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### Stockade Calendar

**Stockade General Meeting and Election**  
**Thurs., May 10**  
 (see page 3)

**30th Anniversary Gala at Open Door, May 4**  
 7:30 -9 PM. Call 346-2719

**A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia"**  
 Sch'dy Civic Players  
 May 4, 5, 6 & 9-13  
 7:30 PM, 2:30 PM Sun.  
 Call 382-2081(see page 2)

**5th Annual May Crowning, May 5, during**  
 4 PM Liturgy  
 Holy Cross Church,  
 18 N. College St.

**Patronal Festival(see p. 6)**  
 St. George's Episcopal Church, Sun., May 6,  
 7:30 AM Matins  
 8 AM Low Mass, 10 AM Solemn High Mass

**Mother's Day Liturgy**  
 For all mothers living & deceased, Sun. May 13,  
 9 AM, Holy Cross Church

**"Spring In the Air"**  
 May 16, 17, 23, 24  
**"Tis of Thee"**  
 June 14, 15, 21, 22

Mohawk Club  
 Dinner Theatre  
 Dinner 6:30 P M. \$16.50  
 for Stockade Association members. Reservations:  
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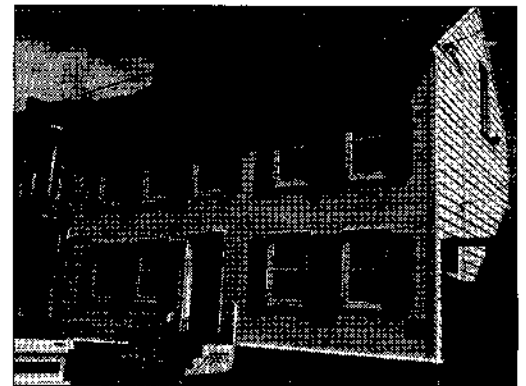
## National Historic Preservation Week: Heritage Awards 2001 Announced

Several historic buildings in Schenectady will be honored the week of May 13 for their contribution to revitalizing our county's historic heritage. The Schenectady Heritage Foundation and the Schenectady Heritage Area are joint sponsors of the awards in celebration of National Historic Preservation Week. This is the eleventh Annual Awards Presentation. The public is warmly invited to attend and honor the awardees.

Since the Stockade was New York State's first historic district, established in 1962, it is fitting that Stockaders are on this year's list for the coveted awards. They are:



*Donna & Jim Lagoni of 6 North Church, a charming house many visited during last year's Walkabout .*



*Katy & Fred Kindl for the loving care they have bestowed on 14 North Church Street. Known as the Hendrick Brouwer House, it was built before 1700, with later additions to the side and rear.*

Although not in the Stockade, the award to Pinhead Susan's, the new Irish pub on Liberty and Broadway, will be of interest to Stockaders since it is co-owned by Jack MacDonald of Washington Avenue.

Please join us in this celebration of our heritage. Your participation will encourage historic preservation in our county and show our appreciation of the homeowners who have lovingly nurtured, fostered and promoted historic preservation in the Stockade .

The ceremony will take place at 12 noon, Wednesday, May 16, in the City Hall Rotunda. For more information call Lidia Pasamanick at 377-0802.

**"The Shakers,"** Speaker: Larry Rainey  
Sat. May 12, 1:30 Refreshments, 2:00 Pgm.  
Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave.

**3rd Saturday Poetry at Arthur's,**  
Sat., May 19 7:30 PM sign-up, 8 PM reading

**Annual Organ Recital by Elinore Farnum,**  
Sun., May 20, 3:00 PM  
First Presbyterian Church,  
call office for location., 374-4546.

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord  
Liturgy,** Thurs., May 24, 9 AM, Holy Cross

**SCCC May Events:**

**Guest Chef James Peterson demonstrates  
his culinary expertise,** May 1, 10 AM,  
Van Curler Room

**SCCC Vocal Chamber Ensemble & Guitar  
Ensemble,** Wed., May 2, 7:30 PM,  
Lally-Mohawk Room, Elston Hall

**SCCC Percussion Ensemble & SCCC Wind  
Ensemble,** Fri., May 4, 7:30 PM  
Community Auditorium

**SCCC Chorus,** Mon., May 7, 7:30 PM  
Community Auditorium

**SCCC Jazz Ensemble,** Wed., May 9, 7:30 PM  
Community Auditorium

**Future Stockade Events**

**Park Cleanup and Picnic:** Saturday, May 19  
**Sidewalk Sale:** Saturday, June 2 (see page 5)  
**Villagers' Outdoor Art Show,** Sat., Sept. 8  
**Walkabout 2001,** Sat., Sept. 29, 10 AM - 5 PM

