

## Millington House Miracle



Before



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photos by Jack McDonald

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# President's Message

Mary D'Alessandro-Gilmore

After the past year of divided controversy, we must foster the importance of communicating caringly with each other. After all, we are not only the caretakers of our architectural heritage and history, we are also caretakers and caregivers of each other. Without doing so we are left with just a group of historic buildings and not the unique neighborhood that we all have been proud of.

A special thank you to George Marshall, (chair of membership), Robert Woods, (chair of infrastructure), and Neil Eklund, (website committee), for their outstanding service, continuous support and loyalty to our board. Each has found that their demands professionally and personally have increased, consequently diminishing their available time to serve on the board. However, their commitment remains if we need thoughtful advice and counsel.

I am dedicating my president's message to the first president's message in the first issue of *The Spy*.

## Letter from our President

James D. J. Schmitt - January 1961

This is the year of the Tri Centenary. Since Arent Van Curler settled his band on the Right Bank of the Mohawk and established the Schenectady Stockade, three hundred years have passed. Today the Stockade area is a small portion of the Schenectady Metropolis, yet its distinct position as founder and leader has not diminished through the centuries of growth. This venerated area which lies immediately west of the Schenectady business district contains the original seventeenth century settlement laid out in the time of its founders and is one of the few communities in America where properties in close proximity to the central business district have been held in residential uses, where the descendants of the original settlers are still living, and where architecture of every historic American period is still to be seen.

Throughout America historic architecture in the urban scene has been subjected to a continuous process of loss and deterioration. The art that is architecture cannot be collected in a gallery, but lives on in the museums of buildings and the people are their curators. The citizens of old areas are responsible for finding ways to safeguard, renew and bring historic architecture into living use in the contemporary world. If over a period of time, the best structures of

the past can be saved and the poor ones replaced, the cities will become repositories of man's outstanding architectural achievements.

It is to this goal of preservation and progress that the Stockade Association and this publication, its official organ is dedicated. The Stockade Association stands for an active plan to safeguard the heritage of Schenectady by preserving a district which reflects elements of its cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history; to stabilize and improve the property values of our entire residential area from Erie Boulevard to the Binnie Kill, from State Street to the river; to check encroaching blight upon this area, to chart future growth, to strengthen the local economy through the building of needed modern housing and neighborhood facilities, to make good use of vacant lands, to ease traffic and parking situations, to foster civic beauty to create a meaningful environment and to promote the use of the historic district for the education, pleasures and welfare of the people. Let us form a living expression of our founding father's ideal of the city beautiful.

James D. J. Schmitt

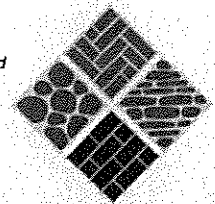
Celebrate with us **Thursday Evening, September 15th 2011 the 50th Anniversary of *The Stockade Spy*** - honoring our founding fathers James Schmitt and Werner Feibes and all past and present *Stockade Spy* Editors, Staff, Reporters and Photographers. View old issues of the *Spy* dating back to the 1960's. Enjoy appetizers and anniversary cake.


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**Annual Meeting of the Stockade Association**  
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**Thursday, May 12 7pm Social 7:30pm Meeting**  
First Reformed Church 8 North Church Street entrance

*Agenda*

**“The Progress and Restoration of 43 Washington Avenue”**  
Presentation by Joe Fava

**General Business meeting and election of Officers and Directors**  
voting members are encouraged to attend

**Open Forum**  
a time for all Stockade neighbors  
to address questions of concern to the Stockade Board

**A visit from some “earlier” Stockade residents**

**Announcements and volunteer opportunities**

This is our last meeting before September

*Thank You for Joining The Stockade Association!*

These are neighbors who have become members from February 6 to April 23, 2011

Elena Alvarez	Jane C. Frankel	Glenn Houston	Betsy Meyer	Elinore Schumacher
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William Ackerman	Albert Giulietti	Elio Matarazzo	Sean O’Meara	Susan Tyler
Christine Angione	Helen Giulietti	Jack McDonald	Peter Rosecrans	Dr. William Wagle
Aaron Couture	Marie Gutowski	Jeff McDonald	Donna Santora	Greta Wagle
Samantha Couture	Michael Horan	Victoria McGowan	Doertlis Schultze-Allen	Patricia Williams

**The Stockade Association Membership 2010 - 2011**

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# Pickett House Reborn

- Robert A. Petito, Jr., AIA

Neighbors in Schenectady's Stockade Historic District were relieved to learn in December 2009 that Jack McDonald had purchased the historic James Pickett House and the adjacent Dr. Elizabeth Gillette House at the southwest corner of Union and South College Streets. Unoccupied for over a quarter century, both buildings suffered from a severe lack of maintenance, antiquated and obsolete systems, and poorly conceived past alterations. Although the exterior of the Gillette House had been renovated about a decade ago, a project to convert both houses into a visitor's center for Schenectady's Urban Cultural Park had stalled and the buildings had become eyesores at the entry to the Stockade. McDonald, however, who has successfully brought new uses to buildings now occupied by such establishments as Pinhead Susan's, The Stockade Inn, and The Van Dyck Restaurant, looked past the peeling paint and broken windows to see a gem in the rough.

