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"Voices of the Stockade"

Documentary Premier

Tuesday, November 4, 7pm

Proctors GE Theater

For several years, we have been collecting stories of the Stockade past from our long-time residents. The neighborhood has such a rich history, and we have been honored and privileged to hear first-hand about the people and events that shaped the present day Stockade. We are grateful to those who opened their homes and shared their stories with us. Their collective memory preserves a history that is not found in city records or books - the history of neighbors and neighborhood.

Though the Stockade story continues, we are going to close this chapter with a film documentary of the footage we have recorded thus far. (Unedited full-length footage is available for viewing on youtube: Stockade oral history, and will be archived by the Stockade Association.) The film will premier at the GE theater in Proctors on Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend. - *Susannah Hand*

Project Coordinator

Stockade-athon Sunday, November 9 Plan Your Parking!

The annual Stockade-athon 15k race takes place Sunday, Nov. 9. The entire length of **Washington, Front and Ingersoll** will be closed to car traffic from 8:00am to 9:00am. If you need to drive out of the Stockade during this time, please plan ahead and park on Union, Ferry, Church, Green, so you won't be crossing the race course.

This is an important race in the running community and is often cited as a favorite of regional runners. Show your support for runners by playing musical instruments, putting up humorous signs or simply cheering!

Stockade Association 2014 Honoree of DSIC

On Thursday, November 6, 2014, the Stockade Association will be presented with the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation's Building Block Award. This is the 12th Annual Building Block Party. Each year businesses and individuals are recognized for their contributions to the Downtown.

Please join the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation and hundreds of community supporters as they celebrate the ongoing growth of Downtown Schenectady and honor the 2014 recipients of this award who make it possible.

This year, in addition to the Stockade Association, other honorees are Galesi Group, Nico's Rooftop Tavern, Proctors Guild and Schahet Hotels. Enjoy food from dozens of restaurants along with a silent auction, 5:30-8:30, Proctors, 532 State Street.

\$55 per person. For information and to purchase tickets go to the DSIC website www.downtownschenectady.com



THANKS to all the wonderful folks who came together Saturday, October 25 to paint the Green Street Bridge. It is truly beautiful!

Complete List of Stockade Events - please see page 13

Stockade Association Meeting - Thursday, Nov. 13 7pm - see page 3

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• **Dec. Spy Deadline** •
• **November 15** •
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Neighborhood News

Stockade website: www.historicstockade.com

10/16/14 Stockade Association (SA) General Meeting Minutes

1. **Julian Adams**, Director of Bureau of Preservation Services from NYS Office of State Historic Preservation (SHPO). SHPO manages federal and state historic preservation programs. One of their primary goals is to help prevent unnecessary demolition of historic buildings as a result of developmental projects and other reasons, including post-flood mitigation.

Elevation is a mitigation option as is "flood hardening" or renovation to reduce water damage to protect first floors. Elevation of houses needs to raise them above "base flood elevation" which is determined by FEMA. The use of elevation has been less common in the northeast than locales such as New Orleans, especially with houses close together and no open spaces underneath houses.

Flood streets such as Ingersoll, North, North Ferry, Washington and Governor's Lane are considered "extreme risk" by FEMA and funds may not be paid for future repair and replacement without hardening or elevation to reduce risk. Flood insurance rates are already increasing significantly.

SHPO looks for plans in historic neighborhoods for mitigation or demolition that are based on a neighborhood consensus. Special flood mitigation funding may be available through federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) that are awarded to Schenectady. The State's New York Rising program includes funding for community planning to move forward with flood mitigation, but that program appears to be in a holding pattern. There are also grants for home elevation, which were listed on the NY Rising website, which some individuals in the Stockade have successfully applied for. The existence of these grants was unknown to SHPO until two days before this meeting.

