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Stockade Calendar

Stockade Association

General Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 10
At Historical Society

7:00 PM Social

7:30 PM Speaker:

Hugh Campbell

"Deputy Corporation
Council"

- Procedure for carrying out prosecution of building code violations

- How the Stockade Association can work with his office

Stockade Villagers' Outdoor Art Show

Saturday, Sept. 12
11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Rain Date:

Sun., Sept. 13, 12 to 5 PM

"Geneology for Beginners"

Speaker : Jack Maybee
Sat., Sept. 12

1:30 PM Refreshments

2:00 PM Program

Historical Society

32 Washington Ave.

YWCA 4th Annual

5K Run & Racewalk

Sat., Sept. 12, 9 AM
at YWCA, call 374-3394
ext. 125

October Spy Deadline

September 15

Talk About the Walkabout!

SEPTEMBER 26th 10 AM - 4 PM

It's time again for our neighborhood to open up and share its history and quality of living with others from around the area. This year marks the 39th annual tour of our historic homes and buildings. It's certainly one of the longest enduring events of its kind in the nation, and gets that way from all the great volunteer help by the devotees of preservation in our fine section of town.

The excited owner/occupants of the homes featured this year have been going all out to put on a terrific tour and certainly need your help and encouragement. They are:

12 North Ferry, Lidia Pasamanick

215 Green Street, Apartment of Emily Curtis

48 Washington Ave, Pat and George Marshall

25 Front Street, Shirley and Cullen Burriss

21 Front Street, Entryway, Ron Chard

17 Front Street, Entryway and Garden, Gil Harlow, Priscilla & Bill Gocha

203 Union Street, Apartment of Steven Cocoran

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Awards Honor Stockade Show Founders

Again this year cash prizes will be awarded in honor of two founders of the Stockade Villagers' Outdoor Art Show, Nick Colangelo and Jim Gilliland. Last year, the first Colangelo award was given to Brad Smith. Artist Gail Cort was honored by the Oak Room Artists who, for many years, have given a cash award in honor of Jim Gilliland. Both awards will be given again this year.



Matt Volks introduces Nick Colangelo, announcing a new prize winner in his name.

The 47th annual show, planned for Saturday, September 12 from 11 AM to 5 PM, involves a real neighborhood effort of over 60 volunteer hostesses, registration, judging circle staff, and security. Chairs this year are Connie Colangelo and Matt Volks. Anyone wishing to work on the show should contact one of the chairs.

New this year, Scotia-Glenville High School has registered to show student's art. Their art, and the art of individual high school students who register, will be judged separately.

- Karen Johnson

Stockade Walkabout
 Saturday, Sept. 26
 10 AM to 4 PM
 Tickets at Historical Society
 \$9 in advance, \$10 at door

**Special Events
 During the Art Show**
 In St. George's Memorial Garden there will be jams, pickles, preserves, fresh produce, homemade cookies, cake squares, breads, food sampling, dried bittersweet, chinese lanterns, mugs and plants for sale.
 At the gate, you are able to buy corn chowder and coffee.
10 AM to 5 PM

**Special Events
 During the Walkabout**

- Tea, Cookies, and Tours at the Historical Society
- At Holy Cross Church, a White Elephant Sale, refreshments and lunch 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

As usual we have all four churches and the Historical Society on the tour. The big surprise this year? See the new boathouse and memorabilia from Union College's Crew team. There are plans to display old photographs as well as the original scull used by the college team. Find out about "Big All!"

Docents (hosts and hostesses) are always needed to help in the homes so please help your neighbor directly or call us, Anne and Joe Bernat, at 393-5770 to get on the list. As a thank you, we will offer reduced tour ticket prices to those who serve as docents.

Ticket prices are the same as before: \$9 in advance at the Historical Society, and \$10 the day of the tour, and \$7 for docents. For advance tickets contact the Historical Society at 374-0263 after 1 PM weekdays.

So please, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 26th from 10 AM to 4 PM and help make this another great success by spreading the word. This is a great way to introduce friends and family to this great historic neighborhood. Remember, this event raises money for both the Stockade Association and the Schenectady Historical Society.

If per chance you have had a fleeting thought about putting your home on the tour, give us a call. We would love to talk! (It's amazing what you can get done when you have a deadline!) Also, being a docent in someone else's home is a great introduction to the event. We promise that once you do it (docenting or putting your house on the tour) you'll be hooked! We continually need new homes on the tour so that our faithful repeaters will want to come back year after year.

