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You Are Invited to the 54th annual

*Stockade
Walkabout
of Old Schenectady*
Saturday, September 27

11am - 5pm rain or shine

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with house photos on back page

photo by David Giacalone



The Brehm House 1840
Quaint old home of Judy Troilo
10 North Street

*63rd Annual Stockade
Villagers Outdoor Art Show*
Saturday, September 6 10-4pm
(rain date Sept. 7 noon - 4pm)

Peter Watrous, First Prize Winner Stockade Art Show 2013

Soon about 100 artists and many local and regional visitors will be in the Stockade for the 63rd Stockade Villagers Outdoor Art Show. Organizers will be busy setting up at 6:00a.m. and hoping for a beautiful day. Between 7:00 and 9:30a.m. the artists arrive and set up their displays. Volunteers register, welcome, assist, judge, direct traffic - whatever is needed. If rain is in sight, plans begin to shift to moving the show to Sunday, the rain date.

Key roles have been taken by Jessica and Charles Gelarden, Larry Schmidt, Erich Bachmeyer, Jennifer Wells, Zoe Oxley, Karen Johnson and others soon to be recruited. Other Stockade residents are being encouraged to volunteer for a shift at this event as hosts, registration, security and set up and take down. A small effort on the part of many will make the event run smoothly.

The judges will award \$1200 in prizes including a First Prize \$300 sponsored by the *Daily Gazette*; Second Prize

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Photo by Karen Johnson

Complete List of Stockade Events - please see page 14

Stockade Association General Meeting - Sept. 11 7pm - see page 3
Neighborhood Safety Committee Sept. 11 6:15pm
(formerly Neighborhood Watch) **First Reformed Church**

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• **Oct. Spy Deadline** •
• **September 15** •
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Stockade Walkabout

Saturday, September 27

11am - 5pm Rain or Shine

Photos of all the homes are on the back page

UNIQUE is the word to describe the homes on this year's Stockade Walkabout! You will see an art collection from around the world; the barebones of a 1790's house as a work-in-progress; a charming house with picket fence and crooked windows; a little house crammed with antiques in every nook and cranny; Adirondack rooms created by preservationist Paul Schaefer, one of the narrowest houses (12 ft. wide!), the newest and most innovative Stockade project and much more.

We love our houses in the Stockade and enjoy sharing them with visitors on this special day! Some of the premiere Stockade homes in New York's oldest registered historic district will open their doors. Strolling through three centuries of history, visitors can tour the living quarters and receive information about the original architecture, renovations and furnishings.

Famous People of Old Schenectady will greet you while strolling minstrels will entertain. St. George's Episcopal Church, First Reformed Church and First Presbyterian Church will be open for tours and organ concerts, the colorful "Liaison Plaisantes," will serenade you with English Colonial music, the YWCA celebrates 126 years with tours, the Historical Society features the exhibit "Canals and Railroads: Collaboration and Competition -1783 to 1865," and on their lawn Colonial era games, Dutch Oven cooking demos, a sheep to shawl demo and blacksmithing, the Community Archaeology Program will still be digging behind 12 Union St. while you can take refreshment at Slick's Restaurant and Tavern, The Stockade Inn, The Van Dyck and Arthur's Market, listening to "Kitchen Jazz" performing there 2-4pm.

For the most current information:

"Like us on Facebook @ Stockade Walkabout 2014" or visit www.historicstockade.com.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the event.

Tickets available at:

- Arthur's Market - Front and Ferry Streets
- Moon & River Cafe - 115 South Ferry Street
- Schenectady County Historical Society - 32 Washington Avenue
- Proctor's Ticket Office - 432 State Street, Schenectady
- Open Door Bookstore - 128 Jay Street, Schenectady
- Kulak's Nursery - 1615 Route 146, Rexford

Want a free ticket to the Stockade Walkabout? Volunteer for two hours to be a house guide or to sell tickets. Contact us on Facebook or call Sylvie Briber, 377-0469.

