



Dear friends and supporters of the North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association and the North Star Underground Railroad Museum, our organization wanted to reach out to you during these trying times for our members and friends. As we all grapple with isolation and social distancing that is opposite to our nature as social beings, we want to make sure we stay connected. I wanted to update you on the possibility of the North Star Underground Railroad Museum having a delayed opening or not opening at all.

While there is a chance that you may not be able to visit the museum in the 2020 season, we are seeking other ways to bring the museum to our visitors, such as through mini-virtual tours online, storytelling, and you tube videos. I should let you know that the John Thomas exhibit now has French closed captioned subtitles for our French speaking visitors, recently installed with the support of a National Park Service "Network to Freedom Grant." We are also excited about a Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Grant, administered by the Lake Champlain Basin Program, to develop a robust education program. Also, let's not forget the Centennial of the Women's Right to Vote.

We would very much be interested in hearing from you on ways that we can stay connected to support the mission of the museum and to support one another. Please reach out to us via email, [ugr@frontier.com](mailto:ugr@frontier.com), as we are not at the museum.

Finally, I ask everyone to continue to be safe, wash your hands, and avoid touching your face. Show support for your family, friends and neighbors. We will get through these trying times working together.

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