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“Results and Roses”

- Robert Woods



For the past four plus years I've been living at 32 Front Street doing various improvement projects on my house: putting on a new roof, replacing a furnace, digging out the basement, etc. At times it seems to be a rather daunting task, as the house had been neglected for many years. Nonetheless, I am able to live here and do a little every year. Now and then the house

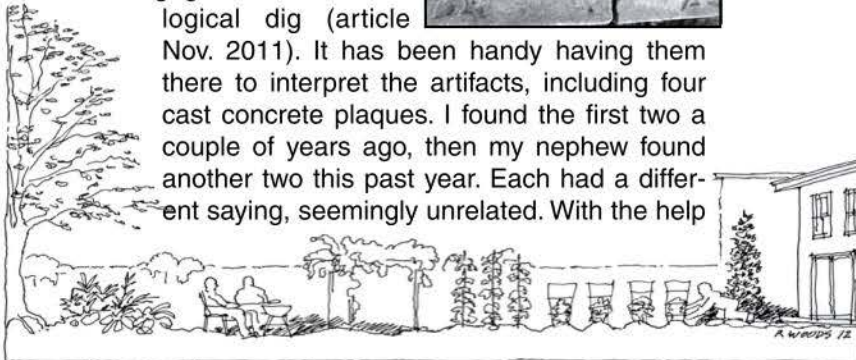
rewards me with artifacts from the past. Over the past four years I've dug up many bits and pieces of history both inside and out. Among the many projects I do in my spare time is put in an annual garden. This involves a lot of digging and I often find pieces of old pottery or nails buried in the ground. Parallel to my digging, SCCC's Archaeology Department has been engaged in an archaeological dig (article Nov. 2011). It has been handy having them there to interpret the artifacts, including four cast concrete plaques. I found the first two a couple of years ago, then my nephew found another two this past year. Each had a different saying, seemingly unrelated. With the help



of SCCC archaeologist, Louise Basa, and historian, John Gerring, the pieces came together. A brief Google search found that the sayings were part of a poem, “Results and Roses” written by Edgar Guest sometime in the early 1900's.



The poem seemed to be so relevant to what we were doing. I share it here.



The man who wants a garden fair,
Or small or very big,
With flowers growing here and there,
Must bend his back and dig.

The things are mighty few on earth
That wishes can attain.
Whate'er we want of any worth
We've got to work to gain.

It matters not what goal you seek
Its secret here reposes:
You've got to dig from week to week
To get Results and Roses.

Edgar Guest

News from The Stockade Home Market - A New Chef!

Now Serving Lunch and Dinner Everyday! - Marwa Kolaib will be creating delicious Mid-eastern dishes!
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- “A Spring Thing” Stockade Meet and Greet - Thursday, April 12 6:30-8:30pm at The Van Dyck
 - Neighborhood Safety/Watch Meeting - Tues., April 24 8pm St. George's office
 - List of Stockade Events - please see page 11
- STOCKADE SECRET GARDEN TOUR - JUNE - Date to be announced.**

• May Spy Deadline •
• April 15 •
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Neighborhood News

Stockade website: www.historicstockade.com

A meeting of **The Stockade Association Board** was held on March 6, 2012 at the First Reformed Church.

Secretary's Report - The minutes from the meeting of February 7, 2012 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report - Karen Malia reported that total funds equal \$73,584.65. This includes \$9,739.65 in the general checking account; \$20,108 in the Soiree Checking account and \$43,737 in the Morgan Stanley account.

President's Report - Mary D'Alessandro asked Valerie Ackerman about the status of the testing of Riverside Park for contaminants brought by the flooding. Valerie reported that it is very difficult to have good information on testing, unless we know what specific contaminants for which we'd be requesting testing. As a next step, Valerie will check with the city officials to learn more about their testing proce-

dures.

Mary announced that the Arts Council has approached the Association about possibly sponsoring movies in Riverside Park. We are awaiting a more specific proposal from the Council.

Mary is continuing to research ways to renovate the base of Lawrence without a major disruption and temporary relocation of the statue. Next step is to confirm if the base contains lead (as suspected) since the presence of lead has a big impact on cost.

Membership is currently 81 individual and household members and an additional 17 *Spy* subscriptions.

