

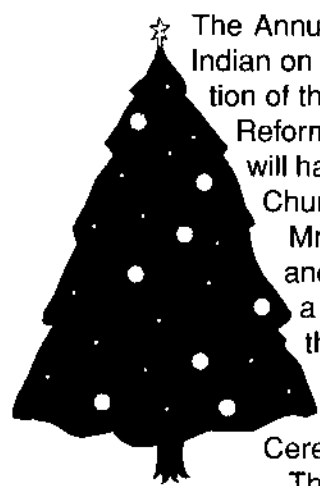


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**Stockade Calendar**

- Exhibit
- "From Cookies to Trees: The Evolution of Christmas in Schenectady," Holiday Party, Farewell to Jo Mordecai, & Antique Christmas Ornaments Program, Sat., Dec. 11  
Historical Society  
32 Washington Ave.  
See page 11
- Holiday Streetscape Celebration  
Thurs., Dec. 9 4-7 PM  
see page 2
- Civic Players presents "The Woman In Black"  
Dec. 3-5, 8-12  
Evenings, 8 PM., Sun. Matinees, 2:30 PM.  
12 S.Church St. Tickets, \$12. 382-2081.
- Village Books and Art Grand Opening  
Sat, Dec. 4/Sun Dec. 5  
See page 12
- January Spy Deadline  
December 15

**Annual Stockade Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
**Sunday, December 5 5:00 PM At the Indian Circle**  
**Reception to follow at St. George's Great Hall**



The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the circle of Lawrence the Indian on December 5, 2004 at 5:00 PM will be a glorious celebration of the Holiday Season. Rev. Robert White, Pastor of The First Reformed Church, will bestow the blessing on the tree and we will have music provided by the members of the First Reformed Church - a wonderful addition to our ceremony.

Mrs. Santa Claus and her Llamas will be making an appearance. Richard Brown, our resident Town Crier, will be ringing a bell and going throughout the neighborhood to announce the beginning of the ceremony (Richard has been doing the Town Crier for over 30 years). Joe Fava, President of the Stockade Association, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

The tree has been donated by Jean Zegger in memory of her husband, Jack. Jack was a long time community activist and leader of the Stockade Association.

The City of Schenectady's Parks Department personnel will deliver the tree and have always helped in the decorating and set up. We could never do this event without the help of these men.

A very special THANK YOU to ROB GAVEL at Cafe 1795 for the donation of the lighting in the circle and especially for the lighting of the tree. He has been very generous. The loud speaker system is being provided by Joe Fava. Thank you to St. George's for the use of the Great Hall for the reception following the ceremony. **Please remember to bring some finger foods to share.** They will be accepted at St. George's hall after 3:00 PM.

Connie Colangelo and Peter Rumora are coordinating the Tree Lighting events - we would love to have help decorating and setting up the great hall for the reception. Call Connie to volunteer or for questions at 374-7355 or 393-3771.

Diane DeMeo will once again chair the Kerst Kermis - a brunch and a good old-fashioned shopping day in the Stockade.

- Connie Colangelo

*The 3rd Annual "Kerst Kermis" (Holiday Craft Fair)*

**at the Van Dyck Restaurant & The Stockade Inn**  
 Brunch: 11 AM - 2 PM      Craft Fair 11 AM - 5 PM

**Sunday, December 5**  
 see page 3 for details

## Stockade Calendar

**"A Concert for Peace,"** Sun., Dec. 19, 2 PM  
Rosie Irene's Tea Room. See page 4

### The Open Door Bookstore & Gift Gallery

128 Jay Street 346-2719

Sat., Dec. 11, 1-2:30 PM, Nathan Farb signs his new book, **"Adirondack Wilderness."**

### SCCC Events 78 Wash. Ave. 381-1250

**"A Dickens Feast,"** Wed., Dec. 1, SCCC Foundation fund-raiser for Scholarship Fund, Glen Sanders Mansion, 6:15 PM Cocktails, 7 PM sharp dinner theater presentation. Albany Chamber Singers will sing carols and Victorian era songs, SCCC will present "A Christmas Carol," with Jack Aernecke as Scrooge! Menu includes wassail tasting, roasted chestnuts, roulade of chicken, standing rib roast, vegetable napoleon, flaming dessert, and more!  
Tickets: \$100. Call Janet Tanguay, 381-1490.

