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The Story Behind the Yates House Dig - Nov. 13



Approximately 300 visitors, participating in the 49th annual Stockade Walkabout on September 27, 2008, had an opportunity to view SCCC's Community Archaeology Program (CAP) excavation at the Robert Yates House at 109 Union Street. CAP faculty and students were available to explain the site and its findings. Selected artifacts and photographs documenting progress since last year's Walkabout were displayed. This multi-year dig concluded in October and the excavation trench will be filled in November.

Consultants on the project have included both the New York State Archaeologist and a geoarchaeologist from the New York State Museum in Albany. Regional archaeologists including one from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation have visited the site. Samples of the oak timbers in the basement of the first portion of the Yates House were studied by dendrochronologists from Cornell University and dated to 1725.

Portions of early buildings have been uncovered at the Yates House. Soil stains and decomposed wood may represent a 300 year old floor. Above the floor we found a layer of broken stones, broken bricks, oyster shells, a large black-glazed redware fragment and a broken wine bottle that by shape dates to about 1736. Adjacent to this bottle was a 1738 King George II penny. Several post stains were located within the 24 foot long trench, including a charred post and portions of a burnt wall containing plaster and charcoal fragments. A line of three stone slab and brick footings 12 feet apart were located above the brick and shell assemblage.



In addition to these features, Yates has provided many other artifacts. Frequent finds include shards of a wide array of pottery types, hand-forged and cut nails, kaolin clay pipe stem and pipe bowl fragments, fragments of colored and colorless flat and curved glass, and animal bones. Uncommon but equally informative artifacts include redware and tinware ("Delft") tiles, plain and decorated clay marbles, iron tools and pintles, pins, thimbles and coins from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.

This sample of finds and features has generated many questions. Is the charred post a remnant of the 1690 attack and burning on the Roeloffsen's property? Does the shells and brick assemblage relate to the demolition of an early 18th century outbuilding? Does the association of an 1805 penny near one of the 3 footings give us an approximate date of construction?

- **Stockade Association Meeting Thurs., Nov. 13, 7pm Social - see p. 5**
- **Neighborhood Watch Meeting Tues., Nov. 25, 7pm, Arthur's Market**
- **Dec. Spy Deadline Nov. 15**

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The Stockade Thru My Eyes

- Amanda Doyle

Almost one year ago, I moved into the Stockade. It was my first apartment, and I was excited about being on my own. Many people questioned my decision to move to there. They questioned how safe Schenectady was, and why I didn't want to be in a place more scenic or with more entertainment for a girl in her early twenties, such as Saratoga or Albany. It dawned on me that not many people knew about the charm of the Stockade or why younger residents may have moved there. Luckily, I did.

The Stockade has its own personality, separate from that of Schenectady. Take a walk on Union Street away from the noise and four lanes of Erie Boulevard, towards Washington Avenue and turn right onto any of the streets and you forget that you are in Schenectady. There's a lure about the buildings and architecture that is not found anywhere in Schenectady. Keep walking and maybe you will get to Arthur's Market where you can stop in for a great lunch. Hopefully on your walk you will make it to my favorite place in the Stockade, Riverside Park. It is a great place for a walk by the river, or sitting on a bench with a good book in the warm summer sun or crisp autumn air.

The Stockade is more than a historic neighborhood that, unfortunately, many local elementary students have stopped learning about. And it's more than just a part of Schenectady. It has nightlife thanks to its proximity to establishments such as Clinton's Ditch and Katie O'Byrne's. Yet, it has the peace and quiet of a quaint community. The Stockade is everything that a young adult would want in a place that they call home.

(Robert Yates House continued from page 1)

These and other questions are being addressed as CAP's focus shifts to analyzing excavation records and recovered artifacts. This work and on-going documentary research (genealogy, wills, deeds, historical records) and computer analysis (databases, CAD) will be incorporated into CAP's teaching program. Through interim and final reports, we will interpret this data to tell the rich but untold story of the Yates family, whose 300 year tenure continues.

