



# THE STOCKADE SPY

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## Stockade Calendar

### Stockade

#### General Meeting

Thurs., Sept. 19  
7:00 PM Social  
7:30 Meeting (see p. 8)

**St George's  
Garden on the Green,**  
30 N. Ferry St., Sat.,  
Sept. 7

**Greek Festival**  
Liberty & Clinton Sts.  
Sat., Sept. 6-7

**Sch'dy Civic Players  
Diamond Jubilee  
Celebration**  
Sept. 27, 28, 29  
Events include Welcoming  
Reception, Dinner &  
Festivities at Upper  
Mohawk Club, and  
Sunday Brunch.  
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**Historical Saint George's  
Episcopal Church**  
30 North Ferry Street, 374-  
3163, beginning its 292nd  
Year of Ministry, Sunday,  
September 8, 8:00 AM  
Low Mass, 10:00 AM  
Sung Mass. Continental  
Breakfast following the 10  
AM Mass in the Parish  
Hall. Visitors Welcome!

**Oct. Spy Deadline**  
**September 15**

## Stockade Walkabout: A panorama of events!

**Saturday, September 28 10 AM - 5 PM**

### "Famous People of Olde Schenectady"

You may wave "hi!" to "Governor Joseph Yates" or Schenectady's founding father, Arent Van Curler, as you are transported to bygone eras atop a horse-drawn carriage!

"Famous People of Olde Schenectady" is the theme for this year's 43rd Stockade Walkabout, which will feature more than just interior tours of 18th and 19th century historic homes.

Through a partnership of The Stockade Association, The Schenectady County Historical Society and The Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation, and financial

support from MVP and the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce and I Love NY, the 2002 Walkabout will be able to offer a panorama of events.

(Please turn to page 3 for details.)

Advance tickets are \$15, and \$20 the day of the event. Children \$7.

For phone orders call The Schenectady Downtown Improvement Corporation at 377-9430. Tickets can be purchased at Arthur's Market, N. Ferry and Front Streets, the Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave., and at the Open Door Book Store, 128 Jay Street.

## 51st ANNUAL STOCKADE VILLAGER'S OUTDOOR ART SHOW

**Saturday, SEPTEMBER 7 (RAIN DATE: SEPTEMBER 8)**

It's that time again the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Stockade Villager's Outdoor Art Show on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2002.

(Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5:00 p.m. is the rain date). Some streets will be closed to traffic and cars must be off the streets by 9:00 a.m. (LOOK FOR OUR FLYERS ON YOUR CARS AND "NO PARK-

ING" SIGNS TO PREVENT BEING TOWED).

Recognition is given to the founders of the Art Show with the Nicholas J. Colangelo Award for a first time exhibitor in the show and Ernest A. R. Cohen Award for the scene that best depicts the Stockade neighborhood. The Oak Room



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**Author Events At "The Open Door"**

**128 Jay St., Schenectady, 12305 346-2719**

**Tues., Sept. 17, 7:30 PM.** Schenectady County Public Library Mcchesney Room, Chris Finan, author of "**Alfred E. Smith: the Happy Warrior,**" & president of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression will discuss his book and his work on first amendment issues. This event is sponsored jointly by The Open Door and the Library.

**Sat., Sept. 28, 1-2:30 PM,** Gary Randorf will sign "**The Adirondacks: Wild Island of Hope.**"

**Mabee Farm Fall Festival 887-5073**

Sun., Sept. 22, 1-5 PM, \$5, \$2 children  
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**Holy Cross Church Events**

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and White Elephant Sale

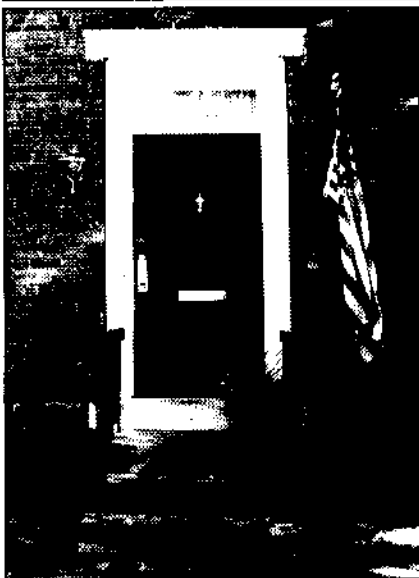
**Schenectady County Community College**

**Events: All events free and open to public.**

**Call 381-1250.**

**Orquesta Tropical,** Thurs., Sept. 19, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Van Curler Room, Elston Hall, Experience the sounds of this nationally-known dance band as they play salsa, merengue, cha cha, mambo and other Latin music.

