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Stockade Calendar

"Van Curler Hotel Story"

Speaker: Larry Hart
Thurs., Oct. 1, 3 PM
SCCC, Elston Hall
Mohawk Room

"The Blessing of Pets"

In honor of St. Francis
Sat., Oct. 3, 4 PM
St. George's Churchyard
Treats for all!

"Great Baseball Films"

Rob Edelman, author
lecture, slides
movie presentation
Tues., Oct. 6, 7 PM
SCCC Auditorium

Harmonic Brass of Munich:

performance, clinic,
master class
Fri., Oct. 9, 4-6 PM
SCCC Begley Building
Rm. 160, details: 381-1200

Casola Dining Room: Nearby Gourmet

Save your appetites! The Casola Dining Room at Schenectady County Community College reopens the week of October 5 with an exciting menu of American classic cooking. Old hands will look forward to going back, and new residents of the Stockade have a gourmet treat in store.

The Casola Room is actually a working lab for SCCC's culinary and restaurant management students, but has made a reputation as a fine restaurant for local (and not so local) patrons. A full three-course lunch is \$11 per person and you may bring your own wine at a \$3 per bottle corkage fee. The noon meal is served Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at noon and 12:30 PM. Dinners are \$15, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:00 and 7:30 PM. Reservations may be made any time by calling 382-9210. Good eating!

The fall semester focuses on American cuisine, with a schedule as follows:

Week of:

October 5	Opening Week - New York State
October 12	Pacific Northwest
October 19	Cajun Creole
October 26	Southern/Soul
November 2	Mid-Atlantic States
November 9	American Heartland
November 16	New England
November 23	New England Thanksgiving (closed Wed. evening Nov. 25)
November 30	Southwestern
December 7	Hawaiian (Last full week of operation in 1998)

- Anne Siddall

November

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Deadline

is

October

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"National Archives Week: Historical Markers"

Speaker: Philip Lord from the NYS Museum, Sat., Oct.10
1:30 PM Refreshments, 2 PM Program
Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave.

"History of Scotia's Glen Sanders Mansion"

Larry Hart, Tues., Oct. 13, 3:30, SCCC Auditorium

Lecture: "Angels Don't Die"

by author, Patti Davis, (daughter of Ronald & Nancy Reagan)
Thursday, Oct. 15, 7 PM, SCCC Auditorium

"Dancing at Lughnasa"

Schenectady Civic Players, Oct. 16-18, 21-25,
8 PM, 2:30 Sun. Matinee, \$10
12 South Church St., Box Office: 382-2081

National YWCA Week Without Violence

October 18-24

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Domestic Violence Hotline: 374-3386

"The Phantom Ad irondacks"

Lecture/slides by journalist, Amy Godine
Tues., Oct. 20 7 PM, SCCC Auditorium

The Empire Jazz Orchestra

Tues., Oct. 27, 8 PM, SCCC Auditorium


"The Burning of Schenectady"

Don Hulett, Schenectady Historian
Oct. 29, 3 PM, SCCC Elston Building, Mohawk Room

SCCC Wind Ensemble

Fri., Oct. 30, 7:30 PM, SCCC Auditorium


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Stockaders "Dancing At Lughnasa"


Matthew Moross is director of the current play at The Civic Playhouse and Melissa Brown stars in it. Neighbors may want to also check out the Green Room at The Playhouse for the exhibit, "Irish Women in America," installed by the Irish-American Heritage Museum. At play's end it will be off to Atlanta.

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 Mon., Oct 19 - Protecting Our Children Fri., Oct. 23 - Eliminating Racism & Hate Crime
 Tues., Oct. 20 - Making Our Schools Safer Sat., Oct 24 - Replacing Violence With Sports, Recreation & Fun
 Wed., Oct. 21 - Confronting Violence Against Women Call 374-3394 for information, pledge cards or to help.

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The Stockade Association Membership Drive - 1998

For 41 years, The Stockade Association has been carrying out its mission, defined in the Constitution as "the protection and improvement of the properties" within its boundaries. Its ten specific objectives relate to preservation of the Historic District and quality of life for its caretakers.