See page 8.

We thank our sponsors, (as of this writing) for supporting this wonderful event: The Gelisi Group and Price Chopper.

Proceeds will benefit the Stockade Association and the Schenectady County Historical Society.

A big thank you to all our homeowners for generously opening their homes to visitors. Also, thank you to our Walkabout Committee: Carol DeLaMarter, Diane DeMeo, Joe Fava, Susannah Hand, Karen Mallia, Colleen Macaulay, and Sylvie Briber.

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\$200; Third Prize \$150 plus six \$25 Honorable Mention prizes. Other prizes commemorate Nicholas J. Colangelo, a founder of the show, for a first time exhibitor in this show and the Ernest A. R. Cohen Award for best depiction of the Stockade. Both prizes are gifts from their families. The Oakroom Artists will award \$100 in the James Gilliland/George Weinheimer Memorial Award.

The Stockade Art Show is unique in encouraging student artists and awarding them cash prizes and ribbons. Any student from 8 to 18, enrolled in school, may display and sell their work.

If you know an artist who might like to show and sell this year, please pass on the contact information below.

Art Show contact information:

"Like" us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stockadeartshow

Registration information at the web site:
stockadeartshow.com

Email: stockadeartshow@gmail.com

Phone: 518 952-0946 or 518-573-2922

Important Street Closings:

Some streets will be closed for the show from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Look for the "No Parking" signage and flyers on cars. Closures include North Ferry from Union to mid block toward the River, parts of Green Street, Front Street from North Church to past the Indian. **Cars not moved will be towed - so your cooperation is valued.** If you need to get out of your home during the day, please move your car **BEFORE** the show starts.

Other things on the busy weekend of Sept. 6:

- **Greek Festival** at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, Liberty Street
Friday, Sept. 5, 11-11; Saturday, Sept. 6, 11-11; and Sunday, Sept. 7, noon - 5
- **Little Italy StreetFest**, on North Jay Street, Saturday, Sept. 6, noon to 9pm

Slick's Restaurant & Tavern

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Stockade Association General Meeting

Thursday, September 11 *All Stockade Neighbors Welcome*

First Reformed Church 8 North Church Street

7:00pm “*The Gazette - an Engaged Partner in the Community
(readers and businesses)*”

John DeAugustine, New Publisher for *The Gazette*
speaking on the recent changes and how they benefit us

Stockade Board will propose amendments to Bylaws
requiring a vote of Association Members at November Meeting

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

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 three additional Directors, will be elected in odd-numbered years. The Vice President, Secretary and three additional Directors will be elected in even-numbered years.

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.

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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 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.

Come to our
Weed Party!

Friday, Sept. 5 5:30-6:30

The New York State government has only legalized medical weed but has not yet legalized curbside weed!

Come join us for a weed pulling party to beautify the neighborhood for the Art Show and the Stockade Walkabout. Meet at the Indian, Front & Ferry, at 5:30 on Friday, Sept. 6, Rain or Shine. We will continue the party at Arthur's and then on to Colleen's deck! For more information, email Colleen Macaulay, cbmacaulay@gmail.com

Sign up for
the Historic Stockade Yahoo Group
info on Stockade meetings, events, crime, politics, lost pets, snow, parking, etc.

- 1) Send a blank email to:
HistoricStockade-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- 2) When you get the confirmation email asking if you really want to join, just hit reply.
- 3) Problems? Email: dalemiller33@hotmail.com
- 4) Please pass this info along to a friend/neighbor

Planning on Some Spring 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.

Stockade Safety

Keep those porch lights on front and back for your safety and for nighttime walkers!

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Stockade website: www.historicstockade.com

Summary of the May Membership Meeting May 22, 2014

The Stockade Association held a meeting on May 22, 2014. The membership was treated to a delightful preview of the long awaited oral history project. Footage from the upcoming documentary was shown. Many longstanding neighborhood residents recalled their memories of the neighborhood as it has changed over the past few decades. The version of the documentary will be shown in the fall at Proctors, and is not to be missed.