**Schenectady Summer Events**

**Jazz on Jay,** call 382-5199 ext. 5128  
**Kids Art Festival,** June 2, Jay St. Plaza.,  
Rain location-City Hall. noon - 4 PM  
**Mabee Farm's Forefather's Day,** June 17  
**Big Band Hanger Dance,** July 19  
Air Museum, Glenville, 377-2191  
**Shakespeare Festival,** July 28  
**Twelfth Night:** 12 noon; Feast - 5 - 8 PM  
MacDonald Music Haven  
**Corn Festival & Flea Market,** Aug. 25  
noon- 9 PM, Music Haven  
**Tuesday in the Park,** Aug. 7th

# Stockade Garden Group

It's time to think about flowers and your front entrance. There will be **Stoop Awards** again this year. In September awards will be made for First and Second places, Honorable Mention, and Most Improved. The latter award requires a "BEFORE" photograph to be submitted by **June 1st.**

The Stockade Garden Group is planning to use the profits from the Secret Garden Tour on flowering trees for the Stockade and for trees on the Erie Boulevard side of the Van Dyck parking lot. We have approval of the City, the Van Dyck, and the Gateway Project, but there are details to be worked out.

**The Second Secret Garden Tour will be June 2002.** If you have a suggestion for a garden please call Susanna Sherwood at 346-5735.

## Morris Avenue: A New Historic District

The residents of Morris Avenue treasure their Arts and Craft style homes and are thrilled that the City Council has designated their street a historic district. This is the city's fifth historic district. The others are the Stockade, the Realty Plot, the Union Corridor, and Union Triangle.

Gustave Stickley, a turn-of-the-century furniture maker who lived in central New York, popularized the Craftsman style. Ten of the eleven homes were built between 1909 and 1913. The eleventh house, which serves as the parsonage of New Hope Gospel Fellowship, is a Colonial-Revival built in 1922.

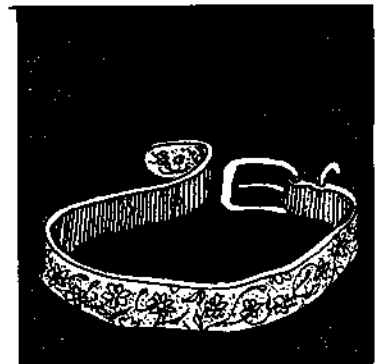
The large spacious homes have various elements of the Arts and Craft style: original oak woodwork, beamed ceilings, plate racks, built in china cupboards, built in bookcases, pane windows, ten foot high ceilings with triple crown moldings, leaded-glass windows, stained glass windows, pocket doors, pantries, bay windows, exposed structural elements and porches.

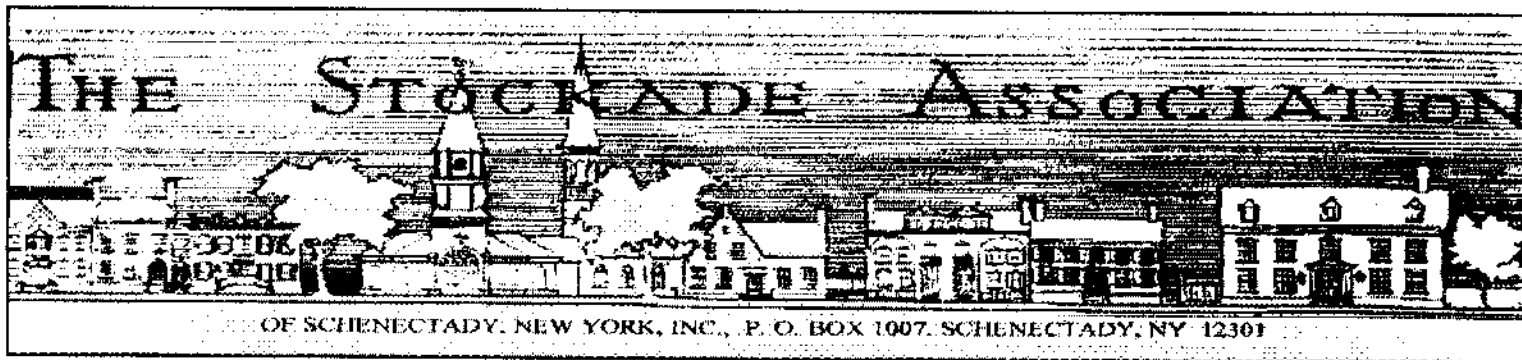
Mr. Raymond W. Smith, program analyst at the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation said Morris Avenue is significant "as a substantially intact street reflecting one aspect of the development of an upper middle-class residential neighborhood of Schenectady during the first quarter of the 20th century."