We know that many of the same people come each year for the tour. A new strategy this year will be a ticket that has a tear away portion for the name and address to allow us to create a mailing list. With the mailing list of tour takers, we can target our advertising and notices in future years, getting to those we know are interested. The old house tour in Chestertown, PA uses a mailing list exclusively to advertise their tour and their tour is very successful! So we thought we would give it a try!

Well, I guess that's it for now, we have just a couple of weeks to go! If you'd like to help, but don't know how, please give us a call at 393-5770.

T I D I N G S

- On June 7, Eli Taub of North Ferry St. was honored by Jewish Family Services as Volunteer of the Year for his two decades of service to both the Schenectady Jewish Community Center and the United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York.
- John Mott of Ingersoll Avenue died recently. He was a former manager and facilities engineer at the

GE R & D Center and a long time member of the Stockade Association.

- Farewell to Tim Logue and Rebecca Gergely, formerly of North Ferry St. who moved to Ithaca in August. Our best wishes to our *Spy* correspondent as he begins studies for a Master's degree at Cornell.



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The Stockade Association Membership Drive - 1998

For 41 years, The Stockade Association has been carrying out its mission, defined in the Constitution as "the protection and improvement of the properties" within its boundaries. Its ten specific objectives relate to preservation of the Historic District and quality of life for its caretakers.

The Association helps assure stability in this neighborhood that has been termed "a national treasure" and is enjoyed by visitors from all parts of America and abroad.

Some of the current activities of the Association include:

- Representing the Stockade when faced with threats to its well-being
- Physical improvements through expanded monetary incentives
- Riverside Park Cleanups, tree purchases, and contribution for playground equipment
- Neighborhood Watch
- Communication through publication of *The Stockade Spy* and Block Representatives
- The Walkabout fundraiser (sharing half the proceeds with the Schenectady County Historical Society)
- Community Tree Lighting event
- Annual Sidewalk Sales
- Significant support for the Stockade Gateway Project

Please support the Association and become a member by returning the coupon below.

Membership dues (10/1/98 to 9/30/99) are \$10.00 per person, \$15.00 per household, tax deductible.

It would be greatly appreciated if you made any additional contribution for the publication of *The Stockade Spy*.

Please make checks payable to: **The Stockade Association**

Send to: David Marhafer, Treasurer
3 Washington Avenue
Schenectady, NY 12305

Thank you!

(Please print)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

If you would like to participate in any of the above activities, please describe.

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STOCKADE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Jack Zegger, Corresponding Secretary

Board Meetings, June 11, August 4, 1998

At the June 11 meeting, the Board voted to

- approve a web page proposal by Board member Jennifer Wells at a cost of \$70 for a 2 year registration and \$22 per month for hosting. The Board will approve any information prior to going on-line.
- send a thank you letter to Commissioner Carl Olsen on SNAP's cleanup of Riverside Park and a letter to the Gazette publicly thanking SNAP for a job well done.
- have President Hayner invite the President of the Hibernian Society to discuss its position on three Union Street properties.
- hold monthly Board meetings at the Mohawk Club at a nominal cost.
- decline to make a contribution to the Schenectady 2000 gala at this time.
- inform SUN President Dolores Hutton of our new representatives.

At the August 4 meeting, Board members learned that the Hibernian Society Board had voted 3-2 not to proceed with the acquisition of three Union Street properties (nos. 254 250, and 248). The President of the Society was unable to make the meeting to discuss future plans. President Hayner said that, at the July 14 County Board meeting, he expressed Stockade Board support for the strict enforcement of the 72 hour eviction process. The Board discussed Downtown YMCA President Pink's written responses to the question/comments submitted at the April 28 meeting with the Y's Board of Management. The Historic District Commission will shortly consider a proposal by the owner of 150 Front Street to install an altered roof design at the rear. The Board voted to support the flat roof design in the interest of saving this historic building. Jennifer Wells said that, once we receive approval of the domain name, the Stockade URL will be "http://www.historicstockade.com." The Board decided to establish an ad hoc committee to review web page material. Suggested names were Lidia Pasamanick, Werner Feibes, Greg Sauer, Jean Zegger, Jim Schmitt, Jennifer Wells, and Susanna Sherwood. Jack reported on the Stockade Gateway Task Force proposal for the former Ladd site (see below) and the July 9 SUN meeting held at the Schenectady Police Station.