2. **Matt Smith**, Assistant Planner City of Schenectady. The City has similar concerns as SHPO. Elevation of houses would require approval by Commission, and by the Commission and SHPO if public money is used. The Commission was also not aware of grants to individual own-

ers for elevation and has no specific plans at this point as to how they will deal with elevation. Homeowners would have to apply for a permit to the City and Commission to elevate their homes as part of the normal approval process.

3. In the discussion by attendees, questions were raised about standards for elevating houses including the costs of various options. Concerns were also raised about developing a comprehensive plan instead of individual homeowners moving forward separately on their own. Others were concerned about delaying mitigation for houses at risk. There was discussion about identifying funding for an emergency study and/or planning process to coordinate efforts to elevate certain homes and integrate them with the surrounding neighborhood. It was suggested that amendments to the Historic District boundaries be made to exclude flood threatened homes. Mr. Adams cautioned against doing that, but he did state that demolition of homes sometimes makes sense in a historic district.

SA Business - Meeting was called to order 8:30pm.

1. **Spy** - Looking for writers/contributors.
2. **Walkabout** - Successful event. \$11,095 total revenue collected. SA should receive about \$6,000 after expenses.
3. **Treasurer's report** - Bank balance - \$27,242. The Garden Tour collected \$1948 resulting in \$538 profit. (submitted after meeting)
4. **Oral History Project** - "Voices of the Stockade" premieres November 4th at Proctors.
5. **Block Grant award for SA** from Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation (DSIC).
6. **Website** - meeting minutes published in the *Spy* will also be published on the website.
7. **Traffic Committee** - met and discussed traffic calming strategies and plans developed by Stockade residents to reduce cut-through traffic and risks from speeding cars.
8. **Membership** - Sign in sheets at meetings will be a regular occurrence. Currently 49 members.
9. **Nominating Committee** - two positions will be open on Nominating Committee in March. There are currently two Director vacancies on the board. The Committee is seeking applicants.
10. **Audio Walking Tour** - the tour will be updated with new sites.
11. **Preservation** - The Heritage Foundation is sending a letter to the bank that is paying taxes and insurance for 26 Front St. regarding the deterioration of home. The historic sign project has less than \$100 to meet its final goal, contact Beth Petta to contribute. The Heritage Foundation Haunted House tours are popular and additional tours were added. First Presbyterian Church project on Green St. will use shrubs not trees.

Adjourned at 9:17pm.

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Stockade Association Special Meeting

Thursday, November 13 *All Stockade Neighbors Welcome*

First Reformed Church 8 North Church Street

7:00pm Ray Gillen, Chairman of Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority will be speaking on the plans for lower State Street

Lori Harris V.P., from Norstar Development will be accompanying Ray Gillen speaking on the plans for the YMCA

The Stockade Board will propose amendments to the Bylaws requiring a vote of Association Members at this meeting
(Please see page 4 & 5 for proposed changes,)

The General meeting will also include an **Open Forum** for any neighbors to share Stockade news and welcome new neighbors.

From the Stockade Association Board -

Guiding Principles for General Association Meetings and Special Meetings:

- We come together for the good of the neighborhood, its history and preservation.
- We strive for mutual respect, good manners and polite interactions with our neighbors at all times, within the Association or Special meetings, our guests, discussions and in responsibly representing the Association in the broader community.
- We strive for consensus on all decisions. Parliamentary votes in accordance with our bylaws are for occasions when consensus cannot be reached.
- We value diversity in membership and diverse perspectives and opinions.
- In our meetings, we provide a forum for members to voice concerns relevant to our neighborhood in a safe neighborly and supportive environment.

Stockade Association Board Meeting 10/7/14 Minutes

Board Members Present - Stephen Boese, Mary D'Allessandro, Diane DeMeo, Beverly Elander, Susannah Hand, Karen Mallia, Colleen Macaulay, Robert Stern

1. Lidia Pasamanick discussed her By-Laws concerns focusing on term limits. Board members responded with their justifications for proposals, i.e. difficulty in recruiting and retaining board members.

