

NORTH STAR MUSEUM TO UNVEIL GAMES CREATED BY CHILDREN

The North Star Underground Railroad Museum at Ausable Chasm is about to have a new attraction designed by children for children. Keeseville Elementary School students created three UGR computer games this year, and the students will introduce them to the public during a special program in the Museum at 10 A.M. on May 21. All are invited.

Julie Taylor and Christine Facticeau's fifth and sixth grade enrichment students based their original games on the story of a man who followed a branch of the Champlain Line of the Underground Railroad.

John White kept a secret for twenty-three years: his real name was Cyrus Branch. He had escaped from slavery in Virginia, left his wife and children in bondage, and assumed someone else's name. He found his way to New York, and in 1840, he was forwarded from Troy, to Manchester, Vermont. There, he started a second family. Everyone knew him, but no one knew his true identity until 1863 when the United States abolished chattel slavery and he knew he was finally free.

Now, Keeseville's talented students have invented three imaginative computer games that will bring his dramatic escape to life for other children.