



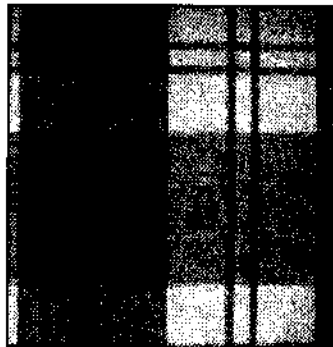
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- **Stockade Assoc.**
- **General Meeting**
- **Thurs., May 19 7 pm**
- **Spring**
- **Spruce-up Day**
- **Sat., May 21 9 AM**
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- **Waterfront Faire**
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- **Spy Staff on**
- **summer vacation**

Official Schenectady Flag

St. George's Day - Sun., May 1

Patronal Mass, Procession, and Proclamation



This special day in the Stockade begins at St. George's Church, 30 North Ferry St. with the Solemnity of the Martyrdom of Saint George Patronal Mass with guest preacher, the Reverend Charles W. Sheerin, Jr., interim Rector of St. Peter's of Albany. Special music for the Mass starts at 8:50 AM with a 10 minute setting by The Berkshire Brass Quartet, followed by The St. Nicholas Children's Choir, along with Organ, Timpani and Bagpipes. Choral pieces for the occasion include "Missa Brevis No. 3," written by Brian Hoffman, Music Director. The Mass will include a Blessing of the Tartan.

At 10 AM, following the Mass, there will be a procession through the Stockade. Then on the steps of the Stockade Inn, the St. Andrew's Society will make an official presentation, giving the "Lindsay" Flag to the Stockade Inn, proclaiming it the official flag of the City of Schenectady. The Stockade Inn is the seat of the first public school in the City and so deemed appropriate to display the flag. Alexander Lindsay Glen, born in Scotland, was the first to settle on the North side of the Mohawk River in 1658. Through his bravery, many lives were spared during the Stockade Massacre. In 1739, his great-granddaughter, Debra Glen, married John Sanders of Albany. His home is now the Glen Sanders Mansion.

Stockade Beautiful **Sat., May 21 9:00 am**

Let's make the Stockade shine! Join a crew! Union College Crew team and the City's SNAP Crew will be working on all parts of the Stockade to clean up and beautify our neighborhood. Your help is needed on May 21 to pick up or help plant the various gardens in the neighborhood. Meet at Washington Avenue to be involved with the park planting and pick up.

This year we plan to have gardens at the end of Ingersoll and Washington (Lawrence will be planted later as the tulips die back). But due to the extensive flooding this year, the park needs a lot of work clearing brush and raking leaves. Join us at 9 AM at the foot of Washington Avenue to join a "crew." Bring your tools and work gloves, and meet your neighbors and some wonderful people from Union and the City! Stay for lunch at the riverfront when the work is done. We hope to see all of our neighbors stop by to help - even if it's only for a little while.

- Jennifer Wells

Stockade Calendar

"Moon Over Buffalo"

Schenectady Civic Players May 6, 7, 8 & 11-15
Evenings, 8 PM., Sun. Matinees, 2:30 pm.
12 S.Church. Tickets, \$12. 382-2081.

"Remembering Schenectady"

Sat., May 14, 1:30 pm

Tell some of your stories about Schenectady
at Sch'dy County Historical Society, 32 Wash. Ave.

Events at the Open Door Bookstore

128 Jay St. 346-2719

Sat., May 14, 1-2:30 pm, Caldecott Medal Winner Arthur
Yorinks signs his new children's book, "Happy Bees!"

Schenectady County Community College

78 Washington Ave. 381-1250

May Events - all free & open to public:

SCCC Chorus and Vocal Chamber Ensemble

Monday, May 2, 7:30 pm. For location, call 381-1231

SCCC Chamber Music Series Concert IV

Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 pm

Taylor Community Auditorium, Begley Building

SCCC Jazz & Percussion Ensembles

Wed., May 4, 7:30 pm, Auditorium, Begley Building

SCCC Wind Ensemble

Friday, May 6, 7:30 pm, Auditorium

SCCC Woodwind Chamber Ensemble

Monday, May 9, 7:30 pm

Lally Mohawk Room, Elston Hall

SCCC Guitar Ensemble

Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 pm

Lally Mohawk Room, Elston Hall

SCCC Film Series 2005

78 Wash. Ave. All films free. Call 381-1250, or
www.sunysccc.edu for full schedule

A Day of Local Independent Films

Saturday, May 14, 2 pm, Auditorium

"Hero" & "House of Flying Daggers" (China, 2004)