2. *Spy* Report 3. Meeting called to order at 8pm

4. Minutes from previous meeting approved.

5. Treasurer's Report - Balance is \$27,242

6. President's Report

a. Building Block award for SA will be presented November 6th by DSIC at Proctors.

b. October 16 special meeting will have two speakers, Julian Adams from SHPO and Matt Smith from Schenectady Planning Office. This will be an informational

meeting only. To better record minutes, speakers will be asked to stand and identify themselves.

c. November meeting guest - Ray Gillen

7. Committee Reports

a. Historic Preservation committee - Discussion of Haunted House Tour and First Presbyterian project.

b. Oral History Project - Nov. 4 presentation of video at 7pm at Proctors. Discussion of buying a *Gazette* ad for the event. Formal invites will be sent to subjects of documentary.

c. Walkabout - Successful 2014 event. 494 tickets sold, decreased from 2013. \$11,095 in revenue collected.

d. Membership - 39 memberships totaling 59 members for 2014-15.

e. Website - minutes summaries that are posted in *Spy* will be posted on website.

8. New Business - brief discussion of Treasurer's draft budget.

9. Adjourned at 9:05.

**The following are the proposed amendments
for the existing constitution as amended May 2009.**

Article IV - section 3 Number: There shall be a minimum of nine and a maximum of eleven Directors, including the four Officers.

Reason: The current bylaw specifies eleven members. This change provides greater flexibility for the board to conduct its business. Both changes reflect the need to adjust the number of Board Members in order to accommodate the fewer number of volunteers willing to take on the responsibilities of serving as a Board Director.

Section 4, Election and Term: a) Directors shall be elected for a 2-year term at an annual meeting. The President, Treasurer, and from one to four additional Directors, will be elected in odd-numbered years and the Vice President, Secretary and from one to four additional Directors will be elected in even-numbered years, provided that the number of directors shall equal a number authorized in section 3 of this Article.

Reason: Is amended to consolidate the number of Officers from five to four. This is accomplished by combining the positions of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary into one position, "Secretary." This change is required to reflect the fewer number of volunteers, and is based on the experience of the past four years which has shown that there is not a substantial need for two Secretaries.

Section 4, Election and Term c) The President and Treasurer shall be elected for a 2 year term at an annual meeting.

Reason: There are no other term limits. This is based on the fact that there are few if any volunteers willing to step forward to take on these substantial responsibilities. The current persons performing these jobs are capable, competent, have served with distinction during their terms, and are willing to continue in these positions. Current bylaw limits these positions to two terms.

Section 5, Meetings and Quorum b) A simple majority of sitting Board members shall constitute a quorum.

Reason: Is amended to change the quorum for Board meeting from the current seven, to a simple majority of standing members. This is made to reflect the fact that the number of Board members will now be flexible, from nine to eleven.

Meetings and Quorum: d) A new paragraph to be added - electronic communication: Any one or more members of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear communications with each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

Reason: Is added permitting the board to communicate and make decisions via electronic communications. This is required to bring the Association into the reality of 21st century communications.

Section 6 Absences: c) To be eliminated - which states: Notice of any resignation shall be made by the Secretary or the Nomination Committee at the Board meeting following such absences or other resignation.

Reason: To eliminate an antiquated procedure for resignations from the Board. In practice, members resign by contacting the President and this is announced by the President at the Board meetings and membership meetings.

Article 5, Officers, section 1. The officers of the Association: shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

Powers and Duties, Section 3, c): Secretary: Secretary shall be responsible for:

Powers and Duties, Section 3 d): To be eliminated - which states: Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall:

Reason: Is amended to reflect the change of consolidating the two Secretary positions to one Secretary position. Section 3 (c) and (d) is amended to reflect the same change.

Article VI - Standing Committees: Standing committees may include but not be limited to the duties outlined in these Bylaws and other functions as may be determined from time to time by the Board. The President shall appoint and shall have the right to remove the Chair of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. Standing committees will be constituted as long as there are members willing and able to participate.