President Mary D'Alessandro called the meeting to order. Stephen Boese presented a second reading of the proposed bylaws changes, which had been discussed in depth at the March meeting and explained in an article in The Spy. After some discussion, it was agreed to take up the proposal again at the September meeting.

A motion was approved urging the city to make every effort to preserve the Ferry Street Pump House, and to maintain its current function if technically feasible. A second motion was approved urging the city to use available flood prevention and remediation funds to conduct a study on the options for reducing the flooding impacts in the Stockade. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Stockade Association Board Meeting Summer Minutes Summary. Board Members - Stephen Boese, Mary D'Alessandro, Diane DeMeo, Beverly Elander, Joe Fava, Susannah Hand, Karen Mallia, Colleen Macaulay, Robert Stern

Stockade Association Board Meeting Summer Minutes Summary

June 3, 2014 minutes

Three letters were sent to Mayor McCarthy at the request of members at the May 2014 General Meeting regarding: flood remediation, street conditions, and the restoration of the Pump House. The SA president received notice from Metroplex that residents of the YMCA are in the process of relocating to a new residence facility on Lower Broadway. Garden Tour plans were moving forward, Peter Rumora and volunteers were preparing for the event. Treasurer's report - Bank balance \$26,849 and plans are underway to move funds from Morgan Stanley account to First Niagara where checking account is housed, to allow for more flexibility and ease of administration. Morgan Stanley does not provide sufficient return on savings to justify maintaining account. Walkabout Update: planning Committee is meeting and attempting to identify properties for next year's house tour. Interested property owners are being sought.

July 1, 2014

The Board received a presentation by Richard Ruzzo, a Schenectady resident who operates a security business with expertise in security cameras. Richard provided information about the pros and cons of security cameras, how

they might be used on homes in the neighborhood, and, potential neighborhood-wide security camera crime prevention and protection solutions. The Board discussed the issue of security cameras as a possible General Meeting topic. It was announced that the Stockade Association is receiving the Building Block award from the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation (DSIC). The Garden Tour was a success; final financial results were not available yet. Treasurer's Report - Bank account moved to First Niagara; total bank balance \$26,849. A motion was made and approved to reimburse Steve Boese for paint and supplies for playground equipment painting. There is a need for a new Safety Committee Chair, the future of the Neighborhood Watch needs to be further discussed. Finance - Dan Ertel will review Stockade Association books. Historic Preservation- Heritage Foundation sent resolution to city supporting preservation of pump house building. Sidewalk Sale - 23 sellers participated. Walkabout is getting ready for ticket sales. Still looking for homes for tour.

August 5, 2014 Minutes

Treasurer's Report- Balance \$26,528. There was a discussion of procedures for Stockade Association General Meetings. Motion was made by Joe Fava to adopt Steve Boese's suggested guidelines for meetings which will be published in September Spy (see page ??) A cataloguing/history of Stockade Association accomplishment was discussed. Oral History Project- additional interview with Neff Dietrich being conducted. September meeting guest discussed - possible invite to Police chief. Neighborhood picnic was a success. Another Soiree is being planned jointly with Civic Players and is tentatively scheduled for May 31st 2015 to benefit Playhouse and Riverside Park. New business - Joe Fava is looking into "Antique Roadshow" type event fundraiser.

Stockade Safety Tips from Our Committee On Safety

- Call the police any time you see any wrongdoings.
382-5200
- Call the police every time you hear or see a person or animal being abused.
- Remember that the YWCA on Washington Ave. offers free counseling and support to victims of abuse.
382-5280
- If you want people to drive safely in our neighborhood, choose to drive slowly to set an example.
- Keep your home and car locked. Remove valuables and anything visible from your vehicle. Keep valuables out of sight in your home if your windows are at street level.
- Keep your porch lights on both front and back for your safety and for night time walkers.

