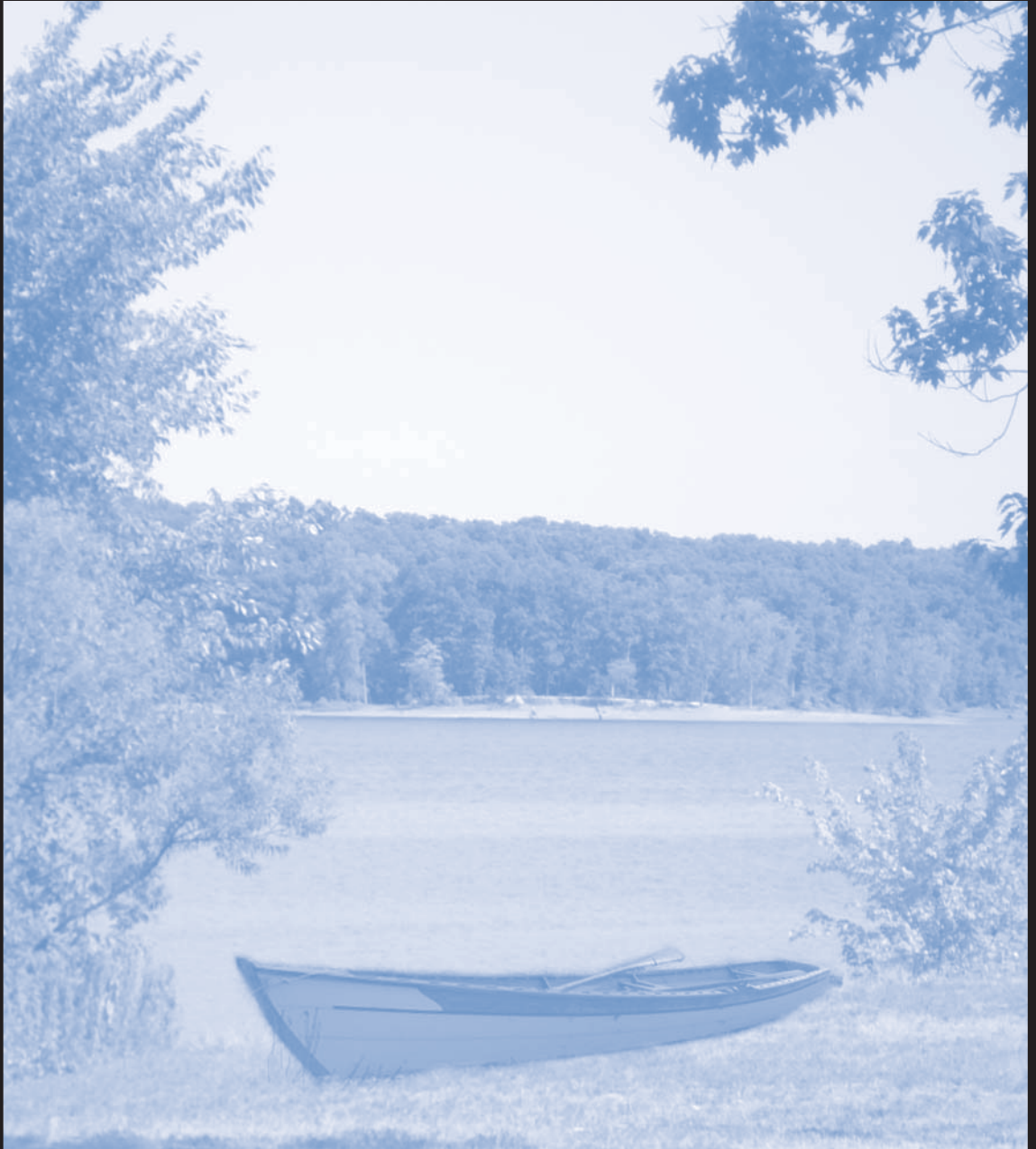


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# Schedule of Events

## Friday, October 19

**5:00pm – 7:00pm** Early check-in  
**7:00pm – 9:00pm** Meet & Greet; Refreshments

## Saturday, October 20

**7:00am – 8:30am** Continental breakfast at hotel

**8:45am – 9:00am** Welcome – Beverly J. Gray, FOFS President

**9:00am – 9:15am** Invocation  
Official City Welcome

**9:15am – 9:30am** “I’ve Been Here a Long Time” – John Mattox, Curator,  
Underground Railroad Museum, Flushing, OH

**9:30am – 10:30am** A Vision: The River to Lake UGRR Freedom Trail – Jack R.  
Marchbanks, Former Deputy Director, ODOT District Six & Cathy  
D. Nelson, Founder & President Emeritus, FOFS, Columbus, OH

**10:30am – 10:45am** Break

**10:45am – 11:30am** “Tranquility:” The John T. Wilson UGRR House Restoration Project  
– Ralph Alexander, Educator & Businessman, Batavia, OH