(All other relevant discussions were presented at the full membership meeting and can be reviewed in the General Membership Meeting summary to be published in next month's *Spy*.)

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. However, **if you are simply repairing an exterior part of your house using exactly the same materials, colors, etc. and there are no changes visible from the public right-of-way, you do not need approval.** 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://cityofscheneectady.com/development.htm>

There's \$\$\$ to Help with Your Painting, Sidewalks and Lighting

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 article to the left.

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 article to the left.

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 variety 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.



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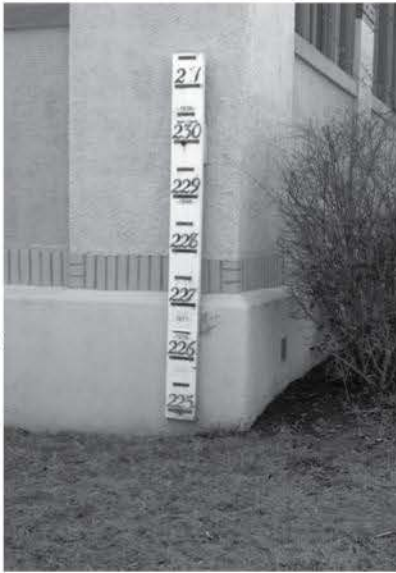
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River Gauges Out of Sync

- Valerie Ackerman

Gauge at the Pump House

photo by Valerie Ackerman



Residents of the Stockade can celebrate a mild winter which resulted in no ice jams this spring! But we need to pay attention to the changing weather patterns that are emerging in the Catskills. The runoff into the Schoharie Creek is expected to increase volumes in the Mohawk.

The US Geological Survey (USGS) and the National Weather Service have cooperated in setting up two new gauges at Lock 8

and Freeman's Bridge. According to Dr. John Garver of the Geology Department at Union College, these new gauges will enable the Weather Service to calculate when ice jams are about to occur and issue more precise advisories for upstream and downstream residents.

The new USGS gauge at Freeman's Bridge uses calculations that are more precise but not in alignment with the numbers on the physical gauge at the Esplanade and on the Pump House. There is now a three-foot discrepancy between the gauge at the Esplanade and the technical

gauge at Freeman's Bridge.

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=aly&gage=schn6> This differential also masks the actual flood levels in homes. The historical data on the site indicates that the flood in 2011 is only slightly higher than the flood in 2007. But, of course, everyone who survived the Irene flood knows this is not accurate. Only another near-flood event will help us to understand fully how this differential will result in appropriate warnings - or not.

You can sign-up for the text or email warnings about the Mohawk River conditions at water.usgs.gov/wateralert/ . If you want even more information about river conditions and projections you can look at flood maps at msc.fema.gov . Maps for Schenectady are not updated but will be soon.

At a recent public information session during Flood Safety Awareness Week, Dr. Garver urged attendees to understand that we are very likely to see increased flooding. He warned that the infrastructure of the Mohawk River and Schoharie Creek is not presently able to withstand the expected flood events.

More information on flood preparation will be posted on the Historic Stockade Website. The Stockade Neighborhood Watch will soon schedule a Red Cross disaster preparedness session. Stay tuned to the HS website, the HS yahoo group or the Neighborhood Watch facebook page for dates and times.

From the Desk of Peggy King ~ ~ ~

Serving on the City Council for 12 of the last 16 years has been a great experience. While I was always fascinated with politics, I never thought I would end up being a politician. It was my community involvement that led to my appointment to a vacant Council seat 16 years ago. I served for 6 years, was off for 4, and back on for 7.

Over the years, while we have been successful in revitalizing our downtown, many of the issues have stayed the same, particularly in our neighborhoods - high taxes, vacant houses, crime, graffiti, etc. As we face tough fiscal times, it's harder to stay on top of them. However, under Gary McCarthy's leadership, we do see progress. The Key to the City program (Key Bank) combined with the realtors work on our Open House programs, is enticing more people to become home owners in the City. Seven houses were purchased at the first Open House - hopefully there will be even more at future programs. The new approach by the Codes Department in our neighborhoods should have a positive effect, as will City efforts to foreclose on vacant properties. So there is some good news.