Stockade Gateway Ribbon-Cutting Celebrated

On June 1 the new Stockade Gateway was formally opened at the corner of Erie Boulevard and Union Street. Commissioner Bernadette Castro of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation was the featured speaker. Other speakers were Mayor Al Jurczynski, Burgemeister Bartele Vries of Nijkerk, Holland, Jeff Perlee, Bicentennial Celebration Chair, Jim Schmitt, Heritage Foundation Chair, and Virginia Henke, Stockade Gateway Project Chair. The Sons and Daughters of Liberty Ancient Fifes & Drums added to the festivity.

Former Ladd Lot Building Demolished

During the week of August 3, the building and billboard atop were removed as part of a State/City effort to reclaim the 1/4 acre site. At the August 3 City Public Service and Utilities Committee meeting, Jack Zegger and Virginia Henke of the Stockade Gateway Task Force presented a proposal for a landscaped parking lot for 26 cars with a triangular group of evergreens sur-

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THE STOCKADE ASSOCIATION



OF SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK, INC.

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GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, September 10, 1998

32 Washington Ave.

7:00 P.M. SOCIAL

7:30 P.M. PROGRAM

AGENDA

A. GUEST SPEAKER - 7:30 to 8:30

Hugh Campbell, Deputy Corporation Counsel

- Prosecution of building code violators
- How the Stockade Association building code enforcement committee works with his office
- Questions and answers

B. Minutes of May, 1998, General Meeting

C. Treasurer's Report

D. Reminder of important date:

1. House Tour Walkabout September 26, 1998

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Gazette, Times Union
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rounded by a wrought iron fence and a commemorative plaque about the Erie Canal. The cost would come from a combination of State grants, Schenectady 2000, and private fund-raising.

Riverside Park Cleanup

On May 29 Stockade residents Meridith Anker, Sylvia Briber, Ellen and Morgan Desmond, Helen Giulietti, Betty Lane, Sue, Paul and Jason Mlodzianowski, Bob and Justin Ritter, Barbara and Greg Sauer, Ann Siddall, Chris Cohen, Dorothy and Neff Dietrich, Fred Heitkamp, Lidia Pasamanick, Jennifer Wells, Emily Curtis, Donna Hunt and Matt, Donald Schaffer, and Jack Zegger were joined by seven volunteers from the YMCA in a park cleanup. The City's SNAP team worked for several days before and after in the park to trim bank vegetation, remove leaves, brush and fallen limbs, cut grass around the five turnabouts and the park. Residents and visitors have remarked that the park never looked better.

Front Street Bridge Painted

The Front Street Bridge was painted in a green primer on August 8 by Schenectady 2000 Upper Erie Boulevard Task Force volunteers. They were joined by Stockade residents Paul Mlodzianowski, Emily Curtis, and Jack Zegger and several East Front Street Association neighbors. This furthers the improvements already made to the area by the addition of the Union College Boathouse, upgrading of Front Street Park, and the removal of brush and trees from the Amtrak embankment.

Residents, Businesses Express Concerns with Expanded Social Services Downtown

At the August 27 City Council Meeting, some downtown businesses, members of the art and cultural community, rental properties owners in the City and residents expressed concern about further expansion of social services in the downtown area. The following statement, which was unanimously passed by the Stockade Association Board of Directors, was read at the meeting:

"The Stockade is New York State's first Historic District. Unfortunately, like much of Schenectady, the Stockade is threatened by the economic plight of the City. It is also being adversely impacted by the high concentration of non-profit social agencies that have saturated the downtown area with shelters, and drug and alcohol abuse programs. While we recognize and accept our responsibility to care for those less fortunate neighbors, this saturation creates an imbalance, which in turn creates negative impacts for businesses and residents. It also creates the perception of an unsafe neighborhood. The State, County, businesses and citizens of Schenectady have authorized major investment in the downtown and Stockade area via the new Metroplex Authority. Any expansion of non-profits in the City center is incompatible with the Metroplex goal of revitalizing the City center.

The Schenectady Gazette of July 21 reports on an "eleventh hour" request for City support for a grant to help subsidize nine social service programs. The City should not support any grant proposal that expands an existing service. Furthermore, the City should place a moratorium on the expansion of non-profits, similar to Hartford, Connecticut, and 30 other cities, until there is an independent assessment of the following:

- the need for the services by people who had been settled residents of Schenectady County,
- the economic and quality of life impact on the City,
- the fairer distribution in the County of services now concentrated in the City,
- the effectiveness of the agencies at addressing the needs of their clientele.