Reason: Article 6 is amended to specify that the responsibilities of the committees will be exercised as long as there are members willing to take on these tasks. This change is necessary to (continued on page 5)

(proposed amendments to bylaws continued from page 4)

reflect the fewer number of individuals available to do this work and assume these responsibilities.

Section 1. Events Committee: a) be responsible for coordination of annual and other neighborhood Association events, including the Walkabout, Secret Garden Tour and any other deemed desirable or necessary by the Board.

Reason: Is amended to remove the "Soiree" from the responsibilities of the Events Committee. This change is needed because the Soiree has traditionally been organized separately from the Association, because the goals and objectives of the Soiree are not fully consistent with the mission of the Stockade Association, because as a fundraiser this Soiree is not necessarily accessible and/or affordable for all members, and because its organization and management necessitates alliances and relationships that are not fully consistent with the Association mission.

Section 5, Membership: e): to be eliminated - which states: oversee block captain program.

Reason: Despite the best efforts of recent Public Safety chairs, there simply is not enough interest in the neighborhood to sustain this initiative.

Section 6, Nominating: c) consider nominations from any Association member that submits the name of a member as a nominee for the Board of Directors or for any office by submitting at least 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting in writing to the Secretary the member's name, address, telephone number and biography. The Secretary will submit to the Board of nominations for election of Officers and Directors at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting.

Reason: Makes technical changes to specify that notifications be made to the Secretary. This had previously specified the Corresponding Secretary.

Article VII Membership Meetings: Section 4, Quorum: the presence of twenty members shall constitute a quorum.

Reason: Section four is amended to change the quorum for membership meetings from 25 to 20. This represents the need to conduct business when fewer than 25 members show up for a meeting.

Stockade Association Board Vacancies

If you or someone you know is a member of the Stockade Association in good standing (has paid dues for 2014-15) and would be interested in serving on the board, please forward a letter of intent to:

The Stockade Association
Schenectady County Historical Society
32 Washington Avenue
Schenectady, NY 12305
Attention: Nomination Committee

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Planning on Some Fall/Winter 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://cityofschenectady.com/development.htm>

There's \$\$\$\$ to Help with Your Painting, Sidewalks and Lighting forms and explanations for all incentives are on the website www.historicstockade.com

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 above.

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 above.

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 Valerie Ackerman, valmapack1@yahoo.com or 346-0535.

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President's Message - - - - - Mary D'Alessandro-Gilmore

I once said to you all, "we work together to preserve what we believe in as a community. We celebrate important landmarks, for we can never take for granted the work and passion that has been put forth before us."

On November 4th at the GE Theater at seven o'clock with complimentary admission, we invite you to **Voices of the Stockade**, a documentary three years in the making and now ready for your enjoyment. The film honors the experiences and voices of the people of the Stockade and the love they have for this special place. One extraordinary and beloved voice is that of our founder Jim Schmitt, which we were blessed to hear before his passing.

A very special thanks to Susannah Hand, board member, who chaired this project.

Meet Your Stockade Association Board!



Stephen Boese recently started a new position with the NYS Education Department as Executive Secretary of the NYS Boards for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dietitians and Nutritionists, Athletic Trainers, Medical Physics and Perfusionists. Previously, he was Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of NYS.

He serves as Vice President of the Stockade Association and previously served four years as Recording Secretary. He also recently began coordination of improvements for Riverside Park and the Playground. He and his wife Cathy have spent most of the past eight years rehabbing 32 Ingersoll Avenue, the house which stands prominently at the eastern corner of Riverside Park, a job made all the more intensive when the house was flooded with almost four feet of water on the first floor by Hurricane Irene. Along with their home, they also maintain and develop the many public gardens at the east end of the park. Stephen and Cathy can be seen most nights throughout the year walking their dog Ziggy through the neighborhood, a favorite pastime.