Some of Schenectady's most prominent citizens once lived on Morris Avenue: William C. Carl, president of the Carl Company and W.S. Frame, chief clerk of the American Locomotive Co.

## A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia" at Civic Playhouse

It's a modern, romantic, and mad comedy about a marriage and a dog named Sylvia, found in the park and brought home by the husband. May 4, 5, 6, 9-13. \$12. Call 382-2081 for tickets. Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church Street.





## Notice of the Annual General Membership Meeting

of the Stockade Association

**May 10, 2001**

At the Schenectady County Historical Society

Social 7:00PM

Meeting 7:30PM

### PLAN TO COME ON TIME

**This is our annual election meeting.**

Elections to the Board of Directors will held at 7:30.

**7:30**

### ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominations from the floor will be received.

#### Slate:

Position	Candidate	Term in Years
President	Joe Fava	2
Treasurer	Meredith Anker	2
Corresponding Sec.	Brad Fisher	1
Recording Sec.	Bob Briber	1
Member at Large	Ruth Harvey	2
Member at Large	Connie Colangelo	2
Member at Large	Peter Rumora	2
Member at Large	Diane DeMeo	1
Member at Large	Jennifer Wells	1

**7:55 Treasurer's Report – Meredith Anker**

**8:00 City Plans for Riverside Park – Milt Mitchell, Commission of Public Works**

**8:45 County Environmental Council (Volunteers Needed) – Jeff Edwards**

**9:00 Vote on By-law changes – Brad Fisher**

**9:15 Vote on to Continue membership in the Mohawk Club – Bill Gocha**

**9:30 Re-TREE the Stockade – Susanna Sherwood**

(Times may vary)

## Patronal Festival at St. George's - May 6, 10 AM

The best kept secret of St. George's Church is the Patronal Festival to be held May 6, celebrated with all the communicants and friends of the Stockade in Schenectady. **After the 10 AM Mass a procession with bagpipers, tartan banners, members of the St. Andrews Scottish Society and many dressed in kilts, will take place through the streets of the historic Stockade.** As part of the Mass a very important ceremony called the **Kirkin' O' The Tartan** will take place. The Reverend Dr. W. David McSwain, Rector of St. George's Church will conduct the service.

What is the Kirkin' O' The Tartan? Kirk is a Scottish word for Church. Tartan, of course, is the traditional garb of a Highland Scot. The Kirkin' O' The Tartan is a traditional blessing of the tartan by the Clergy. Following the failure of the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745, the tartan was forbidden to be worn. Prince Charles Edward Stuart had escaped over the water to France, but this was small physical comfort to the thousands of Highlanders whose way of life had been irrevocably altered. The Clan System, with its representative tartans, was demolished as troops loyal to the Duke of Cumberland and the House of Hanover ravaged the Scottish Highlands, searching out Jacobite supporters. Away from official eyes, the Highlanders secretly touched a bit of the tartan hidden among their clothing at the appropriate moment in the worship service. In much the same way the

Upper Jacobite Class in Scotland obediently toasted the King at public banquets, and with a deft flick of the wrist, the toast became not for George II or III but for the King "over the water," Charles Edward Stuart, as the hand passed over the glass.


These overt acts of defiance against officialdom died with the coming of the 18th century Industrial Revolution and the Highland Clearances. Thousands of Highland Crofters were forced into becoming pioneers in the new world. Their former aristocratic lords drove them off their land and took possession of the profitable sheep farms. As a result many Highlanders migrated to industrialized society.

