

***The Oberlin Underground Railroad Center
Community Update***

Saturday, September 11, 2010; 11 a.m.

Oberlin Gasholder Building Site

Music Presentation

by the Oberlin College Jazz Group

Introduction

George Abram, Underground Railroad Center Chair

City Proclamation

Ken Sloane, City Council President

Musical Presentation: Flowers of Love, Freedom for All

(words to this song are on back of this program)

Jessie Reeder and Friends

An Affirmation: The Gas House, The Gas Maker and the Community

Margaret Christian, Oberlin Historian

Gasholder Building History to Date

George Abram, Underground Railroad Center Chair

Oberlin Underground Railroad Center 2010 and Beyond

Darlene Colaso, Assistant City Manager

Plaque Presentations

Eric Norenberg, City Manager

Limited Tour of Gasholder Building

Tony Mealy



Flowers of Love, Freedom for All

I am a child in a land not my own....
Left here alone, too ill to travel on....
Strangers come __ Stood by my side,
Cared for me until I died.

Freedom ____ Freedom ____ Freedom

A stone, a pillow...for my head...
A tribute to... the life I led...
Trusting others to bring about change....
A gift...to all... those unchained.

Freedom ____ Freedom ____ Freedom

Tears of Sadness, broken hearts did bear...
Flowers have bloomed... removing the doom...
Covering grief, pain and gloom...
Keep planting seeds, flowers of love,
Establish the song, Freedom for all,

Freedom ____ Freedom ____ Freedom for All

Vocal Ensemble:

Sydney and Tiffany Burke
Sarah and Brooke Harris

Choirs:

OHS Concert Choir
Rust UMC Chancel Choir & Guest

Dancers:

Prospect School 4th and 5th grade
General Music Classes,
Ms. Bronwen Davies, Music Teacher

"Flowers of Love, Freedom for All"

Adapted: Lee Howard Dobbins, 4 year old fugitive slave
Died in Oberlin, March 26, 1853

Words and Music: Jessie L. Reeder – 2010
Oberlin Underground Railroad Center, City of Oberlin, Ohio

Flower seeds courtesy of Locke's Greenside Up Garden Center