Growing up on a farm in Clifton Park, I found my piece of heaven here in the Stockade. My name is **Diane C. (Macks) DeMeo**, married 41 exciting years to Ronald S. DeMeo, having three beautiful children with three perfect mates, Dustin & Megan, Pam & Nate, and Christina & Antwaun, who then gave me five wonderful grandchildren, Juliet, Natalie, Alexander, Angela, and Ayden. To complete my family I have two cats that share my home, J.J. and Luna. My career is a passion of service. Everyday I get to help people feel and look beautiful as a personal image designer in my studio at 232 Union Street. Trained nationally and internationally in the art of cosmetology, reiki and energy work and a certified NYS Health Coach, I can bring the knowledge of beauty and health to my clients. You are what you eat and what you think about you bring about. I belong to the National Cosmetology Association, American Association of Drugless practitioners and Schenectady Rotary. Living in the Stockade feeds my soul and lets me live in a connected neighborhood where people are diversified at so many levels and take pride in their homes and care about others - true neighbors. I am a proud member and director of the Stockade Association and encourage all neighbors to "just show up in life."

Mary D'Alessandro-Gilmore,

President, has lived in the Stockade for 11 years. "When I first moved into our home on Washington Avenue, for the very first time I knew I was finally home." She serves as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Assessment Board, Co-Chair for Schenectady with NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, Chair of Mayoral Task Force Committee for Realtors, sits on the H.O.M.E.S. committee for the City of Schenectady and a member of the Schenectady Rotary.



She is currently planning a fund raiser for the benefit of The Schenectady Civic Players and the playground in Riverside Park.

"I feel so very blessed to be living in a city where one can witness the beauty and growth and be a small contributing part of it."

She is presently an Associate Broker for Prudential Manor Homes, and within this capacity she is part of a development team targeted to help veterans.

Previously, Vice President of Marketing for a clothing designer in the garment district, marketed sport celebrities, not-for-profits, small businesses and Director of Marketing for a condominium conversion.



Beverly Elander first moved to the Stockade in the early 70's, living in a third floor apartment with a marble fireplace and a fabulous view of the Binnekil in one of Nick Colangelo's buildings at 22 Washington Avenue. Enamored of the neighborhood, she vowed to return; she did. And in late 2003 she purchased a home on Green Street where she is currently living. Beverly

found it impossible to remain isolated in the charming neighborhood. She has been a member of the Stockade Board, Garden Group and Soiree Committee. She also began the Neighborhood Watch, and chaired the SA Membership Committee. Beverly taught primarily high school and middle school science in Schenectady City Schools from 1965-2000. Currently, she trains science teachers for BOCES, Carolina Biological Supply Company, and the Smithsonian Institute. Locally, she is on the boards of Swingtime and A Place for Jazz, writes a column ("The Dutch Oven") for *The Stockade Spy*, and writes restaurant reviews for the *Schenectady Gazette*.



Joseph Fava an experienced real estate professional (Senior Sales Associate with Realty USA); civic leader and long time resident of the Stockade; property manager and rental agent for Inquiline Properties; past president of the Schenectady Civic Players and is now serving on the board as chairman of the fundraising committee; a founding member of the Park Playhouse in Albany, NY; served on the board of

the Albany Civic Players; has served on the board and as president of the Stockade Association; has been director of over 150 shows in upstate NY; past board member of the Schenectady Light Opera Company; chairman of the fundraising committee of the New Theatre in downtown Schenectady; has done costume design/set design/ and work in every area of theatre. Joseph is chairman of the Schenectady Industrial Development Association.