Those who came to the United States and Canada brought with them the Celtic customs that were their heritage - the tartan, the bagpipe, the kirk, the songs, dances and fiddles that you now see and enjoy.

On the 12th day of May 1992 the Schenectady County Legislature proclaimed the Lindsay tartan as the official District tartan of the County of Schenectady, New York. Alexander Lindsay Glenn saved many lives during the burning of the Stockade. To honor his bravery his family tartan was chosen as Schenectady's own. Lindsay's grave is located in Scotia. His original home is the kitchen area of the Glen Sanders Mansion.

*This information was researched and submitted by the St. Andrew's Society.*

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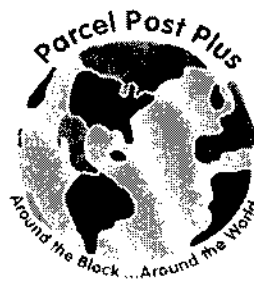
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The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Stockade Sidewalk Sale will be **Saturday, June 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.\*** Please join us in this opportunity to convert those unwanted items into cash, meet your neighbors and show off our beautiful neighborhood!

Your \$10 participation fee pays for your permit and helps to defray the costs of advertising. **Permits will be distributed the morning of the sale, and must be displayed at your table.**

Every year the Stockade Association has its own table from which to sell donated items. This year, the table will be at **106 Front Street**. If you would like to help out at the Association table, call Connie Colangelo at 374-7355. If you have items that you would like to donate to the Association table, bring them the morning of the sale—anytime after 8:00 a.m.

*\*The rain date will be Sunday, June 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*



- Yes, I will be participating in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Stockade Sidewalk Sale!**  
Enclosed is my \$10 fee made payable to the Stockade Association.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

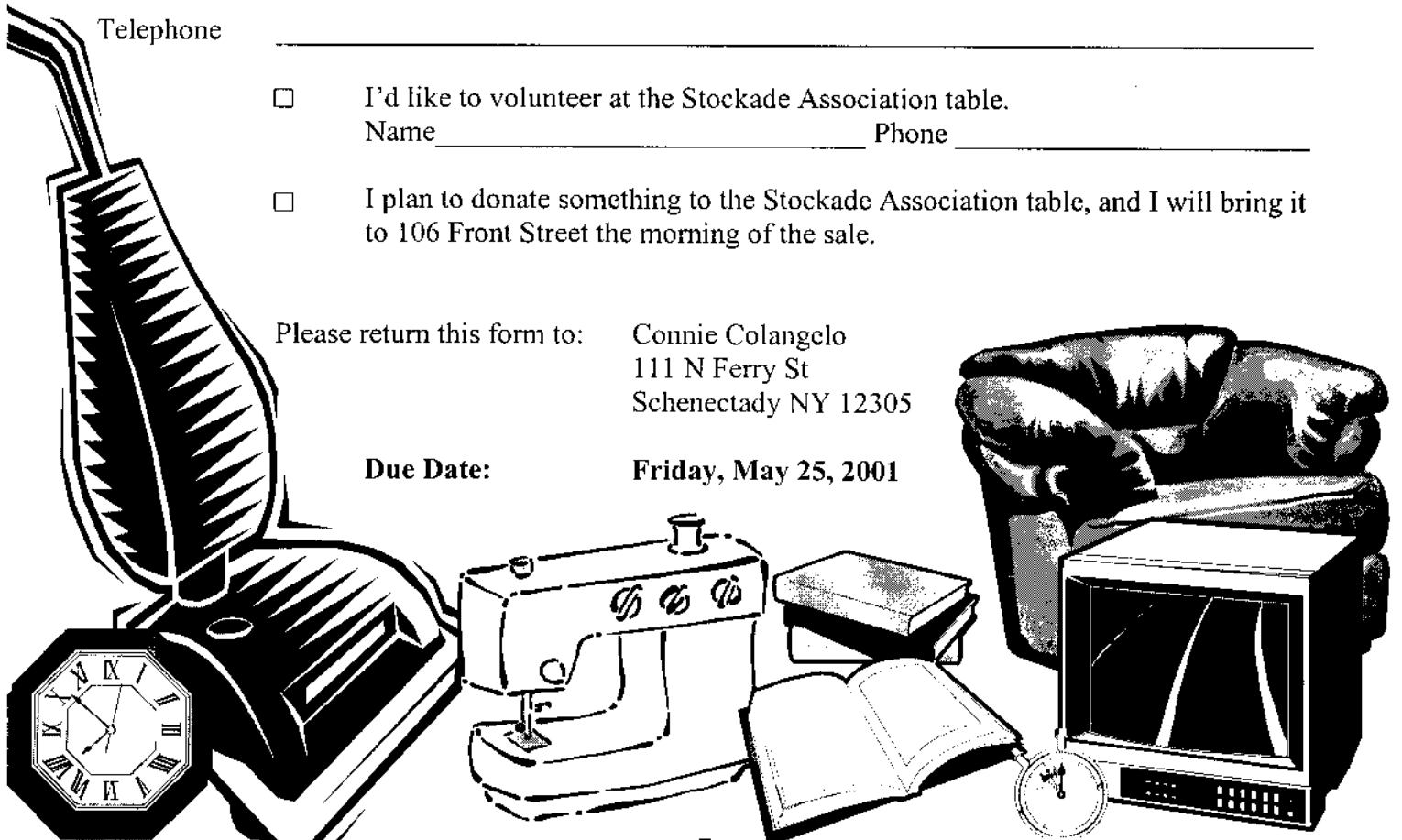
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