Thurs., May 19, 4 pm Stockade Bldg, Room 101

Outside at Rosie Irene's Tea Room

Liberty and Ferry Streets Programs at 2 pm

Sun., May 8 Desire & Hannah

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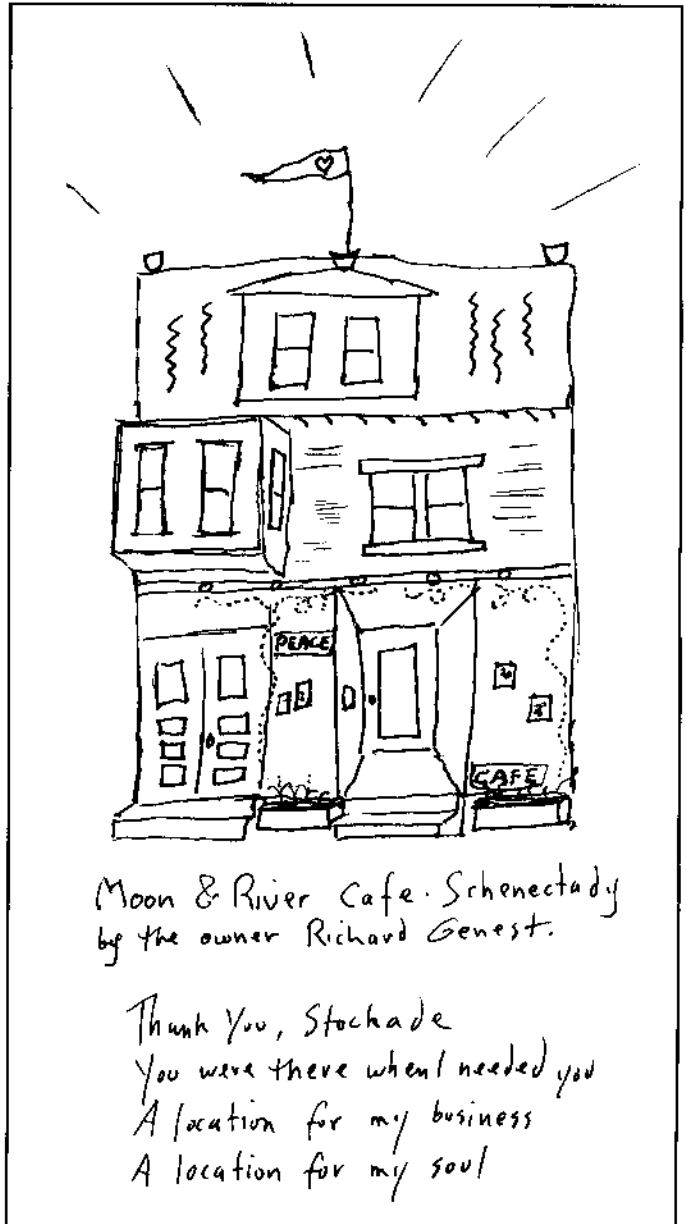
Sun., May 15 Stockade Star Steve Scarlata

guitar & song

Sun., May 22 Alligator Wine

Ben & Andy from Vermont play Grateful Dead,
Dylan, Bluegrass

Sun., May 29 Lorinda Kay - country music



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Mon. May 2 - Bob Lord-banker by day, rocker by nite

Tues., May 3-String Dusters/ Sch'dy bluegrass/humor

Fri. May 6 6 pm Art Reception for Helen Otterness

Mon. May 9 7-9 Story Circle Open mic, tell your story

Mon. May 16 Country music by Justin

Wed. May 18 2 Late - Folk Pop Duo

Thurs. May 19 2 accordion band-music for memories

Fri., May 27 Stockade's Catherine Norr - songs in
Spanish, French & English

call the Cafe for full listing of events

Special Stockade General Meeting Thurs., May 5 7 pm

Agenda: Discussion of By-laws

Stockade Association General Meeting Thurs., May 19

7:00 pm Social 7:30 meeting

Agenda: Voting on By-laws and Election of Officers

All Stockade Neighbors Invited

**Both meetings at the Schenectady County Historical Society
32 Washington Ave. (entrance in back)**

Neighborhood News

Deb Douglas, Recording Secretary

Stockade website: www.historicstockade.com.

