

Press Release: Restoration Reveal Celebration at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House

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Celebrating a Historic Housewarming Celebration of Freedom with a Three-Day Event for All

(CINCINNATI, OH) – The Harriet Beecher Stowe House, an Ohio History Connection site, proudly announces a historic housewarming celebration to unveil its latest restorations. After five years of meticulous work, these renovations have created a historically accurate representation of the home during its most significant eras. The event kicks off on Friday, July 19th, and spans the entire weekend, filled with inspiring speakers, engaging tours, and community activities that honor the legacy of Harriet Beecher Stowe and the history embedded within the house.

The celebration marks the culmination of extensive restoration efforts, revealing two eras of interpretation:

- **1840:** The period when Harriet Beecher Stowe, a young teacher and mother, resided in Cincinnati and prepared to write the influential anti-slavery novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
- **1940:** When African-American proprietor Irene Bacon managed the house as the Edgemont Inn—a boarding house, community gathering space, and tavern listed in the Green Book.

Event Schedule: See full details at

www.stowehousecincy.org/housewarming

GENERATIONS UNITE

Friday, July 19th | 10am-4pm

Join us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony with esteemed speakers, followed by guided tours that bridge past and present.

[RSVP Required](#)

FAMILIES UNITE

Saturday, July 20th | 10am-4pm

A day dedicated to family-friendly activities, including a special kids' concert that offers a shared historical experience.

[RSVP Required](#)

ARTISTS UNITE

Sunday, July 21st | 12pm-4pm

Local visual, musical, and spoken word artists will gather to create and draw inspiration from the historic home, celebrating its rich cultural heritage.

Built in 1832, the Harriet Beecher Stowe House was originally the president's home on the campus of Lane Theological Seminary. It is the final property remaining from the campus in Walnut Hills. Harriet Beecher Stowe, who moved to Cincinnati with her father at the age of 21, lived in Cincinnati for 18 years and went on to write the influential anti-slavery novel Uncle Tom's Cabin, published in 1852. This historic site is located at 2950 Gilbert Avenue in Cincinnati.

The Beecher family lived in the home from 1832-1851, including Harriet's older sister Catharine Beecher, a national leader in teacher training for women and younger sister Isabella Beecher Hooker, who would go on to be influential in the women's suffrage movement in Connecticut. The house was subsequently occupied by three generations of the Monfort family who made significant additions and renovations to the home. In the 20th century the site served as a long-term boarding house and had a tavern that was listed in the Green Motorist Book. The house was purchased in 1943 by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Home Memorial Association and opened to the public as a historic site in 1949. The site's last major renovation project took place in the 1970s under the leadership of George Wilson and the Citizen's Committee on Youth.

The Harriet Beecher Stowe House is an Ohio History Connection historic site and is managed locally by the Friends of Harriet Beecher Stowe House. For more information on the site, visit www.stowehousecincy.org or call 513-751-0651.

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ABOUT HARRIET BEECHER STOWE HOUSE

The nonprofit Friends of Harriet Beecher Stowe House manages the Cincinnati home where Harriet Beecher Stowe lived during the formative years that led her to write *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. This historic site is part of the Ohio History Connection's network of more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio. For more information about programs and events, call 513-751-0651 or visit www.stowehousecincy.org.

Ohio History Connection

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