wood and Barb Enos (pictured) for administrating OHC's bed and breakfast program this year. Through your tireless efforts OHC was able to generate nearly \$5,000 in revenue just from this program, which will go a long way in helping OHC maintain the high quality of programming for which we are known.

With sorrow we note the passing of Henry "Hank" Annable, Dorothy N. Baker, Joanne Norenberg, and Thelma Quinn Smith (pictured) who was an honorary trustee of the Oberlin Heritage Center. Our deep condolences go out to their families.

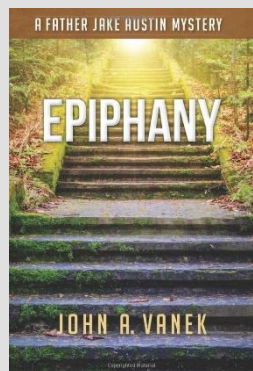


### Also of Interest:

#### Friends of Westwood Cemetery Annual Meeting - November 15

The Friends of Westwood Cemetery will have their annual meeting on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Oberlin Public Library. The meeting will contain updates about all that FOWC has accomplished this last year. The program will include a review of their past year's activities, an outline of their plans of the upcoming year, and the election of officers and Board members.

Refreshments will be available, including pizza, salad, and homemade desserts.



#### Epiphany by John Vanek Out Now

Award-winning local author John Vanek recently released the final entry in his much loved Father Jake Austin book series. In this new work, "Epiphany", Father Jake Austin investigates a haunting at St. Joseph's Hospital, tracks down a murderer and looks into the practices of an unsavory priest.

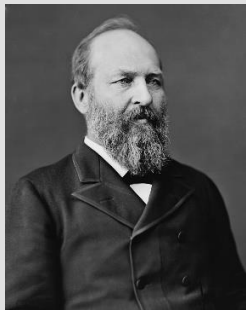
The book will eventually be for sale in our [shop](#) along with the other four volumes of the Father Jake Austin series that are already available in our shop. For more information please visit [johnvanekauthor.com](http://johnvanekauthor.com).

## Words, Music, Memory: (Re)Presenting Voices of the Holocaust

Curated by Adina Langer, an Oberlin College alum and a curator at the Kennesaw State Museum of Holocaust History and Education, "Words, Music, Memory: (Re)Presenting Voices of the Holocaust" is a ten-panel traveling exhibit and accompanying digital gallery guide highlighting the links along the chain of commemoration that connect past to present and generation to generation.

While the panels focus on the words of writers who witnessed the Holocaust, the gallery guide includes biographies of the writers, sketches by the panel illustrators, information about musical and dramatic pieces adapted from the writers' works, and interviews with composers, lyricists, performers, and producers. Visitors also have opportunities to access performance videos and share their perspectives. The exhibit will be on display at Terrell Library of Oberlin College from the beginning of October through November 18.

On Thursday, November 16, Adina will also be giving a lunchtime talk about curating histories of violence and resilience. That same evening, there will be a free public concert performed by Oberlin alum Sheena Ramirez of music based on the writings of young people who witnessed the Holocaust at 7:30 p.m. at the Kulas Recital Hall.



### James A. Garfield Day

Back in May 2023, the Ohio House of Representatives passed a unanimous measure to designate November 19 as "James A. Garfield Day."

Garfield served as the 20th President of the United States and was born in Cuyahoga county in 1831. Before being elected as President, Garfield was noted as a member of the "Radical Triumvirate," a group of Ohio reformers also including Oberlin's James Monroe and Jacob

Dolson Cox who would eventually become Ohio's governor. The three would sometimes send letters to one another and dined together at various times.

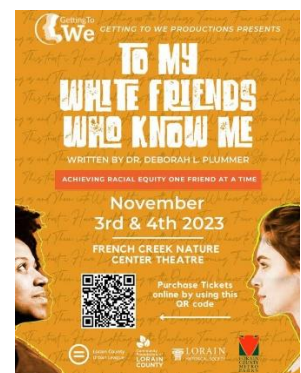
Garfield visited Oberlin in 1876 for a for social event related to the election of another of their friends. He dined with Monroe and Cox in the Monroe house and spent the next day in Oberlin with Monroe's family.

### "To My White Friends Who Know Me"

Tickets are on sale now for "To My White Friends Who Know Me". This special presentation encourages audiences to make an effort to cross racial lines in friendship and collectively work toward racial equity. Performances are Friday, November 3 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, November 4 at 2:00 pm.

Tickets available

here: [https://lorain.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/event?event\\_date\\_id=5323](https://lorain.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/event?event_date_id=5323)



Through engaging, substantive, and often humorous dialogue, audiences are kept actively engaged and ready to participate in the post-show discussion. The call to action is inspiring because of—rather than in spite of—its willingness to call out difficulties while encouraging audiences to continue to make an effort to cross racial lines in friendship and work toward greater equity.

This community social trust project is produced by Getting to We and is brought to you at the French Creek Nature Center Theatre courtesy of our community partners and sponsors: the Community Foundation of Lorain County, Huntington Bank, the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce, the Lorain County Metro Parks, the Lorain County Urban League, the Lorain Historical Society, the Lorain Public Library System, and the Nord Family Foundation. For more information, contact Barb Piscopo at [bpiscopo@lorainhistory.org](mailto:bpiscopo@lorainhistory.org) or call the Lorain Historical Society at 440-245-2563.



### **Make a Gift to Support the 2023 OHC Annual Fund Today!**

The Oberlin Heritage Center is working hard to fulfill its mission: to preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and to make our community a better place to live, learn, work, and visit. Thanks to YOU—our members and supporters—we have been able to continue sharing Oberlin's history. If you've enjoyed our programming this past year and want to help support OHC, please consider making a tax-deductible gift to our 2023 Annual Fund campaign. Your gift will help us deliver history experiences

that are educational, fun, interactive, and relevant to all our members. You can make a gift online today by following the link below. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Oberlin Heritage Center!



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