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Stockade Calendar

Stockade Association

General Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 12

7 PM Social, 7:30 Program

Celebrate Our Stockade:

Awards, Slides, and Video

"Places to See and Be Seen:

The Making of New York's

Resort Communities"

Lecture/slide show by

Theodore Corbett

Tues., Nov. 3, 7:00 PM

SCCC Elston Hall,

Lally-Mohawk Room

Election Day Ziti Dinner

with meatballs, salad,
coffee, and dessert

\$6 adults, \$4 children

take out available

Nov. 3, 4 - 8 PM

Holy Cross Church

College Street

December *Spy* Deadline:

November 15

Still Talking

About

The Walkabout!!!

It was a great success with over **800** people attending. Thanks to all those who made it a wonderful event. See page 2 for more!

Meet Me In Schenectady!

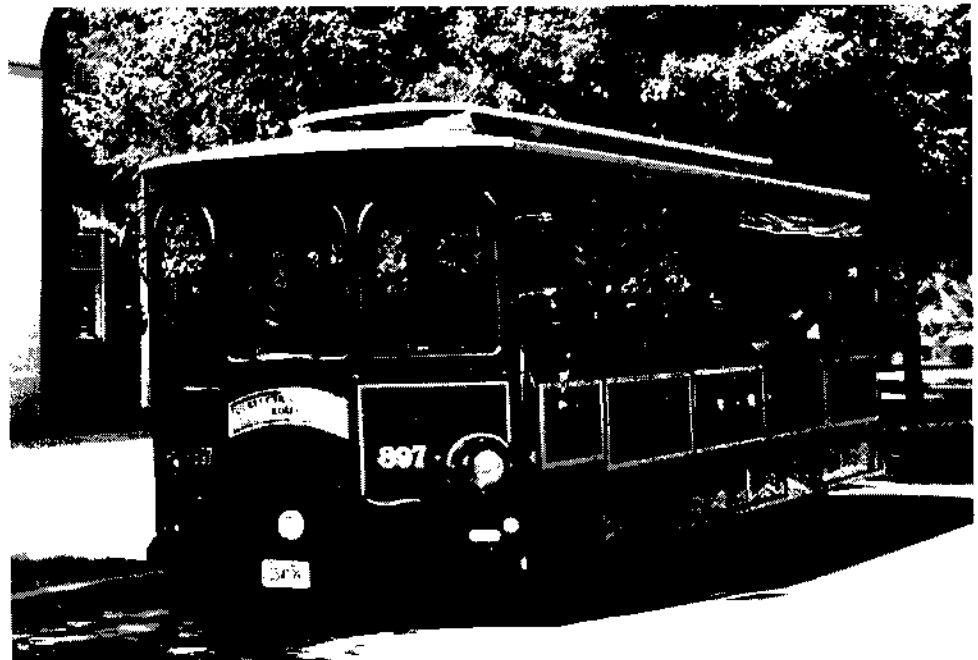
"Clang, Clang, Clang Went The Trolley"

The trolley comes to The Stockade! With an old-fashioned fee of 25 cents, the "Electric City Trolley" stops in front of the Van Dyck Restaurant on weekdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, fifteen minutes after every hour. Its one hour loop takes you to 20 important stops in Schenectady, both for business and pleasure. Here are the sites with the time the trolley stops after each hour:

Schenectady Museum	0:00	Proctor's Theatre	0:27
Schaffer Senior Center	0:01	Summit Towers	0:30
Rugby Road/GE Plot	0:05	Shonowee Village	0:32
Ellis Hospital	0:08	Ten Eyck Apts.	0:34
Ramada Inn	0:12	Stratton Plaza	0:35
Stockade/The Van Dyck	0:15	City Hall/Jay St.	0:37
The Gateway Landing	0:17	Library	0:39
The Canal Bike/Hike Trail	0:18	Holiday Inn	0:43
Community College	0:21	Days Inn	0:44
Liberty Park	0:24	Museum/Visitor Ctr.	0:47

Why take the trolley? Maybe you're a one car family or have no car at all! Or maybe shopping and the library make your load too heavy to carry home. Or maybe you just like the nostalgic simplicity of it all! All aboard!

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STOCKADE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Jack Zegger, Corresponding Secretary

Board Meeting, October 6, 1998

Board member Jennifer Wells reported that the web page "historicstockade.com" had been approved by INTERNIC and was expected to be available by October 21, 1998. Barbara Sauer reported on the October BRACE (Business Representatives Aligned for Community Enhancement) meeting. Invited guests Robert McEvoy, County Manager, and Francis Potter, District 4 Representative, discussed Metroplex. Board members discussed the issue of vacant buildings in the Stockade and how to encourage maintenance and ultimate sale. David Marhafer reported that, as of October 6, thirty-three residents had rejoined the Association and encouraged all residents to become members (see *Spy* page 3 for membership coupon). He reported from the October SUN meeting that the County is asking all residents to participate in a "recycling day" on November 10.