Susannah Hand has been in the Stockade for four years. She and her husband are slowly renovating their house at 38 North College Street. She has served as a board member for three years and has been working on the Stockade Oral history project which will premier on November 4th at Proctors. She helps organize the neighborhood Christmas celebration, securing the

tree that has graced the circle

Colleen B. Macaulay has called The Stockade home for 38 years, residing at 113 Front Street since May 1, 1976 . . . the day **Bold Forbes** won the Kentucky Derby. Involved from the very beginning with neighborhood events, Colleen remembers the annual Memorial Day Picnic in the Park (especially the egg toss). She has chaired The Villagers Outdoor Art Show, and currently serves on The Walkabout, Christmas Tree Lighting and Neighborhood Watch/Safety Committees. A freelance stylist, Colleen's work can be seen in theaters, on TV and in film here in the local market as well as regionally and nationally. A volunteer for Living Resources and WMHT, she is honored to serve on The Stockade Board of Directors, serving a community she has loved calling home for almost 4 decades.



Karen Mallia. For twenty years Jeff and I lived in a rural area near the Town of Charlton. When our sons were finished college we decided to move closer to the family business in Schenectady, Sykes-Mallia Associates, Inc. We moved into 9 Washington Avenue in the Spring of 2006 and have loved the neighborhood and living in the historic district. I work as the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director at The Charlton School, a residential treatment center for at risk adolescent teenage females.



Bob Stern is a Principal Analyst with the NYS Assembly in Albany, where he has worked in various positions for over 25 years. He has worked on policy issues ranging from agriculture to workforce development and many others in-between. Prior to that he worked for the former Carver Health Center in Hamilton Hill in Schenectady.

He is also a long-time Stockade resident, owning and constantly fixing up a home for over 25 years on North St. He grew up in Amsterdam, NY, graduated from the University at Albany and Teachers College, Columbia University in NYC. He has also lived in Massachusetts and Colorado. He is a father of two adult women, and grandfather of a little boy and a girl with another on the way. He is also the son of a 96 year old mother. In addition to his role of Secretary and website manager for the Stockade Association, he is also Treasurer for the Lake Luzerne Association.



Over the Fence

Schenectady Heritage Foundation News, *Gloria Kishton*



photos by Gloria Kishton



Green Street - After Restoration

Last year, Schenectady Heritage Foundation initiated a project to restore a historic cast iron fence and install it at the entrance to the First Presbyterian Church parking lot on Green Street. The goal was to improve what had become an unattractive area on Green St.

The Foundation met with the church Grounds Committee, headed up by Bruce Jackson, and presented a proposal for the fence project. The plan considered the continuation of the street wall a priority, along with provisions for a pedestrian walk-through, space for vehicle traffic, snow plowing, and security. With the Committee's full support, an application was submitted to and approved by Schenectady's Historic District Commission.

After bids were solicited from several contractors, Swett & Swett Welding of Schenectady was hired for the job. First, they retrieved the fence sections from the back of Tom Killeen's rental property on Green St. (Tom generously allowed us to store it there). The next step was sand-blasting the rust and old paint, followed by welding repairs and fabrication of missing parts, including new posts and finials. Finally, the fence was powder coat painted traditional black

and installed - just in time for the Stockade Walkabout.

Colleen Macaulay, head of the Stockade Association Preservation Committee, joined in the effort. She researched old maps at the Schenectady County Historical Society and learned that several houses and structures previously occupied the site. She then met ReTree Schenectady there. Unfortunately, they determined that rubble from old foundations will prevent planting trees in front of the fence. Instead, the church plans to plant shrubs there next spring.

The Stockade Association generously provided \$1,000 toward the \$4,000 project. Working together, Schenectady Heritage Foundation, the Stockade Association and First Presbyterian Church, have preserved the fence and greatly improved that section of Green St. for the enjoyment of the neighborhood and its visitors.