Other issues that the Council has been dealing with include residency for City staff (we have appointed a new Residency Board), continued consolidation of services

(Dispatch, Purchasing), City staff and City cars (the high accident rate which was a surprise to all of us and taking cars home), the Community Development Block Grant (the monies have been cut which will impact the City as well as local agencies) and, of course, the City Council appointment (I have argued for many years that we have been 7 or currently 6 individuals, 5 of whom happen to be Democrats - the split vote certainly demonstrates that).

If there are particular issues you would like me to address in future columns, please let me know.

(pking@schenectadyn.gov).

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The History & 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.

Concluding Chapter

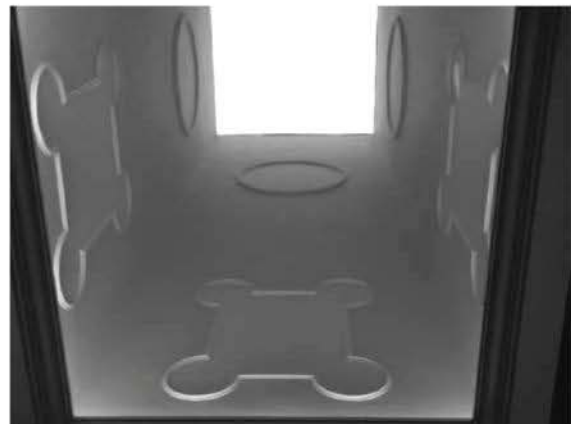
The History and Restoration of 43 Washington Avenue is nearing the end. Everything that we have done is really coming together and is looking quite magnificent. We have totally altered the condition of the building! Before we came, the building was falling down, the paint was peeling, and the plaster was crumbling. The place was just a mess. We have found many artifacts during the process of restoration, including the Dutch oven and fireplace, the skylight, and the wooden pin. Over the past few months, we have been restoring the Dutch oven and fireplace. It is really starting to look like it did in the historical photos I found! We have also successfully finished restoring the skylight. I remember the day we tore out the ceiling - that was a very memorable moment. I will never forget that day. We have finished 5 out of 6 apartments. We are still working on 1 South, but are nearing the end. I someday hope to live in that apartment so I can keep all those memorable moments I had with my dad and grandfather. It will be very sad to leave the building.



Dutch Oven and Fireplace - Before and After



Skylight - Before and After



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Beyond The Pine Plains

- Doug Thorpe

The Stockade Hanging of 1825

It was to be the trial of the century in Schenectady County in the winter of 1825 . . . the Stockade was abuzz.

In the Spring of 1824, John F. VanPatten, a school teacher from Rotterdam, just 23 years old, fell in love with Miss Josenah Fonda, an admiration that would lead him directly to the gallows.

For it was this deep attraction that led Maria Schermerhorn to dissuade Josenah Fonda out of fancy with Mr. VanPatten, for she believed him to be insane. Once John VanPatten found out about Maria Schermerhorn's intervention, he became overwhelmed with hatred. It was just a short time until he took Maria Schermerhorn's life at her home in Rotterdam with a single shot from a gun borrowed from a son of John Putman. He was caught and remanded to jail the same day and later provided a confession.

An indictment was handed up on the 9th day of November, 1824 for the murder.

John F. VanPatten, having been arraigned on the 11th day of January 1825, on the indictment of murder, pleaded not guilty. The trial was to commence the next day, Wednesday, January 12th at 9am, held at the City Hall in the Stockade, located on the corner of Union Street and North College Street, a building first erected as the West College building in 1804. When Union College moved uptown in 1814, it became City Hall until 1857 when it was razed. The Union School was built there in 1892 and razed in 1960. Today it is the parking lot for the Van Dyck Restaurant. What a shame, such a gorgeous building lost.

Judge Duer presided, the jury was set, witnesses ready, and in the next couple of weeks, his fate would be sealed. The jury returned a guilty verdict of murder. At his sentencing, Judge Duer proclaimed, "It remains, now only to declare that you, John F. VanPatten, be taken hence to the

place whence you last came, there to remain in custody of the Sheriff of the County of Schenectady, until Friday the 25th day of February next, on which day, between the hours of 9 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon, you are to be by him, led forth to the place of execution, and there hung by the neck until you are dead. And may God your maker, God your Savior, God your Sanctifier have mercy on your immortal soul."