The condition of the house at 250 Union Street had not always been so dire. In the late 17th and early 18th centuries, land on the south side of Union Street east of Ferry had been part of the pasture of Gerrit Van Brackel, an early settler in the Stockade. During the French and Indian War, one of several barracks that housed British troops was constructed at the western end of the block, and by the late 1760's, land was being subdivided and residences constructed for some of Schenectady's pre-Revolutionary War elite: Rev. Barent Vrooman had constructed a two-story brick house at 206 Union in c. 1765, and Rev. Dirck Romeyn (who initiated the founding of the Schenectady Academy in 1785) had constructed a large wood frame Georgian style mansion on a large lot that is now occupied by Nos. 224-238 Union Street, later purchased by James C. Duane in 1804. On both sides of Union Street a number of more modest single family houses were constructed, some owner occupied and some as rental properties.

By the middle years of the 19th century, the eastern edge of the Stockade was the site of a lively mix of residential, educational, commercial, industrial, transportation, religious and retail uses. West College, erected for Union College in 1804, had served as Schenectady's City Hall from 1814 until 1857 when it became part of the city's recently formed public school system. The Erie Canal had opened in 1825 and within less than a decade was followed

through the city by the New York Central Railroad whose tracks crossed streets at grade level. The railroad station was located on Liberty Street east of Erie Boulevard approximately where the parking lot of the present Amtrak Station is located, and the railroad operated a roundhouse and machinery shops at Front and John Streets. The Clute Brothers Foundry, an ironworks that manufactured hardware, tools and equipment lay along the east side of the canal between Liberty and Union Streets. Several machine shops, cabinet makers, and transfer shipping centers were located along Centre Street (now North Broadway) next to the canal, and C. F. Hoag operated a hollow ware manufactory on North Jay Street near Pine Street.

Properties along Union Street reflected a mix of styles and income groups. The Duane mansion was sold by his heirs to Simon C. Groot, a prominent mid-19th century merchant who subdivided the property in the 1840's. David M. Moore owned the mid-18th century brick house at the southeast corner of Union and Canal (now known as South College) Streets, and a Universalist congregation occupied a wood frame building located behind Moore's house on the east side of South College Street. The Methodist Church, first located in a building that happened to lie in the proposed right-of-way for the canal was relocated to another part of the lot, only to be displaced in the 1830's by the railroad. The congregation ultimately built the Greek-Revival building on Liberty Street that with Old St. John's Church is now part of the Schenectady Light Opera Company's facility. The city's public market was located in a building on the southeast corner of Union and South College Streets (the site, later, of the Gillette House) from 1828 to 1858. Hose House No. 4 (recently demolished to make way for off-street parking for a local bar) of the Schenectady Fire Department was located on South College Street just south of the Gillette House and next to a row of townhouses that faced the street and canal.

James Pickett purchased "all that lot of ground with the building thereon" at what is now 250 Union Street in November 1847, although the deed was not recorded at the County Clerk's Office until the following February. A James Pickett had appeared in the 1841/42 City Directory as living at 9 John Street, which would have placed him across the street from the New York Central's machine shops. On the

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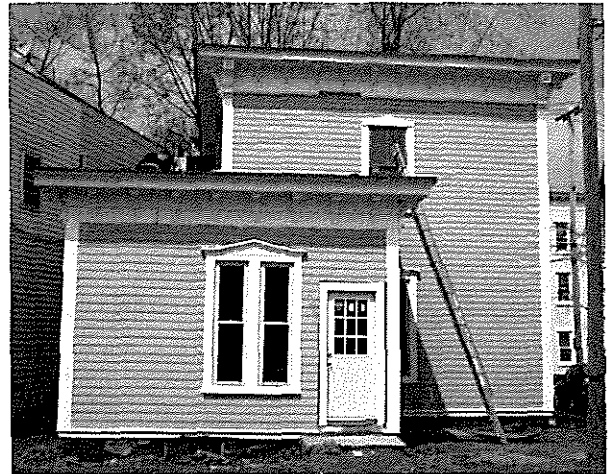


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## Before & After



1850 Dripps map of Schenectady, the name "J. Pickett" is printed next to the house at 250 Union Street, with the public market on the corner at South College Street. The house and market are shown again on the 1856 Fagan map, but the market is not shown in the 1866 Stone & Stewart *New Topographical Atlas of the Counties of Albany and Schenectady., New York*. In the City Directory of 1857-58, Pickett was listed as living at 76 Union Street, the present No. 250, listing his occupation as "carter" (one who ran a business hauling goods or making deliveries). City atlases of the late 19th century show a frame barn at the rear of the lot. James lived in the house until his death in 1883, leaving the property to his sons Harmanus and James Jr. The following March, Harmanus sold his interest to James Jr., whose occupation was listed as "carman" (an operator of a street car) in the city directories and who continued to live in the house for many years.

