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## STOCKADE "ART & NATURE" GARDEN TOUR

Spring is here and the Stockade Association Garden Tour Committee is hard at work organizing the 2016 bi-annual event for July 15 (3-8pm) and July 16 (10am-4pm). The tour logo - a sunflower, glowing in a blue sky over a Stockade streetscape, expresses this year's theme of "Art and Nature." At least 8 private gardens, public gardens, and all 3 Stockade churches' gardens will participate. Making this year's tour even more special, gardens will feature works of art installed exclusively for the Tour.

Committee members Sue van Heukelom and Suzy Unger have visited the gardens, matching art work to the dimensions and unique character of each space. A wonderful addition to this year's tour is an open invitation to artists to enjoy the day working throughout the Stockade Historic District. Watching their creative process should prove fascinating!

### The Garden Tour is the Stockade Association's major fundraiser for 2016

Everyone is welcome to help! Consider saying "YES" when a committee member contacts you asking for help!

Here are some of the jobs:

- docents in gardens
- ticket sales at our central location
- sponsors for the ticket/guide book

Look for posters and post cards that are available for publicity purposes. Be sure to tell your friends about this very special event. Contact us for meeting times, post cards to share with others, and opportunities to help out.



### Many thanks to the following Stockaders who have offered to exhibit their gardens this year:

❁ Werner Feibes - 10 N. Ferry Street. This peaceful, evergreen garden already contains beautiful sculptures which will be on display during the tour.

❁ Donna Thomas - 234 Union Street. This sunny garden contains antiques, treasures and whimsical touches to create a welcoming space.

❁ Diane DeMeo - 232 Union Street. The next-door neighbor to 234, these two gardens are accessible to each other but divided by an unusual wall of doors, thus creating an opportunity to compare and contrast each garden's unique qualities.

❁ Jorge Alvarez - 224 Union Street. Several doors west of the DeMeo/Thomas gardens, this garden is full of interesting annuals, perennials and outdoor decor.

❁ Gloria Kishton and Bob Lemmerman - 207 Union Street. This lovely perennial garden also includes a good sized organic vegetable garden and berry patch, something out-of-the-ordinary where small, Stockade gardens are the norm.

❁ Jessica Johndrew and Charles Gelarden - 112 Front Street. A small jewel of a garden with several levels and a perfect place to showcase artwork.

❁ Lawrence James and Tina Caruso - 142 Front Street. This large garden has been neglected for many years. The new owners have just begun the process of bringing it back, saving plants and trees where possible and replacing where necessary, a work in progress.

❁ Sean and Dan Philpott-Jones - 127 College Street. This garden has a portable planter and unique bamboo fence, creating flexible space for relaxing and entertaining.



2016 Garden Tour Committee  
Suzy Unger, Chair



Dianne Crozier, Lyn Gordon, Gloria Kishton, Steven Kowalski, Susanna Sherwood, Susan van Heukelom

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** - Carol DeLaMarter

This is the last issue of Stockade Spy until September. Volunteers and staff get to take the summer off and work in their flower beds and enjoy walks in Riverside Park.

The Stockade Spy is the official communication newsletter of the Stockade Neighborhood Association. Beginning in September, 2015 the Spy began a transition to new editorial staff and this Spy team sought input from neighbors through a neighborhood survey. This year the Spy has seen an increase in requests for ads and the team has worked to produce a newsletter with content that is useful for all neighbors. While the Spy gets delivered to every Stockade resident it is also ready to view at [historicstockade.com](http://historicstockade.com) each month when the Spy gets delivered. The team reintroduced Tidings and met each month to focus on a central theme.

We'd like to hear from you about whether we've met your expectations and receive ideas about content for next issues that begin September, 2016. The editorial team is also looking for volunteers to write, provide content ideas and help with some of the business of the Spy. Each month we mail the Spy to associate members and to community leaders. If you have a few hours during the summer to help with renewing of ad subscriptions or to help with mailings, please speak with Spy staff listed on the back page. Many thanks to all contributors and to Gloria Kishton who designs and produces the Spy every month, on time.

This member year we have been focused on working with City partners on concerns of all Stockade neighbors. Staff from police and code enforcement and the President of the City Council have come, listened to concerns and offered help. At the May 19th General Membership meeting, Mayor Gary McCarthy will participate in a conversation on City efforts important to Stockade neighbors.

UPDATE - The Stockade Association has again received a grant through Schenectady County Initiative Program to support the Historic Stockade audio tour available at

(518)387-3282. The narrative and photo neighborhood walk is also available at <http://stockade.toursphere.com> with maps available at [historicstockade.com](http://historicstockade.com). The Stockade Association Board says goodbye and thank you to several Board members. Diane DeMeo and Beverly Elander have been active with Membership and Event Committees. Keith St. John served as Vice President and Chair of the By-law Committee. A July neighborhood picnic is in the planning phase. Stay tuned through the yahoo group and Colleen Macaulay, our picnic champion!