We welcome your participation. Contact the SCCC Community Archaeology Program by calling (518) 381-1315 or www.sunysccc.edu.

A Yates exhibit is on display at the Schenectady County Public Library at Clinton and Liberty Streets through November.

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Hear more about this exciting project in the Stockade at the Stockade Meeting on Thurs., Nov. 13. **See page 5**



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The Stockade

English Country Dancers

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The occasion was the 49th Annual Walkabout in Schenectady's historic district. We were specifically asked to demonstrate 18th century dances, after which we dragged members of the audience, kicking and screaming, into the sets to dance with us.

Once the rain abated, we moved outside and danced in the street, which we shared with local traffic. You've never really danced until you've attempted a hey with a tow truck, while simultaneously teaching a complete novice how to move gracefully.

- Ed St. Germain

(editor's note: Special thanks to the YWCA for hosting the dancers when rain threatened.)



Antique Car Display - One Great Time!



Debbie and Harold Schneiderwind, organizers, tell us that this Walkabout event on September 27 was a great time for all! And the 50's singing group, The GTO's, were really rockin' 'round the clock!

Here are the awards for the cars displayed.

Best of Show: 1937 Lincoln Zephyr V-12 proudly owned by Melvin Moniz from Cobleskill.

People's Choice: 1912 Autocar 14 passenger bus from the Gerald Sichel Car Collection from Schenectady

Best Lincoln: 1940 Lincoln Zephyr V-12, 4 door sedan, owned by Stanley Garlick, from Laurens, NY

Best Ford: 1930 Model A Coupe owned by Harold Rutterford of Niskayuna

Best Chevrolet: 1964 Corvair owned by Neil Rose from Scotia

Horn Blowing Contest: Bell & Horn from Gerald Sichel

Best Dressed: From Watervliet Ray Buck, decked with fedora and pin-striped suit, drove a 1947 Lincoln.

Special thanks to First Presbyterian Church for sponsoring the GTO' and special thanks to Nemith Motor Car, Petta's Restaurant, Gallo Florist, and Lee's Trophies.

And thank you Harold and Debbie for a great job!



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Stockade Association General Meeting

Thursday, November 13

7:00pm Social 7:30pm Meeting

“The Story Behind the Yates House Dig”

Dr. Ronald Kingsley and Louise Basa
and students from SCCC's Community Archaeology Program
will give a power point presentation describing the project
with photos of features and artifacts found
at the Stockade 109 Union Street Dig

All Stockade Neighbors Invited

The Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Avenue. Entrance in the back.

Carol DeLamarter, Secretary

Neighborhood News

Stockade website: www.historicstockade.com.

Stockade Association Board meeting October 7, 2008 summary

Guests:

- o Sylvie Briber, editor of *Spy* reported on *Spy* income to date and asked for feedback on the October *Spy*.
- o John Samatulski of Urban Initiatives gave an update on Stockade Soiree expenses and income included donated goods and services that helped limit costs. Board feels this was a very successful first year event and emphasized while a fund-raiser it also was an opportunity for neighbors and Schenectadians to celebrate unique history and future. Plans for next year's event already underway.
- o Joe Fava introduced Robin White who has invested in many properties in the Stockade. Robin told board of his plans for several properties in need of extensive repair.

Committee Reports:

- o Finance Committee will hold a special meeting with the Board to discuss Stockade Association budget. This needs to be voted on at next General meeting in November.
- o Hospitality Committee member Lydia Eis has delivered Welcome Baskets to new homeowners. Contact Karen Mallia.

o Safety Committee continues to sponsor Neighborhood Watch. There was discussion about how to integrate Stockade Watch with larger city Watch as it had been in the past.

o Walkabout reports ticket sales and income down significantly from last year but in spite of rainy forecast participants felt a successful event. Lyn reports she has several people interested in chairing next year event. Preservation Fair vendors had a good day as well.

o Gloria Kishton updated Board on Preservation efforts including reporting at risk properties to City which led to action by property owners. Schenectady Heritage Foundation continues to explore funding opportunities for property owners who need help from them.

o David Marhafer continues work on By-laws and distributed a very early first version from 1957.