By the 1920's, the Erie Canal had been supplanted as a transportation route by the State Barge Canal in the Mohawk River and had become a slow moving, fetid ditch that in part prompted the filling of the canal to create Erie Boulevard. The land in the triangular lot bounded by Union and South College Streets and Erie Boulevard became the site of a gas station and early street car diner, and after 1905 the railroad tracks were elevated above the city streets, incidentally allowing train sounds to project further into the neighborhood. The Ellis House that formerly stood on the corner of Liberty and Erie was replaced by a vaudeville theater.

The property at 250 Union Street was transferred several times during the early 20th century until purchased at a bank sale by Charles I. Millington in 1944. Charles died in 1991 and ownership passed to his son Alfred W. Millington who owned the house until 2001 when he sold it to the County of Schenectady concurrently with the sale of the adjacent Gillette House (which had been purchased by Charles Millington in 1967 following the death of Dr. Gillette in 1965.) In 2007, the County conveyed both properties to the Chamber Foundation, Inc., of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce. Plans to join and convert the Pickett and Gillette Houses into a visitor's center fell through, and the sale to McDonald followed.

Accurately dating the construction of the house is somewhat of a problem as lots were combined and re-subdivided following the opening of Canal (now South College) Street in the late 1820's. The building may contain sections of the house referenced in Pickett's 1847 deed, although the present appearance likely owes much to the Pickett family's over half-century occupation. It is possible that Pickett remodeled the house during his ownership, or perhaps his son James Jr. remodeled and modernized the building after he acquired it in 1883, as the projecting bay window above the entrance and exterior trim are similar to houses that were being constructed in the 1880's on Front and Green Streets following the closing of the old Dutch Church Cemetery. The bracketed cornice and trim details are characteristic of the Italianate style popular in the middle decades of the 19th century, as is the carved floral rosettes that form panels below the bay windows.

On a tour of the house last fall, *Spy* editor Sylvie Briber and this reporter were treated to a "behind-the-scenes" tour of the house while undergoing rehabilitation. The renovation and restoration project started last summer with repair of wood siding and trim and repainting of all exterior woodwork and windows. When purchased by McDonald, the interior of the house had been divided into three small apartments. McDonald is currently undertaking a complete interior renovation that will result in two apartments - one on each floor. Partitions that had divided original rooms were being removed and the floor plan was being updated to provide for an open and spacious layout. The historic walnut newel post and winding stair will be retained as part of the new room layout. Part of the character of the stair is provided by a small window near the turning at the second floor that provides daylight to the stairway and illuminates the curved walls that enclose the stairwell. Some interesting samples of old wallpaper - likely dating to the second and third quarters of the 20th century - had been exposed in the stairwell. (see photos) All work is expected to be completed by Summer 2011 and the first tenant is expected to move in then. Once sitework is completed, this corner of the Stockade will present a fitting backdrop to welcome residents and visitors through the Gateway entrance at Erie Boulevard.

# Neighborhood News

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

## Stockade Association General Meeting Thursday, March 10 Schenectady County Historical Society 32 Washington Ave.

A meeting of the Membership of the Stockade Association was held on March 10th at the Schenectady County Historical Society.

Guest Speaker **Ryan Mahoney**, new curator at SCHS discussed recent activities of the Society, including their current vintage maps exhibit.

**Matt Smith**, Assistant Planner, City of Schenectady's Department of Development and **staff liaison to the Historic District Commission** discussed the work of the Commission.

President Mary D'Alessandro called the business meeting to order At 8:15.

**Secretary's Report**- The membership approved as written the January 13, 2011 General Meeting minutes, as published in the *Stockade Spy*.

### Treasurer's Report

Mary reported that total assets for the Association now total about \$75,000, including the Association checking account, Smith Barney account and the Soiree account.

### President's Report

Plans for the Alco site currently include a three-story office building, possibly a grocery store, possibly an extended stay hotel and possible residences. Steve Boese, Valerie Ackerman and Gloria Kishton agreed to participate in an Alco redevelopment focus group to be coordinated by Mary.

Beverly Elander and Mary reported that they have been invited to discuss the Stockade neighborhood on the Schenectady Today TV show.

Plans for the oral history project are proceeding. Maureen Gebert will coordinate the project. Mary asked that neighbors provide her questions they have about the recent history of the neighborhood so that Maureen can use this in planning the project.

Mary reported that she met with the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation (DSIC). They are interested in pursuing beautification projects within their jurisdiction in

the Stockade. They would like to provide planters along Union Street and also provide small historic district banners down Union.

### Open Forum

A neighbor asked about the status of the proposed dock for Riverside Park. Mary responded that various options are under discussion, but it will not be placed in Riverside Park

Gloria reported from the **Schenectady Heritage Foundation**.

