

URSCC 2017 Annual Meeting
January 7, 2018
Vandalia Village Hall
Vandalia, MI

Education Committee (Felomina Patton, Bonine House Docents)

The members of the Education Committee do just that—educate those they encounter about the Underground Railroad in Cass County. This is done through involving students in the Wax Museum under the direction of Felomina Patton and Stacey Bonine. It is also an ongoing effort of our Bonine House Docents, chaired by Deb Wiggins, who show people through the Bonine House and Carriage House. Our docents, Deb and Spurgeon Wiggins, Pat Dryer, Nancy Neff, Lin Pollard and Cindy Yawkey, are the front line in telling our story. Because of them, the Kentucky Raid, Ramptown, James and Sarah Bonine, Stephen Bogue and so many others are becoming part of the lore and legacy of this community.

Cathy LaPointe has given many powerpoint presentations to organizations, local and regional, both in the Bonine House and off site. This year was no different. Cindy Yawkey has joined her as a presenter on her own and looks forward to telling more people our story.

Cindy Yawkey, through her wonderful book *They Have My Shoes, I Have My Freedom* has reached countless readers, allowing them to accompany Lucinda on her perilous journey to freedom at the Bonine House. Cindy herself is a tireless docent and caretaker of the house, imparting knowledge, humor and true grace to all she meets. **Thank you Cindy.**