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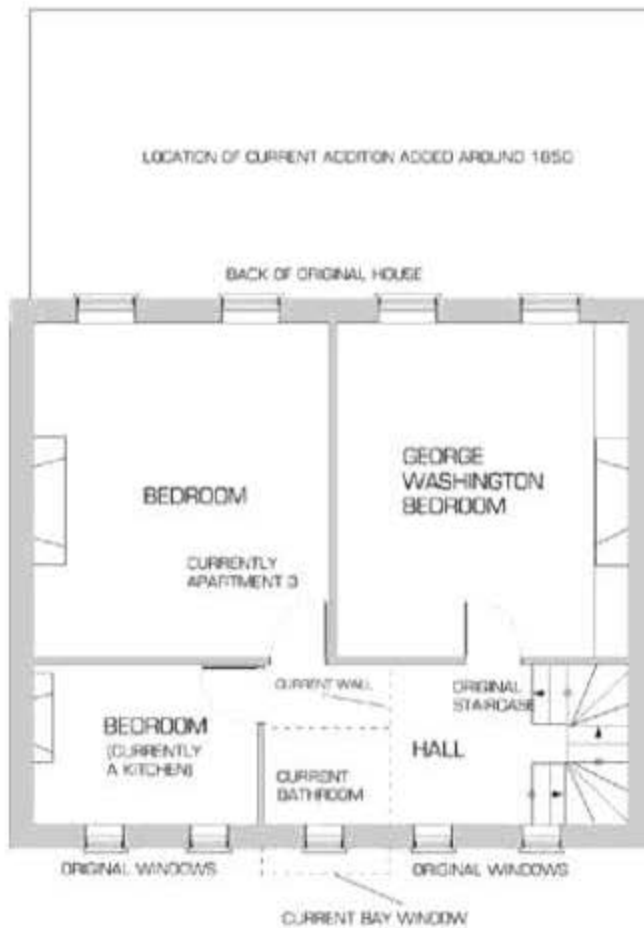
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The History and Restoration of 58 Washington Avenue - Nick Plowman

Floor Plan - Chapter 6 continued



The John Glen house was built in the year 1762 by a man named John Glen. The building is a magnificent piece of history and has been restored to perfection for future generations to enjoy. As you walk up a set of winding stairs, located in the front right corner of the building, you come up to a shallow hallway on the second floor. The hallway is currently twelve feet deep, but evidence shows it was originally twenty two feet deep. During one of the renovations there was a partition wall added in the hallway that lined up with the right side of the current bay window. This room is currently used as a bathroom in apartment number three. The hallway would have looked identical to the one on the first floor.

As you walk southward in the hallway, you will find two large doors. Through these doors you will find two massive rooms, very similar to the rooms on the first floor. Historical records state the bedroom on the right is believed to have been occupied by George Washington during his visit to inspect the city's fortifications. The room contains a large fireplace, with paneling surrounding it. The room on the left contains exquisite architectural moldings, a large fireplace, and paneling. Evidence shows that the room would have originally served as the master bedroom for the house.

In the southeast corner of the house there is a small room about nine by thirteen feet deep. Evidence shows this room would have served as a bedroom for a child. The room is currently used as a kitchen in apartment number three.

As you reenter the hallway, above the first set of winding stairs, there is a second set of winding stairs leading to the third floor. Evidence shows there was a mansard roof where the brick third story currently is. Records show that there was a fire in the building that occurred in the year 1901. I have found that the original wide plank floors were removed, which means they must have been destroyed in the fire. I have also found that the framing of the interior walls dates to the early 20th century, along with the current staircase leading to the attic.

When we started the renovation, there were paneling in various rooms. We believe they were taken out of the first and second floor and reinstalled during one of the renovations. The building has been altered from its original appearance, but many of the architectural details remain as a symbol of what the building could have looked like.



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-- The Stockade Scene --

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Stockade Events

"Voices of the Stockade"	Nov. 4
DSIC Honors Stockade Assoc.	Nov. 6
Stockade Assoc. Meeting	Nov. 13

Festival of Trees Nov. 28 - Dec. 12

Schenectady County Historical Society & YWCA
32 Washington Ave. & 44 Washington Ave.
Mon. - Fri. 9am-5pm Weekends 10am-4pm
\$5 adults; \$2 children. Call 374-0263

Pulled Pork Dinner and Dance for Electric City Food Co-op Saturday, November 15 5:30- 9:30pm

The Electric City Food Co-op is holding a fundraising Pulled Pork Dinner and Dance at the Schenectady Armory on Saturday, November 15, from 5:30-9:30pm.

