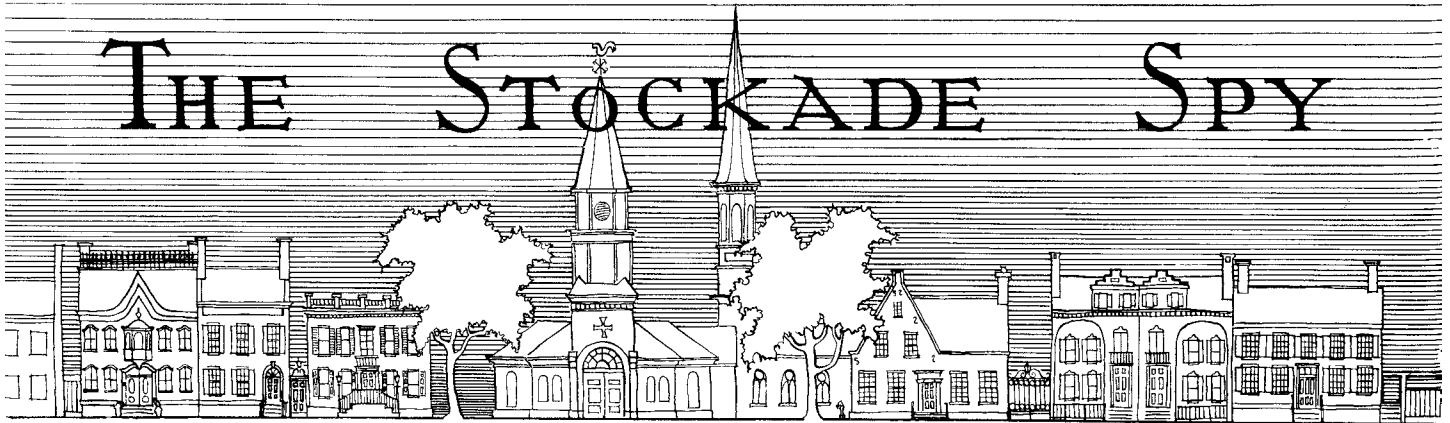


THE STOCKADE SPY



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Dear Neighbors:

This is the beginning of our membership drive and as a resident of the Stockade, I am thrilled to extend this invitation to YOU and all members of your household to actively participate in the Association.

**JOIN THE
STOCKADE
ASSOCIATION!**

The purpose of The Stockade Association is the preservation, protection and improvement of the neighborhood within the area designated as the Stockade Historic District; but we are much more than that.

We are a community of diverse groups and individuals working to make our neighborhood a safe, welcoming and interesting place to live. When we are working together, there is nothing we cannot change for the benefit of us all. Becoming a member is one of the ways we can come together to bring about such changes.

More importantly, participation in The Stockade Association provides you an organized opportunity to meet new neighbors and have fun!

To become a member, simply complete the form printed on page 2 and return it to the address on the bottom of the form or visit our webpage at www.historicstockade.com and complete the online application.

Our next general membership meetings for the remainder of the 2016 calendar year are September 22 and November 17. Both meetings will be held at First Reformed Church at 7:00 PM. The 2017 meeting dates will be announced at a later date.

As residents of the Stockade, we should all be proud of our past but we also need, and are encouraged to participate in, decisions that will dictate and ensure a vibrant and preserved future.

Questions regarding The Stockade Association? Please feel free to reach out to any of the Board Members.

Your neighbor, *Kevin Grace*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Stockade Spy meeting: Email cdelam6533@aol.com for information. Open to everyone!

Stockade Association General Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 22, 7pm. First Reformed Church

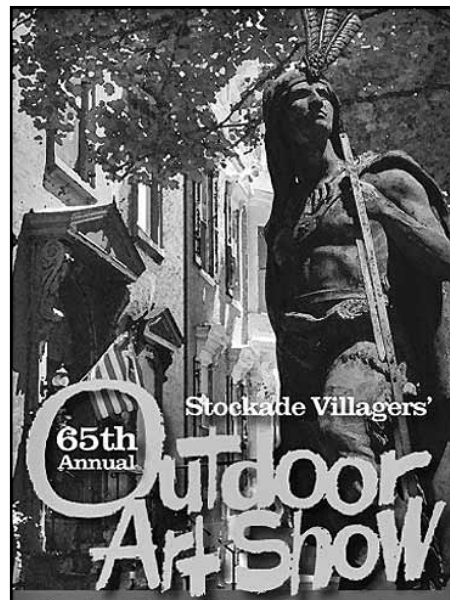
Schenectady City Council, 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7pm.

