



Oberlin Heritage Center December 2023 Gazette

OHC WINTER CLOSURE



DEC 17 THROUGH JAN 15

The Oberlin Heritage Center will be closed to the public from Sunday, December 17 through Monday, January 15, 2024. This time will help OHC's staff focus on end-of-year reporting, behind-the-scenes collections projects, and a host of events to come in the new year. We will still offer tours and have regular open hours from now through Saturday, December 16.

We appreciate the understanding of our patrons.

Upcoming Events

Jewett House Tour

December 1 at 1:30 p.m.

OHC's tour of the Jewett House, 73 South Professor Street, is available the first Friday of every month and will highlight Frank Fanning Jewett, Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett, Charles Martin Hall, the aluminum reduction process and life in Oberlin during the Progressive Era. Additional topics include architecture, interior design, social reform, and student boarders who stayed with the family during their time at Oberlin College.



Registration is recommended but not required. The group will meet at the Monroe House before walking to the Jewett House. You can register online using the [events calendar](#).

Save the Date for OHC's Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Make sure to save some space in your calendar for the evening of Wednesday, April 10, 2024. We will be hosting the Annual Meeting at the Hotel at Oberlin and meal options will be included with paid registration.

Keep an eye out in future newsletters for additional details and registration information.

Holiday Gift Ideas From OHC

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 DVD copies of the new documentary "A Higher Law," 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.



News From OHC



Thank You to the Nordson Corporation

The staff of the Oberlin Heritage Center would like to give a heartfelt thanks to Nordson Corporation for their recent grant in support of educational programs and supplies in 2024. We look forward to continuing our partnership with local schools to offer unique programs.

OHC Volunteer Steve Johnson Visited the National WWII Museum

Steve Johnson, long time OHC volunteer and Honorary Trustee, recently visited the opening of the new Liberation exhibit facility at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. The facility features a display of former OHC collections items that belonged to Col. Norman G. Long who was also a chaplain in the US Army's 9th Cavalry.

Steve was also honored by the museum for helping to prepare the items donated by OHC and providing information for their new exhibit.

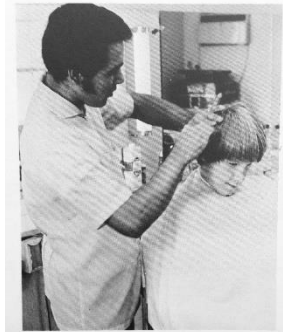


Thank You to Barb Enos, Elizabeth Hamilton, and Amanda Manahan for Donating Tablecloths

Thank you to steadfast supporters Barb Enos, Elizabeth Hamilton, and Amanda Manahan for donating tablecloths to OHC. The tablecloths will be used when OHC sets up information tables at events and will replace our older tablecloths that have been well used.

Manuel's Barber Shop

Manuel Espinoza came to town in 1964 and purchased his barber shop from Perry Wall in 1967. He has dutifully served the Oberlin community since and his business was a long time OHC business member. His presence on Main Street and business will be missed. We wish him all the best.



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Museum & Members Update



Congratulations to Trivia winners "The Lightning Rods" and to our second and third place teams, "The Trivets" and "Shansi Bao!" The competition was extremely lively throughout the night between all teams.

Thank you to Premier Sponsor Kurt G. Sarringhaus, Co-Sponsor ARRC One, and to everyone who came out for the event, especially our volunteers, basket donors and all our competing teams: The Foxy Lorainites, King Hamilton's Court, The Lightning Rods, Real Reserved, Shansi Bao, The Trivets, Trapper Keepers, and the UU Obies.



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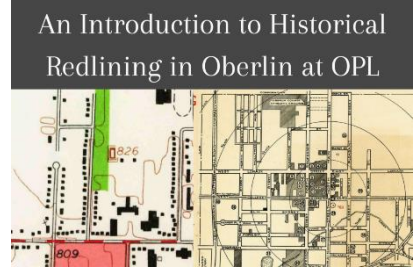
With sorrow we note the passing of Eloise Pulsifer who was the mother of Bethany Hobbs, Development and Business Manager and grandmother of Glenn Hobbs, Museum Housekeeper. Our heart goes out to Bethany and her family in this difficult time. Eloise was a cherished friend to OHC and will be missed by many.

Also of Interest:

OHC's Redlining Program Now Available on YouTube

The October 17, 2023 program "An Introduction to Historical Redlining in Oberlin" was recorded by Oberlin Heritage Center staff and is now available on OHC's YouTube channel [here](#).

The program examines and illustrates the harmful practice of redlining as it happened in Oberlin using maps and other historical documents. It was presented by Executive Director Liz Schultz and is available to be booked by contacting us at 440-774-1700 or tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.