- Gloria welcomed Jessica Gelarden to the Foundation Board.
- Gloria reported that the individual who sold the property at three State Street will use the proceeds for improvements on his historic property at 108 Union Street.
- 112 to 114 South Ferry is going up for auction soon.
- The property at three North College went to auction but there were no buyers so it remains on the market.
- The boarded up property at 310 Green Street also remains of concern. Due to problems with the title, potential buyers have not been able to purchase the property.
- The Schenectady Heritage Foundation has adopted a position that there should be no significant external changes to the Gillette House.
- The Foundation is now taking nominations for Preservation awards.

### Committee Reports:

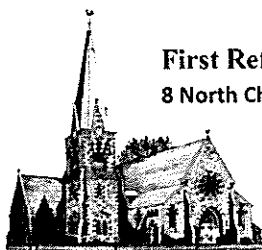
**Nominating Committee:** Diane DeMeo reported that the Association Board will have three vacancies in May. Anyone interested should contact a member of the Committee.

**Committee of Safety:** Beverly Elander reported that we still have free CFL bulbs for Stockade neighbors to sue to light their front porch. Contact Beverly to get one. Beverly raised Concerns about Spring flooding of the Mohawk River. The Neighborhood watch will keep the neighborhood up to date on the list serve. Beverly also reported that Laurie Wilson has volunteered to keep a database on incidents in the neighborhood.

**Finance Committee:** no report

**Infrastructure Committee:** no report

**Stockade Spy:** Sylvie Briber reported that new individuals have been added to *The Spy Staff*. She also announced



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that she will be coordinating a Stockade Calendar with Stockade Photos. *The Spy* also now has a new section, with a calendar of Stockade Events. *The Stockade Spy* Celebration will be on September 15th at the Membership Meeting to commemorate the fiftieth year of *The Spy*.

**Membership Committee:** Mary reported that we currently have 183 members.

**Events Committee:** Diane DeMeo announced that April 14, 6:30-8:30 will be the first Stockade Neighborhood Meet and Greet to be held at the Van Dyck. The whole neighborhood is invited. June 4 is the Stockade Sidewalk sale. Carol DeLaMarter announced that the Stockade Heritage Walk will be September 24 in the tradition of the Walkabout. She is looking for volunteers to be in costume and discuss history as part of the event.

**Preservation Committee:** Jessica reported that the Committee will be working to restore base of Lawrence. The Committee is also discussing increases to the paint and sidewalk incentive.

**Old Business**

**Arthur's Market:** Jennifer Wells reported that the Arthur's Market Committee, Chaired by Connie Colangelo, had its first organizational meeting. They had a wide-ranging discussion of ways the Stockade Association may be helpful to revitalizing the Market.

**New Business**

Carol reported that she is working on the Spring Riverside Park Cleanup.

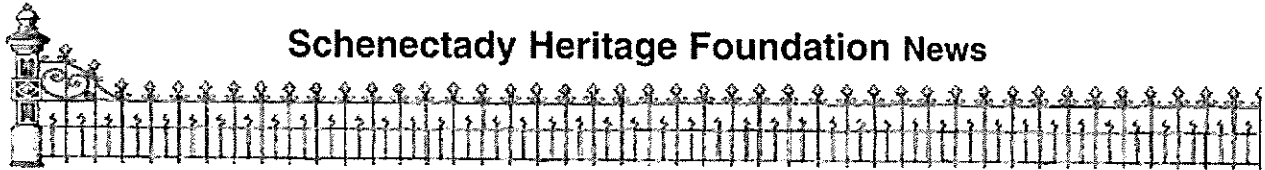
Gloria reflected on the Arthurs market discussion, and how previously the Association has discussed other high-profile buildings that are or could be for sale in the neighborhood. She recommended that maybe the Association would benefit by a committee that would look at ways to be more proactive about marketing historic properties.

**Next Membership Meeting is May 12**

# Over the Fence


- Gloria Kishton

## Schenectady Heritage Foundation News



May is National Historic Preservation month! To help celebrate, Schenectady Heritage Foundation is currently finalizing the list of winners of their annual Awards for "outstanding contribution to historic preservation in Schenectady County." Please join us in honoring this year's recipients at the **Foundation's Preservation Award ceremony - Thursday, May 26 at noon** in the rotunda of Schenectady's historic City Hall. Acting Mayor Gary McCarthy has been invited to say a few words, and the Award winners will receive certificates and tell us about their projects. A reception will follow immediately after the ceremony. All are invited.

Many thanks to those who have supported Schenectady Heritage Foundation this year with donations or volunteering! To discuss the Foundation's work, or opportunities for giving, please call me, Gloria Kishton, Foundation Chair, at 377-1160. All donations fund historic preservation, can be restricted to use in the Stockade area only, and are, of course, tax deductible. Donations can be sent to the Foundation at: P.O. Box 1173, Schenectady, NY 12301-1173.



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# A View from the River

- Chris Waldron

For the first time in many months, the river is running clearly. Signs of ice and flotsam have been replaced by crew teams and even the occasional Jet Ski. The park shows signs of life, both human and plant, as the annual "miracle" known as spring finally arrives. It comes with the usual fits and starts as those who have lived a while cast a jaded eye on the warming weather, recalling false springs of momentary warmth being quickly replaced by a late season snow storm. Despite our cynicism, we all hope that spring is

finally here to stay.