New Business:

o Board is looking for a volunteer to help put together a Neighborhood informational brochure for new renters and homeowners.

o Lyn Gordon, President will convene a small Vision Group of Board members and Association members to outline short and long range plans of the Association.

Time in a Bottle -

and a Ziplock Baggie

- Beverly Elander

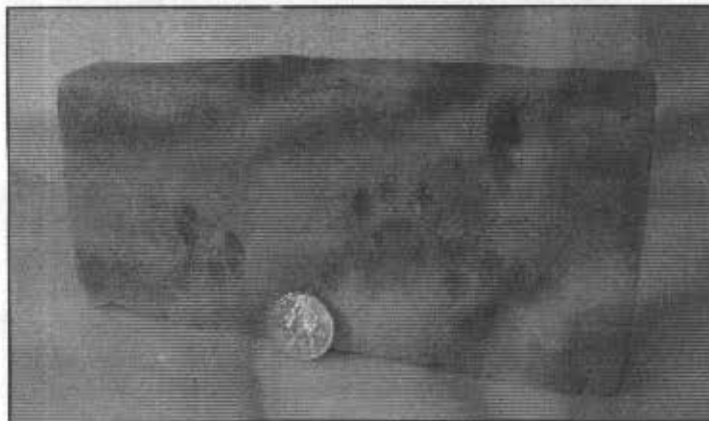
Move over Don Rittner—there's another dig in the Stockade.

The messy stages of putting on an addition—demolition and excavation—are generally pretty negative. For a while, things get worse instead of better—seemingly backwards instead of forward.

But the chaos was recently sweetened at my construction site on Green Street when the contractors unearthed two glass vessels (see photo). I carefully wrapped the bottle in paper towels and brought it to the Mabee Farm the Saturday of their Fall Crafts Show, knowing City and County Historian Don Rittner would be there near his beloved Onrust.

I saw his signature hat from a distance and learned I had hit the jackpot. Chatting with Don was local bottle expert Roy M Topka, who identified the 3 inch vessel as a pill bottle dating back to the 1870-80s. I did not have the small footed dish with me, but estimate it to be relatively recent.

As the contractors were carefully removing, brick by



brick, the outside back wall of my house, they came across another "find"—a brick with 4 paw prints, 2 small and 2 a little larger. I surmised that they represented the front and hind paws of a small mammal, probably a cat, made while the brick was still wet clay before it was fired. Despite the most likely common nature of the print, I found the thought that it had been made and preserved at least 125 years thrilling. And it was sheer serendipity that caused the prints


to reach the light of day—and my eyes.

The unexpected appearance of these artifacts from the past caused me to wonder what I would want someone to learn about the early years of the 21st century, and I decided to leave a time capsule of my own. But what to include in the small cavity formed by a cement block soon to be encased into the foundation?

Living in an already historic area, the Stockade, I decided my "artifacts" would fall into three categories: things that represented my own personal life, those from my neighborhood, and those representing society at large. Among those I classified as "personal" were Sinatra memorabilia; photos of myself, my tenant and friend Chris, and my pets Maggie and Owl; and A Place for Jazz brochure. Items representing the Stockade included: a copy of the *Stockade Spy*, a ticket for the 2008 Garden Group Secret Garden Tour, and information about the First Annual Stockade Soiree. Finally, two of the items that I thought were important to describe our society at large were a 2008 penny, and a Schenectady *Daily Gazette* article published the day after the end of the Democratic Convention about nomination of Barack Obama, first African-American presidential nominee.

Just as the items I discovered during the excavation bridged the past with the present for me, I hope these items from my time capsule tie the present with the future. Both sets of artifacts represent a continuity of time in the history of the Stockade. I'd like to imagine a future owner of my property 500 years from now unearthing my treasures and experiencing the same awe I did when I found the remnants of the past.





