

**Passport to Freedom, The Blairsville Area Underground Railroad is dedicated to self-emancipated men, women, and children who used the “underground railroad’s” pathway to freedom, and to the men and women who helped their journey to freedom.**



**Our central mission is to preserve and promote local and regional Underground Railroad History.**

**To that end, we endeavor to:**

- **Research, document, and identify local and regional UGRR conductors**
- **Educate the public at large through the development of exhibits, historic presentations, and character interpretations**
- **Maintain an Underground Railroad history center to showcase and exhibit area UGRR-related materials, as well as function as a central location for events, seminars, and workshops.**

**Visit us online at:  
[www.undergroundrailroadblairsvillepa.com](http://www.undergroundrailroadblairsvillepa.com)**

**Our Presenters:**

- **Joy Fairbanks, MA-** Joy is President of the Blairsville UGRR and is a former Art Teacher in the Blairsville Saltsburg School district. Now retired, Joy is available as a docent and guide during the day, evenings, and weekends.
- **Denise Jennings-Doyle, MA.-** Denise holds a MA in Adult and Community Education, is Vice President of the Blairsville UGRR, and is available as docent, walking tour guide, and for community, and school presentations. Denise is available in the evenings and on weekends, and uses hands-on and multi-media tools. She is also available during the weekday, with advance notice. Fees may apply.
- **Marna Conrad-** Marna is a board member of the Blairsville UGRR and specializes in historic clothing. Marna is available as a docent, walking tour guide, and community presenter during the day, evenings, and weekends.
- **Ronald Murphy, BA-** Ron is a professional actor and member of the Blairsville UGRR. Ron is available to interpret historic characters as a docent, on walking tours, and as a walking tour guide.

*Interested in booking a tour or speaker?*

*Contact us at:*

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**Blairsville Area UGRR  
 OUR  
 SERVICES**

- **Personalized UGRR History Center tour**
- **Guided Blairsville walking tours**
- **Enslavement and UGRR School presentations**
- **Community organization presentations**

## ***Personalized UGRR History Center Tour***

Our helpful docent will guide you and your group through the UGRR History Center, explaining the exhibits, and encouraging children to interact with our permanent exhibit, “A Day in the Life of An Enslaved Child” Recommended age for school groups is grade 4 and



older. School tours need to be arranged 1 month in advance.

A general history of the UGRR in Indiana County can be provided with conductor stories. Hours and specific docents are available upon request.

Multi-media presentations are only available on the weekends and evening hours. No charge for these tours, but donations are encouraged.



## ***Guided, Interactive Character Walking Tours***

Guides will take you on a walking tour of significant, UGRR-related sites in Blairsville. Along the way, you will meet and interact with actors who will be interpreting figures from Blairsville's past, while clad in historically accurate clothing.

Evening and weekends only. Free Service, but must arrange at least 2 weeks in advance. Groups must have a minimum of 10. Multiple tours are available for group over 20.

## ***Community Presentations With Historic Clothing***

Blairsville UGRR staff will present, at your location or ours, histories of the UGRR in Indiana County, with an effort to provide stories specific to your area. Presentations can include historic clothing. There is no charge for this service. A slight mileage fee may be assessed if travelling over 20 miles one way.

Multi-media presentations that are tailored to your geographic area, highlighting enslavement, the UGRR, and historic clothing is available at no cost during evenings and weekends. There is a fee of \$10/hr for weekdays.

## ***Indiana County and Regional School Presentations***

Presenter (s) will visit Indiana and surrounding county schools with a multi-media presentation that highlights enslavement and the history of the UGRR –with specific concentration on the UGRR events in your area (if possible). The presentation will include Power-Point slides and materials for students to view and pass. Presenters will also incorporate engaging stories of the UGRR.

Upon request, presentations can also include dramatic interpretations performed by live actors.\* We present to groups K-12, and tailor according to the age group.

One month prior notice is required. If presenters are traveling more than 20 miles one way, a fee will be assessed. Cost of this presentation is \$10/hour.

\*subject to availability