This was the Courtyard of the City Hall at Union St. and North College St. where only 2 legalized hangings took place in Schenectady County between 1672 and 1890, John F. VanPatten being the first in 1825 and Charles Cook who hung for the murder of Mrs. Catherine Merry, a farmer's wife from Glenville, who was executed on the 18th of December, 1840. The site is now the location of the Van Dyck parking lot.

It was noon on the 25th of February when John VanPatten was led from the jail house at Union Street and Ferry St. where he chose to walk to the place where his final breaths would be taken. Schenectady's population in 1825 was approximately 6,000 people, but on that February day, records indicate up to 20,000 came to see the highly anticipated public execution. The Sheriff walked Mr. VanPatten up Union Street to the Courtyard of City Hall, where the gallows had been erected.

He was perfectly composed and had the command of his mind. He spoke to the preacher, who was the instrument of his conversation and gave thanks to God and other various individuals for their kindness.

The last words that were put to him were, "Does Jesus appear precious?" He replied, "I am happy." When the rope had been fixed to the hook, he cried, "Glory, glory, glory."

He then broke out and sang with a clear voice, which was heard amongst the silenced crowd, all the way over to the Alms house.

I am bound for the kindgom,
Will you go to glory with me,
O, hallelujah, praise ye the Lord,
Here's my heart, o take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.
O, I am bound for the kingdom,
Will you go to glory with me,
O, hallelujah, praise the Lord.

He then immediately dropped to his death.

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



Dutch Oven - *April Foole* - Beverly Elander

I've never been very good at executing April Fool's jokes. About the most success I had was with middle school students.

Me: Take out your pen for the quiz.

Student: What quiz?!

Me: The one I announced last Monday.

Student: You never told us we were having a quiz . . .

And so it continued until some sly kid in the back said, "Aww . . . April Fool!"

The charade only lasted til period 2.

Student: Miss E, are you gonna try the quiz joke on us?

The grapevine in a middle school is rapid - and effective.

So my initial thought about playing a recipe joke in *The Spy* was short-lived knowing that Stockaders are as savvy as 7th graders.

My approach instead was to research Fools - desserts with fluff and fruit. Apparently, the original spelling for this English dessert was "foole," and the first fools (dating back to the 16th) were made with gooseberries as the seasonal fruit.

A fruit fool is essentially made from four ingredients: pureed fruit, sugar, whipped cream, and an optional flavoring like vanilla, rosewater, or liqueur. Besides gooseberries, pureed and sweetened raspberries, strawberries, apples, rhubarb, blackberries, kiwi and loganberries can be "casually" folded into the whipped cream. Even combinations of fruits can be used (strawberry-rhubarb comes to mind).

Attention to the fruit is especially important. Particularly seedy berries should be strained, and the amount of sugar adjusted to the natural tartness of the fruit. If fresh fruit is used, it can be allowed to macerate refrigerated for a few hours up to a day.

Rhubarb will be making its appearance soon in Stockade gardens, so here's an adaptation for **Rhubarb Fool** that even a fool can make:

- Fresh rhubarb cut into 1-inch pieces
 - Sugar to taste
 - A few drops of vanilla (or any other flavoring that suits your fancy)
 - Sweetened whipped cream
1. Stew the rhubarb
 2. Add enough sugar to balance the tartness
 3. Add flavoring
 4. Fold chilled stewed mixture ever so slightly into a quantity of sweetened whipped cream which is at least twice as much as the cooked rhubarb.
 5. Spoon into a parfait, martini, or stemmed wine glass for real showmanship and garnish artistically with cookie crumbs, a sprig of mint, a chocolate curl, a violet, or a pansy.

(And here's my April Fool's joke: rhubarb isn't a fruit at all because it has no seeds - it is actually a vegetable.

