

THE STOCKADE SPY

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68th ANNUAL STOCKADE ART SHOW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th 10am -5pm

(RAIN DATE: September 8th Noon – 5pm)

Welcome guests, move cars and enjoy showing off our neighborhood!



Each year the Stockade neighborhood welcomes artists from all over the Northeast to show and sell their fine art. They often arrive very early to set up for the show which is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (rain date: Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m.).

\$1,400 in cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded including a new \$500 (*Daily Gazette*) first place, \$200 second place, \$150 Third Prize as well as prizes totaling \$1,400. If you know an artist who would like to participate, have them contact (518)-380-4384 for

registration information.

Stockade residents are proud of our neighborhood, a most unique and special place. Many people will gather on the streets and sidewalks of the Stockade for the day. It is a time to meet old friends and perhaps buy some of the fine art work or just enjoy the day. Stockade residents are encouraged to make their property visitor friendly – pull the weeds and sweep the walks. Share your sidewalk with the artists and the visitors that attend the show.

STREET CLOSINGS - Some Stockade streets (portions of Front, Green and North Ferry Streets) will be closed to all motorized transportation on Saturday, September 7th --7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or Sunday, September 8th from noon to 5:00 p.m. if rained out the prior day. **CARS MUST BE OFF THE STREETS BY 7:00 A.M. OR THEY WILL BE TOWED.** (Look for our flyers on your cars to prevent being towed).

Your help as a volunteer would be appreciated. Contact Zoe Oxley at 518 657-6560 or oxleyz@union.edu to volunteer. The show's website is www.thestockadeartshow.com. The email for the show is StockadeArtShow@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/stockadeartshow

57th Stockade Walkabout

Saturday, September 28, 2019

11am to 5pm. Rain or Shine

- Sylvie Briber, Walkabout Chair

Have you ever strolled the Stockade, gazed up at a house and wondered what it looks like inside? Here is your chance to go beyond the facade of some of our Stockade homes and discover their unique charm. **(See photo's on back page)**

This is a very exciting day – don't miss it! We have already had 56 Stockade Walkabouts in New York's oldest registered historic district.

This year we have an unusual variety of house styles and decorating from bold and striking to elaborate Victorian. You will see a 2-story tower with curved walls, homes with river views, a house filled with creative toys and a little house with antiques in every nook and cranny!

You'll get a peek into Arthur's Market to see what plans the new owner, Haley Priebe, has up her sleeve, get a tour of the newly beautified Stockade Inn, explore a dig by SCCC's Community Archaeology Program behind Governor Yates' childhood home, along with the Civic Players showcasing all their exciting renovations, special exhibits at the Schenectady County Historical Society – Childhood in Schenectady, Immigration in Schenectady and Colonial Days – artist studios at the Brouwer house, one of our oldest Stockade homes, and tours of the 1930 YWCA NorthEasternNY building. Our three historic churches will be open for tours and exhibits: St. George's Episcopal Church, the First Reformed Church, and First Presbyterian Church.

Save this special Saturday in September as a day to relax, listen to some great music, chat with friends and costumed characters and enjoy some local food all while strolling through three centuries of our fabulous history.

Tickets are \$20 in advance of the day, \$25 day of the event, and \$10 for students day of the event.

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You can also purchase tickets at:

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ATTN: October Spy Deadline - September 15th
Please email editor, Sylvie Briber: rbriber@aol.com

STOCKADE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, September 19th, 7pm

St. George's Episcopal Church, Great Hall, N. Ferry St. (parking lot on Green St.)

You can purchase tickets at: (Continued from Page 1)

Schenectady County Historical Society – 32 Washington Avenue in the Stockade
Open Door Bookstore – 128 Jay St., Schenectady
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Faddegon’s Nursery – 1140 Troy-Sch’dy Rd., Latham
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Like us on Facebook at Historic Stockade of Schenectady
A big thank you to all our homeowners for generously opening their homes to visitors and to our talented and hard-working Walkabout Committee: Dianne Crozier, Keith Dayer, Carol DeLaMarter, Susannah Hand, Gloria Kishton, Robert Lemmerman, Colleen Macaulay, Peter Rumora, and Suzy Unger.

The Stockade Walkabout is presented by the Stockade Association and the Schenectady County Historical Society with proceeds benefitting Stockade preservation and beautification.