- I'd like to volunteer at the Stockade Association table.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- I plan to donate something to the Stockade Association table, and I will bring it to 106 Front Street the morning of the sale.

Please return this form to: Connie Colangelo  
111 N Ferry St  
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**Due Date: Friday, May 25, 2001**



# Walkabout

## "Goes Dutch" for 2001

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**Saturday, September 29**

10 AM - 5 PM

### Walkabout Workabees:

**Houses:** Anne Bernat (S)

Michelle Simone (S), Donna Lagone (S)

**Events of the Day:** Lyn Gordon (S)

Sue Mlodzianowski (S)

Sylvia Briber(S/H), Joe Bernat (S)

Anneke Bull (H) Kim Mabee (H)

Sue McLane (S/H)

**Publicity:** Dorothea Ginzal (S)

Bronwen Murdock (S)

Krystyna Kusielewicz (S)

Mary Kuykendall-Weber (S/H)

Jo Mordecai (S/H)

**Walkabout Leaflet:** Sylvia Briber (S/H)

**Ticket Design & Printing:**

Gloria Kishton (S)

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Jennifer Wells (S)

**At Large:** Jeff Parry (S/H)

Larry Rainey (H), Bill Dimpelfeld (H)

S - Stockade H - Historical Society

If you would like to join the fun,  
call Anne Bernat, 393-5770  
or Sylvia Briber, 377-0469

## ---- Tidings ----

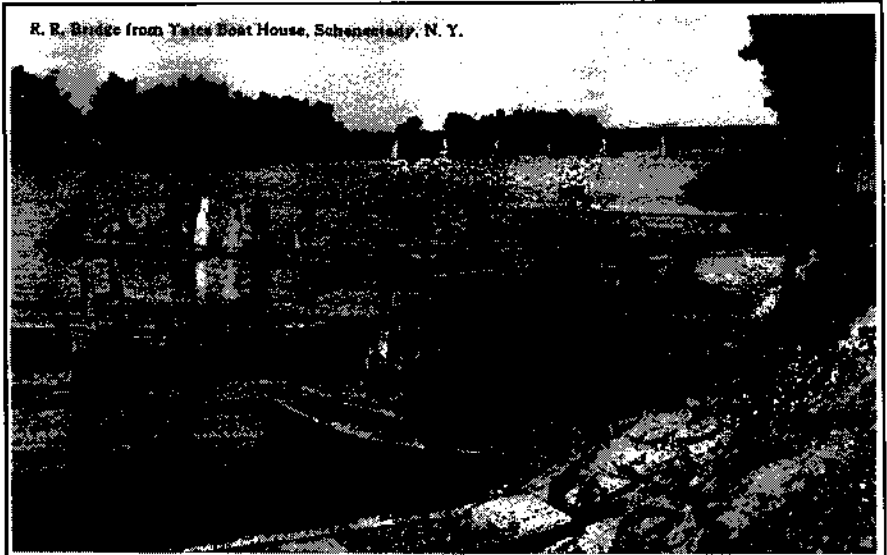
- Condolences to the family of Morgan Hopkins of North Church Street on his recent passing.

