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Mystery of a Murder at the Stockade Inn!

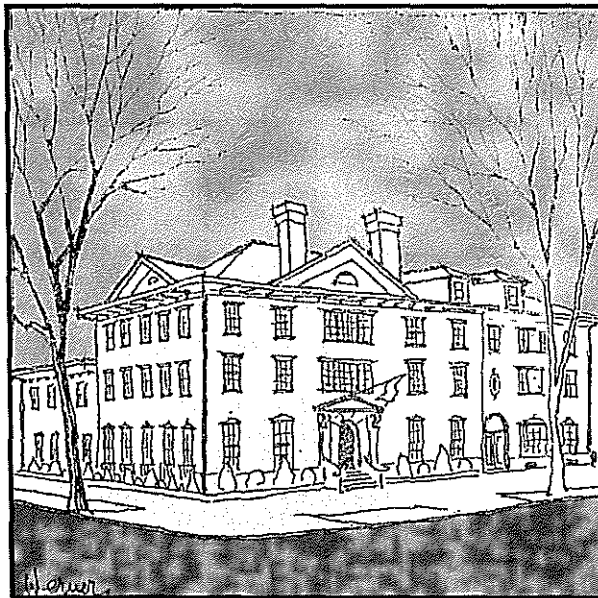
Saturday, April 16 6:00pm

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The order of the evening is as follows:

6:00pm Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar

- A bountiful display of international cheeses, garnished with strawberries, an overflowing basket of garden vegetables, carrots, celery, cucumbers, peppers, broccoli, cauliflower, scallions with a

roasted garlic dip, fresh baked brie wrapped in a puff pastry, and assorted tapenades with crostini, and tomato bruschetta

7:00pm Dinner is served

Stockade Salad

Choice of -

- Roasted Prime Rib (Slow Cooked Beef Rib Eye, Au jus, Roasted potatoes, Mixed vegetables)
- Pan Seared Atlantic Salmon (Shrimp Scampi Butter, Herbed Rice, Mixed Vegetables),
- Chicken Fontina (Spinach & Fontina Cheese stuffed Airline Breast, Lemon thyme jus, Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables)

Strawberry Shortcake with Coffee and Tea

The evening is \$45 per person plus tax and tip. Please call (518) 346-3400 for reservations with your meal choice.

Don't miss this murderously good time!

Complete List of Stockade Events - please see page 11

Stockade Meet and Greet Night - Thursday, April 14 6:30-9:30pm p. 3

Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Tuesday, April 26, 7pm see p. 8

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• May Spy Deadline •
• April 15 •
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Neighborhood News

Stockade website: www.historicstockade.com

Stockade Association Board Minutes March 1, 2011, 7:00 pm, First Reformed Church

Sylvie Briber reported that the *Stockade Spy* now has a Stockade events calendar.

Judith Swota spoke about Labyrinths and the possibility of placing one in Riverside Park. A Labyrinth is a twisted path and walking it is a form of meditation. Ms. Swota has installed one in Albany's Washington Park along with six others in other locations. For Riverside Park, she proposes one about 40 feet in diameter to be mowed into grass. The path then continues to exist as long as it is mowed. The Board positively received the presentation and expressed interest in pursuing the proposal.

Betsy Meyer of North Street proposed creating a Stockade calendar with her photos of the neighborhood. The Board positively received the presentation and expressed interest in pursuing the proposal.

Meeting Call to Order - Mary D'Alessandro

Secretary's Report - The minutes from the January 4, 2011 Board Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report - Written report submitted.

President's Report - Mary D'Alessandro

Mary announced that the Board is insured with D & O Insurance for \$1 million per incidence.

Mary is continuing work on the Oral History Project. She has conferred with neighbors and has developed a list of initial interviewees. Mary is also negotiating with an individual to coordinate the project. Mary would like neighbors to forward their questions about the history of the Stockade that we can pose to the interviewees.

Three State Street has been sold. The purchaser intends to use the building as housing for SCCC students.

Mary recently attended the SUN meeting (Schenectady United Neighborhood). Mary now intends to have a representative of the Stockade Association attend these meetings on a regular basis.

The City cited a problem property due to a trash problem and the problem has been resolved.