**Stockade Association
Board Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2005**

Present: Joe Fava, Debbi Douglas, Lyn Gordon, Peter Rumora, Connie Colangelo, Fred Kindl and Bob Preville. Beth Petta, Steve Strichman and John Samatulski were present as guests.

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

Beth Petta proposed some ideas to update our street sign posts as part of our master plan. Uniform street signs would lend to uniformity and the charm that we are trying to maintain in the Stockade. She presented the board with some ideas from other communities, and then proposed some options to pay for the street sign posts and installation, including grant funding and individual sponsorship. Beth will keep the board updated as she receives information, pricing, etc., and we will keep the membership informed as to incorporating this idea into the master plan. Joe thanked Beth for her time and efforts in researching this aspect of our master plan.

Steve Strichman reviewed for the board the history of the City's efforts to install a seasonal dock at Riverside Park. Steve then lead a good discussion regarding various facets of such a project including usage, dock size and type, costs, location and grants. John Samatulski was instrumental in creating a rapport with the NYS Canal Corporation for the Walkabout last year, and he

is leading a small group to the Canal Corp. for a meeting this month to gather information and investigate the potential of a dock or barge at Riverside Park. Joe thanked Steve and John for all of their efforts, and Peter made a motion to continue to pursue the possibility of installing a seasonal dock at Riverside Park. Lyn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Board Business

Connie made a motion to accept the March 2005 board meeting minutes. Peter accepted and the motion passed unanimously. After Lyn presented the treasurer's report, Fred made a motion to accept, Bob seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Logo Development

In Dale's absence, Joe presented the board with the four submissions received since January for the design of the Stockade logo. Peter made a motion that the board prefers the "circle" design, Deb seconded and after discussion, the motion was approved. Fred suggested to bring the designs to the general meeting for comment.

Nominating Committee

Lyn and Connie reported that the committee will present its slate of candidates at the annual meeting in May.

With no further business to discuss, Peter made a motion to adjourn, Lyn seconded and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

"Thank You " to All *Spy* Staff & Contributors

Did you know that we had 13 different contributors for the April issue of *The Spy*? So many wonderful people help to make this paper possible!

I'd like to thank our many advertisers for their very important financial support. Thanks go to our wonderful team of great writers - Catherine de Salle, Jamie Taft, Diane Buckley, Gerald Plante and most recently, Beverly Elander; Janie Hayner for keeping our finances in order; Josh Mlodzianowski for delivering during rain, snow, soccer and homework; Rita Allen for mailing to our special out-of-town friends; Arman Benny's crew at Capital Printing, especially Marc Lager for his computer assistance and support; the Stockade Assoc. board for their helpful suggestions; and especially husband, Bob, for not only his great photographs but for delicious dinners, and helpful suggestions during puzzling times - nourishing both body and soul!

"Thank you" to all of our poetry writers, artists and photographers. And a final "thank you" to all of you I may have forgotten to mention. Happy Summer! - *Sylvie*

The Great Fludde of 2005



Tenant/friend Chris and I were smug about the Mohawk this spring. Last year, we watched with awe as giant hunks of ice raged down the river, only to be stopped in their watery tracks by the railroad bridge abutments just east of the Stockade. But this year, the docile ice, uncharacteristically well-behaved, had gently headed downstream, and while some baby icebergs

and miniature forests did float by us a few weeks earlier, a sense of swollen calm prevailed. The ice left, but the rains came, and along with the ominous forecast, equally ominous warnings of flooding in the Stockade.

By Saturday, April 2 (a tardy April Fool's prank?) around 11 pm, the level at the end of North Ferry rose to a foot and a half below flood level. Curious Stockade residents alternately exchanged greetings and quiet comments of wonder in the dark.

At 2 pm Sunday, the Mighty Mohawk reached 224 feet, two above flood level. Three firefighters were stationed at the foot of N. Ferry, like sentries guarding a potentially explosive prisoner. One fireman standing watch reported that the pumping station for sending

sewage to Anthony Street was at its maximum. It was clear that the quiet stand-off between humans and nature would be short-lived.