The Association helps assure stability in this neighborhood that has been termed "a national treasure" and is enjoyed by visitors from all parts of America and abroad. Some of the current activities of the Association include:

- Representing the Stockade when faced with threats to its well-being
- Physical improvements through expanded monetary incentives
- Riverside Park Cleanups, tree purchases, and contribution for playground equipment
- Neighborhood Watch
- Communication through publication of *The Stockade Spy* and Block Representatives
- The Walkabout fundraiser (sharing half the proceeds with the Schenectady County Historical Society)
- Community Tree Lighting event
- Annual Sidewalk Sales
- Significant support for the Stockade Gateway Project

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STOCKADE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Jack Zegger, Corresponding Secretary

Board Meeting, September 1, 1998

The Board discussed architect John Senisi's broad plan for redeveloping Schenectady, (The Sunday Gazette, August 16, 1998), including the Stockade and the waterfront. While the Association supports dredging the Binnekill, other aspects of the plan, e.g., a proposed marina on the Binnekill, a pathway connecting the marina with the Union College Boathouse, have been rejected by the Association in the past. The ad hoc committee for the Historic Stockade web page approved information about the September 26 Walkabout. The Board was informed that the Historic District Commission had approved a proposed roof reconstruction at 150 Front Street and paint selections for 142 and 157 Front Street. Some Stockade business owners attended a meeting of a new organization called Business Representatives Aligned for Community Enhancement (BRACE). The Board voted not to replace our representative who has resigned from the YMCA Board of Management. Matters of concern will be discussed at other organizational meetings, e.g. BRACE, United Way. A SPY financial report was presented to the Board; no financial subsidy will be needed at this time.

General Meeting, September 10, 1998

About 30 people heard guest speaker Drew Lochte, Assistant Corporation Counsel, speak on prosecution of building code violations. He reviewed how complaints are initiated by the City and community, prioritized based on danger to the community, and subsequently handled (fines, appearance ticket in Police Court). The talk generated many questions from the audience. President Hayner announced the 1998 Garden and Landscape prize winners: First Prize \$200, Fred Heitkamp of 12 North Street; Second Prize \$150, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Malecki of 21 North Street; Third Prize \$100, Peter and Michele Stabinski of 151 Front Street. Honorable Mention awards went to the First Reformed Church and to Crystal Daigle of 124 Front Street. The membership voted \$50 to the Garden Club for flowers around the Washington Avenue turnabout.

Front Street Bridge Painting Completed

On September 5 about 30 Union College freshman students and members of the Upper Erie Boulevard Task Force gave the final paint coating to the Front Street bridge. They also trimmed and weeded in Front Street Park. We are very grateful for these improvements.

SHOULD LANDLORDS BE TRAINED?

According to an article in *The American Enterprise* (July/August 1998), adapted from a book "The Wealth of Cities: the Centers of American Life" by Mayor John Norquist, the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has initiated a Landlord Training Program. The program is based on the assumption that landlords may not know how to manage residential properties. Landlords are taught how to legally screen against bad tenants—those with a history of damaging property, engaging in criminal activity, or simply not paying rent. They are also taught that a well-kept property will attract reliable tenants. Over 30% of Milwaukee's landlords have completed the program and code violations have dropped "substantially." It was suggested to Drew Lochte at the September General Meeting that Schenectady should have a similar program especially those who have received a code violation.

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Stockade Art Show A Huge Success!!!!



Jeanne Toth with her photo of Arthur's

At last, no significant rain this year to shorten the 47th Annual Villagers' Outdoor Arts Show, much to the relief of chairs Matt Volks and Connie Colangelo. Just a few drops and it was over allowing for a very successful event.

Over 90 artists registered and works of 22 of those artists will be featured at an exhibition at the Schenectady Museum from September 19 to October 4, with a reception honoring the artists.

First prize was awarded Gail Cort for her expansive view from Thatcher Park while her son, Ben Hemmendergee, received a student award. Second prize went to Barbara Messina and Third prize to Corliss Carroll appearing at her first art show. Michael Schlieffe, the only artist with his own tee shirt, won the People's Choice Award for an artist making a first appearance at the show.

