

North Star Underground Railroad Historical Association
Annual Meeting on August 17, 2013
Report of the First Vice President and Chairperson of the Education Committee

Vice President report from June 2012 to June 2013:

1. Worked on the strategic planning for goals for the Board which were completed and put into place.
2. Participated in many monthly "After Business Hours" with the Chamber of Commerce to meet and make connections with other businesses.
3. Attended most Board meetings.
4. Acted as President in the absence of the current President of the museum.
5. Attended and participated in the Museum's community education programs.
6. Organized the spring clean up outside of the museum.
7. Assisted the President with assigned tasks.
8. Continue to work on the landscaping for the area surrounding the outside of the museum.
9. Continue to recruit members for the museum Board.

Education Chairperson report from June 2012 to 2013:

1. Informed 436 students in the museum about the local history of the Underground Railroad, the local abolitionists and those who sought freedom. Area schools that participated were: Peru Central School, Saranac Elementary School, Momot Elementary School, Saranac Lake Adirondack Education Center, Holy Family School of Ausable Forks, Willsboro Central School, Plattsburgh Oak Street School, Northern Adirondack students, Albany School system students plus a local Cub Scout group.
2. Assisted Saranac Elementary School with a grant through the Arts Council. The third grades were directly impacted and a program that resulted from the grant was provided to the rest of the school numbering over 600 students.
3. Chaired a panel exhibit of slavery in the past, today, and how we recognize and report it that will be based in the community at various places like libraries, schools, banks, etc. This is still an on-going project awaiting a grant.

4. Working on developing a pre-K and K "bucket" for educating very young children about those seeking freedom. The "bucket" will include literature, stories and activities about the Underground Railroad.
5. Working on the development of a high school information trunk for learning about our local history related to the Underground Railroad.
6. Participating monthly in the local tours for the museum as a guide.
7. Developed a pamphlet of information related to our museum community tour that highlights each place visited.
8. Improved the museum scavenger hunt for children and those interested to find important information displayed within the museum.
9. Developed a word search for children attending the tour to significant places in the community related to the Underground Railroad.
10. Designed a pamphlet for educators describing our educational program and what we have to offer in teaching our local history about the Underground Railroad.
11. Continue to update stories and information about researched facts for the elementary trunk that goes into the schools.
12. Continue to recruit members for the education committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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1st vice President
Education Chairperson**