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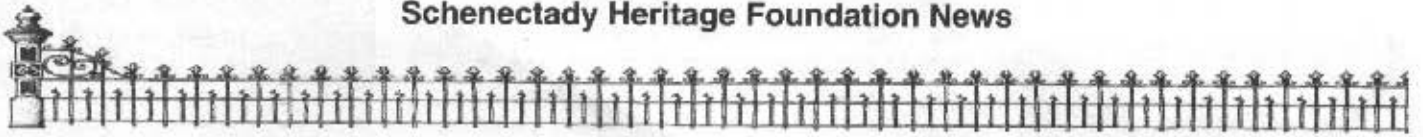
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Schenectady Heritage Foundation News



I love living in the Stockade. I love our house. I love our neighbors (...well, mostly!). After living in various apartments in the Stockade for 5 years, Bob & I married and bought our Union Street home in 1978. Ours is one of the "newer" houses, built in 1900 by the Davis family. According to our deed, we are only the 5th owners, and the only family to raise children in the house. Over the years, as we've updated and changed the house to meet the needs of "modern" living, we often wondered how rooms were formerly used and who lived in those spaces. Did the piano teacher, who lived here with his brother, locate his piano in the same room as ours? Then, there were the Kelleys, a loving couple who, according to neighbors, frequently strolled down the back yard's cinder path to sit on a bench, a path that still emerges in the dry days of August. Would they think of our family's baseball games, jungle gym & veggie garden as disruptions? And wouldn't the visiting nurses, whose offices were located in our building for many years, be amazed at the transformation of their headquarters into a comfortable home?

Many of us have similar stories and memories. We appreciate that we are only caretakers of our historic Stockade houses & neighborhood for the period of time we spend living here. We recognize the specialness of the Stockade and are eager to share it with others. One way to do this is with a donation or bequest. In this way, your gift helps to ensure the viability of the Stockade Historic District for generations to come.

Schenectady Heritage Foundation has an established record of supporting historic preservation in Schenectady. Your gift can benefit our general fund, or specifically target preservation in the Stockade Historic District. The Foundation works with a team of legal advisors to create individualized giving programs tailored to your specifications. For example, you may set up a fund to benefit your own house. When the time comes to pass your home on to the next generation of owners, you can assure it is main-

tained with the same "TLC" you showed it when you lived there. You may also grant a facade easement on your home to the Foundation, thus protecting it from alteration or demolition, in perpetuity. Such easements become part of the legal deed for your property, while also allowing the owner a charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes. These tools are used by various preservation groups across the country and provide a way for established organizations to act as caretakers for the preservation of historic buildings and districts over the course of many years, from owner to owner.

Since its inception in 1979, the Foundation has helped to preserve the Stockade Historic District. Funding has been given to the Schenectady County Historical Society, the statue of Lawrence the Indian, 32 Front St., 221 Green St., and the Stockade Gateway, just to name a few. The Foundation has also supported many educational and advocacy programs, and has been the leading voice for historic preservation in Schenectady County.

Please give thoughtful consideration to including Schenectady Heritage Foundation in your estate planning. Your generosity will help to preserve our neighborhood and its unique architecture for years to come. Future generations will be able to enjoy the Stockade experience just as you have. Your generous gift can become your living legacy to our neighborhood, and to the history of our country. Your personal wishes can be discretely discussed with the Foundation, or directly with its lawyer, at your convenience. Arrangements can be made by calling me, Gloria Kishton, at 377-1160. Thank you for supporting the work of Schenectady Heritage Foundation.

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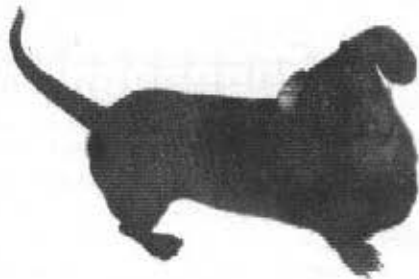
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From the Mind of Otto



Hello, I'm back!