Stockade artists displaying their works included Crystal Daigle, Jeanne Toth and George Weinheimer.

This event is run by a Board of Stockade residents. If you would be interested in serving contact Matt Volks or Connie Colangelo. Planning begins in October for next year's show.

- Karen Johnson



Crystal Daigle with her oils



Aria Watrous, widow of John Watrous, one of the founding members of the Art Show, and her son, Peter, visit George Weinheimer.

T I D I N G S

Welcome to: • Lynn and Richard McIlravy-Ackert and their daughter, Olivia, now living on Union Street.
• Mike Hagerman who has moved to Union Street.

Farewell to: • Michelle Martinez at Arthur's who has started her junior year at Hunter College in NYC.
We shall miss her smiles and kindness and wish her all the best.

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Music at Riverside: "KEITH PRAY 'N DR. A"

Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 PM will see the Riverside Condominiums, 137 Front Street, hopping with Jazz 'n Classical. Yes, John Aasmundstad is back and this time with Keith Pray and his quintet. The jazz will be originals and standards, and the classical will be Mozart, Stravinsky, and Hindemith on clarinet and piano.

John Aasmundstad retired as a member of the first clarinet section of the United States Air Force Concert Band, Washington, D.C., where he performed annually as clarinet soloist at the Capital or Jefferson Memorial. Performing at the White House during the administration of five presidents, he also participated in semiannual nationwide and overseas concert tours. Following his Air Force retirement, John taught at Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio, Schenectady County Community College and Dickinson State University in Dickinson, North Dakota. John had the honor of teaching Keith (and many other wonderful students at SCCC) and is grateful to have learned from them. John has been part of the Riverside "family" since 1990.

The Keith Pray Quintet is a local group that performs regularly around the Capital District. The musicians are all free-lance musicians who play with many different people and different styles. Two saxes, a guitar, bass and drums are the instruments. The group includes two former SCCC students as well as one who is currently enrolled.



Anne and Joe Bernat, coordinators of Walkabout '98, hoist the traditional banner.

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Busy Stockade bees tend the garden at Riverside Park. They planted many chrysanthemums on Saturday, September 19. It makes for a beautiful autumn stroll along the river.

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Slides of the Stockade at the Spectrum Theatre in Albany highlighting the Walkabout were shown during September. Famous Stockaders appeared on the Channel 6 morning show, "Breakfast with the Neighbors." And Schenectady 2000 did a great page for the Walkabout, and so did *The Gazette's* Jeff Wilkin.

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October

Waste Collection Dates

Friday Oct. 2
Friday Oct. 9
Monday Oct. 19
Monday Oct. 26

Put out last night
among the garbage cans and
sacks
along the street
a silvery balloon
limps lettered in the ground wind
jerked by its short leash.

From up here
I watch a car
whip it on the curb
or batted against the cans
it slowly works its way
pulling at its line
back to the gutter
face down.

Someone can save it
from tires and garbagemen.

Wind-lashed ladies
with a dog
who've already picked up stray
wrappers
stop to pull it by its ribbon up
to press it bulging
more firmly among the junk.

Another walker merely glances
at its grimy gleam.

My love
from early swimming at the Y
looks up at me instead.

The garbage truck looms
down the way at last
can by can
until the big guy turns that one
into the maw ---

But it's escaped! is rising!
He reaches up
flicks forefinger at its
thin passing skin
upward and it rises
to rest a moment
on my eye-level wire overhead
and then begins to sink.

The truck moves off
but he turns back
to see it settle by a parked car
from where he picks it up
and walking on
flips it up again.

Finally it now is drifting down:
Look out
she says
"You can't bring that thing in here."

So I step outside to tie it
to the handrail
next door:
"I Love You"
bopping on my neighbors' step
when they go out
for bringing in the empty cans.

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STOCKADE KIDS KORNER

Why was the skeleton afraid to go to the horror movie?

"He didn't have the guts."

submitted by
Andrew Houston