Standing Committee Reports:

• **Committee of Safety** - Beverly submitted a written report. She also added that two Schenectady police officers attended their most recent meeting and that they are very interested in helping the Committee in keeping the neighborhood safe.

• **The Finance Committee** recently met and reviewed recent financial transactions. All transactions appear to be in order.

• **Historic Preservation and Zoning** - Jessica reported that she participated in the Heritage Foundation meeting of 2/13. Jessica proposed to target a house in need of iron-work repair and have the Association assist with the cost of restoration. The Board agreed that this would be a good idea and asked that the details be worked out. The Board then discussed increasing paint and sidewalk grants.

Jessica made a motion to increase sidewalk grant to up to \$500 for paint and \$1000 for sidewalk. Neil seconded. Carol noted that we only have \$1000 in the budget for this. She noted that we need to take this to general membership if we want to increase the budget. The Board agreed to table this Motion until the next Board meeting, with the goal of bringing it before the General Membership in May.

• **Infrastructure Maintenance** - no report.

• **Membership** - George reported that the Association now has 183 members.

• **Events** - Carol reported that there will be a neighborhood walking tour emphasizing our heritage on September 24. This will be held in lieu of the Walkabout. Planned events include historic reenactments at particular sites and costumed docents. Diane is planning a Stockade Meet-up, to meet during months when there are no general membership meetings. The first will be April 14 at the Van Dyck. The Association will provide coffee, soda and maybe light snacks.

• **Nominating** - Robert Woods, George Marshall and Neil Eklund announced that they will be leaving the board when their terms expire in May. The nominating committee will now work to fill the openings.

• **Garden Group** - no report. They are scheduled to meet soon.

Old Business

Old business items were addressed during previous agenda items.

New Business

Beverly has received a request for someone from the Stockade to write an article about the Stockade neighborhood and provide pictures for an upcoming issue of Capital District Quarterly. Beverly volunteered to pursue this.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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1st Stockade Meet and Greet Night

Thursday, April 14 6:30 - 8:30pm

Van Dyck Restaurant, 237 Union Street

We invite Stockade Residents
to come and mingle with your neighbors at a fun social

Join us for some pizza, soda, coffee, tea and lots of neighborly chatting

Meet members of the Stockade Association
with information about our many exciting committees

Receive a free energy saving light bulb
from our Neighborhood Watch Committee

Meet Sylvie Briber and Staff of *The Stockade Spy*

A Special Celebration that evening -
Sylvie & Bob Briber's Birthdays

If You Have an "April" Birthday come and celebrate
with Cake and a Happy Birthday Song

If possible, RSVP 372-0642 Diane DeMeo or just be there!

Save the Date

Come to the

50th Anniversary Celebration of The Stockade Spy

Thursday Evening, September 15, 2011

We will be honoring the Founding Fathers - James Schmitt and Werner Feibes
and honoring all past and present *Stockade Spy* Editors, Staff, Reporters and Photographers
See old issues of *The Stockade Spy* going back to the 1960's!
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Membership: September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011. \$15 per person, \$20 per household.

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The History and Restoration of 43 Washington

- Nick Plowman

Introduction

My name is Nick Plowman and I am thirteen years old with James Plowman Construction. We are restoring the building at 43 Washington Avenue. Over the years we have uncovered many artifacts and hidden treasures. I have researched a lot about the building and every month I will be writing about each and every special thing we found. I hope you enjoy my column!

Chapter 5 - Dumbwaiter

The dumbwaiter was built in 1791 when the addition was added on to 43 Washington Avenue. The dumbwaiter acted as an elevator to deliver food, utensils, drinks, etc. to

the basement, first floor, second and third floor. During the restoration, I uncovered square openings that were aligned with each other going down to the basement. There were many other indications that there might have been a dumbwaiter in 43 Washington Avenue. A dumbwaiter is sort of like an elevator that would carry food items around the building to each one of the apartments. When you walk up the stairs on the landing there is an outline of where the old door into the dumbwaiter used to be. By the way, the dumbwaiter no longer exists in 43 Washington Avenue. I hope everyone enjoyed my column!!! I look forward to writing more!!