**Author David Lamb** (*Do Platanos Go Wit' Collard Greens?* and *The Trumpet is Blown*) speaks as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, Tues., Sept. 24, 11:30 - 12:30 PM Activity Forum, Elston Hall.



211  
Green  
Street  
on  
the  
Walkabout  
this  
year.

Artists will be presenting an award honoring two very active artists and neighbors: James Gilliland and George Weinheimer. All four of the honorees were artists and members of the Board. Nick Colangelo is the only surviving original artist and founder.

Matt Weinheimer has updated the banner hanging over the Indian and flyer which is sent out all over the Capital District and surrounding states (Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut). We have a tape from *Schenectady Today* promoting the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Stockade Villager's Outdoor Art Show. We have a few t-shirts from the 50<sup>th</sup> Show and lots of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary pins for sale.

The Stockade Villager's Outdoor Art Show is a juried show. Exhibits of fine art work by artists from near and far will be displayed. There are no performing arts permitted in this show. It is one of the wonderful events that the Stockade is proud to host and a tradition that is known as the place to be on the first Saturday after Labor Day.

Stockade residents are encouraged to participate in this event - we need hosts/hostesses, people to help in the judging circle, people to help set up before the show and take down after the show. Our neighborhood is truly unique and special. We as residents are proud of our area and are encouraged to spruce up in front of our homes - put on a happy face for our visitors.. We will share our sidewalks with the artists and display to the visiting public the friendliness that we all experience. It is a great way to spend the day for residents, the artists and the many visitors. 51 consecutive years of hosting this art show is a real tribute to our neighborhood and its residents.

Matt Volks is the General Chairman of the Art Show and President of the Board of Directors. Hosts/Hostesses are needed for two hour shifts - call Jeanne Hawkey to volunteer. People are needed in the Judging Circle - call Meredith Anker. Set up and take down the show -call: Deb or Matt Volks (381-6322) or contact Bill Delaney. Committees: Judges - Vivian d'Estienne and Randy Roberts; Judging Circle -- Meredith Anker, Theresa Smith, John Buell; Registration - Mike DellaRocco, JoAnn Kress, Connie Colangelo; Presentation of awards: Peter Rumora; Prizes - Diane DeMeo; Racks & Security - Bill Delaney, Matt Volks; Publicity - Karen B. Johnson; Treasurer - Larry Schmitt; Banner & Flyers - Matt Weinheimer; General - Peter Polachek

- Connie Colangelo

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The events of the day include:

- Guided tours of 9 historic homes
- Open house at our four historic churches
- Antique Car Show
- Tours of the Mohawk Club
- Tours of the Van Dyck Restaurant & Brewery
- Costume exhibit at Schenectady Civic Playhouse celebrating 75 years
- Open house at the Schenectady County Community College along with an archaeological exhibit and the "first TV station in the world" exhibit
- Archaeological dig at historic house garden
- Carriage rides through our charming streets
- Trolley rides and guided tours of historic Proctor's Theatre, Union College's Nott Memorial, the "Spirit of Schenectady" exhibit at the Schenectady Museum, City Hall, Folklore Society demonstration and display of Historical Schenectady books at The Open Door Bookstore
- Children's Activities: petting zoo at the YWCA's Kidz-Zone and Colonial games played at Stockade sites
- Variety of music throughout the day
- Exhibit and portraits of "Famous People of Olde Schenectady," tours of 1895 home, sale of historic books and "Prominent Schenectady People and Their Homes" calendars and complimentary tea and cookies at the Schenectady County Historical Society

This is a great volunteer opportunity to meet new neighbors and have fun. Also, you get a reduced ticket price! Call any of the co-chairs:

Sylvie Briber, 377-0469, Lyn Gordon, 370-4324, or Kim Mabee, 370-4954.

Thanks to all the wonderful homeowners who have opened their homes for this special tour.