Some sure signs of the change of the season are the reports of the first tulips in Riverside Park, the call of seagulls on the water and the inevitable return of our neighbors from the north, the Canadian geese. All of these and a pair of male cardinals, vying for a mate on the tree outside my window, tell me that it is here at last. Let's hope, this time, I'm right. Stay tuned.

# And A Good Time Was Had By All!

- John Diesso

On Thursday evening, April 14th, from 6:30pm until 8:30pm the first "Stockade Meet and Greet Night" was held. The restaurant chosen for the evening was the beautiful Van Dyck at 237 Union Street. The gathering brought some sixty or more residents. It was real nice to see old friends, and especially nice to meet some young adults who have recently moved into the neighborhood. Stockade



photos by Jorge Alvarez

events like this one, are a great way of bringing neighbor's together. With everyone's busy lives, we don't get a chance to mingle as often as we would like to.

Among our honored guests were Gary McCarthy and Roger Hull.

The highlight of the evening was to wish and sing Happy Birthday to our loving friend and *Spy* editor, Sylvie Briber. We also sang Happy Birthday to Bob Briber, whose birthday was the day before our gathering. Just in case

anyone is interested in knowing it, besides her many talents, our Sylvie bakes a wonderful chocolate cake.

All of the delicious food we enjoyed was prepared by the great cooks at The Van Dyck Restaurant. While I am on the subject of the restaurant, I would like to say that the guys and gals that work at The Van Dyck are so delightful and pleasant. A special thanks to all of them.

Before I close, I would like to also give thanks to Diane DeMeo, Mary D'Alessandro and Colleen MacAuley for their hard work in making "Stockade Meet and Greet" a great night. A good time was had by all.

Best wishes to all,  
John

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Thursday, June 9

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One man's junk is another man's treasure!

Don't have enough "treasures" to set up a table for the sidewalk sale or maybe even have some extras? We'll take them! The Stockade Association will have a table where you can donate your "treasures" and help support your neighborhood Association that works for you. Call Diane DeMeo, Sidewalk Sale Chair at 372-0642.

Yes, I will participate in the 21st Annual Stockade Sidewalk Sale! Enclosed is my \$10 fee made payable to the Stockade Association.

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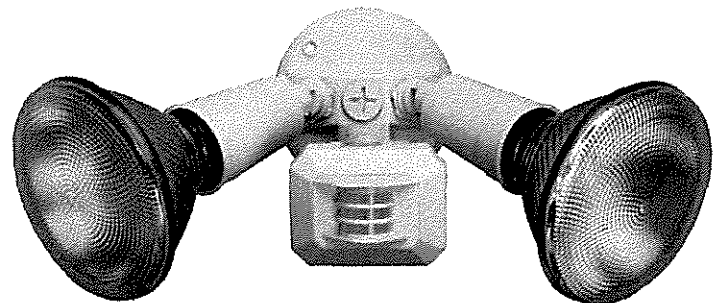
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The Stockade Association has a Sidewalk and Painting incentive plan for Stockade neighbors to spruce up their property. Monies have been set aside for property owners who improve their property by fixing sidewalks or by painting. Incentives are on a first come first serve basis. Connie Colangelo has the applications and call her for more information at 374-7355.

Sidewalk Incentives are for slate, brick or approximately tinted concrete only - no blacktop. All work must be approved by the Historic District Commission. See page 10.

Painting Incentives are available to help defray costs for painting building exteriors readily visible from the public way, using colors approved by the Historic District Commission. See page 10.

Lighting Incentives To continue promoting safety in the neighborhood, the Stockade Neighborhood Watch petitioned the Stockade Board to offer an incentive for the installation of security lights - either the motion sensor vari-



ety or those on a timer. The Board has responded by appropriating \$500 to create a Security Lights Incentive of \$50 per resident to be used on the front of the property. Stockade Association members will be required first to install the lights and then submit a simple application along with the paid bill for reimbursement. For more information, please contact Beverly Elander at 518 346-8889 or Elander7@aol.com.

# - Tidings -

Welcome to  
Susannah Hand and Matthias Gislason to North  
College Street.

from John Rotundo -

Welcome to Kaitlin and Greg to North College  
Street.

From North Ferry St. neighbors -

• Our condolences to Lew Schwartz and Eileen  
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a day as the gray bearded old fellow plodded down  
North Ferry Street to the Park with his master, Lew.  
His presence will be missed by many of his neigh-  
bors.

• Also, our condolences to the Volks family on the loss  
of their K9 companion of 16 years, **SADIE**. She was  
a big brown Lab and the sweetest, most gentle soul  
and gave us all many years of pleasure. Sadie is  
missed by all.