Stockade Association Joe Fava viewed the rapidly rising river, now licking the foundations of homes closest to the park, and reported that he had received a call last night from a resident inquiring about what he was going to do. I suggested he consider parting the waters. Grimacing, he watched whole trees - branches, trunk, roots and all - speed past.

Meanwhile, on Ingersoll, resident Eric Laugen at Number 26, took a philosophical attitude and quietly sipped a beer from his porch, now an island surrounded by the muddy waters of Lake Mohawk. Like a living creature, the river actually pulsated, first moving forward, then slipping back a little, then inching forward past the original point. A sign on Number 4 Ingersoll tentatively suggested it was FOR RENT. There would be no takers today.

A walk with friends back to N. Ferry around 8:30 pm the same day in a light drizzle revealed the river at least a third of the way up the street, and small groups of residents and sight-seers alike were awestruck by the quiet determination of Mother Mohawk. She was reportedly expected to crest about 1 am.

By Monday morning, a trip to the same spot revealed a more subdued Mohawk, well below flood level and minding her manners. But in her wake, she left flooded cellars, rippled mud, and memories of a briefly untamed force of nature - reminders that we mortals dare not take anything for granted.

Mohawk Club

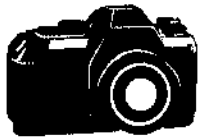
Membership Campaign

The Mohawk Club has recently begun a membership campaign. In 2003, when the Club sold its renowned clubhouse to the Stockade Inn, we leased quarters in the building. We continue to offer fine private dining through the Stockade Inn kitchen, monthly billing and social events with greatly reduced monthly dues (\$35.00). In addition, the Mohawk Club continues to offer reciprocal arrangements with other similar clubs around the world.

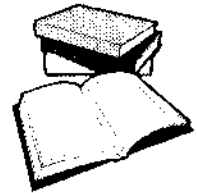
During the membership campaign, the Mohawk Club has suspended its initiation fee. Membership information, including a list of reciprocal clubs is available from Cal Welch, membership chair on 372-6571, Wolfgang Riemer, Club President on 377-8528 and Jeff McDonald at the Stockade Inn on 346-3400.

- Beverly Elander

15th Annual
STOCKADE NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK SALE

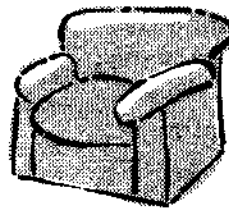
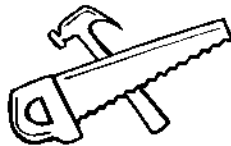


The 15th Annual Stockade Sidewalk Sale will be
Saturday, June 11, 2005 (Rain Date: June 12th)
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.



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.

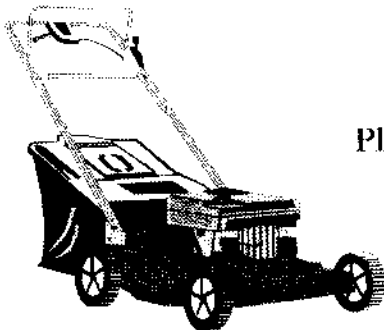


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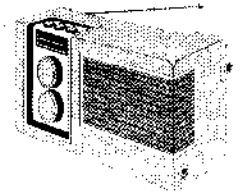
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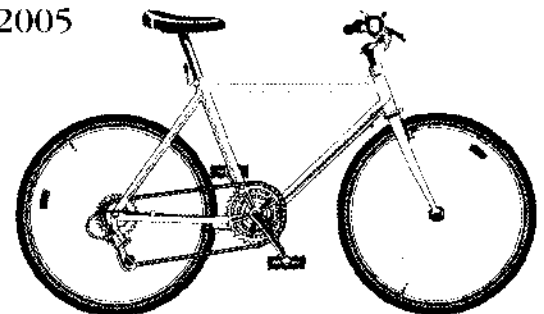
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Please return this form (with check for \$10) to:
Connie Colangelo 111 N. Ferry Street
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Due Date: Monday, June 2, 2005