A View from the River

Like an episode from one of my favorite television series, it took a mere "24" hours for the river to turn from a flat, unmoving surface, to a dangerous torrent that did its annual best to thwart those who lived too closely. While the river played the part of the annual threat, the part of the lead character, Jack Bauer, was played by the many fire and police personnel who stood by to be sure we were all out of harm's way. I was among those who tried to make the trek, only to be politely, but firmly, turned back before I became one of its casualties.

It has been an amazing transition. Only a few weeks earlier, I witnessed a group ice fishing on the solid surface. The river saw little other action over these long,

seemingly endless winter months, save, as rumor has it, a marriage proposal on the ice on Valentine's Day. Other than these events, it remained dormant; or so it seems. Life continued underneath the ice, and the river lay poised to make its breakthrough with a vengeance.

Seasons change and life goes on. The river will soon become, once again, a place for boaters, water skiers and even a few intrepid swimmers. For now, we can only weather the storm and wait for the changes to come. Change is inevitable. It's time to move on, turn the page and welcome another season. Stay tuned.

- Chris Waldron

Slick's Restaurant & Tavern

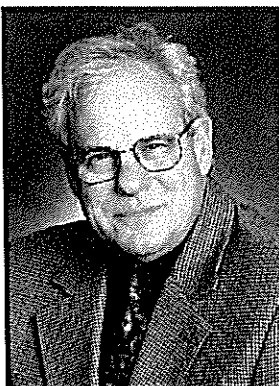
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Driving down Green Street you'd hardly notice it - it fits in so well. It's a tribute to the hard work and dedication of Tom Killeen and his partnership with the Schenectady Heritage Foundation.

We're talking about the house at 221 Green Street. At one time it was in the endangered species category: old buildings tumbling down. This has been a project of ten years in the making. With some financial support from the Foundation, but mostly with his own funds, Tom Killeen, the owner, has been able to work on this house renovation.

Tom is well known in our neighborhood for the many houses that he has restored: 109 North College Street (once his residence), three houses on Green Street - #223, # 230, and #240, plus countless repairs on many of our houses - new roofs, troublesome furnaces, mysterious pipe leaks, overall troubleshooting, and most recently, the fallen facade at 158 Front Street - Tom is a real "Johnny on the spot!"

Tom removed a Victorian bay window from the front of 221 Green. In 1967, the owner at the time salvaged this quirky architectural feature from a house at 210 Front Street, and then attached it to the first floor of the house at 221 Green. The window's gingerbread was then painted a colorful combination of purple, orange and yellow - quite a distinction in the Stockade!

Tom found another quirk - an internal rain pipe running the length of the second floor that dumped water onto all the floors below! Tom discovered a tree growing out of the cellar floor coming through the basement wall holding the house up!

During the restoration, Tom found old photos of the house and used them to return the facade to what it looked like when it was built in about 1853.

One sunny spring day, husband Bob and I arranged to visit the house with Tom. We knew we were in for a treat in seeing his latest work on this creation.

I remembered back to five or six years before when the overwhelming project was at a standstill. At that time, Bob and I sat around the table with Tom and the chair of the Schenectady Heritage Foundation, Gloria Kishton, lending our listening and encouragement.



Bob and I climbed the front staircase that was rebuilt after the Victorian bay window was removed, and stepped into a large open space flooded with sunlight, making for a warm and pleasant feel. Tom told us that this is the living room and the back space the kitchen, divided by an island bar with stools on each side. Beside the kitchen will be a

laundry area and half bath. Tom is choosing between hardwood floors and antique pine boards for flooring.

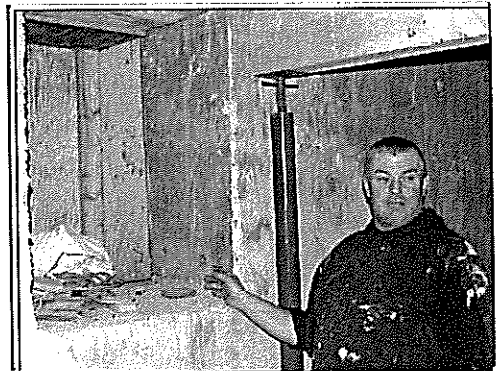
Going up the front staircase to the second floor, we learned that bookcases will line the right wall. The master bedroom is bright and airy with four 6 over 6 painted windows. One window will be part of an alcove - perfect for a computer nook. Tom showed us a colored glass window he salvaged that will look down upon the staircase.