## 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 replace-  
ment, 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  
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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@schene-  
ctady.ny.gov](mailto:msmith@schene-<br/>ctady.ny.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  
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# Fall Stockade Walkabout Expanded with New Partners

There have been many conversations about revitalizing the annual Stockade Walkabout. This September the annual "walk" will have a new format with additional partners. A planning group has been meeting since February and our 2011 event has become part of a weekend celebration of our heritage, Friday, September 23rd and Saturday, September 24th.

The Stockade Association is planning an event for September 24 with many changes but the same goals - bring people into our unique Historic Neighborhood, tell the Stockade story, raise some money and have fun. This year's event is titled "A Walk Through History: From a Dutch Colonial Village to an American City. 1691-1795." Meet Schenectady's colonial residents - farmers, business men and women, leaders of the community, as they guide you through historic scenes, sites and events of their lives here on the frontier - Schenectady's heritage narrated and acted for you - a day of informative entertainment!

The Stockade Association is looking for volunteers to help the Stockade history and neighborhood come alive. **Historic Reenactors** - George Marshall has the script and is looking for history buffs with a big voice and ability to relate early Stockade history with enthusiasm and willing to wear period costume in public. GJ.marshall@verizon.net.

**Assisting event co-chairs** with promotion, ticket sales, logistics and making sure all have a good time. If you have

graphic design and computer skills here's your chance. Not sure how you can help, contact **Carol DeLaMarter** cde-lam6533@aol.com and we'll invite you to the next planning session.

The weekend will also include **Friday Evening Reception, September 23**

Works of Artist Len Tantillo - Exhibit Opening  
Schenectady County Historical Society's new Franchere Educational Center Mabee Farm Historic Site

**Saturday, September 24 Seminar "Schenectady Discoveries: 1666-1715"**

Key Speakers on recent research, new findings and changing perspectives St. George's Church, North Ferry Street

**Schenectady Heritage Weekend partners include:**

Historic Stockade Neighborhood Association  
Schenectady County Historical Society  
Schenectady County Community College - Community Archaeology Program  
The Colonial Schenectady Project, Ltd.  
Schenectady/Nijkerk Council  
First Reformed Church of Schenectady

Visit [www.historicstockade.com](http://www.historicstockade.com) after June 1, 2011 for event details, ticket and registration information.



## Events at the Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Wash. Ave.

### May 18 - July 1

**A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965**

**Opening Reception - Thursday, May 19, 6-8pm**

With Harvey Strum giving an illustrated presentation of the history of the Jewish community in Schenectady.

**A Fine Romance** tells the story of the many Jewish composers, such as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern and George Gershwin, who helped create the great American songbook from 1910-1965. The best composers of this period combined a genius for melody, a tal-

ent for finding the perfect words, and an ability to connect with a wide audience. A large number of them were Jewish - from families that had immigrated to America in the 1800's or had fled persecution in Europe. The exhibit was created by Nextbook, a Jewish cultural organization, and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The national tour was made possible by the Charles H. Revson Foundation, the Righteous Persons Foundation, the David Berg Foundation, an anonymous donor, and *Tablet: A New Read on Jewish Life*.

**Saturday, May 21** **The Two Worlds of Major Mordecai Myers: A Jewish-American Hero, presented by Neil Yetwin**  
1:30pm refreshments; 2pm program. Major Mordecai Myers lived the most compelling life of any Jewish-American of his

day with several careers: military service, state, local and national politics and NYS's Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons. Free & open to the public.

**Saturday, June 4** **From Music Halls to Movie Palaces: Popular Entertainment in New York 1850-1930, presented by John Scherer** 1:30pm refreshments; 2pm program. John Scherer, retired Curator from the NYS Museum, will present on theatres and popular entertainment such as melodrama, vaudeville, burlesque, musical revues, and silent films with period posters and theatre memorabilia from the State Museum and Library Collections. Free and open to the public.

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# Stockade Photo Calendar

The idea all began when I first saw Betsy Meyer's spectacular photo of five deer on the Mohawk River in Riverside Park and I decided to feature it on the cover of the February 2011 *Stockade Spy*. Could she have more photos as exciting as this one?

Betsy had photos of the Stockade through various seasons, from ice floes stacked on the River to beautiful flowers in the Park. It seemed there was a photo for each month of the year. Why not do a Stockade calendar!



Betsy, being not only a talented photographer, but also having great computer skills, was just the person to make this project happen. We took the idea to the Stockade Board and they agreed to support the project with start-up funds.

We hope to have a 2012 Stockade Calendar ready to purchase in September at our fall events. I'm already thinking what a perfect holiday gift it would make for all my friends and family who love the Stockade! - Sylvie Briber

## Events at St. George's Church

The Reverend Fr. Paul F. Blanch

30 North Ferry St. 374-3163 stgeorgesschenectady.org

### The Patronal Festival Sunday, May 22, 9am

#### **The Feast of St. George The Martyr**

The Patronal Festival is an annual event in the Stockade. There will be a Solemn High Mass and Procession around the Stockade with Pipe Band and the St. Andrew's Society and banners. **Stockade neighbors are invited to join the Mass, the Procession and festive brunch afterwards.**

St. George's plays host to the Choir of St. Chad, College in the University of Durham, England. The Choir is on their 2011 US tour that has them singing in Princeton, New York City, Albany and Schenectady.