Barbara & David Marhafer	3-5 Washington Avenue
Bill Bibby	7 Washington Avenue
Lee Willard & June Cummings	9 Washington Avenue (courtyard)
Jo Mordecai	211 Green Street
Major & Mrs. Richard Gordon	10 North Church Street
Peter Rumora & Paul Basile	31 Front Street
Franca DiCrescenzo & Tim Alund	111 Front Street
Lara Stelmaszyk & Martin Burke	136 Front Street (work in progress)
Diane & Ron DeMeo	232 Union Street, Victorian Garden Wedding
Sue & Paul Mlodzianowski	109 Union Street

#### Refreshments:

- Local restaurants will be offering their specialties for you to purchase at the Food Fest around the Indian
- Holy Cross Church will be offering a light breakfast and lunch along with their White Elephant Sale
- The YWCA will be selling cider & donuts, and other goodies
- Slick's will sell their delicious sandwiches
- The Van Dyck Restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner



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(more Walkabout photos page 2 & 12)

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# Restoration of First Presbyterian Church

209 Union Street, 2001-2002

From the beginning of June 2001, for the next year, the First Presbyterian church was closed for renovations. The work was supposed to take four months to repair a sag in the slate roof, but, as most reconstruction work on old, historic buildings goes, the ongoing work uncovered many more things that needed attention. The refrain "There's no better time to fix that than now" was repeated often during the year, as the scope of work continually expanded.

The project was launched because of a noticeable sag in the peak of the roof caused by a bad truss and some shifting of the roof structure. Further shifting was prevented by extensive bracing in the 1950's but the weight of that steelwork was causing problems of its own.

The cure was to replace the bad truss with a new one made of steel. The horizontal wood beams supporting the trusses under the open crossing of the transepts were replaced by new steel also. The sagging roof was jacked back into place - a rise of more than a foot in some spots.

By the time the project was declared complete, the roof had been completely replaced, the steeple slate replaced to match, the brick re-pointed, the ceiling completely replaced, the walls scraped and replastered, new roof drains installed, new light fixtures (as well as all the door handles and kick plates) removed, polished and lacquered and replaced, and new carpeting installed. Every surface that wasn't carpet or brick was repainted.

The church was guided through this process by Mesick, Cohen, Wilson Baker Architects of Albany, experts in restoration of historic buildings. The contractor was Zandri Construction of Cohoes, NY, a terrific company in terms of their professionalism and care for the best possible outcome for the church building. Oversight for the job was provided by Tony Ward as the Clerk of the Works, who is now working on the new Parker House Hotel at Proctor's Arcade.

Information about the reconstruction work can be obtained from Robert A. Roy, Chairman, Operations Board, First Presbyterian Church. (Home phone 399-2720, e-mail to [roy0001@nycap.rr.com](mailto:roy0001@nycap.rr.com).)

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# Birds of the Stockade



One of the birds that I've seen in and around the Stockade is the Gray Catbird. It is dark gray overall with a blackish cap and tail and it has rufous undertail coverts. The sexes are similar. The song is a rambling, halting warble with slow tempo; distinctive mewing quality of low, hoarse notes with high, sharp chips and squeaks interspersed; little repetition and little mimicry. The call is a hoarse, cat like mewing mwee or mcurr. It is related to the Northern Mockingbird. I've had many memorable encounters with them.

- James L. Taft  
AKA Captain Eagle Eyes

## Apologies

We offer our sincerest apologies to the Makowski family who have lived at 123 North Ferry Street for many years, for mistakenly listing their address as the drug house across the street at 122 North Ferry Street in an article titled "Six To Save in the Stockade" in our May issue.

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# Stockade Association General Meeting

Thursday, September 19

7:00 PM Social                      7:30 PM Meeting

The Schenectady County Historical Society  
32 Washington Avenue

Speakers:

Keith Lamp, City Code Enforcement Officer  
Steve Strichman, Zoning Officer

## Stockade Association Meeting Dates 2002-2003

All Board meetings are at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays on the dates listed below and meet at Feibes & Schmitt's Office, the carriage house behind 217 Union Street.

All General Membership meetings are on Thursdays on the dates listed below with a Social Time at 7:00 PM and the meeting at 7:30 PM, held at the Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Avenue.