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Archaeology Stories - Pitcher From the Past - Karen Bruhn

As part of the February 2012 Schenectady Colonial Festival, the SCCC-Community Archaeology Program (SCCC-CAP) had a display at the main branch of the public library and a subsequent display at the Begley library on the SCCC campus. The exhibit focused on the 2011 excavation of a buried stone structure discovered in the backyard at 32 Front Street. The excavation, by students of the program, under the leadership of Dr. Ronald Kingsley, revealed the structure was a deep but small underground ice vault that was built for the preservation and storage of perishable foods for residents of the household. Artifacts indicate that the vault was constructed sometime during the early 1800's, but was eventually abandoned, filled and buried during the first quarter of the 20th century when refrigeration became available.

One of the many artifacts unearthed during the excavation of this structure is a partial stoneware pitcher shown in the photo. The pieces of this artifact were found scattered within the fill soil of the vault, at depths between 54" and 72." SCCC-CAP staff and students reconstructed the pitcher. The markings on the pitcher indicate that it was

made at the William E. Warner stoneware factory in West Troy. According to the book "History of the city of Watervliet, N.Y., 1630 to 1910," Warner's factory was located in West Troy in the early 1800's and burned in 1852. This dates the pitcher to a manufacture date before 1852.



photo by D. Carter

"Wm E Warner West Troy" impressed below spout; handle not shown.

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The Moon and River Cafe is happy to announce an art show by Schenectady artist **Alec Acevedo**. Alec's specialty is fantasy art and children's art. Twenty-three year old Alec

graduated from Schenectady High School in 2006 and from Syracuse University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a concentration on illustration.

He works at Jay St. Video Games which started out on Schenectady's Jay St. but now has two locations at Crossgates Mall and Colonie Center. Alec is the in-house artist there where he designed the store logo, painted wall murals, and does commissions for customers such as pictures of "Zelda" and "Link" from the Nintendo video game "The Legend of Zelda." Stockadians may be familiar with his work as he has exhibited at the Stockade Art Show for the past six years where he has sold many copies of his children's book, "Bobert the Blue Duck."

The Cafe will host a reception for Alec on Friday, **April 20 at 6pm**. He will have prints for sale for \$20. Alec lives on Maryland Avenue in Schenectady. His art can be viewed at his website moonfoxart.com. The show hangs until April 30th.

Reflections of Beauty From the Past

What my grandmother told me -

Apple cider vinegar for shiny hair. By balancing the pH levels of your hair it causes your hair cuticles to close, making the hair shiny and smooth. But be sure to mix the vinegar with equal parts of water and don't get it in your eyes. Want more volume for hair that's thinner? Try a Beer rinse. The yeast and hops in beer are known to plump the hair cuticles and cause the hair shaft to swell. Don't use a light beer because the yeast content is lower and it won't have the same effect as a full bodied beer.

These natural beauty tips have been handed down from mother to daughter over the years. Try them - you'll be surprised at the results.

Watch for next month's "Face & Body tips."

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Stockade Oral History Project

- **Susannah Hand**

Today the Stockade neighborhood may feel like one big family. In days past though, before people even called this place The Stockade, Lawrence the Indian stood between the "haves" and the "have nots (as much)." Often those from one side found employment in the grander homes on the other.

Such was the case with Mary O'Brien, 93, (Mary Colangelo O'Brien) who grew up on Green Street. When she was a teenager, she worked as a servant in Dr. van der Bogert's home at 111 Union Street. She wore a full servant's uniform and entered and exited the doctor's home through the servant's entrance in the back. Dr. van der Bogert was a stickler for proper etiquette and he insisted young Mary learn to properly serve the table.

Photo by Jeanne Ertel



One day, he was entertaining some very important guests at a luncheon. Before they arrived, he sternly reminded Mary to make sure she served from the left. At one point during the luncheon, Dr. van der Bogert was deep in conversation with his guest . . . with his left elbow resting on the table. Poor Mary didn't know what to do. Serve from the right so as not to interrupt him, or point out that the doctor's elbow was in the way of his properly served second course? She decided serving from the wrong side would be a lesser evil than interrupting the conversation. Dr. van der Bogert immediately reprimanded the girl for her "mistake." Mary, just 14 at the time, accepted the unfair scolding in silence, but always regretted it. "I'm 93 years old," she says "and I still wish I had told him I couldn't have served from the left unless he would have kindly removed his elbow from the table!"

Do you know someone who has stories of the Stockade past? Contact Susannah Hand at (845) 825-4958 or susannah.hand@hotmail.com.