Tidings

Condolences go out to the family of Susanna Sherwood, our Stockade neighbors, Suzanne and Richard Unger. Susanna was a beloved longtime Stockader, supporting many efforts to preserve its historic character. Through her love of gardening, she established the Stockade Garden Group years ago, organizing volunteers to create flower beds in Riverside Park and other Stockade spaces that we all enjoy today. She will be dearly missed.

Wednesday Lunch 11:30-12:30

First Reformed Church - 8 N. Church Street, Schenectady

Neighbors have been getting together over Wednesday lunch and sharing updates and enjoying the air-conditioned comfort of new Covenant Hall at First Reformed Church. This is drop in for people on their lunch hour or those enjoying the leisure of summer. Come check it out. \$2.00 donation if you have it.

What’s Happening Downtown?

Sign up for a weekly update on downtown art, entertainment and business at:

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Stockade Association General Meeting

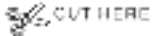
Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m.

St. George’s Church, Great Hall, N. Ferry St. (parking lot on Green St.)

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME!

Our program is a double header!

- Lauren L. Stairs, MPH, CHES, Public Health Coordinator, will be speaking about pedestrian safety in Schenectady County
- Our own Susan Brink will be giving us an update on the 2020 Census.
- Open Forum for any neighbor to say something positive or make announcements about “stuff” that impacts the Stockade neighborhood. Welcome to new neighbors. The meeting is always a good time to come and introduce yourself and to hear all that is going on in the Historic Stockade.



STOCKADE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM: October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020

Founded in 1957, the purpose of The Association is the Preservation, Protection, and Improvement of the Stockade Historic District.

Regular Membership: Upon the payment of dues, voting membership is available to any individual owning property, renting, or owning a business entity within the Stockade Historic District

Affiliate Membership: Upon the payment of dues, any individual or organization not eligible for regular membership is eligible to become a *non-voting affiliate* member designated as a “Friend of The Stockade.”

Dues: Individual - \$20; Household - \$25; Business owner - \$25; Affiliate - \$15.

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A Message from the President...

We have had a beautiful summer, not too many muggy days and lots of cool, breezy ones. In this climate, we like to make the most of the warm summer months and we have certainly seen that this year with all the construction going on. As I write this, I do not know the exact date we will see some Stockade streets paved, but we have been assured by the city that we are on the list for this season. Fingers crossed!

Our summer began with the completion of the Comprehensive Streetscape Plan and a celebration at Great Flats Brewery. Many thanks to those of you who came out to share in our community's achievement. Since then, the Infrastructure Committee has been working to implement the plan that you played a hand in creating. Our most urgent task is having the plan adopted by the City of Schenectady. We have reached out to officials as the first step in this process.

In the meantime, we are focusing on trees. Our plan includes a detailed inventory of existing trees and an extensive list of trees we could plant that are suitable for a close knit urban environment like ours. As we learned in our tree pruning workshop on July 27, sometimes the best way to maintain a healthy urban forest is to replace sick or dying trees with healthy ones. Our plan has specific information about what types of trees are best in which locations. It is sad to see an old tree go, but in order to improve the health of our Stockade forest, we will need to plant better, healthier trees. For more information on trees, check out that section of the plan at historicstockade.com. Click on the link to the streetscape plan.

Our major fund raising event this year is the Walkabout, a walking tour that includes a chance to peek inside some of the beautiful buildings that make up the Stockade. It will be on Saturday, September 28. Tickets are on sale now online, at the historical society and selected local businesses. Go to historicstockade.com for further details. Many, many thanks to the property owners who have offered to open their homes that day. We could not do it without you! If you would like to help out the day of the event, talk to any board member or email us at stockadeassociation.com. It is a fun day and a great way to get to know your neighbors.

Our next general meeting is on Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. at the great hall of St. George's Church. Our program is a double header: Lauren L. Stairs, MPH, CHES, Public Health Coordinator, will be speaking about pedestrian safety in Schenectady County and our own Susan Brink will be giving us an update on the 2020 Census.

Enjoy these last days of summer. I look forward to seeing you soon.

-Suzy Unger, President

Community Archaeology Fall Courses at SCCC

For Fall 2019, the Community Archaeology Program at SUNY Schenectady County Community College is offering the following Basic Certificate courses: Native American Archaeology, Recording and Archiving Archaeological Data, Archaeology of the Occult and Non-Western Cultures, Experimental Archaeology: Replicating Early Technologies 1, Gravestone Cleaning, Zooarchaeology: Faunal Studies.