#### **Jazz & Percussion Ensembles Concert,**

Wed., Dec. 1, 7:30 PM, Auditorium. Free

#### **Chorus & Vocal Chamber Ensemble Concert**

Mon., Dec. 6, 7:30 PM. Auditorium. Free

#### **Woodwind Chamber Ensemble Concert**

Wed., Dec. 8, 7:30 PM, Mohawk Room. Free

**Guitar Ensemble Concert,** Thurs., Dec. 9, 7:30 PM, Mohawk Room. Free.

#### **Kwanzaa Celebration,** Thurs., Dec. 9,

11:30 AM, Activity Forum, Elston Hall

**Capital Region Wind Ensemble "French Sweets"** featuring a taste of France: Milhaud, Gounod & Tichelli. Sun., Dec. 12, 3 PM. Aud. \$7 adults, \$5 students. Tickets: 381-1231

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#### **Brian Hughson of "The Restaurant" in**

**London,** Mon., Dec. 13, 6:30 PM. & Tues., Dec. 14, 10 AM Van Curler Room. Free.

**The Rufus Reid Quintet + 4,** Tues., Dec. 14, 7:30 PM. Auditorium. Bass, tenor sax, trumpet piano, drums, voice, French horn, bass clarinet, cello. Tickets: \$15. Call 381-1231.

### Stockade Churches for Christmas

#### Services & Events

#### **First Presbyterian Church**

209 Union St., 374-4546, see ad, page 6

#### **First Reformed Church**

8 North Church Street, 377-2201

#### **Holy Cross Church**

18 North College St., 372-3381

## **Holiday Streetscape Celebration Thursday, Dec. 9, 4 - 7 PM**

"We want people to know that as of the end of November the sidewalks will be in, the lights will be on and downtown is open for business for the holidays," according to John Samatulski of the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corp. The streetscape will be 99% complete by Dec. 9.

Join the shops, restaurants, theaters and galleries of downtown in a holiday celebration of the streetscape reconstruction project. The planned event is focused on the 440 block of State Street in a 20X40 heated tent with free refreshments. Santa Claus will be handing out treats to all kids. Photos with Santa will be available. There will be other activities throughout downtown, where the party continues after the official 7 PM close time.

The City's Christmas tree will be lit that evening in Veteran's Park. Also, Proctor's new black box theater at 440 State Art Center will host the Octavo singers, a steel drum band and dancers from the Hamilton Hill Arts Center. Enjoy Victorian carolers, carriage rides, the Electric City Rock Climbing Wall for free rock climbing, and an Elvis impersonator at Ambition Coffeehouse and Eatery. To perform or volunteer please call DSIC at 377-9430.

You are cordially invited to

### Christmas Eve at Historic St. George's Church

**Friday, December 24** 30 N. Ferry St. 374-3163

**7:00 PM** "Music of the Nativity" Organ, Orchestra, St. Cecilia Choir, St. Nicholas Children's Choir, Mr. Brian Hoffman, Choirmaster & Organist

**7:30 PM** "Solemn High Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ" Mass in C Major

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with Organ, Orchestra and Choir, The Reverend Dr. W. David McSwain, Celebrant and Preacher

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the Stockade

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## Perks For Becoming a Stockade Association Paid-up Member

- Members will receive a special membership card which can be picked up at any General Meeting
- Members are eligible for 2004-5 painting and sidewalk incentive.
- Members will receive a \$2 discount when making reservations for the Stockade Inn Dinner Theater.
- Members will receive a 10% discount at the Van Dyck Restaurant upon presentation of their membership card.
- Membership is free to any new resident to the Stockade who moved in from January to September 2004.