A Reflection on the Van Dyck Restaurant March 25, 2005

The Van Dyck is an historic piece of the Stockade, and despite several owners and joint owners who were unable to continue the popularity that Marvin (long time owner) enjoyed, I found it, once more, a place to enjoy for ambience, service, and something that is often missing in Schenectady restaurants, a menu that does not rely on Italian cuisine. We have so many wonderful Italian restaurants here, and although sampling them is a pleasure, it is refreshing to find my favorite restaurant has resisted joining the crowd. The Padrone, Ralph Martuscello is on hand to speak with customers and listen to their suggestions. From appetizers to salads to entrees the focus was on choice. Diversity? Yes, and a cup of soup (Oatmeal Stout Chili) and an appetizer (Quesadillas) made more than a meal. Other items included Coconut Shrimp, Breaded Artichoke Hearts, Buffalo Chicken Wings (mild, hot or HOT!), and so on. Salads can be a major item of your meal, or accompany an entree or sandwich - a wide array offered all day, no "lunch only" cut off time - and entrees give you a choice of fish, beef, chicken, lamb, pork, or vegetarian, all with fresh seasonal vegetables. The best menus are only as good as the chef, and the Van Dyck has a winner: Neil Massaro, formerly with Lorenzo's, is certainly keeping up his fine reputation with all that he produces here. No matter what your taste, this menu is varied enough to make it easy to choose. This works well for the diverse customers the Van Dyck serves, from the young in years to the young at heart. Yes, there are desserts too, and a torte to share made my day.

For the customers sitting where the music is, upstairs, the management offers a full menu and wait service. Try the Van Dyck for music selection, always listed ahead of time, for quiet dining, for an ambience that has its unique attraction, and pleasant service, all adding to an experience I want to repeat.

- R. Michaela French

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Vale Cemetery, Schenectady June 12, 1 PM

Tour begins at the Caretaker's House at 907 State Street. Vale Cemetery, dedicated in 1875, is an example of the 19th century Rural Cemetery Movement and is listed on the New York State and National Register of Historic Sites in recognition of its historical and architectural significance.

Learn about the contribution of Schenectady's residents to the American Revolution and the Civil War. More than 100 Revolutionary War and 150 Civil War veterans are buried in Vale, including two Medal of Honor recipients. One of these two, George W. Tompkins, will be the subject of a dedication ceremony for his recently received bronze memorial honoring him as a Medal of Honor recipient. After the dedication ceremonies, the Tour of Vale Cemetery will include Dutch Reformed Plot, an 18th century burial ground that includes veterans from the French and Indian War and the Revolution. Hear stories ranging from the Sons of Liberty to the breaking of the Siege at Petersburg which effectively ended the Civil War.

Oakwood Cemetery, Troy Sun., May 15 1:30 PM Troy military history buff Michael Barrett will bring Civil War heroes and others back to life before your eyes with his riveting tales.

Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, Sunday, May 22 1 PM Tour begins at the Cemetery Chapel. Hundreds, if not thousands, of Civil War soldiers are buried here. See the burial sites of Philip Schuyler (Revolutionary War), Stephen Van Rensselaer (War of 1812) and others.

Greenridge Cemetery, Saratoga Springs, Sunday, June 5 1 PM Tour starts at Sackett Gate, main entrance on Lincoln Avenue in Saratoga Springs. Cemetery established in 1844. Tour will include the Civil War Monument and Memorial Plot.

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Walkabout & Waterfront Faire 2005

Saturday, September 24 11 - 5 PM

It will soon be time for another famous Walkabout house tour and Waterfront Faire on our beautiful river! **Mark the date now** and tell everybody you know! It's a great time to invite Aunt Tillie and Uncle William to stay with you because you will have lots of easy entertainment for them! Also, include the wee ones for all the fun at the Waterfront Faire!

Find below two fond remembrances from last year's tour - our "historical" neighbors, the Marshalls, along with a cherished family photo.

Our home, 23 Washington Avenue, will be on the tour this year and visitors can see a tiny inscription in one of our windows etched by Grace Watkins. She moved to our home in 1868 and began one hundred

years of the Watkins family residing at #23, ending in 1968 with the passing of Grace's granddaughter, Helen DeLancey Watkins. Grace's son, DeLancey, was one of the founding fathers of the Schenectady County Historical Society.

A portrait of Grace at 3 years old hangs in the Historical Society along with the 1836 doll house that came out of our attic! Also, several portraits of Grace's prominent ancestors, such as Governor Yates, once proudly hung in our parlor and library, and now hangs in the Society. You can see all these on Walkabout day at the Society after sipping tea! More Walkabout whimsies in the *September Spy*.