“ Fundamentals of Book Conservation”

Presented by
Stockade Neighbor, Samantha Couture

Saturday, September 20, 2014 2pm

Schenectady County Historical Society 32 Wash. Ave.
Admission is \$5 or free to SCHS members

A presentation of the general principles of the conservation of books: Samantha Couture will discuss the decision-making process of conservation, from initial examination through final treatment. Demonstrations of conservation techniques and book-binding structure will be included.

Samantha Couture has twenty years of experience in book conservation, beginning with her early training at Cornell University. She is a Professional Associate of the American Institute of the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works and runs Flyleaf Bindery, a private practice conservation and hand binding studio.

For more information, please contact Librarian Melissa Tacke at 518-374-0263, option 3, or by email at librarian@schenectadyhistorical.org. The Schenectady County Historical Society is wheelchair accessible, with off-street parking behind the building and overflow parking next door at the YWCA.

Musicians of Ma'alwyck

Sat. Sept. 13, 3 pm 1st Reformed Church

A Matador's Prayer: A Celebration of Spanish Music and Culture

Audiences are accustomed to watching musicians perform, it is part of the concert experience, and while you can close your eyes and still relish the music, part of the enjoyment of a live concert is seeing the music played. But for the visual artist, the creation is a private affair, the final product, though a piece of art, is a presentation only. And though composers must rely on instrumentalists and their interpretation to deliver the musical arts, a visual artist relies only upon his or her own inanimate medium of canvas or clay. On Saturday, September 13 at 3pm at the First Reformed Church in the Stockade, Musicians of Ma'alwyck turns that artistic process around by having an artist finish his painting which was begun during our rehearsal process, on "stage."

Musicians of Ma'alwyck will be presenting an all-Spanish program with music of de Falla (including the composer's own chamber version of the Ritual Fire Dance), Rodrigo, Granados and Turina. Musicians include violinist Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, flutist, Norman Thibodeau, cellist Petia Kassarova, guitarist Sten Isachsen, and harpist Karlinda Caldicott as well as mezzo-soprano Kara Cornell. Artist Scott Nelson Foster, who recently completed the newest commissioned portraits of St. Kateri of Tekakwitha, is titling his painting *Katria Dressed as a Valencian Girl* and modeling it after a similar work by Spanish painter Joaquin Sorolla. Foster's work during our rehearsals will be videotaped and presented side-by-side with the completion of the

Stockade Walkabout Fund Raising Help

Since the Stockade Walkabout of September, 2011, the Stockade Association has invested more than \$20,000 in the neighborhood. This includes Painting and Sidewalk Incentives, restoration of Lawrence, shared preservation projects with Schenectady Heritage Foundation, plantings and ongoing Oral History Project and Cell Phone Walking Tour. The September 27 Stockade Walkabout is the major fund-raising event of the Stockade Association. We need a successful event in order to continue the neighborhood projects.

How can you help?

- **Become a sponsor** or recruit sponsors from employer or business connections. Questions? Contact Carol DeLaMarter, cdelam6533@aol.com, 393-4725 and to request sponsor letter.
- **Volunteer** to sell tickets or be a docent. Receive a free ticket as a "thank you" for volunteering 2 hours. Contact Sylvie Briber - rbriber@aol.com, 377-0469.
- **Promote** the Walkabout through friends, co-workers and any group you have access to. Generate interest. Like us on Facebook (Stockade Walkabout 2013) and tell all your friends.
- **Buy tickets** and bring your friends to enjoy this great event. Or treat a friend to a ticket as a special "thank you." If every Association member generated 5 tickets sold we'd come close to our goal.

painting during the performance.

To fully round out this celebration of Spanish music and culture, readings of the gorgeous poetry of Federico Garcia Lorca will be included and feature Jose-Daniel Flores Caraballo, the new music director of Albany Pro Musica. Maestro Flores Caraballo will be reading from several of the collections, including the earliest published *Libro de Poemas* to the *Romancero Gitanos*.