**11:30am – 12:00pm** The Promised Land: John P. Parker and the Underground Railroad  
– Anthony Gibbs, Historic Interpreter, Columbus, OH

**12:00pm – 1:00pm** Lunch

**1:00pm – 2:00pm** Joe & Jemima Logan: An Amazing Story from the Early Days of the  
UGRR in Southern Ohio – Dr. Andrew Feight, Associate Professor of  
History, Shawnee State University

**2:00pm – 3:00pm** The Steels: An Abolitionist Family - John Ogden, Researcher &  
Historian, Alexandria, VA

**3:00pm – 3:15pm** Break

**3:15pm – 4:00pm** Ohio Underground Railroad Regional Update – Regional  
Coordinators

**4:00pm – 6:00pm** Free Time

**6:00pm – 7:00pm** Dinner

**7:00pm – 7:30pm** Musical Selection – Terry Davis  
Introduction of Keynote Speaker

**7:30pm – 8:30pm** Jacqueline L. Tobin, Keynote Speaker  
“From Midnight to Dawn:” The Last Tracks of the Underground  
Railroad

**8:30pm – 9:00pm** Recognition & Awards Ceremony  
Outstanding Contributions to the UGRR  
Ohio UGRR “Conductor of the Year”  
“Bringing it all Together” – John Mattox

**Adjourn**

## Program Descriptions

### Session One

#### **A Vision: The River to Lake UGRR Freedom Trail Project**

Former Ohio Department of Transportation District Six, Deputy Director, Mr. Jack R. Marchbanks and Friends of Freedom Society Founder & President Emeritus, Cathy D. Nelson will discuss the collaborative efforts between the Friends of Freedom Society and the Ohio Department of Transportation to designate the state of Ohio's first commemorative highway to the history of the Underground Railroad along State Route 23 and State Route 4.

### Session Two

#### **“TRANQUILITY:” The John T. Wilson UGRR Restoration Project**

Former Superintendent & businessman, Mr. Ralph Alexander will share the history of ardent abolitionist, John T. Wilson and how he hid runaway slaves in the attic of his home. Learn of the efforts to restore this federal-style mansion to its 1840's original state.

### Session Three

#### **The Promised Land: John P. Parker and the Underground Railroad**

Travel back in time with history interpreter, Anthony Gibbs, who will bring the story of John Percial Parker's life of being an ex-slave, inventor, entrepreneur and conductor on the Underground Railroad. Gibbs will teach us about the songs, signs and dangers of escaping the wretched institution of slavery.

### Session Four

#### **Joe & Jemima Logan: An Amazing Story from the Early Days of the Underground Railroad in Southern Ohio**

Associate Professor of History, Dr. Andrew Feight, will illuminate the story of Joe and Jemima Logan and their early workings of the Underground Railroad in southern Ohio. One was emancipated and brought to Adams county, Ohio, the other ran away from his master in North Carolina. Once reunited, this husband and wife team, along with their white abolitionist friends, helped forge the rails that carried many later slaves to freedom.

### Session Five

#### **The Steel Family of Stafford, Ohio**

Researcher and historian, Mr. John Ogden, will discuss the life of William Steel who was the primary abolitionist in Stafford in Monroe County, Ohio. He supported William Lloyd Garrison and helped many escaping slaves to freedom. Stafford was a village of dedicated antislavery residents and was a “hotbed” of abolitionists with connections across the Ohio River.

### Keynote Speaker - Jacqueline L. Tobin



Jacqueline L. Tobin will discuss *From Midnight to Dawn's* compelling portraits of the men and women who established the Railroad, and of the people who traveled it to find new lives in Canada. Some of the figures are well known, like Harriet Tubman and John Brown. But there are equally heroic, less familiar figures here as well, like Mary Ann Shadd, who became the first black female newspaper editor in North America, and Osborne Perry Anderson, the only black survivor of the fighting at Harpers Ferry.

She is on the adjunct faculty at the University of Denver, where she teaches courses in writing and research. She has spent the last fifteen years researching and writing on African American Civil War history and uncovering untold stories.

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The Friends of Freedom Society, Inc. is a grassroots, all volunteer non-profit organization, whose sole purpose is to research, identify, document and preserve Underground Railroad sites throughout Ohio.

### Mission Statement

The Friends of Freedom Society’s mission is to raise public awareness about the lives of enslaved African Americans related to the Underground Railroad Movement. To preserve and commemorate the cultural landscape, and its connections to the lives of the people associated with the Underground Railroad story. To document the past events of the Underground Railroad as the first civil rights movement in America.

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- 4) All prices are per person.
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\_\_\_ Please register me for the Saturday Evening Awards Program with dinner (\$25).

\_\_\_ I intend to purchase J. Tobin's book at the Summit.

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