Dawoud Bey in Conversation at Allen Memorial Art Museum - Dec 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Chicago-based photographer and MacArthur fellow Dawoud Bey is best known for portraiture. More recently he has begun to address the question, "How can one reimagine and visualize African-American history? Make that history resonate in the contemporary moment." This is the subject of his series of large-format photographs, *Night Coming Tenderly, Black*, titled after a poem by Langston Hughes. Focusing on unmarked sites on the Underground Railroad in Northeast Ohio, one work from the series in the Allen's collection is currently on view in an exhibition that centers community perspectives on Bey's work. For this

event, Bey will be joined by Oberlin professor and poet Chanda Feldman who will explore the nuances of this history and the poetics of night.

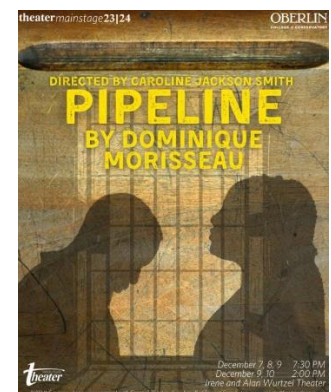
Introduced with a musical performance by the Oberlin Gospel Choir, under the direction of La Tanya Hall. You can find more information on the event on the Allen Art Museum Website

This event is supported in part by the Oberlin College Art Department's Ellen Johnson Fund for Visiting Artists.

Pipeline, by Dominique Morisseau

This play, being put on by the Oberlin College Theater Department, follows Omari, a Black student at a predominantly white prep school, and his single mother, Nya, who teaches at the district public school. When Omari is provoked into an altercation with his teacher, Nya's fears for her son pushes her to the edge and force audiences to question who is truly at fault. As mother and son grapple with their relationship, larger cultural and societal issues emerge.

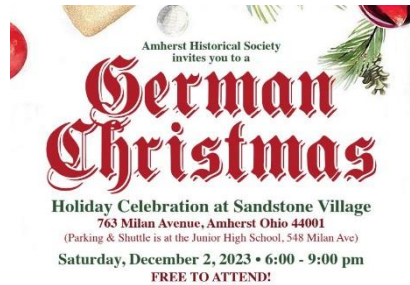
The play will run December 7, 8, and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and on December 9 and 10 at 2:00 p.m. You can purchase tickets for this series or learn more information about it on the Oberlin College Website.



Walkin' in a Winter Oberlin - Dec 2 at 6:00 p.m.

The City of Oberlin along with Oberlin College and other local organizations and businesses have come together to put on the Walkin' in a Winter Oberlin annual event. The event will run on Saturday, December 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. all over downtown Oberlin. The event will kick off with a lights parade at 6:00 p.m. followed by the tree lighting on Tappan Square and much much more.

For additional information about this event please visit <https://cityofoberlin.com/winter-oberlin/>.



Amherst Historical Society's "German Christmas" - Dec 2 at 6:00 p.m.

The Amherst Historical society will be hosting their "German Christmas Holiday Celebration" on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Sandstone Village, 763 Milan Avenue, Amherst, Ohio. The event is free to attend and will feature Santa and Mrs. Claus, beautifully decorated Village Buildings, the Shops at Sandstone Village, hot chocolate for donation and more!

For further information, please contact the Amherst Historical Society at 440-988-7255 or office@amhersthistoricalsociety.org.

Oberlin Orchestra Concert - Dec 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The Oberlin Orchestra will be performing on Friday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Finney Chapel. It will be conducted by Raphael Jiménez, and features Oberlin Conservatory student musicians performing concert works. Faculty member and soprano, Katherine Jolly ('05 OC alum) will also be performing Andre Previn's *Honey and Rue*.

Admission to the performance is free to the public. If you would like to learn more about the event please visit the [Oberlin College website](#).

Empty Mugs - Dec 9

Oberlin College's Pottery Co-Op is hosting its annual event, Empty Mugs, on Saturday, December 9th, from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at First Church. Empty Mugs is a traditional community event that acts as a fundraiser for Oberlin Community Services, a holiday concert, and a pottery market! There will be performances from Oberlin's Brass Chamber Groups starting at 4:30, a live auction for pieces with the opportunity to win gift cards from local restaurants, like Blue Rooster and Bistro Bella Luna, and live folk music during the open pottery market. Come to enjoy a yummy seasonal drink from a beautiful handmade mug while knocking out your holiday shopping and helping make a difference in our community. For more info please visit the [Oberlin College Website](#).

Intern With Leadership Lorain County Summer 2024

Do you know a college student looking for a great summer opportunity? Applications for the Leadership Lorain County 2024 Summer Intern Session will begin to be accepted on December 1.

The Leadership Lorain County Internship Program offers internships across the professional spectrum. Have your college student check

out <https://www.leadershiploraincounty.com/programs/intern-program/> to learn more about the 2024 program. If you have any further questions about the program you can email llc@leadershiploraincounty.com.

**Final chance to make a difference
for OHC in 2023!**

Last call for donations to OHC's Annual Fund for 2023. It is only through donations like yours that this organization is able to continue offering unique and important local history programming to community members of all ages.

If you've enjoyed any of our events or resources this past year and want to help support OHC, please consider making a tax-deductible gift to our 2023 Annual Fund campaign. 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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