For more information, visit our website at www.sunysccc.edu/About-Us/Workforce-Development-and-Community-Education/Program-and-Course-Catalog/Fall/Archaeology, or contact the Division of Workforce Development and Community Education at 518-595-1101, ext. 3 or 4.

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STOCKADE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

May 16, 2019 - St. George's Church Great Hall

Program: Mayor Gary McCarthy and Paul LaFond, City Schenectady Commissioner of General Services talked to the group about the plans for the Pump Station in Riverside Park. John Coluccio, Signal Superintendent City and Cheong (John) Linn, Project Manager, Street Light Deployment, National Grid also spoke.

Open Forum: The Art Show will be September 7. The deadline for painting and sidewalk Incentives is June 1. New Members were introduced.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:13 p.m.

Minutes: Were approved by acclamation on a motion by Bruce Holden.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Lemmerman gave the Treasurer's Report. He presented a copy of the budget

President's Report: Carol DeLaMarter reviewed the issues that occurred during her four-year tenure including the Pump Station and the Streetscape Plan.

Elections: The slate as nominated was passed by acclamation on a motion by Bruce Holden. The following members were elected to the following offices for two-year terms: Suzanne Unger, President and Susan DuFour, Treasurer Recording Secretary, Donna M. Doll (completing term ending 2020), Jasmine Roberts, Director and Lyn Gordon, Director. The following current directors agreed to run for another term: Doug Chilton and Keith Dayer

Committee Reports:

Infrastructure: Suzy Unger gave an update on Streetscape Plan

Finance Committee: Mr. Lemmerman presented the Year-to-Date Expense and Income Report.

Safety: Colleen Macaulay reported on plans for the June 1 Sidewalk Sale and the picnic on July 23 in Riverside Park.

Beautification: Ms. Unger reported on plans to replant some of the plants at the Indian.

Appraisers Road Show

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12 South Church Street. - Sept. 14 & 15 9am - 4pm

Last year's Appraisers Road Show proved such a success, attracting overflow attendance, that it is being brought back, Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15, from 9 am to 4 pm each day.

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SO WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY?

-Suzanne Unger, President

The question comes up from time to time, what do I get for joining the Stockade Association? I happen to think that the question should be the reverse, "What can I do to support the Stockade Association?" By joining our neighborhood association, you are supporting the work your friends and neighbors are doing to protect and improve the Stockade neighborhood. So in a sense, you ARE getting something from your membership: a better Stockade.

Starting this month, we are going to publish a brief item called, "What Have You Done For Me Lately?" It will list some of the recent activities and achievements that the Stockade Association has accomplished recently. It will be a way for you to keep tabs on our activities and offer feedback. Here is the list for this month's issue:

- Met with city staff to plan for adoption of the Comprehensive Streetscape Plan by the City of Schenectady.
- Ordered two benches to replace the ones near Lawrence the Indian.
- Sponsored a tree trimming workshop with Retree Schenectady arborists.
- Met with city officials and New York Department of Conservation (DEC) staff about tree maintenance in Schenectady
- Attended a DEC workshop on how to apply for grants to support a tree maintenance program
- Met regularly with city officials to keep neighbors up to date on construction activity
- Solicited and obtained sponsorships for the 2019 Walkabout
- Met regularly to plan the 2019 Walkabout
- Held a picnic in the park on July 30
- Held a "Get to Know Your Neighbor" gathering at the Halstead's home on August 18.

This is what I can think of off the top of my head. It does not include the regular board meetings, committee meetings and planning that is necessary to keep any successful organization running. As you can see, it is more than any one person can do. Your friends and neighbors put in the time and effort to make it happen. We are working hard to keep the Stockade a vibrant, attractive neighborhood and we welcome any who want to join us in this effort.

Update from City Hall - Carol DeLaMarter

Time for an update after a long summer of projects impacting Stockade residents. For more timely updates join the Stockade Association and give us your email address. Stockade Association leaders have been regularly meeting with city staff in order to provide responses to neighbors.

Forcemain sewer project- Has begun on N. Ferry and Green St. Early test pit digging has identified pipe placement options and saved many trees that will not need to be removed on Green St. Currently new watermain is being placed on Green St. Forcemain construction is scheduled to begin at the top of Green St. This will impact traffic flow and access so be aware of traffic posting. Use Church and Union Streets to get to Erie during the weekday.

N. Ferry St. Pump Station Relocation project-After final approval by Governor's Office of Storm Recovery and HUD, the city has received bids for this large project. No contractor has been selected at this time and no date set to begin.