Music, poetry and the visual arts were all tied closely together in Spain in the first half of the 20th century. Lorca and de Falla worked together in the 1920's to revitalize a type of Andalusian song poetry that had fallen out of use and organized competitions to re-establish the form. Sorolla's vivid landscapes and unique brush stroke technique show a painter of tremendous talent and skill, whose work reflects the cultural diversity of Spain.

Tickets are available through the Musicians of Ma'alwyck website at www.musiciansofmaalwyck.org or by calling 518/377-3623, and tickets will also be available at the door. The price is \$25 for adults and \$10 for seniors.



Scott is using as his inspiration for the piece at the concert Sorolla Maria as Valencian Girl.

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

As some of you may know, the Stockade Association is the recipient of the DSIC's (Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation) Building Block Award for a non-for-profit. This is quite an honor and you The Association should be very proud of all that has been accomplished in the Stockade due to your devotion to place and your volunteerism.

Over the years the SA has supported and con-

tributed the following. Here are some but not all examples.

We need your volunteerism to further the Association's continuing success. Please let us know what your passions are and we will help you find a contributing role.

Thank you,
Mary

- *The Stockade Spy*
- The Yahoo List
- The SA Website
- Membership email list
- Oral History Project
- The Safety Committee
- Historic Cell Phone Walking Tour
- Sidewalk, painting and lighting incentive
- Restoring the base of Lawrence
- Contributing to the restoration of the stained glass windows at 111 Union Street
- Restoration of historic markers
- Restoration of the Ernie Cohen Plaque
- Restoration of house markers
- Entry Columns at Washington Ave.
- Stockade Gateway
- Esplanade
- Historic District Banners

- Maintaining gardens in Riverside Park and Lawrence the Indian
- Plantings
- Lilac and Rose Garden
- Re-tree Schenectady
- Painting and Maintenance of playground
- Doggie bags in park
- Installation of new street signs
- Stoep awards
- Soiree
- Walkabout
- Secret Garden Tour
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Stockade Picnic
- Sidewalk Sale
- Work closely with The Heritage Foundation, The Schenectady County Historical Society and The Schenectady Civic Players

Editor's Note: As I sit here at my typewriter putting together the September issue of The Stockade Spy, I am overcome with gratitude to be part of a neighborhood that has accomplished so much over the many years and my heart is full with all the love and kindness neighbors have shown me while working on The Spy and the Walkabout.

Love you, Stockade! Sylvie Briber

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.



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Having been open 7 days per week since last December, the Market & Coffeehouse has settled in as "the new normal."

Our daily regulars, such a Lydia Eis, chat over coffee and Danish with various visitors and tourists who are always enchanted by our beautiful Stockade Village.

Bicyclists from the Erie Canal Trail have discovered us for much needed rest and refreshment (and refilling of water bottles). Evening strollers have found a new dinner spot with our outdoor dining and attractive menu of salmon with rice pilaf, chicken cordon bleu, among other savory dishes, often with live jazz accompaniment.

Candidates from all parties have found a place to hold "meet & greet" events. (Jill Polk will be here Sept. 7 at noon.) And on a day in late July Arthur's had a special visitor. World renowned **cellist Yo Yo Ma** with two companions stopped in for lunch and conversation. Another honor for our neighborhood.

Regular events, like Tuesday Art Class (4pm), Wednesday Yoga Class (9:30am), monthly Tango, Swing



Dances, Ukulele Night have taken root - to say nothing of Edith's amazing Thursday nite music jams (7-9pm).

Even I, the proprietor, with the help of a spectacular staff, have learned to relax and enjoy this special place that we have all helped to create.

Carry on, Stockade!

Richard Genest

Pipe Organ Festival Celebration Weekend at St. George's September 19, 20, and 21

The music director and organist at St. George's Episcopal Church, Andrew Krystopolski writes us:

"We at St. George's have been raising funds for the last 2.5 years to have our Moller Pipe Organ rebuilt. Our dream is becoming a reality thanks in part to the fabulous people of the Stockade who have contributed at concerts, church suppers, and various other fundraisers at St. George's.