## **Moon & River Cafe, 115 S. Ferry St. All Shows 8 PM. Free.**

- Wed. Dec. 1 Peter Jesty - local folk  
Fri. Dec. 3 Chrys Ballerano - songs for social change  
Sun. Dec. 4 Schenectady Poetry Horde - open mic for all poets  
Sun. Dec. 5 7 PM Chicks w/Sticks - open knitting circle  
8 PM weekly open mic - open to all music, poets, etc.  
Tues. Dec. 7 String Dusters - bluegrass, honky tonk & cowboy swing  
Fri. Dec. 10 Cavanaugh & Cavanaugh - Albany folk duo  
Sat. Dec. 11 Peggy & John - Accordion & Fiddle Duo  
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Sun. Dec. 12 7 PM Chicks with Sticks - open knitting circle  
8 PM Our weekly open mic  
Tues. Dec. 14 John Birchler - Glenville folk/Kingston Trio, John Denver, etc.  
Wed/ Dec. 15 The Widgets - traditional Irish music/Stockadians Elio & Larry  
Thurs. Dec. 16 Masters of Now - music for hope and world healing  
Fri. Dec. 17 Rob & Sage - jazz guitar & flute  
Sat. Dec. 18 Terri Roben - Saratoga folk woman  
Sun. Dec. 19 7 pm Chicks with Sticks 8 pm open mic  
Sun. Dec. 26 7 pm Chicks with Sticks 8 pm open mic  
Thurs. Dec. 30 Wilcox Family Acoustic - rock the house  
Fri. Dec. 31 New Years Eve Party with Rosemoon - 60's tunes

**"A Concert for Peace," Sunday, Dec. 19, 2 pm by Milli DiBlasi**, Capital District's first lady of piano jazz will play on the Baby Grand at Rosie Irene's Tea Room - Liberty & Ferry with remarks by Maggie McCarey, Tea Room owner. Free admission & refreshments.

**Don't Be a "Bah Humbug" Scrooge This Christmas** but give to the Toys for Tots Program, sponsored by the United States Marines with distribution to agencies throughout Schenectady County. Sarah Michener of Annabel's, 137 South Ferry Street, has been a Santa for this cause for many years. Her Christmas wish is for new, unwrapped toys for girls and boys. And don't forget boys between 9 and 12. You can bring toys to her shop from Nov. 26 to Dec. 23, 10 AM to 6 PM or later, Monday through Friday, or call her at 372-1949.

### Sign Up for the New Stockade Email List

The Stockade Association has created an email list for all those with an interest in the goings-on in the Historic Stockade neighborhood. All you have to do is send a blank email to:

**HistoricStockade-subscribe@yahoogroups.com** then reply to the confirmation message, and you are all set.

A weekly message will be sent out every weekend with meeting notices, entertainment listings, happenings, local government meetings, etc. Other uses will be notices of snow emergencies, lost pets, and calls for volunteers.

This is a public forum. Anyone who signs up will be able to send messages to the entire group. This will foster more inter-neighborhood communication and keep everyone up-to-date on important issues.

- Dale Miller, Stockade Association Board member

### Stockade Association Notes

- Thanks go to all the people who worked on the Walkabout.
- Thanks to the **Elfin Society** for help setting up the tents in the Park for the Waterfront Faire. We couldn't have done it without you!!!!
- We would like volunteers to help with Kerst Kermis. Please call Diane DeMeo - 372-0642.
- We would also like help with the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the party afterwards. Please call Connie - 374-7355, or 393-3771.
- Volunteers are also needed for Block Leaders. Call Dale Miller - 381-6189.
- Volunteers are needed for hospitality for the General Meetings. Call Lyn Gordon - 370-4324.
- Articles that appear in the *Spy* do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Stockade Association Board.

## The Stockade Association Membership 2004-2005

The Stockade Association has been carrying out its mission, "the protection and improvement of the properties" within its boundaries, for 47 years. Its objectives are to preserve the Historic District and the quality of life for its caretakers. The Association helps assure stability in a neighborhood that has been termed "a national treasure" and is enjoyed by visitors from all parts of America and abroad. Please support the Association and become a member by returning the coupon below.