Historic District Commission: Mon. Sept. 19, 7pm. City Hall

65th STOCKADE ART SHOW

September 10 ■ 10am - 4pm

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The Stockade will soon welcome artists from many communities to show their work at the Villager's Outdoor Art Show. Original works of fine art, including: drawings, paintings, sculpture, graphics, non-utilitarian textile wall hanging, and photography, will be displayed and sold by 100 artists.

Artists may register the day of the show. Each artist

may select one piece of art for judging and will be eligible for over \$1000 in prizes. To participate, artists should contact (518) 952-0946 for registration information, or check facebook.com/stockadeartshow.

For the public and neighbors, this is a chance to buy some new original art and meet old friends. The show is enhanced by neighborhood support – sweeping, allowing artists to use your sidewalk, and making sure your car is not in the art show area or in a place which would require driving around the show – for the safety of pedestrians and artists.

Stockadeartshow.com

StockadeArtShow@gmail.com

STREET CLOSINGS - Some Stockade streets (portions of Front, Green and North Ferry Streets) will be closed to all motorized transportation on Saturday, September 10th -7:00am to 5:00pm. (Sunday, September 11th from noon to 5:00pm if rained out the prior day). Cars must be off the streets by 7:00am or they will be towed. Thanks for your cooperation!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Carol DeLaMarter

I want to welcome all Stockade neighbors back to Spy readership. For new-comers, the Stockade Spy is the official voice of the Stockade Association and is delivered to residents' doorsteps every month, September through May.

I also want to welcome three new Stockade Association Board members: Kevin Grace, Peter Rumora and Tamie Fowler, elected at the May General Membership meeting.

This has been a busy summer for the Stockade Association with a successful Garden Tour, and a neighborhood picnic in July. The Infrastructure & Maintenance Committee has also been busy; new chair Keith Dayer and committee members continue to discuss streetscape improvements, including opportunities to help residents improve their sidewalks.

A special thank you to Rich White-Smith and Rich Unger who continue to advocate for the neighborhood on traffic concerns, especially for reducing the impact of casino traffic on Front Street and the entire Stockade neighborhood. They met with City and Mohawk Harbor representatives to improve "wayfinding" signage, to direct cars leaving the Mohawk Harbor and casino properties, away from Front Street. They continue to request traffic counts prior to the casino opening. Stay tuned.

Most neighbors have been adapting to changes impacting the neighborhood. Some of these are temporary - Pokemon gamers visiting the Stockade for the first time, and questions about the future of Arthur's Market. Other changes are permanent - the new Erie Boulevard roundabout and changes to Rt.890 exit ramps. All can be a bit stressful!

September is Membership month! Please join the Stockade Association and support our efforts as even more changes occur and we look for opportunities to improve our quality of urban life. I hope all residents find value in having an organization whose purpose is to preserve and protect this unique historic neighborhood. I hope all have found time this summer to enjoy the 'hood and Riverside Park, and appreciate the efforts of those who tend the gardens and make improvements to homes in this historic place.

 **STOCKADE ASSOCIATION** 
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Who: All neighbors welcome
Where: First Reformed Church, Poling Chapel, 8.N.Church St.
When: **Thursday, September 22, 7pm**


7pm - Reviewing Stockade priorities together. Working with City and Preservation partners. Come participate in conversation about areas of neighborhood concern and how to improve in the short and long term. Generate ideas, support of current actions, volunteer to help make it happen.

8pm - Business Meeting - Updates from Committees and introduction of 2016-2017 Budget.