- Sylvie Briber

Katy Briber & daughter Coral



Photo by Bob Briber

Pat & George Marshall & grandson Jack



Photo by Helen Penna

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Stockade Association Notes

Anyone interested in being considered for a seat on the Stockade Association Board, please call Lyn Gordon, 370-4324, with your name, summary of why you are interested in serving and your specific interests. Terms are for two years. Election takes place at the May meeting.

WALKABOUT 2005 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Plans for our 2005 Walkabout are in full swing with committee chairman hard at work to bring about another successful event for our neighborhood. As always we are looking for volunteers to make the work less intensive for those who give of their talents year after year. If you would like to be in on the planning stage of this exciting event please call Lyn Gordon at 370-4324. If day of volunteering better fits your schedule please call Aaron Couture at 377-1163. Please give freely of your time and talents as this is the primary fund raiser for your organization.

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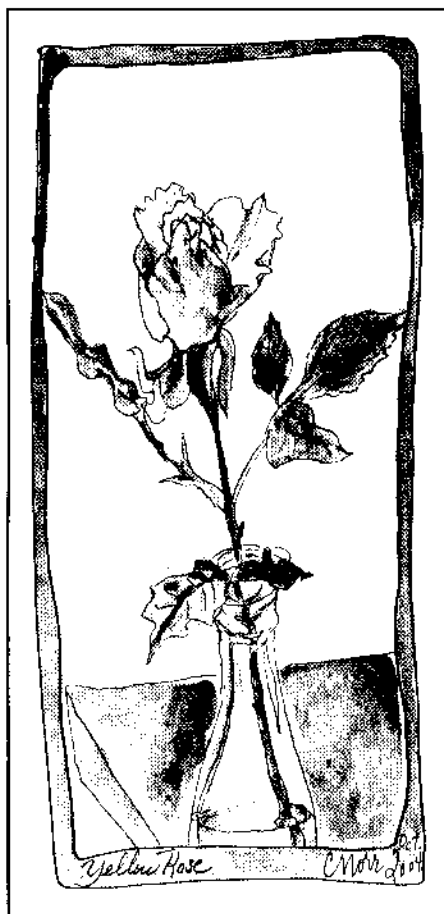
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Happy Mother's Day!

a Mother's Day poem by Anabelle and Emma (age 6 and 4)

Everyday Art

- Catherine de Salle

I have an out-of-town friend who loves to come to Schenectady because, (according to her) it's a "real" city. No "tourist-y" attractions or glossy strip malls. Truth is, for all its shortcomings, Schenectady is an authentic kind of place. Old, established businesses, good restaurants, friendly people. And if one looks just past the superficial, past the parking lots and cyclone fences, the trashed gutters and disrepair, there is great beauty to be found in the details of its buildings. From a piece of stained glass at the Nott Memorial to a faded striped awning on Jay Street.

It's these "details" (the awning, for example) that find their way into my paintings. Colors. Stand at the Indian and find the painted brick. Pink and blue in all their subtle tints and shades. A yellow door. Cozy signs that swing in the breeze from metal arms.

Sometimes I find myself looking down South Ferry Street to Erie Boulevard. The Wolfe lock sign in the distance. Fragile apartment dwellings from another era, blue and white, fill in the landscape. Unique moldings and chimneys. There is a view of the Old Broom Factory from a spot on Green Street that never fails to visually astound me. The red painted clapboards stand adjacent to a towering blue spruce. Absolutely elegant!

I used to go mushroom picking with my old Babci. In the midst of the woods she would say, "Stop, stop and look." Stop, and take a good look. Look for the subtleties. Expect the unexpected.

Planning to Do Some Outside Repairs & Painting?