The back bedroom is large, too, overlooking the garden with a view down North Street and the top of the old Riverside School. A large bathroom lies between the two bedrooms.

Descending to the basement we are greeted with a surprise - a concrete floor, smooth as glass! It used to be all dirt. Crumbling shale walls are now covered with concrete and are in total two feet thick.

When asked what was one of the hardest parts of the renovation, Tom said it was in discovering the many roofs that had been laid one on top of the other in a haphazard and dangerous fashion - "a death trap" with one section a drop-through!

When we asked him what he was most proud of about the project, Tom said it was bringing the whole house back. His carpenter, Demetria, present during our visit, exclaimed, "It was a miracle!"



Photos by Bob Briber

Tom credited many of his friends with helping him in this huge project: Demetria Romera, carpentry; North Street neighbor Mike Worsa, electrical work; Rick Ormin, plumbing; Keith Armond and his sons from Schoharie, masonry; and Rick Cornaire, framing.

Tom's next steps are to complete the finishing work which is why Demetria was there. This includes taping the dry wall, installing fixtures, cabinets, trim work and building a back deck. After the grand tour was over, I wanted to move right in!

In thinking over all his experiences in the Stockade, Tom warns us that we must not let these historical houses go until they become unsafe and in need of much money to bring them back. He would like to see more grants to encourage these restoration efforts because often they are not financially feasible for the owner and they require a lot of skill. 221 Green Street was lucky because Tom loves the neighborhood and had the finances and the skill. Tom says that the project will not be profitable but has been a labor of love. It is also becoming a beautiful house.



Stockade Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 7-8pm St. George's Church Office

Minutes

Attendance: Valerie, Bill, Peter, Fred, Kim, Lydia, David, Fr. Paul, Joanie, Bev, Off. Ferris, Gin, Pastor George

Old Business:

- 1. Schenectady Neighborhood Watch Report (Fred Lee)**
Fred reported the following: The NW website has capability of taking donations (we are a 501c3). The NW is also working toward acquiring a central NW headquarters with satellite offices in each neighborhood. With warmer weather, patrols are increasing (especially on bike path). The county is extending the bike path through Vale, along with cameras and additional lighting. Sashes have been obtained for bikers, and training will be held. For radio operators: "Base 900" is SPD.
- 2. SPD Report (Off. Ferris)** Members asked questions. Off. Ferris will request Animal Control Officer to patrol N. Ferry and Riverside Park to help with dog owners who do not clean up after their pets. "Tagging" was discussed. Call Center for Community Justice to request kids to clean up graffiti (free service). Bev will add Off. Ganrow to email list.
- 3. SFD Report - none**
- 4. Stockade Crime Database (Laurie Wilson)** There was no report but the db was discussed. Is it needed? Does it help establish a pattern? The project was put on hold, although each Stockader is encouraged to keep a log of incidents. Photography, while effective, may not be safe.
- 5. Walkers (Linda, Carol)** Pastor George will "adopt" a radio at the next meeting, Valerie reported on walking. Fred will accompany Stockade walkers for training.

6. Stockade Criers (Bill) Do we need them? Website gives us river levels, Yahoo List provides information, NW radios provide communication along with (cell) phones, radios, TV, etc. Valerie volunteered to set up Stockade FaceBook page. Bill will write a *Spy* article re automatic river level notification and communication in the Stockade.

7. Landlord/tenant concerns (Linda/Valerie/Peter) Peter reported that there continues to be a big improvement in the environment at Colonial Arms.

8. Light bulbs (Bev) No new energy-saving light bulbs have been distributed. It is possible that most who need them now have lights for front porches.

9. Flooding - Bill volunteered to write a short article for *Spy* re how access flood levels (see #6 above)

New Business

- 1. Neighborhood concerns -** No new concerns were raised
- 2. Incentives for safety-** Bev suggested the Committee of Safety request the Stockade Board to offer incentives (as it does for sidewalks and painting) for safety features like motion sensor lights facing streets and alleys. The NW enthusiastically supported the request.