Doors open for the cash bar with wine and beer at 5:30pm, a chef-prepared dinner will be served at 6, and dancing with caller Paul Rosenberg and his band the Fireflies starts at 7pm. Paul will have everyone on the floor and enjoying the dancing!

The primary locally-sourced dinner includes pulled pork with various accompaniments and **vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options**. The silent auction runs from 5:30-8:30pm.

Parking attendants will be at S. Church and Fuller between State St. and Erie Blvd. to guide people to parking. The facility is handicapped-accessible and handicapped parking is available.

Tickets are \$45 per person for members and \$55 per person for non-members, with family rates. For dancing only, tickets after 7pm are \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members.

RSVP online www.electriccityfood.coop/armory or contact Kat Wolfram by phone 522-9201 or by email kwolfram@electriccityfood.coop.

If anyone is interested in helping or sponsoring the event, also contact Kat.

The Electric City Food Co-op invites everyone in the Stockade to the event and to be part of the community which brings a one-stop food market to the underserved downtown area of Schenectady.

"Exploring Schenectady County's Immigrant Past"

This exhibit is in the van Schaick Gallery of the George E. Franchere Center at the Mabee Farm Historic Site, and on display from November 15, 2014 to February 7, 2015. Opening reception will be held Saturday, Nov. 15 at 2pm.

Choirs to Join for All Souls Evensong Service First Reformed Church November 2

The choirs of St. George's Episcopal and First Reformed Churches with singers from First United Presbyterian Church in Troy, will come together on Sunday, November 2 at 5pm for a service of All Souls Evensong at First Reformed Church, 8 North Church Street in the Stockade. Music will include "And I Saw a New Heaven," by Edgar Bainton, "Stay With Us," by Egil Hovland, and the "Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat," by John Stainer. Andrew Kyrstopouloski will be the organist and Julie Panke will direct the choirs.

November Events at Arthur's 35 North Ferry Street 894-8391

for Full Schedule check Arthur's Market Bulletin Board or website moonandrivercafe.com

- Sun. 11/2 noon Brunch w/Glenda Luck - on the wurlitzer - every Sunday
6pm Dance Party free lessons every Sunday
Wed. 11/5 7pm Traditional Irish Music
Fri. 11/7 7pm Persian Guitar every 1st Friday
Wed. 11/12 6pm Poetry Workshop
7pm Poetry Open Mic with Catherine Norr
Fri. 11/14 7pm Kitchen Jazz also 11/28

Sat. Nov. 15 10am Friends of Arthur's Market 1st meeting, for a brunch at Arthur's. Do you want to help Arthur's survive the coming winter?(costs rise, sales decline.)We'll discuss fund raising ideas & more.

Thurs. Nov. 27 2pm Second Annual Stockade Community Thanksgiving Dinner \$15 or bring a dish. Call 382-1938 to coordinate.

November Events at The Moon and River Cafe

115 South Ferry St. 382-1938 9am-11pm 7days
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- Fri. 11/7 7pm Terri & Mary Ann - old jazz songs
Sat. 11/8 7pm Dave Kitchen & Friends - jazz guitar also 11/22
Thur. 11/13 7pm from Tennessee - Anitra Jay - acoustic soul \$5 suggested donation
Mon. 11/17 7pm Hootenanny - open song circle & jam
Tue. 11/18 7pm Powerful Songwriters Mike & Carl
Thur. 11/20 8pm Running the River - oldies & fun

Kitchen Jazz is Stockade Jazz - (3 out of the 5 members are Stockaders) We'll be at The Stockade Inn Thurs., Nov. 20 at 7pm, also the birthday of singer Richard Genest. Come join us!

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