As I watched Martha Stewart tend to her honey bees on TV, I thought about a dog I met in the beginning of summer. I think it was a boy dog named Ditto. Ditto was full of life as he frolicked around me and my owner. I admired his wiry looking coat. Ditto is a Schnauzer, bred in Germany like myself. We had a conversation about how exciting it was to meet each other. One of the things I did not understand was that every time I said

something he would shout his name. Like I said . . . "I am honored to meet you." Ditto would jump and bark saying, "Ditto!" Then I would say, "It feels good to finally meet someone who speaks my language." Ditto would jump in the air and shout his name again. "Ditto." Well, I guess you can love your name. I know I do. Well, see you!!

- Otto

- Tidings -

Welcome to:

- Patrick Haggerty who just moved to North Ferry Street.
- Olivia Ashline who moved to North Ferry Street.

From Lydia Eis -

At long last, Artur Wachala and his sweet little family have moved into the Stockade. They are the brand new residents above Arthur's Market, where the children are happily getting settled. They are Artur Jr., age 6, Krystyna, age 4 and Wladu, age 2. We wish Joyce and Artur and young ones much good luck and happiness in their new home.

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Chief Mark Chaires at Neighborhood Watch Meeting

September 23, 2008

- Beverly Elander

Special guests at our meeting were newly-appointed Police Chief Mark Chaires and Downtown Community Police Officer Ptl. Brendan Barrett. About 35 people attended the meeting.

Chief Chaires made the follow points before the floor was opened up to questions:

- He emphasized the importance of "customer service," and said, "My job is to work for you." He added that if residents did not get the service they expected, they should call him directly.
- One of his goals is the reduction of crime in the city.
- He believes that it helps [the city] when citizens care.

The chief fielded questions/comments but reminded Stockaders that he didn't have all the answers yet because he had only been chief 2-3 days.

• Q: Will we get surveillance cameras?

A: Yes, but residents must pinpoint locations.

- Re vandalism: please be vigilant and report all incidences to the police.
- SPD expects to become more active in truancy programs.
- Re suspected drug users/houses: log time/date and report to police. Drug tips are anonymous. If you don't hear back in a week, call the chief.
- Green Street has been especially hard-hit by copper/metal thefts.
- Lack of adequate street lights is a problem. Carl Olsen (382-5144) should be contacted.

Chief Chaires in unable to commit to anything yet.

- Property neglect, especially by absentee landlords is a problem.
- Ptl. Barrett patrols the neighborhood "all the time"—5 days on and 2 days off. Or 6 on and 3 off.
- Chief Chaires will return to a future NW meeting. A sergeant or lieutenant will be assigned to attend each meeting.
- Stockade residents were encouraged to send, when appropriate, positive letters to the Chief and/or Mayor.
- Walking the neighborhood is important—Linda, Carol and Beth are/have been working on it. Verbal patrol via the Yahoo list also is helpful.
- Bev should send all pertinent NW email to the Chief.
- If Ptl. Barrett is needed, residents should call the non-emergency #: 382 5263 and request him. He works the 4-midnight shift, and Off. Disbrow works 8a-4p. They are either on bikes or in their cars.
- Recent tire thefts, especially on Green Street, were noted.
- A resident wondered is there might be funds available from the Stockade Association for lights?
- Another resident requested increased police presence in the neighborhood.

Linda M passed around the walking list for sign up.

The next meeting of the Stockade Neighborhood Watch will be at Arthur's Market, Tuesday November 25, 7-8 pm.

Doing Some Outside Repairs and Painting?

You May Need to fill out an application

If you are planning outside repairs and painting, including those that are **identical** to what was there before, you may need to file an application. Any repairs, painting, or sidewalk replacement **seen from the public right of way** must have approval from the Schenectady Historic Commission. Applications, full deadline and meeting schedule, and further information are available from Cari Hourigan (CHOURIGAN@GMAIL.COM) or 382-5054, 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. Here is the schedule for application deadlines and review meeting dates for 2008. Review meetings are in Room 209, City Hall, 7pm.