Upcoming meeting/events:

- Next Stockade NW meeting:** Tuesday, April 26 7-8pm
St. George's Office
- Schenectady NW meeting:** Tuesday, April 5, 7pm
Room 110, City Hall (can anyone represent the Stockade?)
- Annual Stockade Neighborhood Picnic:**
Tuesday, July 26, 5pm Riverside Park

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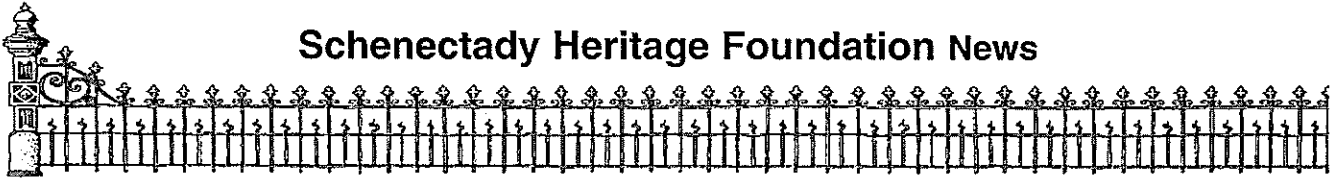
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Schenectady Heritage Foundation News



I just finished reading "The Death and Life of Great American Cities," Jane Jacobs' classic critique of city planning and urban renewal. With no formal education in the field, Jacobs' ideas evolved from personal observation and experience. During the post-WWII era, "slums" were replaced with "projects," super highways sliced through neighborhoods, and modernist architects and urban planners proffered regimented high-rise buildings isolated by undefined open space. Much has changed since her book was published in 1961, yet Jacobs' innate wisdom and current relevance impress. (Note: the Stockade Historic District was established in 1962). Jacobs believed that planning policies (of her time) misunderstood the essence of cities.

Jacobs' book is required reading for anyone interested in how neighborhood and governments work within cities. She expresses deep respect for cities and their inhabitants. Indeed, her mantra is that the success of cities depends on "exuberant diversity" - of all kinds. To achieve diversity, four main conditions are required: 1. A dense concentration of people, 2. The internal parts of a city serving multiple functions, at different times, to a diverse population, 3. A variety of building types and ages serving differing economic needs, and, 4. Short blocks enabling pedestrians to criss-cross districts easily.

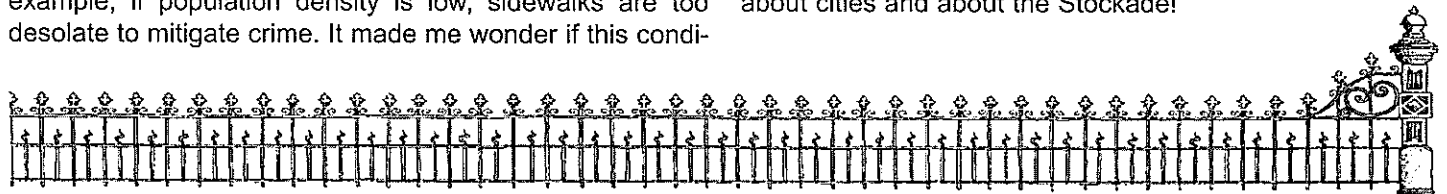
Jacobs explores how these four conditions affect city life. I was struck by how many of her ideas give a "name" to issues and dilemmas the Stockade faces. One example that piqued my interest concerns physical safety. Jacobs observed that when many people use sidewalks at varying times, they function as "eyes and ears" that mitigate criminal activity and keep an "eye" on strangers. If any of her four conditions are missing, this will not occur. For example, if population density is low, sidewalks are too desolate to mitigate crime. It made me wonder if this condi-

tion leads to the necessity of creating "Neighborhood Watch," a group that serves the same function, but isn't nearly as much fun as a lively sidewalk culture! Jacobs also suggests that casual street acquaintances are critical for neighborhood safety. We all have neighbors we pass daily, if only for a few minutes. These neighbors perform an important function: they may tell us when the snow plow is coming, if a neighbor is ill, or other gossip. Does low population density (fewer neighbors) create the need for a "block captain" program?