Paving in the Stockade-City paving priorities within the city includes, Union, Church and Front St. The City expects to begin paving once the new paving contractor is selected in September. There are still some questions about final restoration on other streets that would be the responsibility of National Grid contractors. The Stockade Association Infrastructure Committee is addressing this. Stay tuned.

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STOCKADE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

June 5, 2019 - Mohawk House, First Reformed Church

Board Members: Doug Chilton, Keith Dayer, Donna Doll, Susan DuFour, Lyn Gordon, Colleen Macaulay, Nathan Morgan, Jasmine Roberts, Peter Rumora, Robert Stern, Suzy Unger. Members Absent: Doug Chilton, Jasmine Roberts, Peter Rumora, Robert Stern. Guest: Carol Delamarter.

Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of Agenda-**Motion** by Nathan Morgan

Secretary's Report: Approval of March 30 minutes-**Motion** by Suzy Unger

Treasurer's Report: New Accounting System-**Motion** by Susan Dufour

Invoice form to be utilized for membership-**Motion** by Susan Dufour

President's Report: Ground Rules, Meeting Dates-**Motion** by Lyn Gordon

Board notes that there are no excused absences from board meetings per section 6a of the By-Laws.

Standing Committee Reports

Infrastructure Maintenance: Motion to authorize Infrastructure Committee to order 2 benches was made by Keith Dayer
Streetscape Plan Approval*- Motion made by Nathan Morgan to approve Streetscape Plan

Finance: Incentives Applications-**Motion** made by Suzy Unger that the SA pay \$500 to each applicant for described repairs using \$2,000 from the Incentives line item and \$1,000 from Tree Incentives direct line item.

Motion made by Suzy Unger that the Stockade Board direct the president to discuss with the president of the Heritage Foundation the possibility of making an annual donation to the Foundation to support renovations in the Stockade Historic District. This would replace the current incentives program administered by the Association.

Colleen Macaulay abstained.

Membership: Current Status- Carol Delamarter reported

Committee on Safety: Sidewalk Sale Report and Picnic – Colleen Macaulay reported Event Committee – Walkabout- Suzy Unger reported

Beautification Committee: Suzy Unger reported

Old Business:

Trademarking Stockade Logo Update – Suzy Unger reported
SA Audio tour is now called “Discover The Schenectady Stockade” – Carol Delamarter reported

New Business:

Colleen Macaulay made a motion to recognize the Van Dyck on its 10th Anniversary

Important Dates:

June 21, 5-8 Great Flats, Streetscape Plan Approval July 30, 6 p.m. Picnic in the Park, Sept. 8, Art Show, Sept. 28, Walkabout

*There are no minutes for the May meeting since there was no quorum.

**These items will require a motion and a vote.

The specific purpose of The Stockade Association shall be the preservation, protection and improvement of the neighborhood within the area designated as the Stockade Historic District by the Historic District Ordinance of the City of Schenectady, New York

Doug Chilton Resigns from Stockade Board

We regret to announce the resignation of Doug Chilton from the Stockade Association Board of Directors. Doug has made a tremendous contribution to our neighborhood by heading up a campaign to remove litter. If you see someone in a yellow hat with a “grabber” collecting the trash that accumulates on our streets, thank Doug. Unfortunately, his busy schedule prevents him from participating at board meetings on a consistent basis. Doug tells us he plans to continue his fight against litter. We hope he does! Many, many thanks to Doug for his contributions to the historic Stockade.

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Photos by Lynne Trudeau Jonquieres

Lynne's Stockade photos will be on display at The Stockade Art Show, Saturday, September 7th, 10am to 5pm.



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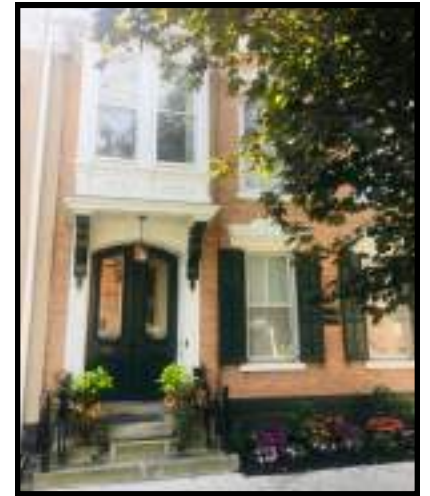


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