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NIAGARA FALLS RECEPTIVE OPERATOR LAUNCHES HISTORICAL TOUR SERIES



The Underground Railroad is more than a Chapter of our History – it is a compelling and encouraging experience that all peoples should gain an understanding of “first hand”. Spirit of Niagara Tours has launched a new Tour Product, “For the Love of Freedom”, which provides that experience and perspective. “The Underground Railroad is something that, in the end, is an opportunity for people of all races to look good” shares Tour Host Denise Easterling. In her role as “Queenie Rivers”, Easterling is the principal host of “For the Love of Freedom”. This 6-hour experience in Niagara County uses Re-enactors and real sites of Underground Railroad Activity to bring participants an experience “that makes it personal”. Easterling designed the Tour with Spirit of Niagara Director Peter Green and Historical Consultant Guy Gane. The team wanted something “that brings the participant into a deeply personal experience” shares Gane. Gane is an Actor, Historical Consultant and Wardrobe Designer for many Historical Films, and is appearing in the upcoming HBO Special on President John Adams.

Part of this personal experience is the interaction of Bounty Hunters who arrive on horseback and surround the group. The re-enactors demonstrate, effectively, the risk and fears involved in making the flight to freedom. Easterling and her guests visit Murphy’s Orchards in Niagara County, an actual stop on the Underground Railroad which features the saferoom, accessed by a deep and dark hole in the ground. The Tour includes a stop at the Castellani Art Museum Underground Railroad Interpretive Center, and a lunch at Murphy’s Tea Room where re-enactors join the guests for lunch. The tour retails at \$80 for adults, with group, senior and children’s rates available. “It is the most complete experience, told by a fictional but Historically-accurate lead character – the Underground Railroad comes alive!” shares Peter Green.

Spirit of Niagara is launching four new Historic Tours, complete with Re-enactors and unique experiences. "For the Love of Freedom" is joined by "A Border Now undefended – the War of 1812 in Niagara", "The Canals of Niagara" – showcasing the Erie and Welland Canals, and "Iron Rails in Western New York" – an exciting view of the Region's Historic and Modern Railroads.

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