Open Forum for comments or announcements about "stuff" that impacts the Stockade neighborhood. Welcome new neighbors - meetings are a good time to introduce yourself and to hear all that is going on in the Historic Stockade!

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

October Spy deadline: Friday, September 16, 2016
Email submissions to: gloria.kishton@gmail.com

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STOCKADE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM: October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017

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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The *Stockade Spy* is distributed free to the neighborhood monthly and mailed to non-resident members and "Friends." Please make checks payable to: The Stockade Association
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Schenectady Heritage Foundation



John Samatulski of Urban Initiatives, Inc., leads members of the Schenectady Heritage Foundation Board on a tour to inspect progress on the restoration of #11 Ingersoll Ave.

Schenectady Heritage Foundation provided a grant and loan to help finance the restoration of 3 flood-damaged houses on Ingersoll Ave. Urban Initiatives, Inc. is undertaking the project, utilizing flood mitigation techniques. The process is being documented with the goal of providing flood mitigation information to other home owners in the flood plain.

Candlelight Tours are back!

The Foundation will partner again with Schenectady County Historical Society to explore "the haunted past of the historic Stockade." Friday evenings, October 14, 21, and 28. Colonial and Victorian tours leave SCHS at 7 and 7:30pm. Refreshments and local musicians after the tours. \$12. Buy tickets online at: schenectadyhistorical.org/walking-tours/

Planning on Repairs to your Historic District Property?

Physical changes to the exterior of property viewable from a public right-of-way (including parks & waterways) require prior approval from the Historic District Commission. Repairs or painting using like colors & materials do not require approval. Applications at: <http://cityofscheneectady.com/development.htm>. Questions? Call Rima Shamieh at 382-5199, ext.5388, or email: rshamieh@scheneectadyny.gov.

The Historic Commission reviews applications the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7pm, at City Hall. Applications are due 2 weeks prior.

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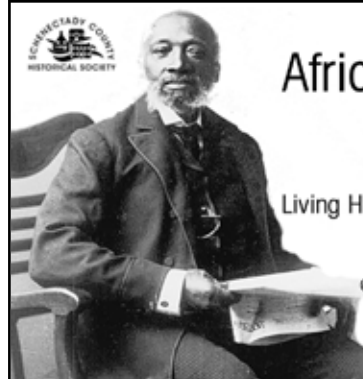
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Above: Garden of Sean and Dan Philpott-Jones
 Right: Addy with "Standing Figure with Arms Extended," by Kenneth Armitage.



Garden Tour photos by David Giacalone

Garden Tour Wrap Up

The Stockade Association held its only major fundraiser of 2016 on July 15 and 16. The "Art and Nature Garden Tour" attracted hundreds of visitors, earning enough to support the operations and programs of the organization for the next fiscal year.

The two-day event, held on Friday and Saturday, was made possible by the tireless efforts of scores of volunteers from the Stockade, 12 dedicated gardeners, 12 talented area artists, and 20 sponsors. All three Stockade churches also pitched in adding substantially to the quality of the tour. The Garden Tour Committee worked hard to pull all the elements together for an enjoyable and successful day. Many thanks to all who participated.

Of course there is always something happening in the Stockade, the art show is coming up on September 10, Stockade Candlelight Tours will be back in October and planning will be underway soon for the 2017 Walkabout.

GRAY CATBIRD - Capt. Eagle Eyes (Jamie Taft)



One of the birds that summers in the Stockade is the Gray Catbird. It is medium-sized with a long tail and somewhat long legs. It looks all gray, but looking closer, you can see a black cap and a rust-colored patch of feathers under their tail. They like to nest in bushes with thick foliage where they flit from branch to branch. They copy the sounds of other birds to make their own song.

OPEN DOOR EVENTS

Saturday, September 10, 1-2:30. John Briggs signs *Leaping Lemmings*, a picture book for children.

Saturday, September 17, 1-2:30. Melinda Perrin signs *A New Day Dawns: 65 days of natural prayer*.

Saturday, September 24, 1-2:30. Don Rittner signs *History of the Vale: Schenectady's Historic Rural Cemetery*.