#### **St. Chad's Choir Concert & Reception**

**Saturday, June 18, 7:30pm Tickets on sale \$10**

**St. Chad's Choir will sing the Mass at both 9am and 11:15am**

**Sunday, June 19, Trinity Sunday**





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# Riverside Park Spring Clean-up Day Saturday May 14th 9-12 pm

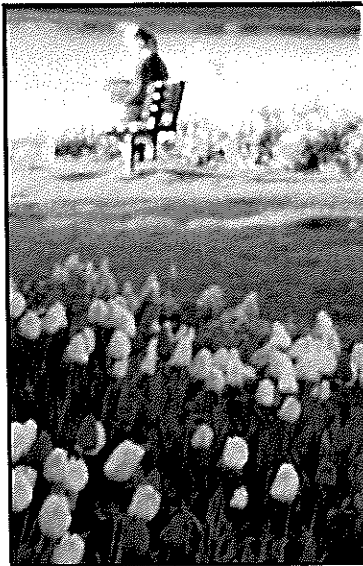
Join neighbors to rake and groom the flower beds or help with plantings. Each year we get an enthusiastic group to help shake off winter and get a start on the growing season. This year we are adding some work at the playground as well so that children and families can enjoy a safe and attractive space.

Want to help with playground improvements? Contact Tom at hodgkins.t@gmail.com. Garden clean-up volunteers can stop by Washington Avenue gardens between 9-12 and stay as long as you are able. Bring work gloves and tools if you have them.

## Stockade Garden Group Adds Color in Every Season

- Susanna Sherwood

photo by Jennifer Wells



By the time you read this let's hope spring has arrived and it's time to think about flowers and gardens here in the Stockade. When you walk in Riverside Park do you have questions about the Gardens? Did the city put them in and does the city maintain them? Would you be surprised to hear that there were no gardens in the park until 1994? Two Stockade residents started planting perennials from their own

Garden tour has become a biennial event. The group worked with the city to get water installed in several locations to make garden upkeep easier. The group was also responsible for the Riverside Park lilac and rose beds between N. Ferry and North St. Annually the group provides tulips in the spring and evergreen roping in December for the area around Lawrence as well.

Two years ago the Garden Group became a committee of the Stockade Neighborhood Association and continues to maintain two gardens in Riverside Park and the beautiful plantings around Lawrence the Indian. Volunteers are always needed to help clean up the park in the spring and to maintain the gardens. Next Garden tour will be June, 2012 and it's not too early to think about having your garden on the tour. Come join in with your neighbors and help make something beautiful we can continue to enjoy.

So as you pass any of the flowering trees or colorful beds in Riverside Park remember the first two residents with a vision to make Riverside Park a spot to enjoy.

gardens at the end of Washington Avenue. There was no water available so they carried jugs of water down to the river bank in a small red wagon.

After several years other residents began to join them and The Stockade Garden Group was formed. The group joined forces with ReTree Schenectady to plant trees in the Stockade. To raise money for the trees, the first Stockade Secret Garden Tour was held in June, 2000. It was a success and over the next two years 100 flowering trees were planted on our neighborhood streets and the

## 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:  
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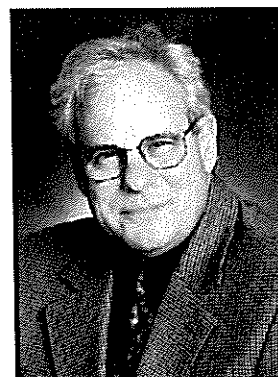
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# Calendar In and Around the Stockade

## Stockade Events

Spring Clean-up Day	May 14
May General Membership Meeting	May 12
Sidewalk Sale	June 4
Stockade Meet & Greet Night	June 9
Secret Garden Tour	June 2012
Park Summer Picnic	July 26
Stockade Outdoor Art Show	Sept. 10
Soiree	TBA
September General Meeting	Sept. 15
& Stockade Spy 50th Anniversary Celebration!	
A Walk Through History	Sept. 24
November General Meeting	Nov. 10
Tree Lighting	Dec. 4

**Schenectady County Historical Society**  
32 Washington Ave. 374-0263

• 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.

Please see page 11 for more Historical Society events.

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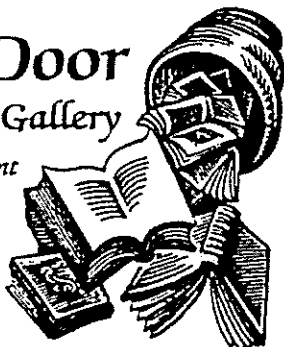
346-2719 www.opendoor-bookstore.com

- Wed. May 4, 7PM Book Bites, reviews of books for book groups (RSVP by April 29)
- Sat. May 7, 1-2:30pm Nancy Slack signs "G. Evelyn Hutchinson & the Invention of Modern Ecology."
- Fri., May 13, 7:30pm 40th Anniversary Celebration to benefit Literacy Volunteers will feature a host of well known area authors.
- Fri., May 20, 6-7:30pm (Art Night) Nancy Duci Denofio will sign and read from her poetry book, "What Brought You Here?"
- Sat., May 21, 1-2:30pm Mark Teague signs his newest picture book, "Larue Across America: Postcards From The Vacation."