Gateway Task Force Active

The Stockade Gateway Task Force is working to complete the entranceway project by installing car barriers on both sides and selecting appropriate monument inscriptions. The next phase of the project will be to finalize the design of the proposed landscaped parking lot on the former Ladd site and to secure necessary funding.

Guidelines for Installation of Cable Television Boxes and Wires

Property owners in the Stockade Historic District should be aware of the general guidelines adopted by the City a few years ago, primarily for multifamily residences. The guidelines were based on those adopted by the City of Albany's Historic Resources Commission. They are "intended to reduce the visual clutter and inappropriate appearance that result from the haphazard placement of mechanical equipment on the exterior of buildings...."

Following are some of the guidelines:

- Installers should give property owners adequate advanced notice of intent to install box and provide the owner an opportunity to choose a preferred location, reject a location proposed by the installer, and suggest alternate locations.
- Boxes should be located inside a building, at the rear of a building, or at any location where they are completely hidden from view.
- Wherever possible, wires should be located along vertical or horizontal building elements such as projections/recesses, doors/windows, cornices, molding, etc.
- Existing moldings and other decorative elements must be respected whenever wires are installed. Wires should go around rather than over or through such elements whenever possible.

It would seem that loose wires or wires entering a building through brickwork or wooden siding are inappropriate in the Stockade Historic District, especially when visible from the public way.



Tidings

- Welcome to Michael Galbraith, Anne Lindyberg and their children, Matthew and Genevieve, who have moved to North Ferry Street.
- Welcome to Helen Mealy who now lives on Front Street.

HISTORIC COMMISSION NEWS

The Schenectady Historic Commission met on October 19 and approved Elizabeth Taft's plan to remove 45 feet of existing wood fence at 10 Front Street and replace it with a deciduous hedge.

The Stockade Spy

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Time is such an intangible thing and it depends on what time you're talking about - there's present time, of course, and the other two on either side of it: future time and past time. The date markers bestowed by the Schenectady County Historical Society deal with past time. For the Society's criterion in this instance is genuine antiquity. Size, elegance, or architectural merit have no bearing when authorizing the date markers.

Back in 1955, a group of downtown residents (it was not known as the Stockade then) launched a program to place date markers on as many of the old historic structures as could be authenticated. This marker committee encouraged home owners to unearth their houses' history and the Historical Society consented to the use of its seal on the markers after verification of the date uncovered. The terminal year of the period covered by this activity was originally set to be 1825. Some years later it was realized that history did not end in 1825 and a sliding date was decided upon by approving buildings that reached their 125th birthday. The Victorians breathed a sigh of relief. Now they too could enter the hallowed halls of history.

Since the start of the program, the Historic Markers Committee has examined hundreds of old deeds, records, maps and memoirs and has investigated the materials and methods of construction of the buildings proposed for marking. The first decade of the program saw 40 historic markers installed, 29 on buildings constructed in the 1700's and 11 on buildings constructed between 1800 and 1825. Today there are nearly 100 in place in the Stockade alone and another dozen in the rest of the county.

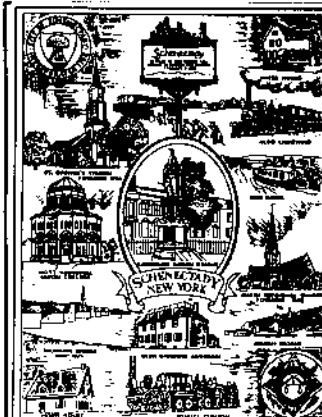
The plaque shown in last month's Stopper marks the house at 220 Union Street, known as the Jacobus Van Antwerp House built ca. 1750. Actually this brick and frame house is like a number of others in the Stockade, a combination of two smaller houses with a common front added. Records tell us that Jacobus Van Antwerp owned them in the mid 1700's. Lewis Farquarson, a Scotsman who operated a general store on State Street, owned both houses for many years. It is not known when they were joined together but a good guess would peg it happening in the early 1800's. When Farquarson wanted to sell in 1835, the local advertisement described it as his "elegant house." That's singular and not plural!

- Jim Schmitt, AIA

**November
Waste Collection
Dates**

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

Do not put garbage out before 2:30 PM the previous day.



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