Photo by Brian Merriam



## Vintage Schenectady Postcards For Sale at Historical Society

R. R. Bridge from Yates Boat House, Schenectady, N. Y.



A wonderful collection of early 20th century reprinted postcards are now available in a selected set of 20 at the Schenectady County Historical Society at 32 Washington Avenue. For \$8 you can have these colored mementos as your own or as a gift to celebrate and share Schenectady's rich history and architecture. Historical Society hours are Mon. - Fri. 1:00 - 5:00 PM and Sat. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM., 374-0263. The set includes:

Washington Avenue with old trees, trolley car, and Historical Society (1912); First Reformed Church, 5th building built 1863 (1907); Mohawk River and Railroad Bridge, from Yates Boat House (1912); St George's Episcopal Church, built 1759 by Samuel Fuller (1907); Fountain and Band Stand, Crescent Park (1907); Union Railroad Depot (1907); Fire Station Number 3, North Jay St. (1907); Bridge and Toll Gate at Aqueduct, Rexford (1912); Dock Street and Erie Canal looking toward G.E. (1907); New Office Building and part of 15,000 employees leaving the General Electric Works, (1907); Nott Memorial Library, Union College (1907); Klondyke Path (stairs) Pleasant Valley (1907); First gasoline pumper made by Westinghouse (1909); American Locomotive Works (1907); Burr Covered Bridge, (1808-1873), looking from Scotia toward Schenectady; Westinghouse and Edison Works (G.E.) and Erie Canal (1890); Erie Canal with barge on Aqueduct, Rexford (1912); and Steinmetz Residence, Wendell Avenue (1907).

## Fun at First Presbyterian Italian Night

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church would like to thank the residents of the Stockade who braved the cold temperatures to attend our 2nd annual Stockade Neighborhood Italian Night Dinner. Over 100 people turned out to enjoy an authentic Italian dinner complete with music and pictures from Italy. How warm the camaraderie on what otherwise was a chilly February evening. Please come and join us on Sundays and Wednesdays for additional fellowship. 240 years of being neighbors is only the beginning!

## Stockade Association

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2000-2001

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# STOCKADE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Jennifer Wells, Recording Secretary

Stockade website: [www.historicstockade.com](http://www.historicstockade.com).

Board members can be reached by: [www.historicstockade.com/board.htm](http://www.historicstockade.com/board.htm)

## Highlights from the Board Meeting Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Report of Minutes from The Board of Directors of the Stockade Association held on April 3, 2001. The Treasurer's report was given by Meredith Anker. There is \$6395.78 in the checking account and the CD remains unchanged.

Committee reports: Joe Fava reported that the Schenectady Heritage Foundation was holding their *Livable Cities* series again and had asked for a small donation to defray the costs of refreshments. On a motion made by Connie Colangelo, forty dollars was voted to this end.

YMCA: discussion centered around a rumor that the YMCA was canceling their corporate memberships to provide space to expand their residency program. Meredith Anker will follow up.

By-laws: following discussion and clarification of the Association's constitution, it was decided that we still had time to publish the by-law changes in time to be voted at May's meeting. Brad Fisher will see that this gets done.

Bob Hayner announced that Commissioner of Public Works Milt Mitchell would be coming to May's meeting to discuss the City's plans for Riverside Park. Representatives from Synthesis Architects will accompany Mr. Mitchell. Bob further announced that there is a city hearing on May 15 at 7PM at the Library where Steve Strichman will present the pumphouse and bike path plans. Discussion followed of the agenda for the May 10 Annual Meeting with the results and slate for elections published elsewhere in this issue.

Bob Hayner announced that he had researched the issue of noise abatement on the Route 5 Mohawk bridge and drafted a letter to the Department of Transportation asking that this project be undertaken in accordance with Governor Pataki's Quality Communities Initiative. It was voted to support this effort and send Bob's letter.

Other business and announcements: the idea of Johnstown's city lottery was put forward as a possible solution for the sidewalk problem and tabled. The Board supported Connie Colangelo's request of support in asking the Mayor to name Nick Colangelo a Patroon in time for this year's 50th *Villagers Art Show*. Adamant opposition to our position on the Hall of Electrical History being a separate museum was received from the Schenectady Museum.