Another interesting chapter challenges how local government commissions function. Usually these groups apply broad concepts and rules to decisions that affect neighborhoods, but . . . neighbors know it intimately. Instead, she advocates for "local knowledge," rather than broad "top-down" policies, taking an important role in decision making.

Another idea would prove more controversial in the Stockade. Jacobs advocates for a diversity of uses, that is, not only residential uses, but a mixture of commerce and residences, within a full range of acceptable human activities. A mixture of uses fosters lively activities in which people criss-cross a neighborhood to engage. This is why an entity that serves as an informal meeting place, such as Arthur's Market, is critically important to the Stockade. People walk there purposely and, in the process, enliven the sidewalks and support the local economy.

Many of Jacobs' ideas remain timeless and can still be culled to improve our neighborhoods; her concepts are certainly thought-provoking. Cities are at their best when a dense concentration of people engage in a lively and diverse "smorgasbord" of human activity. That's what I love about cities and about the Stockade!



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Spy Corrections- Neighborhood Watch article
 • We are fortunate to have a new manager at The Colonial Arms, 9 North Church Street who is working very hard to clean up His name is Peter Pasternak, not Joe Ackerman as listed in the March Spy.
 • At the meeting, it was recommended that we invite a speaker to talk about "disaster preparedness" and not "disasters in the Stockade."

Got Repairs? A Historic District Commission application may be required

Living in New York State's first National Register historic district is a great source of pride for Stockade residents. However, it also comes with a greater responsibility in helping to preserve the historic character of the neighborhood. If you are planning any outside repairs, painting, landscaping, sidewalk replacement, or tree removal, you may need approval from the Schenectady Historic District Commission. Any physical changes to the exterior of your property that can be seen from a public right-of-way (including streets, parks, and waterways) must have prior approval from the Historic District Commission. If you have questions as to whether the work you're proposing will require approval, please contact Matthew Smith (msmith@schenectadyny.gov or 382-5147). Fees for the Historic Commission are \$10 for residential applications, and \$40 for commercial applications. The review meetings are held the third Monday every month at 7pm in City Hall, with applications due two weeks prior. The full schedule is available on the City's website: <http://cityofschenectady.com/development.htm>.

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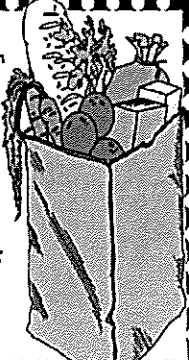
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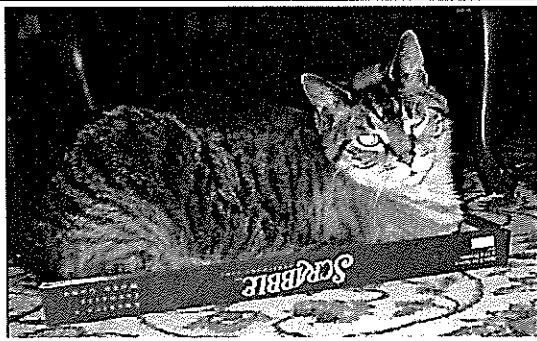
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In Memory of Jigger

Beloved male kitty, Jigger, part Siamese, part Tiger, and 16 years old, passed on to kitty heaven on February 20, 2011. He was purchased on North Street when he was six months old. Jigger was the sweet companion of Jacqueline Dominski and enjoyed living at 138 Front Street with his kitty buddy, Rusty. We will miss you.
- Paul Gonsowski

Events at St. George's Church 30 North Ferry Street

From The Reverend Paul Blanch - 374-3163

This year our **Lenten study program** will take us out of St. George's and into the pluralist world of modern America. To help us better understand our own faith tradition I believe it is vital to know something of how the other half worship. To this end we shall travel to different venues each Wednesday evening in Lent, visiting, talking and listening to people of other faith traditions so that we may break down prejudice, fear and suspicion. I do hope that you will join with me as we visit a Synagogue, a Mosque, a Hindu Temple, and a Buddhist meditation center as well as the Bahai Center. Each session begins at 7pm. We can travel together or individually. Please sign up for this exciting program, accurate numbers are vital to our hosts.