**STOCKADE ASSOCIATION  
Annual Membership Meeting**

- **WHO:** All neighbors welcome!
- **WHERE:** First Reformed Church, 8 North Church St.
- **WHEN:** Thursday, May 19, 2016 7pm
- 7:00pm-**OUR CITY PARTNERS: discussion with Mayor Gary McCarthy.** Neighbors will have an opportunity to ask questions and present concerns that City may need to act on. Neighbors can also share positive efforts City staff have assisted with.
- 8:00pm-**ANNUAL MEETING** includes election of officers and directors. Nominating Committee has selected a slate that will be presented (see page 4). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor from members.
- A quorum of members is needed to elect directors and officers. **Please plan to attend.**
- **OPEN FORUM** for any neighbor to say something positive or make announcements about "stuff" that impacts the Stockade neighborhood. Welcome to new neighbors. Meetings are a good time to come and introduce yourself and to hear all that's going on in the Historic Stockade.

**Next Spy: September, 2016. Deadline: August 15. Email submissions to: [gloria.kishton@gmail.com](mailto:gloria.kishton@gmail.com)**

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**STOCKADE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM: September 1, 2015 - September 31, 2016**

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

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Upon the payment of dues, *voting membership* is available to:

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

### CHANGE IN SA MEMBERSHIP DUES STRUCTURE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2016

In order to accommodate a continuing increase in the cost of running the Stockade Association, the Membership Committee (Colleen Macaulay, Diane DiMeo, Bob Lemmerman, Keith St. John and Beverly Elander) has proposed the following change in annual dues. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendations of the Membership Committee. It should be noted that a 40-year member of the Stockade Association has stated that the cost of dues has not increased in at least that long! See new dues below:

Friend of the Stockade (Associate Member) - \$15 (no change) - Non-resident, receives Spy by US Mail, may attend all general meetings but may not vote.

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## SIDEWALK SALE IN 2016?

For many years, the Stockade Association has sponsored a sidewalk sale. To continue this tradition, a volunteer(s) is needed to chair this activity. The tasks are:

- Select a date (2nd Sat. in June has been used in the past).
- Notify residents who wish to participate. Several means of notification are available.
- Participants are charged a \$10 fee. The SA treasurer will assist in collecting and recording these fees.
- Get a permit from the city.
- Place classified ad in "garage-sale" section of the Gazette.
- Other promotions encouraged (we have sandwich boards).

All expenses are covered by the Stockade Association. The SA Board and other members will provide assistance as needed. If you would like to offer your time and energy to this endeavor, please contact Diane at 372-0642; she has chaired this event for the past several years.

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Kim Mastriani, Chair, Elena Alvarez, & Colleen Macaulay

The Nominating Committee had several meetings to discuss openings for the Board of Directors and potential candidates. We reached out to many people in the neighborhood, both new and long-time neighbors, and had discussions with them. We've come up with a great slate.

Current Board positions expiring in June 2016 are Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and 3 Director positions. Read descriptions of responsibilities for positions and committees in the bylaws online at: [historic-stockade.com](http://historic-stockade.com). These positions will be filled by vote at the May meeting. Keith St. John, Diane DeMeo, and Beverly Elander are stepping down. We thank them for their many contributions! Nominations are welcome from the floor; here are the recommendations of the Nominating Committee:

Vice President: Colleen Macaulay. Colleen is currently serving as a director. Corresponding Secretary: Bob Stern. Recording Secretary: Suzy Unger. We thank them for their tireless efforts and appreciate their willingness to continue serving on the Board!

We recommend 3 new directors: Tamie Fowler, Kevin Grace, and Peter Rumora. We heartily endorse them and appreciate their willingness to step up and serve! Please read their biographies below.

TAMIE FOWLER is the owner of WET Beauty Lounge on Jay St. in Schenectady. She has been a licensed esthetician for 18 years in New York and New Hampshire and is a licensed educator as well as a NYS examiner. She lives in the Stockade and is also part of the Jay St. committee.

KEVIN GRACE is Director of National Programs for Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY), the nation's premier youth leadership development organization. He oversees 22 sites across 12 states and the District of Columbia. These 22 sites are staffed by over 1500 volunteers and serve approximately 3600 students annually. A major part of Kevin's responsibility is to assist in the building and strengthening of each affiliate's volunteer Corporate Board of Directors.

Prior to working for HOBY he served as the Director of Children and Youth Services for Unity House of Troy from 2002 until 2013. Prior to that, Kevin worked at Catholic Central High School where he served as an English teacher from 1991-1995 and as Assistant Principal from 1995-2002.

Kevin currently is Vice Chair of the Catholic Central High School Board of Trustees and is past president of the Capital Region Alliance for Young Children with Special Needs.

Kevin has a B.A. in English/Secondary Education from Siena College and has studied on the graduate level at the

State University of New York at Albany in their Educational Administration and Policy Studies Program. He is married to Andrew Krystopolski and they reside at 30 N. Ferry Street.