At this very moment the organ console is in Syracuse being completely rebuilt. In addition to electrical work being done on our console, we are also having several sets (or ranks) of pipes being voiced. Voicing organ pipes involves altering the mouth of an organ pipe to produce the appropriate sound. The console and pipes will be returned to St. George's at the beginning of July.

We are planning to celebrate the completion of this project with a Festival Weekend on September 19, 20, 21 and all of our neighbors are invited! We will kick off the weekend on Friday 9/19 with a Free Concert at 7:30pm by renowned concert organist, Mark Laubach of Wilks-Barre, PA. Mark was my organ professor in college at Marywood University in Scranton, PA. After teaching himself how to play the piano "by ear" at age three, Mark began piano study at age six.


On Saturday morning, 9/20, The Eastern New York Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will sponsor a Master Class for local organists to come and play with Mr. Laubach in a group setting. There may or may not be a theme or topic for this master class.

On Saturday evening, members and friends of St. George's will gather for a gala banquet at the Stockade Inn

at 6pm. This is a chance for us to say Thank You to everyone who has contributed to the success of both the Organ and Steeple renovations.

On Sunday, 9/21, we will gather for a 10am Service where we will bless and dedicate the new console to the Glory of God. The choir will sing the anthem "With pipes of Tin and Wood made known" by Albany composer and church musician Alfred V. Fedak. Sunday's festivities will feature another guest organist, Simone Stella, from Florence, Italy, who will play voluntaries for the mass.

To conclude the weekend, we will feature Simone Stella (www.simonestella.com) in concert at 4pm on Sunday afternoon. This is free and open to the public.



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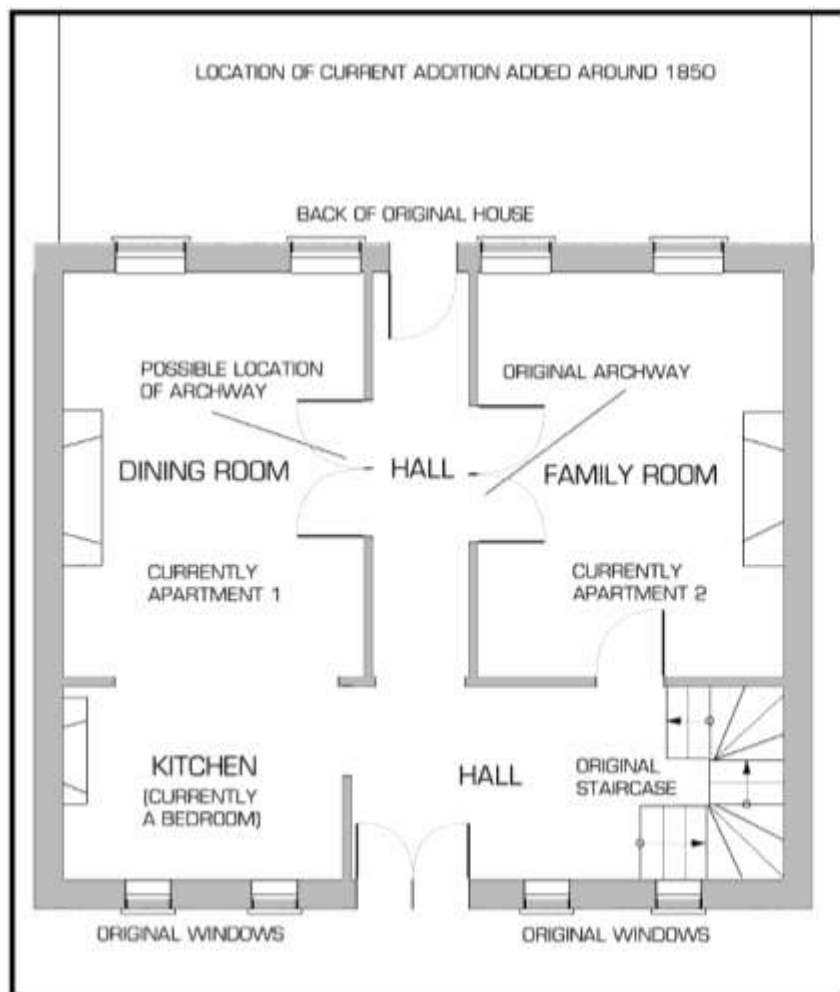
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Kay Pasternak's elegantly furnished right apartment in this building, owned by Robin White, will be featured on this year's Stockade Walkabout, Sat. September 27, 11am - 5pm.