April 6 - Bahai Faith - 138 Jay Street, Schenectady

April 13 - Buddhist Centre - 199 Washington Ave., Rensselaer

The Right Reverend Gordon Mursell will be the **Guest Preacher for Holy Week and Easter**. Bishop Gordon was Bishop of Stafford, England, a published author, and excellent spiritual guide.

Palm Sunday, April 17 8:30am Morning Prayer; 9am Solemn Mass and Palm Procession; 6pm Evening Prayer & Meditation

Holy Week Schedule

Mon. April 18 7pm Mass & Devotional Address with Bishop Gordon.

Tues, April 19 7:30am Mass & Devotional Address with Bishop Gordon

Wed, April 20, 7pm Mass & Devotional Address with Bishop Gordon
Maundy Thursday, The Easter Triduum, April 21, 7:30pm The Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, April 22 8:30am Morning Prayer & Litany, 12:15pm The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Veneration of the Cross

April 23, 7:30pm The Great Easter Vigil followed by the Easter Feast

April 24, 8:30am Morning Prayer; 9am The Solemn High Mass of Easter Day; Preacher Bishop Gordon Mursell. 11:15am Family Mass 6pm Evening Prayer

Spring Has Sprung! Doing Your Spring Cleaning?

Get your junk or somebody's treasure ready for our **Annual Stockade Sidewalk Sale Saturday, June 4**

Make this year **THE** year you get it done!
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Don't want to set up a table?

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The Home Furnishings Center Needs Your Stuff, Too!

If you can't wait for the Stockade Sidewalk Sale on June 4, and/or you want to be a good samaritan, the Home Furnishings Center will take your articles.

Their priority is to give needed furniture and household items to folks who have been a victim of fire or domestic violence.

Their office number is 346-2444. Call Monday-Thursday, 10-2pm to arrange for pick-up by volunteers or to arrange for a time to drop things off at the warehouse on North Center Street.

email is homefurninc@aol.com fax 346-2446.

If you can give some time to help sort and/or deliver there will be a work party happening on Saturday, April 16, 9-12.

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begins singing as with both male and female Northern Cardinals and the drumming of both Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers.

- James L. Taft AKA Captain Eagle Eyes

Stockade Safety!!!!

Keep those porch lights on front and back for your safety and for nighttime walkers!

Sign up for the Historic Stockade Yahoo Group info on Stockade meetings, events, crime, politics, lost pets, snow, parking, etc.

- 1) Send a blank email to: HistoricStockade-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- 2) When you get the confirmation email asking if you really want to join, just hit reply
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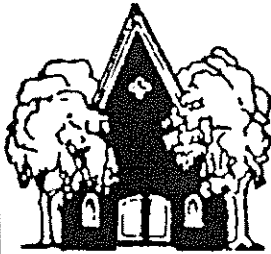
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Calendar In and Around the Stockade

Stockade Events

Stockade Meet & Greet Night	April 14
Neighborhood Watch Meeting	April 26
Spring Clean-up Day	May 21
May General Membership Meeting	May 12
Sidewalk Sale	June 4
Secret Garden Tour	TBA
Park Summer Picnic	July 26
Stockade Outdoor Art Show	Sept. 10
Soiree	TBA
September General Meeting	Sept. 15
and StockadeSpy 50th Anniversary Celebration!	
Stockade Heritage Walk	Sept. 24
November General Meeting	Nov. 10
Tree Lighting	Dec. 4

Schenectady County Historical Society 32 Washington Ave. 374-0263

• Sat., April 9, 1:30 refreshments, 2pm program. "Life of a Civil War Soldier - Private George of the 134th New York presented by Matt George. In part 1, Matt will be dressed as Private George and discuss his experiences in the war. In part 2, he comes out of character and explains aspects of a soldier's life. Objects will be passed around.

• Current exhibit: The Art in Cartography: Highlighting the Collection of the Schenectady County Historical Society including two most recently conserved objects: maps of New York State completed by Simeon Dewitt (1802) and Claude Joseph Sauthier (1779) and focusing on the evolution of cartography and cartographers.