### Board Meetings:

Sept 3, Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Dec. 3  
Jan. 7, Feb. 11, Mar. 4, April 1, May 6

### General Meetings:

Sept. 19, Nov. 21, Jan. 16, Mar. 20, May 15

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**Deadline** for entries is the **15th** of the previous month.

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program. Nine or 10 houses will be on the tour, as well as community facilities such as churches, SCP, the Historical Society, the Museum and Nott Memorial. An ad for the Walkabout will appear in HUDSON VALLEY.

Joe and Eli urged that we send a representative to a meeting of Schenectady United Neighborhoods (SUN) to be sure we understand what they are doing, and subsequently we can discuss whether or not we should join.

Beth Petta and Mike Petta were present at *the August meeting* as guests, to discuss the proposed power plant in Scotia. Beth reported that a balloon would be raised on the site of the proposed plant early on the morning of August 8, so individuals potentially affected by the plant can tell if the smoke stacks will be visible from their location. The Board voted to allocate \$500 to help defray the cost and join with Union College and the Heritage Foundation in the effort.

Arthur's market will be closed some time in the coming months. Peter Polachek had not at the time of the meeting decided exactly when it would be.

The plantings around the Indian were discussed. Joe asked that a letter be sent to Edna Eldridge complimenting her on her wonderful gardening work. Joe said Bruce Jordan has volunteered to do the plantings next year.

Parking and emergency vehicle access at the foot of N. Ferry, around the Pump House, is apparently seriously inadequate. It was Moved, Seconded and Passed that a letter be sent to the appropriate City Council Committee, urging them to find the additional sum necessary to correct these problems.

Lyn Gordon reported that Maureen Gebert will display a rendering of what the Gillette House will look like, near the House during the Walkabout. She asked if the Association could become the repository for tax-exempt contributions from Walkabout visitors to complete the Gillette House project. The Board agreed.

Diane said that Metroland had identified the Stockade as "the best of the best" neighborhoods in the Capital District. Joe said he would get a copy to Sylvia for the SPY.

Emily Klotz has moved to Van Curler Ave., and so can no longer represent the Stockade on the Historic District Commission. The Board expressed its sense of loss, and complimented Emily on her work. Several asked if a note about the vacancy could be put in the SPY, urging interested residents to apply for the job.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Briber



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The full Association has met once and the Board has met monthly since the last issue of the SPY. We'll summarize the minutes of each meeting.

Peter Olson and Don Nagel were present at the **May general meeting** to discuss the Van Dyck. They said they were looking for ways to reach out to the Stockade community and invited comments from the Association.

Milt Mitchell, John Senisi and Richard Eats were present to discuss the Pump House and the Bike Path. They reported that the Pump House work should be finished by the end of August – and with a wider walkway, an overlook, many new plantings and a beautiful \$60,000 iron railing - will be very attractive.

Milt Mitchell discussed the bike path efforts. He has submitted a \$1.5 million proposal to the state's Canal group for widening the Park walkway, to include overlooks, period lighting (as in Veterans Park) and a wider, multi-use, path.

Karen Johnson and Mona Golub-Ganz discussed the Gillette House and its renovation. Both are still searching for ideas as to the uses to which it should be put. An idea growing in popularity is to use it as a Visitor's Center and Chamber of Commerce offices, with parking in the Ladd lot.

Ronald Ratchford spoke for the Knights of Columbus. He wanted us to understand why their building at Church and Union is not being repaired. They don't have the money.

The Association held its annual elections and elected the following to two-year terms:

- Vice President Eli Taub
- Board Member Diane DeMeo
- Corresponding Secretary Brad Fisher
- Board Member Lyn Gordon

Recording Secretary Bob Briber  
 Board Member Susanna Sherwood

Parking in the Stockade, at First Reformed Church and elsewhere, was discussed with concern at **the June meeting**. Eli Taub suggested we write a letter to the churches to tell them we have a parking problem and would like to talk with them about it.

Ruth Harvey asked about 108 Union, which is outside the Historic District (for reasons related to its renovation some years ago.) Joe suggested we ask the City Council to put the building back into the Historic District; when the building is empty is a good time to ask.