~ Tidings ~

Condolences to the family of **Mrs. Margaret Annie (Williman) Polachek** who passed away recently at the age of 95. Maggie, wife of Arthur Polachek and mother of Peter Polachek, will be fondly remembered for her dedication to the Stockade's Arthur's Market.

If you know of any new neighbors, a neighbor saying "goodbye" to us, celebrating a memorable occasion, a birth, experiencing an illness or a death, please call Sylvie Briber, 377-0469 so that we can acknowledge them in our "Tidings."

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- Carol DeLaMarter

New Project:

Schenectady Historic Stockade Audio & Multimedia Tour

The Stockade Association is looking for volunteers to provide input into this new project that will integrate the unique history and architecture of the Historic District with the newest cell phone technology. The audio tour will provide a year round opportunity for visitors to learn more about this area while here or when planning a visit to the area. Expectation is to launch the first tour version with 20 stops in May that can be expanded as the number of tour stops increases.

Several tour maps currently exist and will be used

to develop the content. As a resident you may have some suggestions as to which Stops with audio and photos should be included as they help tell our story. Perhaps you have favorites or new ones to add because of the architecture or place the Stop would have in our history. The tour will involve audio descriptions for each stop accessible on cell phone and photos for those who have SmartPhone or tablets.

Willing to help or at least intrigued? Contact Carol DeLaMarter cdelam6533@aol.com or 393-4725.

Meet a Stockade Neighbor

- Paul Quigley

I just recently moved to the Stockade in February after living, most recently, in Saratoga and Manhattan. The Stockade is such a special place, not only to Schenectady, but in the history of our nation. I am very enamored by the architecture, the history, and the graciousness of the few neighbors and residents I have met so far. I look forward to meeting more of my neighbors as the weather promotes the opportunity for more of us to be outside enjoying the neighborhood.

We are lucky to have such a talented neighbor among us! This is what Paul has been up to -

Guitarist Paul Quigley has performed with the Glens Falls Symphony, the College of Saint Rose Camerata, and at the Saratoga Arts Center Theatre, Troy Music Hall, The Riverside Church Christ Chapel series, Bowdoin College

Summer Chamber Music Festival, Lang Concert Hall at Hunter College, The Spanish Institute, Shakespeare & Company, and the Oberwald Concert Series in Basel, Switzerland. Additionally, Paul was a featured performer on the Queen Elizabeth II World Cruise as well as the Queen Mary II and Crystal Symphony ships and is a founding member of the Capital Guitar Quartet. A graduate of Schenectady County Community College and the Manhattan School of Music, Paul earned the A.S., BM and MM degrees in guitar performance and recently completed coursework for the New York State Music Certification Program at the College of Saint Rose. Paul is currently on the faculty of Schenectady County Community College, The College of Saint Rose and SUNY Adirondack where he teaches classical and electric guitar.



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-- The Stockade Scene --

St. George's Church 30 North Ferry Street
374-3163 stgeorgeschenectady.org

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 1 Palm Sunday Liturgy/ Procession at 9am
Maundy Thurs., April 5, 7:30pm Solemn Mass of Last Supper
Good Friday, April 6, 8:30am Morning Prayer and Litany
12:15pm The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
Holy Saturday, April 7 at 7:30pm The Great Easter Vigil
followed by the Easter Feast
Easter Sunday, April 8 9am Festive High Mass and
11:15am Sung Family Mass

The Feast of St. George's Patronal Festival
Sunday April 22 at 10 am Festival Mass and Procession
around the Stockade with Pipes and Drums/Banners. Followed
by the Patronal Festival Brunch.

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4/1 Palm Sunday, 10am 4/5 Maundy Tenebrae Service 7:30pm
4/6 Good Friday, 12pm 4/8 Easter Sunday, 10am

Schenectady County Historical Society
32 Washington Avenue

For April Events - 374-0263 www.schist.org

Schenectady County Community College
78 Washington Avenue, Schenectady 12305

For full listing of all events www.sunysccc.edu 381-1200

- **The Empire Jazz Orchestra**, SCCC's professional jazz repertory ensemble in residence, will present a special concert showcasing the music of acclaimed composer/arranger **Clare Fischer**. The EJO will be led by his son, Brent, director of the Clare Fischer Big Band in Los Angeles. Tues., April 17 at 8pm in the Taylor Auditorium. For tickets call 381-1231 or www.empirejazzorchestra.com
- **Artist-in-Residence John Kamitsuka**, piano, Thurs., April 5, 7:30pm. Auditorium.
- **Music Clinic with Brent Fischer**, conductor, Mon., April 16, 11:30am. Auditorium.
- **SCCC Guitar Ensembles**, Mon., April 30, 7:30pm Lally Mohawk Room.