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Stockade Association Board Meeting, May 11, 2016
 IMC Mohawk Harbor update: Rich White-Smith reported on the current status of the new traffic patterns at the casino.
 Sidewalk Program: Councilman Polimeni reported on a plan to improve city sidewalks using self-assessment districts.
 Meeting called to order at 7:40pm. Minutes of the April meeting were approved and the treasurer's report was submitted. Ms. DeLaMarter presented the President's Report.
 Finance Committee: Chairperson Glenn Houston reported on Association finances. He noted the committee expects to have some funds carry over into the next fiscal year. One application was received and approved for a painting incentive grant.
 Spy: Ms. Unger reported on the status of the Spy and the need for planning over the summer. Long term questions concerning delivery were discussed. Ms. DeLaMarter will announce a Spy meeting at the May general meeting.
 Garden Tour: Ms. Unger reported on the progress of the garden tour plans. Tickets will cover both days.
 Membership: We have 141 members. Details about handling renewals and attracting new members were discussed.
 Nominating Committee: Kim Mastrianni is the chairperson. There will be a biography of each nominee at the general meeting. Mr. St. John has prepared ballots. Outgoing directors were selected to be the tellers should they be needed.
 Infrastructure Maintenance Committee: Mr. Unger gave an update on plans for improvements to the streetscape.
 Committee on Safety: Ms. Macaulay reported on recent activities with the city's neighborhood watch program. She announced that the Picnic in the Park will be on July 26.
 No sidewalk sale this year due to lack of volunteers.



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Sue McLane is a noted authority on women's suffrage and the woman's role in the Victorian Era. The tour originates at the Caretaker's House, 907 State St. Donation \$7, children under 12 free. Rain or shine. For more information, call (518) 346-0423 or email: vale@valecemetery.org.

Stockade Association Annual General Meeting, May 19, 2016
Minutes are posted online at: www.historicstockade.com
The minutes of the May general membership meeting will be presented for approval to the membership at the September 22 general meeting.

Stockade Association Board Meeting, June 1, 2016

Special Assessment District (SAD): update on Councilman Polimeni's proposal to establish SAD for streetscape improvements. Search for grant monies.
President's Report: Ms. DeLaMarter asked board to plan this year's calendar considering neighborhood survey results.

Ad hoc committee formed to consider all aspects of social media: Bob Stern (head), Bob Lemmerman and Colleen Macaulay.

Membership committee: Dianne Crozier, Bob Lemmerman, Keith Dayer joined. Chair: Kevin Grace. Will report at June 28 meeting.

Committee on Safety: Ms. Macaulay will attend city captain's meeting; working towards safety suggestions in survey. Reported on picnic plans.

Spy: committee will meet June 16.

HOMES Fair: Association participation; no volunteers at this time.

Riverside Park: Janet Given, member of the city parks committee, liaison for Riverside Park. She's passing along neighborhood recommendations.

Finance: Bob Lemmerman presented Finance Committee report.

Infrastructure Comm.: Mr. Unger. In response to "Report to the Stockade Association-Summer Streetscape Activities," the following actions were taken:

- Support Councilman Polimeni's proposal to implement SADs.
- Identifying/applying for funding to hire experts to design streetscape plan.
- Keith Dayer will assume chair of Infrastructure & Maintenance Committee

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Archaeology in the Stockade

The 2016 Spring/Summer research and excavations by the SCCC-Community Archaeology Program (CAP) successfully uncovered documentation about and intact remains of a building foundation, located at the former 107 Union St.



Excavated artifacts relate to different families who lived there since at least 1800. From 1911 until razed in 1938, the Church used the house as its parsonage.

From April to August, CAP's on-site activities have drawn many visitors, especially enthusiastic Stockade residents. Topics include the houses and residents once at 105 and 107 Union St., church parsonages, changes in nearby structures, local fires and historical events. Most visitors came during the July Stockade Secret Garden Tour, the SCCC-CAP August Open House and many in search of Pokémon.

The success of this excavation is due with thanks to partnerships & cooperation between SCCC-CAP & the First Reformed Church, Schenectady County Historical Society, Stockade Association, Stockade Historic District, & others.