The Open Door Bookstore

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• Sat. March 26 1-2:30pm Don Rittner signs "Schenectady: Frontier Village to Colonial City."

• Sat. April 9 12-1:30pm Kerry Mendez signs "The Ultimate Flower Gardener's Top Ten Lists" and "Top Ten Lists for Beautiful Shade Gardens."

• Sat. April 9 2pm Schenectady County Public Library OCOB event featuring author Robin Oliveira speaking about her book, "My Name is Mary Sutter." Book signing following. Taylor Auditorium, SCCC.

• Tues., April 12 7pm Teacher Night featuring reviews of the latest childrens' books (RSVP by Fri. April 8)

Fri., April 15 6-7:30pm (Art Night) Mystery writer Julia Spencer-Fleming signs her latest book, "One Was A Soldier."

• Sat., April 16 1-2:30pm Steve Sheinkin signs his new book for young people, "The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, and Treachery."

• Wed., May 4 7pm Book Bites, reviews of books for book groups (RSVP by April 29)

The Playhouse Offers Free Events Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3

Schenectady Civic Players will sponsor a production of **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** presented by Opera Saratoga on Saturday, April 2 at 2:30pm. The performance is a 40-minute opera for children which will be followed by a cookies and punch reception.

Our last staged reading of the season will be **Steve Martin's PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE** on Sunday, April 3 at 2:30pm. Imagine Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso meeting at The Lapin Agile, a bar in Paris in 1904. They engage in a duel of wits of which is more important - science or art. They debate the value of genius and talent in this thought-provoking comedy. Stephanie Insogna will direct, and the show features Jimmy Cupp, Bob Hegeman, Rob Hill, Tom Heckert, Meighan Jupin, Sev Moro, Michael Rzepka, and Meredith Smith. A reception will follow the performance.

Both shows will be performed at The Playhouse, 12 S. Church St. There is no admission charge, no tickets are needed, no reservations necessary.

Schenectady County Community College

78 Washington Avenue www.sunyscc.edu

April Events

• **SCCC Foundation, 20th Annual Food for Thought and All That Jazz**, Tues., April 5, 5:30pm to 9pm, SCCC Campus - fabulous food and music prepared and presented by SCCC Culinary and Music students. Proceeds support students & SCCC growth. Call 381-1324 for ticket information.

• **Growing the Business: The Slave South and the Origins of the U.S. Tobacco Industry**, Friday, April 8, 6pm, Stockade Bldg 101. Free. Historian Barbara Hahn, teaches southern history, business history and the history of Tech. at Texas Tech University.

• **Empire Jazz Orchestra Jazz Masters Concert** featuring Lee Konitz, alto saxophone, Tues., April 12, 8pm, Taylor Aud.

tickets-\$20 general; \$6-non-SCCC students, free for SCCC students. Call 381-1231.

• **Tom Clynes, National Geographic writer and photographer, presents "Assignment: Adventure,"** Wed., April 13, 7pm, Taylor Aud. Free.

Visit <http://tomclynes.photoshelter.com>

• **SCCC Jazz Ensemble**, Wed., April 20, 7:30pm Taylor Aud. Free.

• **SCCC Guitar Ensemble**, Mon., April 25, 7:30pm Lally Mohawk Room. Free.

• **SCCC Players** present William Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure," Wed., April 27, 7:30pm pre-show, 8pm curtain. Free. Thurs., April 28, 7:30pm pre-show, 8pm curtain, Fri., April 29, 1:45pm pre-show, 2:15 curtain. Fri., April 29, 7:30pm pre-show, 8pm curtain. Sat., April 30, 7:30pm pre-show, 8pm curtain. All performances Taylor Auditorium. \$5 general; \$3 seniors/non SCCC students. free to SCCC community.

• **Chorus Ensemble**, Mon., May 2, 7:30pm. Taylor Aud. Free.

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 •**Police Emergency** 382-5200
 •**Trash Not Picked up**
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 382-5200 ext. 5655

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- 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 cantainers ASAP
- Help frail neighbors clean their front yards
- Pick up dog poops (in plastic bags)
- * NO OPEN FIRES ARE PERMITTED

April Waste Collection Dates

All Wednesdays! April 6, 13, 20, 27
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