Susanna Sherwood reported on the garden tour, which was a great success in spite of rain. It raised over \$3000 for beautification efforts. Connie Colangelo said 45 people participated in the garage sale, the highest number ever, and she reported that the art show is scheduled for Sept 7 and planning is going well. The Christmas program is scheduled for December 8, with the tree lighting at 5pm.

Ron Kingsley and Louise Basa from the Archeology Dept. at SCCC described their work in "Community Archeology" at **the July meeting**, and asked for ideas and suggestions from the Association. They indicated that they would in due course like the Association to support grant applications to document the Stockade's history. The Board expressed approval and support for their efforts.

Kim Mabee – co chair of the Walkabout and Historical Society Board member - and Lyn Gordon gave a report on the Walkabout, which is proceeding very well. They have received more than \$8000 in financial support from the DSIC, The C of C and the "I Love NY"

# Our Stockade Johnny Appleseed

- Shirley Burris



This is the story of a man, some trees and the birth of a virtual arbor in a historic landscape.

In 1996, Stan Hickok was looking around for something to occupy his time after his retirement, which led to an active involvement with Schenectady 2000 and subsequently to ReTree Schenectady. In the spring of 1999, ReTree was gearing up and seeking volunteers to help with its first planting of trees on main thoroughfares throughout the city. Later, when the Schenectady Gateway Committee was established, he became an active member of the group. For a man with no prior interest or knowledge about trees, Stan found himself becoming quite an expert on the subject.

Ultimately Stan offered his expertise to the Stockade Garden Group, and the first planting of trees

throughout the Stockade was born. In the spring of 1999, 12 Redspire Pear trees were planted using funds left over from the original Gateway project.

Since that first planting, the Garden Group, under the leadership of president Susanna Sherwood and with the guiding hand of Stan Hickok, has developed the plan to plant trees along all of the streets of the Stockade. With the help of volunteers from the Stockade community, the project will continue until every homeowner who wants a tree has been provided with one.

Stan is currently involved in a new project for ReTree Schenectady. He has created a brochure identifying the more than 32 varieties of trees in Central Park. In his spare time, he maintains Liberty Park for Schenectady 2000.

Though Stan is not a resident of the Stockade, he has lived in this area all his life, growing up in Niskayuna and moving to Schenectady after his marriage. He is a graduate of Siena College, where he earned a Bachelors Degree and went on to earn his Master's Degree in accounting. He served as Secretary-Treasurer of The Research Foundation of the State of New York for 30 years before retiring in 1996. Stan and his wife, Elaine, live on Maryland Avenue in Schenectady and have six married daughters.

## Music at The Van Dyck

-John Rotundo

The Van Dyck proudly presents the jazz legend Mose Allison on September 14, tickets - \$20. His unique lyrics and music have had a great impact on fellow musicians. In 1996 Van Morrison released "Tell Me Something-The Songs of Mose Allison," rating him one of the greatest songwriters of our century.

The fall line-up goes on to include jazz vocalist Neena Freelon, September 21, tickets \$16, 4 piece acoustic jazz. The eclectic folk duo David Lindley and Wally Ingram (Oct. 12, tickets \$25.) They recently toured with Bonnie Raitt and play every instrument imaginable. Three nights were needed to house the Pat Metheny Trio (Oct. 12, \$25.) Pat Metheny, an international jazz giant enjoys the intimate atmosphere of the Van Dyck to introduce new material before headlining huge jazz festivals.

Performances are at 7 and 9:30 PM.

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The Van Dyck Restaurant, Brewery, & Music Club  
The First Presbyterian Church

## Successful Secret Garden Tour

The second Stockade Secret Garden Tour was held on June 14 and 15. It was a diverse and wonderful selection of gardens. We are grateful to the owners, who worked so hard and were generous in allowing us to show their gardens. A new feature this year was a successful plant sale executed by Peter Rumora.

Unfortunately it rained both days and as a result our revenues were much less than we had hoped. But after expenses were paid we still made enough profit to continue the tree planting program in the Stockade. Twelve trees will be planted next month, twelve in April 2003 and twelve in October 2003. To date 63 trees have been planted in the Stockade in the last three years due to the efforts of the Garden Group and ReTree Schenectady.

We were delighted Betty and Jim Lane came from Maryland for the garden tour. Betty founded the Stockade Garden Group in 1994 after finding the remnants of a perennial garden in Riverside Park. For two years Betty Lane and I carried water and perennials from our gardens to the park in Betty's little red wagon. Helen Giulietti joined us the third summer and the

group grew from then on.