SCCC-Community Archaeology Program (CAP)

Flyer for Sept. courses, available at Schenectady County Historical Society.

For course descriptions containing links for registration:

http://sunysccc.edu/Portals/1/PDF/WFDCE/2016_7_31%20Archaeology%20courses.pdf?ver=2016-08-02-154923-910

To contact SCCC-CAP, call 381-1263.



**Stockade
Association
Picnic,
July 26**

Photo by
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Jeffrey Brewster & David Garcia De Lira purchased 9 Front St. Welcome!

The Stockade also welcomes the Stromberg family. Matthew, April and their children Helen and Isaac moved into St. George's rectory in August. Father Matthew is the new Rector at St. Georges Church.

Editor's Note: Please send tidings suitable for the Spy to: suzanne.unger@gmail.com. Final content will be made by the Editors.

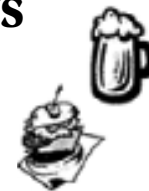


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Stockade Association Board Meeting, June 28, 2016

The Board will begin meeting at St. George's Church library. General meetings will continue at First Reformed Church.

HOMES: Ms. DeLaMarter shared a table with Schenectady Heritage Foundation at the HOMES program on June 26.

Electronic Media Ad Hoc Committee: Bob Stern, Chair, gave update on SA website, noting that Facebook page & the website are linked. Discussion on how to best present the Stockade online. The Committee will meet and report back to the Board.

Spy: Sept. theme is membership. All welcome to participate.

Membership: Kevin Grace, chair. Changes made to membership application. Board voted to charge \$25 for Stockade business membership.

Beautification Committee & Committee on Safety updates.

Infrastructure/Maintenance: Mr. Dayer seeking funds for design of streetscapes, including a letter to Congressman Paul Tonko. Board discussed other possible sources and means to obtain funding for a streetscape design.

Riverside Park: Ms. Macaulay attended City parks committee meeting. Reported concerns: guard rails, incomplete ground cover at the play ground, tennis court nets.

Board approved this motion: spend up to \$750 for a high quality scan of the 2 Stockade banner logos. Passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Summary, August 3, 2016

Spy update: Board approved continuing \$200 monthly cost for layout and design. Committee looking for new production person. Ms. Macaulay will contact local colleges to look for intern support.

Infrastructure Committee: Following discussion about streetscape improvement, Board approved \$500 expense for arborist to evaluate condition of street trees.

Beautification Committee reported on successful Garden Tour fundraiser.

Committee on Safety – Neighborhood picnic was a success. Committee meeting and training session will be planned soon.

Board approved letters to BZA opposing large sign on Union St. at First Presbyterian Church and letter to City requesting replacing battered guardrails with decorative boulders at end of North St. and others ending at Riverside Park.

6th Annual Stockade Art Show Organ Concert Series



On Saturday, September 10, St. George's Episcopal Church will welcome visitors who are in the neighborhood for The Stockade Art Show. For those who enjoy a little organ music with their art, we will offer 30 minute organ recitals throughout the day from 10-4, at the top of each hour. Recitals will be played by 6 fabulous organists from the Capital

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Savor the harvest with us this fall as we present Mabee Farm to Fork, a celebration of local foods! The Schenectady County Historical Society and Electric City Food Co-op are teaming up to bring our community an evening of local food tastings, farm tours and demonstrations, and live music with Roben Kosek Jazz inside Mabee Farm's historic Dutch Barn. We're even sourcing ingredients from Mabee Farm's own field!

Saturday, September 24, from 5-8PM. Tickets are \$25 per person and will include local food prepared by a local chef and a cash bar. Proceeds will support Mabee Farm Historic Site and the membership drive for the Electric City Food Co-op. More information, tickets, and sponsorship opportunities are available at schenectadyhistorical.org/farmtofork.

For questions, please contact Kat Wolfram by phone (518) 322-6628 or by email at kwolfram@electriccityfood.coop or Mary Zawacki by phone (518)887.5073 or by email curator@schenectadyhistorical.org.

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