Application deadline	Review meeting
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December 1	December 15

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St. Georges' Parishioner Creates a Rain Garden

- Lynn Paska

Rosemary Pannone, a parishioner at St. George's Episcopal Church, believes that gardening is an act of faith and stewardship. Which is why, when she isn't at her job as a nurse, she is expending her excess energies into developing a Rain Garden on the grounds of the church where she worships. While rain gardens are not as popular locally as in other parts of the country, St. George's is the only one publicly available for viewing.

"Our Rain Garden, on the north side of the church, is a hand-made depression in the ground that is used as a landscape tool. It improves water quality, collects water runoff from the roof, stores and filters it, and keeps it from running into our historical cemetery and further eroding our very old (circa 1800) stones as well as keeping it out of the public storm sewer," she explained. This area of the church grounds is difficult to improve as it receives little sun and too much water. "It was the perfect weed garden before I started this project," Rosemary joked.

Also in the midst of this setting was a Glastonbury thorn tree with a rich history that dates back to the 1700's. "Since I couldn't move the tree, I decided to improve the surroundings," she added.

Materials, plants and hard-scape were donated by parishioners and people in the community who heard about the project. Rosemary's son Mike Thiessen, long-time parishioner Barbara Wengrovius, and parish sexton Gerald Cooper, all worked tirelessly on this much-needed restoration this summer.

The south side of the church, in the same general vicinity, has the same - if not worse - problem. Rosemary and her crew of volunteer gardeners will do additional work on the property next year, including planting a few beds of perennials and, hopefully, a solar-powered water feature.

"Designing for beauty is easy for me," explained Rosemary, who is a Master Gardener with Cornell Cooperative Extension and has attended SUNY Cobleskill for Landscape Design. "But here I have to keep in mind that everything has to be nailed or cemented down to prevent vandalism." In keeping with the church's history, she has used many antique and heritage plants - like hollyhocks, phlox and bishop's weed - that are historically correct for the area and often much hardier than recent hybrids.



While the Rain Garden should be the crown jewel of the church campus by the end of summer 2009, Rosemary does not intend to have the project hibernate this winter. She is anticipating the start of a class - starting January 31st through mid-May for children 3-6 and 7-13 on Saturday morning - that she calls SEEDLINGS (St. George's Environmental Education Developing Lifelong Interest In Gardening Studies.) The goal will be to create lifelong interest in plants and gardening in a fun, educational way. Parents and adults will be welcome to join the class and should contact St. George's parish office for more details.

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Sat., Nov. 8 1-2:30. Annu Subramanian will sign her new novel, "Waiting for the Perfect Dawn." Five generations of women in India struggle for equal rights in a traditional society.

Sat., Nov. 15 12-1:30pm Alan Hart will sign his new local history book, "Flashbacks: 1946-2008, 62 Years in Upstate New York."

1-2:30pm Don Rittner will sign his new local history book, "Schenectady's Stockade: New York's First Historic District."

Fri., Nov. 21, 6-7:30pm Bruce Hiscock will sign his children's picture book, "Ookpik - The Travels of a Snowy Owl." This beautiful nature book tells the story of a Snowy Owl that flies from Northern Canada to spend the winter in the Adirondacks. This is an Art Night event.

Sat., Nov. 22, 1-2:30pm Jessica Loy will sign "When I Grow Up: a Young Person's Guide to Interesting & Unusual Occupations."

Sat., Dec. 6 1-2:30pm, Gregory Maguire will sign his latest book in the Oz series, "A Lion Among Men: Volume Three in the Wicked Years."

Schenectady County Community College

78 Washington Ave. 381-1250 www.sunysccc.edu

• **Musicians of Ma'alwyck** present "The Curious Journey of Citizen Genet - An Evening of French Food, Wines and Music, Mon., Nov. 10, 6:00pm, Elston Hall. Tickets \$60 purchased through College Store, www.fsacollegestore.com in person at the Store. For info call 381-1325.