Sadly Betty and Helen have both moved away but a dedicated and enthusiastic number of people have stepped forward to fill their shoes. And we always welcome new helpers. We only require residency in the Stockade and a willingness to work in the park garden and/or the biennial tour.

The next tour is June 2004.



Come help us!

- Susanna Sherwood

Betty Lane  
Susanna Sherwood  
and  
the  
little  
red  
wagon!

## Congratulations to Stockaders for Preservation Award

In May 2002 four Stockaders were honored by the Schenectady Heritage Foundation with a Preservation Award by a ceremony in the City Hall rotunda.

The Stockade neighborhood applauds such fine work that so benefits all.

- Ray Mahoutchian restored his apartment house at 4 Union Street.
- Lisa and Brad Fisher restored their 200 year old house at 27 Front St.
- William Walker and Patty LaCross of Kelly Glass, were honored for saving 17 North Church St., built in 1844 and at one time considered for demolition. They have located their business there.
- The parishioners of the First Presbyterian Church restored their historic building first started as replacing the roof and grew to a \$1 million-plus project.



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## "That's the Spirit" Opens Theater Season at Stockade's Mohawk Club

"That's the Spirit," a new fast-paced musical revue, opens Riverview's Entertainment's fall theater season in a 6:30 pm dinner show September 25, 26, and 27 (Wednesday through Friday) at the Stockade's Mohawk Club, 1 North Church Street.

Staged by Martin Kelly, "That's the Spirit" takes audiences through 226 years of American history with songs and comedy of the various periods. From the Revolutionary War to the present, America is presented through the patriotic and the popular songs that motivated Americans to greatness.

Upcoming shows are:

- "Irving Berlin: Now and Always"  
October 23, 24, 25
- "Loesser is More"  
November 20, 21, 22

Tickets for the dinner (at 6:30 PM) and show are \$24. Stockade Association and Mohawk Club members qualify for a \$20 discount price.

For reservations call 393-8024.

# Stupendous Stoep Awards - Shirley Burris & Debby Lambeth

"Stoep" - derivation Dutch - a small porch, platform or staircase leading to the entrance of a house. This is the 7th year for these awards. Congratulations to the following for their outstanding efforts in making our neighborhood more beautiful!

Nominated for **first prize:**  
Overall double stoep treatment



#6 Front Street **Janie & Bob Hayner**



#8 Front Street **Lianne & Allen Brown**

Nominated for **second prize:**  
A Zen Garden for the Stockade to enjoy



28 North Street **Tim Lowenski & Mark Fisher**

Nominated for **third prize:**  
2 window boxes & tree skirt plantings of multi-color impatiens



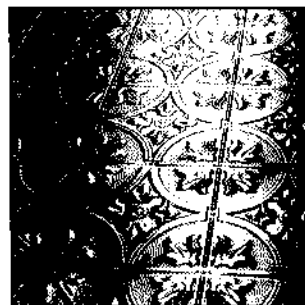
23 Green Street **Patty Dumas & David Leonelli**

Honorable Mention: 9 Window boxes  
38 North Ferry Street **The Rodriguez Law Firm**

## Hard Work At #7 Washington Avenue



"Arts & Crafts" oak stairway



copper ceiling

On strolling down to the river by way of Washington Avenue, you may have noticed the long ongoing work at #7 Washington Ave. Since last year's Walkabout when the "before" at #7 was on the tour, Bill Bibby, the owner, has been preparing for the "after" to be on this year's Walkabout.

As an "Arts and Crafts" style turn-of-the-century home, it has graceful oak newel posts and beautiful windows. Bill has restored as much original as possible, recreated the porch railing from a 1962 photo, done extensive electrical work, and added a decorative copper ceiling in the kitchen. Stop in on September 28th and have a look.

## News at Arthur's Market

Arthur's will be closing September 22 and will be closed for a couple of months. Its reopening date will be reported in a later issue of *The Spy*.

### September Waste Collection Dates

**All  
Wednesdays  
Sept. 4, 11,  
18, 25**

Collection starts  
at 6:15 AM. Don't  
put waste on the  
curb before 2:00  
PM the day before.