If nursing home costs are excluded, nearly 71% of the County budget goes to fund social programs; it would seem that we need better, rather than more programs.

The Board of the Stockade Association recommends that the City not support any application and expanded grant proposal requests by non-profits until the independent assessment discussed above is complete."

The Spy Staff Thanks Businesses for Their Support in 1997-98

Last year **26 different businesses** and individuals ran ads in *The Stockade Spy*. We would like to acknowledge and thank them here, and hope for their continued support for 1998-99.

Arthur's Market, A Cleaner Way, Slick's Restaurant and Tavern, Empire Data Group, Save-Mor Cleaners and Launderers, Upper Union Travel, Open Door Bookstore, Northwind Refrigerator and Appliance Service, American Business Centers, American Video Store, Stockade East Apartments, Schenectady Department of Development, Wedgeway Barber Shop, YWCA, Tri-City Carpet and Upholstery, Paul LaFevre, Jay Street Cooperative, Van Dyck Restaurant, Renee Trumbley, In Good Company, YMCA, R. Hayner, In Good Company, Kipula Yoga Fellowship, Schenectady County Community College, and Maurice's Restaurant.

A business card size ad costs \$24 per issue, and reaches 1,000 households in the Stockade. Just send your business card and your check made out to **The Stockade Association** to Sylvia or Emily (names, addresses, and phone numbers on page 8.)



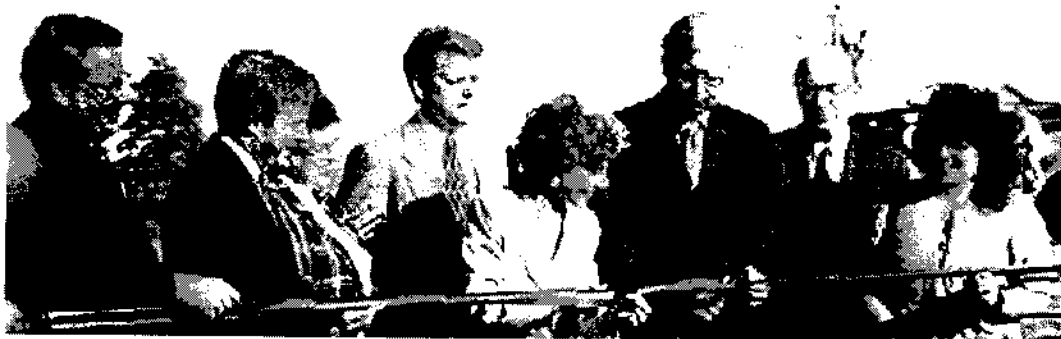
Betty Lane, Jack Zegger, and Lidia Pasamanick celebrate at Arthur's after Park Cleanup Day!

Be a Sponsor for a Local Business

Do you know of a good business or a good plumber, electrician, painter, etc. that has done great work for you and you would like to help them out by telling others about their excellent work? Well, now you can through *The Stockade Spy*. We just need their business card, and a \$24 check (you can pay the full \$24 for them, split the cost with them, or they pay completely) along with a very brief recommendation of a phrase or sentence from you describing your satisfaction.

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The **neighborhood**
finds out about
good people,
and **you** support
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Stockade Gateway Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, June 1

GET TO KNOW OUR LOCAL POLICE

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8 AM - 4 PM

4 PM - 12 PM

Mike White, 341-4668 Mike Goldman, 341-3695

BIKE PATROL

10 AM - 6 PM

4 PM - 12 PM

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Stockade Sidewalk Sale Success

51 households participated!

We finally did it: we got rid of all the sidewalk sale boxes we stored in our living rooms from June 13 until June 20!

On Friday, June 12, every weather forecaster predicted rain throughout the weekend. After a random sampling of participants, we decided to postpone the event until the following weekend. Fortunately, the rain held off until 3 PM on the 20th and lots of shoppers came to the Stockade.

The turnout was very good: 51 participants! After paying for the permits, double advertising costs, and printing expense, we made \$76.15. Many individuals contributed to the success of the sale and we would like to thank them for their generosity and hard work. Our special thanks go to the following who helped with the Association tables:

Maria Pappa and Brandon Silveria for graciously offering the use of their garage on Washington Ave. the YWCA for lending tables; all those who donated items to the Stockade table; our salespeople: Sue Bennett, Mimi Bliss, Sylvia and Bob Briber, Shirley Burris, Barbara and Greg Sauer, and Jennifer Wells. We are grateful to the OTB for advertising the sale on their marquee.