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If you are planning repairs and painting, including those that are identical to what was there before, you may need to file an application. Applications, full deadline and meeting schedule, and further information are available from Christine Slovak, 382-5147, or Tony Tozzi, 382-5054 in the Department of Development, Room 14, 105 Jay Street, City Hall, Schenectady, 12305. Fees for Historic Commission applications are \$10 for residential applications and \$20 for commercial applications. Following is the schedule for application deadlines and 7:00 PM review meeting dates for 2005:

<u>Application deadline</u>	<u>Review meeting</u>
May 2	May 16
June 6	June 20
July 4	July 18
August 1	August 15
September 5	September 19
October 3	October 17
November 7	November 21
December 5	December 19

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Birds of the Stockade


Some of the birds that occur in and around the Stockade are known as Neotropical Migrants because they winter in the tropics. Some will breed here, while the rest will pass through on their way further North to their breeding grounds. One such migrant that breeds around here is the Baltimore Oriole. They are mostly orange and black. Most of the Warblers are known as "Butterflies of the Bird World." They are mostly insect eaters. Orioles feed on insects and nectar from flowers and will come in for orange halves occasionally.

Keep your ears open for Singing N. Cardinals.

- James L. Taft
AKA Captain Eagle Eyes

Spy Patroons


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Lock 7-12
Canalfest
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2005
A Centennial Celebration

1st Annual Lock 7/12 Canal Festival weekend of July 9 - 10

On Sunday, July 10 at 3 PM gather up your chairs and blankets and come to our own **Riverside Park** to enjoy a free Pops Concert with a grand finale of "Stars and Stripes Forever." The Schenectady Heritage Area is featuring this 60-piece Music Company Orchestra.

This weekend is all about the Erie Canal with lots of fun activities on the water like boat parades, tours of the 100-year old Tugboat Urger, boater safety programs, Erie Canal history discussions by The New York State Canal Society, Schenectady Yacht Club exhibits, sky diving performances, a family bicycling event, and the US Water Ski Show Team performance!

The 1st Annual Lock 7/12 Canal Festival is scheduled for July 9-10, 2005 at six locations along the Erie Canal in Schenectady and Montgomery Counties:

- Western Gateway, Schenectady/Scotia
- Maalwyck Park, Glenville
- Jan Mabee Farm Historic Site, Rotterdam
- Riverlink Park, Amsterdam
- Schoharie Crossings, Fort Hunter
- Schenectady Yacht Club, Rexford

There are even more free activities: tours of historic sites, including New York State's Historic Schoharie Crossing Aqueduct, Schenectady's Historic Stockade (New York State's first Historic District), the Flint House, the Mabee Farm Historic Site (a three hundred year old farm located on the Erie Canal) and the Enders House, a Traditional Music and Story Telling Festival, party bands, the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra, a fireworks display, heritage dancers, Native American dancers and traditional barn dances. Children's activities abound with colonial games, story telling, face painting, musical performances, tethered hot-air balloon rides, and fire-and-rescue demonstrations. Add to all this a craft show, art show, antique car show and artisan demonstrations. And food and beverages will be available from vendors at most sites throughout the festival. For more information on the Lock 7-12 Canalfest call 1-800743-7337 or go to: www.lock7-12canalfest.com.

This sounds like a real happening!

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- Tidings -

Welcome to:

- Lawrence Elliott, Curator/Director of the soon to be opened Phidias Art Gallery, 158 Jay Street. Lawrence and his dog, Phidias, have moved to the Stockade from Troy.
- Judy Troilo and Doreen Volpe who make their way from Manhattan to North Street.

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

Important Numbers

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**Trash Collection, Waste
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May Waste Collection Dates

Monday, May 2 Monday, May 9
Monday, May 16 Monday, May 23
Tuesday, May 31

Waste Collection starts at 6:15 AM. Please put waste on the curb only **after 2 PM** the day before. To help keep our neighborhood beautiful, please remove trash cans ASAP from the street when emptied.

**Historic GE Plot
House and Garden
Tour**

Sat., June 18 10 - 4

Enjoy the beauty and history of another historic district in Schenectady, the GE Plot. This neighborhood showcases the beautiful homes of many famous GE scientists and inventors. This year's tour celebrates six homes and three gardens, along with antique cars at the houses. \$15 advance, \$20 day of. Call Marie Gorman for tickets, 372-7145.

Please Be A Good Neighbor:

- * **Avoid honking car horns**
- * **Do not park on sidewalks**
- * **Put trash out only at appropriate times**
(Please tell new neighbors to check back page of *The Spy* for trash pick-up dates)
- * **Remove emptied trash containers from streets ASAP**
- * **Help frail neighbors clean their front yards**
- * **Pick up dog poops (in plastic bags)**

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