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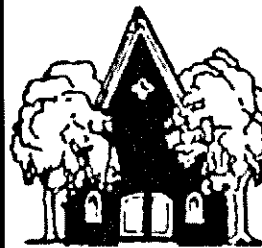
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### May Events

- **Chorus Ensemble**, Mon., May 2, 7:30pm. Taylor Aud. Free.
- **SCCC Wind Ensemble**, Fri., May 6, 7:30pm, Aud. Free.k

### June Event

- **Capital Region Wind Ensemble Concert - Compass-Rose Compositions**, features Susan Koernak, oboe and English horn soloist with music by Corigliano, Barber, Flores, Iannaccone, Schuman, & more. **Sun., June 5, 3pm**, Taylor Aud. Tickets: \$8-general admission; \$6-non SCCC students, free for SCCC students. Please call 381-1231.

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**May Waste Collection Dates**

**All Wednesdays! May 4, 11, 18, 25**

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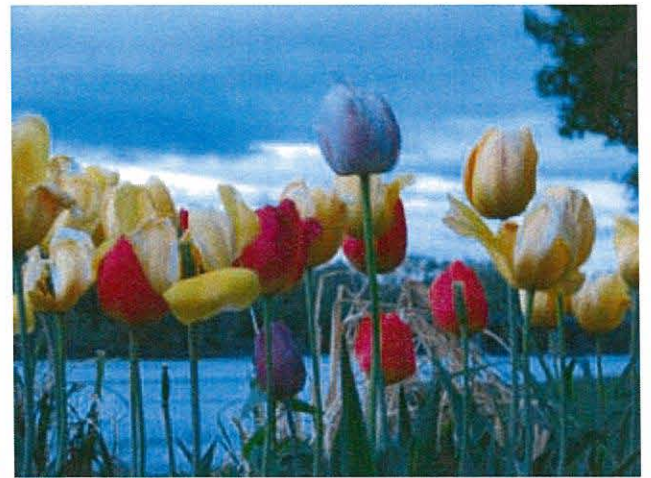
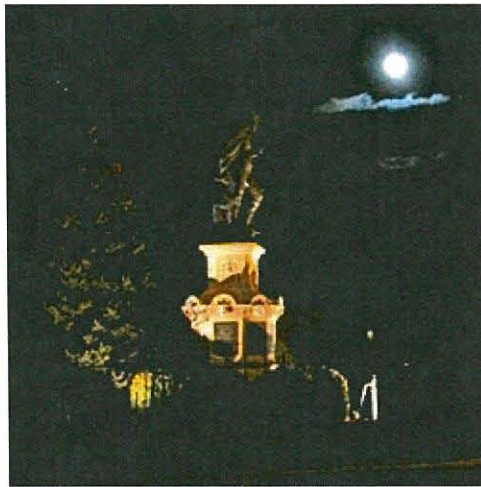
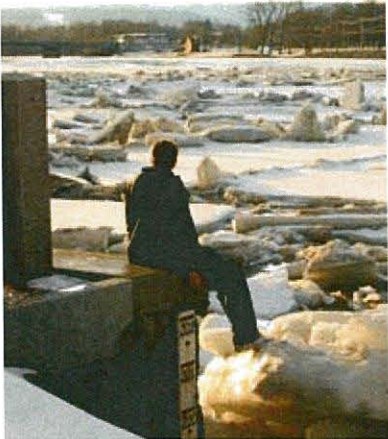
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## **Arthur's Market Discussion**

Please join us at our May 12<sup>th</sup> General Mtg. at 7pm in the First Reformed Church to discuss the options for Arthur's Market. As you know there is an application before the Schenectady Planning Board by an individual who would like to open a convenience store in the former Arthur's Market space. The applicant is expected to submit a proposal at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting after the Board requested more detailed information during the initial presentation in April. Several stockade residents expressed strong concerns about the convenience store concept at the April meeting.

Over the past few months a volunteer committee of your neighbors has been working to help the owner of the building identify a potential retail food store/deli operator who can bring a business to the Arthur's space that meets the needs and desires of enough stockade residents to support a successful establishment. At least one interested investor has been in discussion with the committee.

This issue was identified as one of the highest priorities of the majority of attendees at an earlier Association general meeting designed to give guidance to the Association Board. In anticipation of the Planning Board meeting we want to provide an opportunity for you to voice your opinion, ideas and offer assistance regarding the market future, the various potential operators and what we as residents can do to support a successful enterprise that meets our needs, no matter who runs it.

This will be our only opportunity to discuss this issue before the next Planning Board meeting which may consider the approval of the convenience store applicant. Please join us and make your voices heard!