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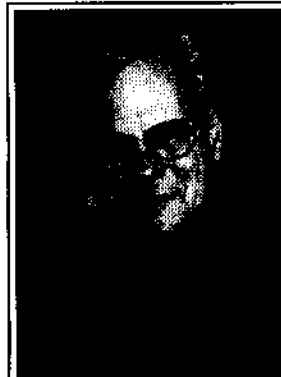
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# Neighborhood News

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

Deb Douglas, Recording Secretary

## **Stockade Assoc. Board Minutes, 11/ 9/04**

Joe called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Present: Joe Fava, Debbi Douglas, Diane DeMeo, Lyn Gordon, Dale Miller, Connie Colangelo, Peter Rumora, Bob Preville, Fred Kindl and Kim Mabee.

Peter moved to approve the minutes of the October 5th board meeting. Fred seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### **Neighborhood Watch and Block Leaders**

Dale presented a binder for the volunteer who will eventually take charge of reinvigorating a neighborhood watch program. Joe will speak to the general membership regarding the urgent need and importance for people to participate in this program.

#### **Master Plan**

Dale presented a draft outline of ideas for a master plan for the Stockade. We will need volunteers to form a master plan committee, review the current draft and move the ideas forward. Discussion followed, including the benefit of having a master plan in place when applying for grant funding. Peter recommended we compose a narrative reflecting our goals as a neighborhood. Lyn feels that if we have a professional master plan, we are more likely to apply to larger foundations to fund projects. Fred, Dale, Joe and Peter will start up this committee.

#### **Treasurer's Report/Budget**

Lyn presented the treasurer's report, and after discussion, Peter made a motion to accept the report. Bob seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Bob walked the board through the budget as of 11/10/04. After discussion on the budget and the budget format, Peter congratulated Bob and Lyn for the terrific job of putting the budget together. Bob will present it at the general meeting. Connie made a motion to accept the budget as of 11/10. Deb seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Lawrence Update**

Peter and Connie reported that the City of Schenectady will not be supplying power or water to Lawrence, due to current budget constraints. For now, we will continue to maintain Lawrence through the generosity of the neighbors.

#### **Promotion**

Lyn reported back to the board regarding prices for banners from Matthew Signs. Connie made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2 X 6 banner that we can use at events. Fred seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Other**

An article from the October SPY, "Time Immemorial," was discussed. The board discussed the opinions presented by the author, and after discussion, it was agreed that at the time, the *neighbors* agreed to change the name of the park to Riverside Park. It was also agreed that we will request that a disclaimer statement be included in each edition of the Spy to indicate that the articles do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the board.

#### **Nominating Procedure**

Lyn suggested that we post a notice in the SPY calling for any volunteers interested in serving on the board. The procedure was discussed, including a suggestion by Deb to encourage candidates to submit their interest in serving on the board.

#### **On-going Parking Issue**

Connie introduced discussion regarding the on-going issue of traffic and the increasing parking problem, specifically around Lawrence. There was discussion as to some current reasons and the concerns of the neighbors in that area.

#### **Historical Society**

Kim requested that the board consider reinstating its practice of appointing a member to attend the SCHS board meetings, with the intent of keeping apprised of the organization's current business, as Kim attends the Association board meetings. The board agreed, discussed the request and will take steps to move this partnership forward.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Garden Group**

We will ask Steve Kowalski to come to the December board meeting to discuss integrating the garden group finances back under the Association for purposes of following the by-laws and state/federal reporting.

#### **Walkabout**

We will be re-defining roles for next year's Walkabout, and we will invite John Samatulski to the December board meeting to discuss several projects.

#### **Kerst Kermis**

Diane reported plans for the December 5 event are right on track. She was pleased to announce that Marshall and Sterling will sponsor one of the carriages, and that the Gazette has donated advertising space. Volunteers are still sought.

Fred moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13. Deb seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

~ Spy Patroons ~

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#### Application deadline

December 6

#### Review meeting

December 20

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#### The Woman in Black

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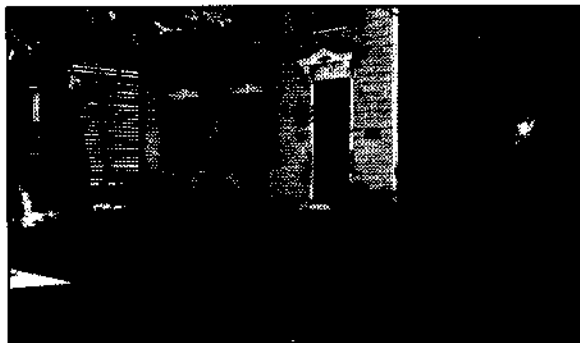
## 2004 Stockade Stoop Awards

Congratulations to the following neighbors for their outstanding efforts in making our Stockade more beautiful!