On last year's Walkabout the building was featured as a Work-In-Progress, now completed by the Plowman Construction Company.

For more information, see this *Spy* issue, pages 1 & 2, and photo on page 16.

Floor Plan - Chapter 6



The building located at 58 Washington Avenue was built by a man named John Glen. The building has undergone numerous changes to the facade and interior design. Most of the original portion of the building remains unchanged inside. The floor plan is still very similar to what used to look like when the building was constructed. The floor plan in the building is very unique; I have done extensive research on buildings similar to 58 Washington and still have not been able to find a floor plan that matches up. Evidence shows that the building must have been designed by John Glen, or an architect he hired. The staircase is located at the front right corner inside the building, with the hallway parallel to the front wall. Historical evidence shows that the staircase is original to the building, although in a very unique location. In the rear of the original portion of the building, adjacent to the hallway, are two massive rooms. The two rooms would have served as a dining room and a family room. The floor beams throughout the first floor and the rest of the house are massive. They are placed at one and half feet on center. This shows that they must have planned to do a lot of entertaining. The rooms both have unique fireplaces and paneling surrounding them. The paneling used in the rooms was very common among houses very similar to 58 Washington as I have explained in my earlier articles. The long hallway that branches off of the front hallway in between the massive rooms, has now been chopped up into smaller rooms, but the original walls still remain unharmed. In that hallway, you can see there is currently an archway six feet in width that opens to the massive room in Kay's apartment. Evidence shows that there was another archway parallel to that one on the opposite wall that opens to the room on the left. The entrance to that hallway contains exquisite moldings that match those found in the rest of the house. As you enter the front of the building, to the left there is a nine by thirteen foot room adjacent to the hallway. Evidence shows that this room would have served as a kitchen, with the massive room behind it a dining room. Evidence shows that there was originally a fireplace in that front room, and it was later taken out. The room currently serves as a bedroom in apartment number one. There will be a continuation of this article so stay tuned.

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-- The Stockade Scene --

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Stockade Events

Stockade Art Show	Sept. 6
Neighborhood Safety Committee (formerly Neighborhood Watch)	Sept. 11
Stockade Assoc. Meeting	Sept. 11
Stockade Walkabout	Sept. 27

9th Annual Golf Ball Drop

for Family & Child Service of
Schenectady, 246 Union St.

Friday, September 12, 5 - 8 pm

Stadium Golf Club
333 Jackson Avenue Sch'dy

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A \$50 reservation includes dinner and "ownership" of one golf ball. Golf balls can also be purchased for \$10 each. Reservations and golf ball sales on-line www.familyservice.com or call 393-1369.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will directly benefit the programs administered by Family & Child Service which include: case management services for individuals with developmental disabilities and have incurred a traumatic brain injury; respite services for the caregivers of, and community habilitation for individuals with developmental disabilities; homemaker services for the frail elderly and those with debilitating mental health or physical health conditions. This agency provides over 50,000 hours of service annually to more than 400 clients of all ages throughout the Capital Region.

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Native American Archaeology CFP 102-15

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SHS teacher

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Fri. 9/12 7pm Jazz by Terri Roben & Mary Ann Kosek

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