• Academy-Award winning actor **Richard Dreyfuss** presents "A Conversation on Citizenship," Wed., Nov. 12, 7pm Auditorium. Tickets \$10 general, \$5 SCCC with ID. Tickets at College Store. Ways to become involved as citizens.

• The SCCC Players present "**Fools**" by **Nell Simon**. Wed., Nov. 19, 8pm. Free performance, reception to follow. Thurs., Nov. 20, 8pm; Fri., Nov. 21, 2:15pm; Fri., Nov. 21, 8pm; Sat. Nov. 22, 8pm. Tickets \$5 general; \$3 seniors & students. Free to SCCC community.

• **SCCC Chamber Music Series** Lucille Beer, mezzo sopr, Mark Evans, piano. Mon., Nov. 24, 7:30pm, Aud.

Moon & River Cafe 115 S. Ferry St. 382-1938

Vegetarian, Mexican, Breakfast 9am - 11pm 7 days
Mon. Nov. 3 7 - 9pm Ukulele Night

Tues. Nov. 4 Election Nite Party - 8-10 String Dusters

Wed. Nov. 5 Election results Neighborhood Discussion

Fri. Nov. 7 8pm Bluegrass - 3/4 North - 5 piece band

Sat. Nov. 8 8 pm Canadian Folkstar Jack Harlan

Tues. Nov. 11 8pm Stockade sweetheart and singer

Catherine Norr

Sat., Nov. 22 Rebecca & Richard's Amazing Birthday with 14 year old Aron Civic's Rock Band 8pm

New Stockade Book

City and County Historian, Don Rittner, has just written a new book, "Schenectady's Stockade: New York's First Historic District." Don says that he wanted to promote the history of Schenectady and he loves the Stockade. There isn't a book about the Stockade so to write one was the logical thing to do. It focuses on the original four blocks of the Stockade with 19th century photos as you'd walk down the streets. Don has already written over 30 books, most recently, "Schenectady Then and Now, and five books on Troy and 3 on Albany. "Schenectady's Stockade" will be available in all book stores.

Don will be signing his book at the Open Door on Nov. 15.

First Reformed Church 8 Church St.

377-2201 Sunday Music Vespers

Nov. 2: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass;
Tom D'Andrea, drums.

Nov. 9: Chamber Vespers (TBA)

Nov. 16: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass;
Tom D'Andrea, drums.

Nov. 23: Celtic Vespers (TBA)

Schenectady County Historical Society

32 Washington Ave. 374-0263 Mon.- Fri. 1-5; Sat. 10-2

Sat. Nov. 8 1:30 refreshments; 2:00 Program. "**Rufus Grider: Artist of History**" Late 1800's history shown through watercolors. Presentation by Alice Smith Duncan.

Sat., Nov. 15, 1:30 refreshments; 2:00 Program. Book signing and discussion on "**ALCO's Final Years**" with Dick Steinbrenner.

FESTIVAL OF TREES - Nov. 28 & 29 10am - 4pm

Nov. 30 - 12pm-4pm; Dec. 1 - 5 1pm - 4pm

Dec. 6 - 10am-4pm. Dec. 7 12pm - 4pm

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www.historicstockade.com

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- Emergency 911**
- Non-emergencies 382-5265**
- Police Emergency 382-5200**
- Trash Not Picked up**
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For safety, keep your front and back porch lights on.

- **Avoid honking car horns.**
- **Do not park on sidewalks.**
- **Put trash out only at appropriate times**
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- **Remove emptied trash containers ASAP**
- **Help frail neighbors clean their front yards**
- **Pick up dog poops (in plastic bags)**
- **Report wrongdoings to the police ASAP**

November Waste Collection Dates

Mon., Nov. 3 Wed., Nov. 12
Wed., Nov. 19 Wed., Nov. 26

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.

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