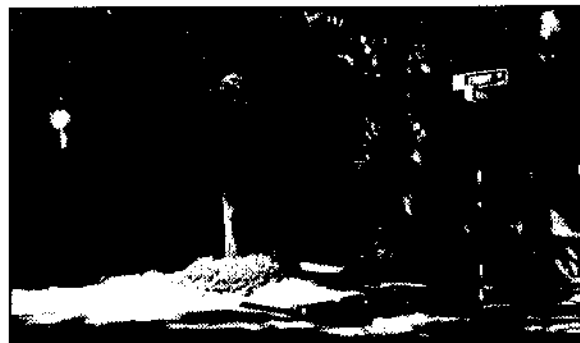
-Shirley Burris & Debbie Lambeth



First Place 7 Washington Avenue  
Frank Gilmore & Mary D'Allesandro



Second Place 304 Green Street  
Matthew Thornton



Third Place 121 Front Street  
Marilyn Stone & Tony Sassi



Honorable Mention  
Garden at the end of Ingersoll Avenue

## Historical Society's "Antique Ornaments" Program and More! Sat., Dec. 11

Come celebrate the old and new holiday traditions of Schenectady with the exhibit "From Cookies to Trees: The Evolution of Christmas in Schenectady" at the Schenectady County Historical Society. Hours are Monday through Friday, 1 to 5 PM and Saturdays, 10 AM to 4 PM, 374-0263.

Also, on Saturday, December 11 at 1:30 PM, join the Society for a unique program from local collector, Robert Halley, with the lecture, "The Birth of the Christmas Tree Tradition," complete with a tree decorated with some of his special antique Christmas ornaments.

And, if you would like to honor Stockade neighbor, Jo Mordecai, for her many years on the staff of the Historical Society, and send her wishes in her retirement, please join in the festivities at the Society on Dec. 11 at 12 noon.

## *The Appian Way: A Local Dining Treasure*

- Karen Pandell

If you are looking for authentic Italian cuisine, you may want to try the Appian Way Restaurant on Van Vranken Avenue. Gina Montova and her sister, Anna, continue their family's tradition of presenting fine food in a warm and hospitable atmosphere. Italian opera and a wood burning fireplace make for an all around superb dining experience.

The menu is varied and all meals are made to order. Homemade pasta, freshly baked bread, and a salad complement every entree. The desserts are traditionally Italian and made on site by Gina and Anna as well.

My husband and I whole-heartedly recommend that you make the five-minute drive from the Stockade to support a local dining treasure.

The Appian Way at 1839 Van Vranken Avenue serves dinner Wednesday to Sunday from 5 to closing.

Their phone number is 393-8460. Reservations are recommended for parties greater than two.

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**Village Books & Art Grand Opening**

Sat., Dec. 4 & Sun. Dec. 5 12 - 6 PM

corner of Liberty & Ferry

Come see the Stockade's newest books and antique store. They take donations and consignments and are looking for volunteer staff who can help run the shop! Call 382-1938. The Moon and River Cafe will also be open at noon on these same days to accommodate the browsers and shoppers.

*- Tidings -*

• We welcome our new neighbor, Jane Knocker and her family, to Front Street.

• From Dorothy Dietrich - Anthony Sassi, owner of the Teller House on Front Street, and husband of Marilyn Stone, died November 1 after a long valiant battle against cancer.

We send our condolences to the family.

• Lots of get well wishes go out to longtime Stockade neighbor, Nick Colangelo of Front Street who has had a long illness.

*If you know of any items for "Tidings" (neighborhood arrivals, departures, births, deaths, anniversaries) please call The Spy Editor, Sylvie-Briber, 377-0469.*

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**Dec. Waste Collection Dates**

**Tuesday, Dec. 7**

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**

**Tuesday, Dec. 21**

**Wednesday, Dec. 29**

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

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