From all reports, everyone in the neighborhood and all our visitors had lots of fun that day.

Sidewalk Sales Committee: Emily Curtis, Helen and Al Guilietti, Karin Hetrick, and Lidia Pasamanick.

Upcoming Fundraiser for New Central Park Stage

On Wednesday, Sept. 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM there will be a "Retro Dance Party" with popular WTRY DJ Ric Mitchell, with \$5 for adults and kids free. Don't forget to dress for the "Back in Time" Costume Contest! Call Mona Golub-Ganz for more information at 382-5152.



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Villagers' 47th ANNUAL Outdoor Art Show

SEPT. 12th, 11-5 P.M.

the Saturday after Labor Day
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Rain Date:

Sunday, September 13, Noon to 5 PM

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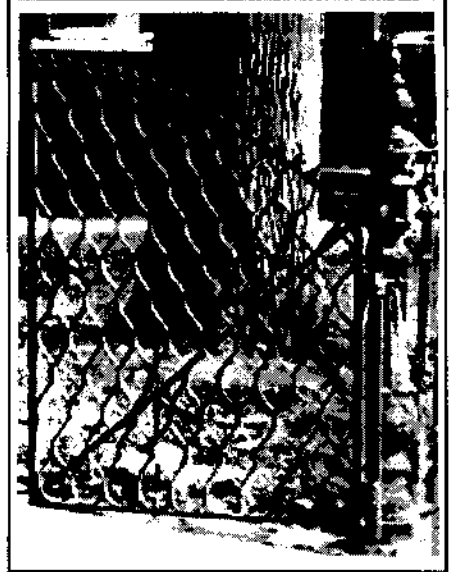
(For each issue of *The Spy* we choose some unique detail in the Stockade, ask you to guess where it is, and then give the answer in the following issue. Here's the answer to the May Stockade Stopper.)

Yes, there are gates and there are other gates. There are garden gates, fence gates, lych gates, golden gates, heavenly gates, and then there are the gate-ways without gates. We already dealt with garden gates, the one at Governor's Lane in last year's April Stopper. And we'll probably be talking a lot about Gateways now that the Stockade is graced with such a magnificent entrance gateway, but the gate we're looking at in May's Stopper is probably closer to "heavenly gates" being that it's at the Ferry Street entry to St. George's Episcopal Church. This one gives notice in a very special way of the beauty and grandeur and the solemnity that awaits beyond. A gate of this type should put the passers into a state of mind that will enable them to see what they are approaching at its very best advantage. It should excite them and prepare them for what is beyond much like the overture to an opera.

The very act of passing through a gate from the street-walkway to the church yard, gives one the illusion of another world hence heightening the sense of anticipation.

This gate is certainly important for it is constantly used and repeatedly subject to scrutiny. Processions of people pass through it for baptisms and funerals, for weddings and daily services. Through the lacy tracery of the gate's ribbon candy design the church yard beckons. For here the aim is to present an open approach with low ornate cast iron fencing, leaving the church yard and the church beyond completely open to view. A welcome to all to "come in and join us."

Jim Schmitt AIA



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MORE TIDINGS

Welcome to:

- Jeanne Hawkey to Front St. and her children David and Kimberly.
- David and Debbie Paul who have bought John and Marilyn Tagert's house on North Ferry. The Tagerts have moved to Vermont.
- Tori Davidson of North Ferry St.
- Ann Siddall of Green St. who works at SCCC.
- Claudine Malcolm of Washington Ave. who works at the YWCA.
- Karen and Darius Kirstein, and baby Aleda, of Green St.

• Congratulations to our newlyweds:

- Harold Schneiderwind of Union St. and Debbie Miller (May 9).
- Heather Hunt of North Ferry and Tom Cashen (June 13).

- **Congratulations** to Heather and Paul Boyne, formerly of Union St., on the birth of their third son, Brian Peter Boyne, in April. Heather, once a reporter for the *Spy*, and her family now live in Glastonbury, Connecticut.

- **Congratulations** to George Wheeler and Clare Weiner on the graduation of George's granddaughter, Jessica, Summa Cum Laude from LSU. She also received the Chancellor's University Medal.

September

Waste Collection Dates

Thursday Sept 3
Friday Sept. 11
Friday Sept. 11
Friday Sept. 25