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Stockade Events

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| April Stockade Meet & Greet | April 12 |
| Neighborhood Safety/Watch Mtg. | April 24 |
| Spring Clean-up Day | TBA |
| May General Membership Meeting | May 10 |
| Sidewalk Sale | June 9 |
| Secret Garden Tour | June TBA |
| Park Summer Picnic | July 24 |

"Body of Water"

at The Playhouse April 1 at 2:30pm

"LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD" at The Playhouse Opera Saratoga presents "LITTLE RED'S MOST UNUSUAL DAY," on Saturday March 31 at 2:30pm. Join us for an afternoon of FREE family fun followed by cookies and juice and a chance to meet the performers.

For your April Fool's Day come and enjoy the staged reading of Lee Blessing's "Body of Water."

TIGHT BUDGET??? It's FREE!

YWCA Northeastern New York
2012 Women of Achievement & Reach Awards

Thursday, April 19, Glen Sanders Mansion
5:30pm reception, 6:15 Dinner - Business Attire
Tickets \$80 RSVP by April 13 518-374-3394

The Open Door Bookstore

128 Jay St., Schenectady, NY 12305

346-2719 www.opendoor-bookstore.com

Sat., March 31, 10:30am, Alice Ozma will discuss and sign, "The Reading Promise: My Father and the Books We Shared." Held at The Schenectady County Public Library.

Sat., April 21, 10am Geneticist and journalist Ricki Lewis will discuss and sign her book, "The Forever Fix: Gene Therapy and the Boy Who Saved It." Public Library.

Sat., April 21, 1-2:30pm Erica Pelton Villnave will sign her picture book, "Sophie's Lovely Locks."

Moon and River Cafe

115 S. Ferry St., 382-1938

Free Shows - Come have Dinner!

April Events:

- Mon. 4/2 8pm Ukulele Mike
- Tue. 4/3 8pm The String Dusters - bluegrass
- Wed. 4/4 8pm The Myrth Tones - Stockade based band
- Thurs. 4/5 7pm Mark Baptiste - oldies
- Fri. 4/6 8pm Check Out Lucy - Aaron Civic's rock band
- Sat. 4/7 8pm Big Creek - Americana with great banjo
- Tues. 4/10 8pm John Birchler-Kingston Trio, John Denver...
- Wed. 4/11 8pm Snook Sisters - oldies
- Wed. 4/18 7:30pm Jazz by jazzmin
- Thurs. 4/19 8pm Running the River - New CD Party!
- Fri. 4/20 6pm Reception for Artist Alec Acevedo**
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Or call our delivery guy, Sam Boese at 986-5486 or Sylvie Briber at 377-0469.

Please Be A Good Neighbor:

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**
 (Please tell new neighbors to check back page of *The Spy* for trash pick-up dates)
- **Remove emptied trash containers ASAP**
- **Help frail neighbors clean their front yards**
- **Pick up dog poops (in plastic bags)**
- * **NO OPEN FIRES ARE PERMITTED**

Please report any wrongdoings to police immediately.

Important Numbers

- **Emergency 911**
- **Non-emergencies 382-5263, 382-5264**
- **Stockade Neighborhood Watch Officer - Lt. Thomas Harrigan call non-emergency # and request him**
- **Police Emergency 382-5200**
- **Trash Not Picked up**
- **Solid waste - 386-2225 hotline 382-5144**
- **Code Enforcement -382-5050**
- **Waste Collection Schedule & Recycling 382-5144 7:30-4**
- **Animal Control Voicemail 382-5200 ext. 5655**

April Waste Collection Dates

All Fridays - April 6 13 20 27

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. For full trash schedule: website - cityofschenectady.com/garbage.htm

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