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**The Open Door Book Store**

128 Jay Street, 346-2719

May 12, 1-2:30PM, Rachel Ray

signing *Veggie Meals*, with Tasting Samples

May 18, 1-2:30PM, Ellen Senisi signing

*Berry Smidges & Leaf Prints*. Children can  
join in nature craft.

## New Members of the Stockade Association

Anne Bradbury

Jennifer Croyer

Vyvian d'Estienne

Dorothea King

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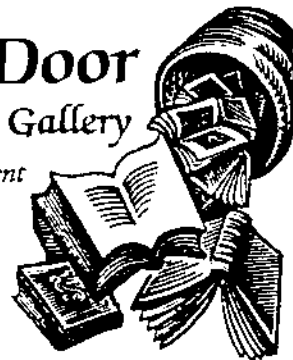
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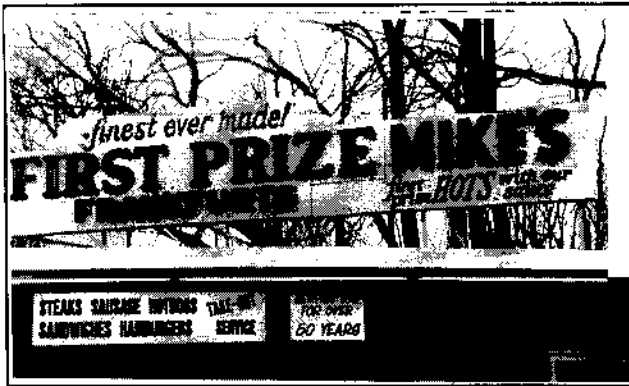


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# Mike's Restaurant



Mike's Restaurant sits on the west side of Erie Blvd. at Green Street, just below the Amtrak tracks. For those of you who haven't eaten there yet don't hesitate another moment.

Mike's is reminiscent of a roadside burger stand with sand and surf not far beyond. Only at Mike's there is the roar of Amtrak trains behind it and freight train traffic on the east side across from it. The building is framed on the outside with fluorescent lighting and at night the sign atop the building jumps out with even more fluorescent brightness. During warmer

months picnic tables with umbrellas are placed in the back, but, without sand and surf. However, once indoors it's bright and airy enough to forget all that. The food is your basic grill fare: beef and sausage burgers, fish fry, and of course, hot dogs. Starting off with breakfast, hours are Monday through Friday, 4:30 AM - 10 PM, Saturday, 5:30 AM - 10 PM and Sunday 6:30 AM - 7 PM. Stockadians have several restaurants that please a myriad of tastes within walking distance and Mike's is no exception. The owner, John Mantis, also runs Mike's Restaurant at the Casino on Iroquois Lake in Schenectady's Central Park. So, if you're wondering where to eat on the run or just want an early breakfast without having to travel beyond the environs of the Stockade, think Mike's. The service is A+.

Along with dining at the long counter you get a view of Erie Boulevard traffic while freight trains roll through across the street atop the hill. People from all walks of life show up here. Hey, you may even run into your fellow neighbor. Maybe the sand will show up under the picnic tables. The surf we'll have to work on. Have a super summer! See you in the fall.

- Gerald Plante

## The Stockade Spy See you in September!

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## May Waste Collection Dates

Wed., May 2  
Wed., May 9  
Wed., May 16  
Wed., May 23  
Thurs., May 31

For summer dates,  
pick up schedule from  
Arthur's Market

## Birds of the Stockade

Two of the birds that I've seen in and around the Stockade are the House Sparrow and European Starling. Since most everyone know what they look like I won't describe them. But the thing that few realize about them is that they are not native to this country. They were both introduced from Europe. The Starling was introduced in NYC's Central Park in 1890-1891. The House Sparrow was introduced in Brooklyn shortly after 1850. They are both considered pests. It took 60 years for the Starling to reach the West Coast.

- James L. Taft AKA Capt. Eagle Eyes

### After-Thought

by Krystyna Kusielewicz

"After-Play,"  
Still under the spell.  
Walking in the evening;  
A lighted church steeple,  
Over the dark tree top.  
Air mystical and mysterious.  
Was it heaven?  
Or just a different level?  
Things we cannot explain.  
Life, death  
And all these dimensions.  
We know of four,  
But alas!  
There must be more.  
What was the message?  
We do not know.  
There are big issues though.  
Was it all a contention?  
In the final result,  
All is subject to interpretation

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