PETER RUMORA has lived in the Stockade for about 18 years. He previously served on the Stockade Association Board, chairing the Christmas tree lighting for 3 years. He has worked in Riverside Park planting and maintaining the lilacs for 6 years, and helped to raise funds for the pillars at the end of Washington Avenue. Peter has worked with Re-Tree Schenectady to plant street trees, and has taken care of the Lawrence circle garden off and on for years. He has opened his home and garden for both the Walkabout and Garden Tours. Prior to moving here Peter lived in Albany where he did a number of interesting things. He designed and supervised the planting of tulips in Washington Park for the Tulip Festival and summer flower beds. He also chaired the Festival including choosing of the Queen. He designed and planted the conifer garden in Academy Park across the street from the NYS Capital, maintaining it for 12 years.

## ❁ Stockade Association Board Meeting Minutes ❁

President Carol DeLaMarter reported on City Council President Leesa Perazzo's presentation to the March general meeting. Several community meetings were also mentioned.

The Board approved 12 pages and color for the May Spy. Funds will remain for the September issue.

There are 137 memberships. The Board approved an increase in membership dues. See page 2 of Spy for details.

The Nominating Committee presented its slate of nominees to be voted on at the May general meeting. See article on page 4 in this issue of the Spy.

The Infrastructure Committee is proceeding with plans for streetscape improvements. Next meeting is April 30, 10am - 12 noon at 1st Reformed Church. The committee is continuing to work on traffic mitigation at the casino site.

The Committee of Safety is identifying people to attend a training session and self defense training. Safety tips will be published in the Spy. Board approved having a picnic on July 26.

Plans to build a parking lot in front of the First Reformed Church has been discussed by the Preservation Committee.

An update on the Garden Tour was presented by Beautification Committee member Gloria Kishton.

A date of June 11 is being considered for this year's sidewalk sale. A chairperson and volunteers are needed.

Bob Lemmerman spoke to a potential contractor to work on the Stockade Association website.

Important date: May 7 is "I Love My City Park" cleanup with City assistance. Suggestions for Riverside are being sought.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm - minutes recorded by Bob Stern

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Sunday, May 1, 2pm      Notable Women    Sue McLane  
 Saturday, May 7, 7:30am    Bird walk      Neil Reilly

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Stockade Spy meeting: To be announced.  
 Schenectady City Council, 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7pm.  
 Historic District Commission: Monday, May 16, 7pm  
 Schenectady City Hall  
 Planning Commission: Wednesday, May 18, 6:30pm  
 Schenectady City Hall  
 Neighborhood Watch Window Watcher training-contact  
 Sean Philpott-Jones at jean.michel.philpott@gmail.com



**Birds of the Stockade - Capt. Eagle Eyes (Jamie Taft)**  
 All the birds that occur in and around the Stockade use various types of songs and calls. Calls are usually defined as short stereotyped vocalizations that are innate, while songs are more complex and often must be learned. Birds can have a dozen or more distinct calls, which they may use in specific ecological circumstances: alarm calls signal danger; contact calls locate other individuals; flight calls keep the flock together and so forth. Song variation occurs in different individuals. With some species, she also sings.

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Friday, May 6, 7pm. Doors open at 6:45pm  
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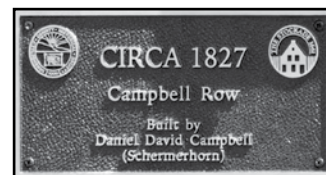
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 across the street at the Sche-  
 nectady County Historical



Society and also at the Efner History Center at City Hall with  
 our neighbors at #19 Washington, we learned that our three  
 houses - #19, #21 and #23 Washington Avenue - were all  
 built at the same time and known as Campbell Row. They  
 were named after the man who built them, Daniel David  
 Campbell, who was one of the richest men in the Mohawk  
 Valley in the late 19th century. Also named after him are  
 Campbell Road, Campbell Avenue and his 1832 Camp-  
 bell Mansion that was near Rotterdam Mall, and since torn  
 down. We also found out that our houses were built around  
 1827, after the Great Fire of 1819 destroyed the warehou-  
 ses and businesses that were here then on Washington Av-  
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 that a Grace Watkins, who married Governor Yates' grand-  
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Campbell Row. Photo by David Giacalone

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# Tidings

We are sad to report the deaths of Cathy Johnson and Phyllis Gavin. Cathy passed away on April 11. She served on the Stockade Association board as treasurer and volunteered for many Association activities over the years. The Stockade Book Club will be planting and maintaining Cathy's window boxes, which were greatly admired, this summer. Phyllis lived on Front Street for many years. She worked for New York State and was also an avid photographer.

Congratulations to Dan Philpott-Jones, whose Mohonasen High School varsity and junior varsity Color Guard took first place in their respective divisions at the 18th Annual Mid-York Color Guard Circuit at Mohonasen on February 27. The varsity guard went on to compete last month at the World Guard International's World Championships in Dayton, Ohio for the first time. The 20-member team performed their routine "The Masquerade Party" at the event where they made it to the semifinals.

Did you visit the Green Market on April 17? If so, you may have seen Bob Lemmerman playing with "The Fearless Fretters." Bob plays the banjo in the five-member group.



Sylvie Briber held an ice cream social in April to welcome new neighbors to the Stockade. Honored guests were: Wendy Fung and Mark Bryant, 15 Washington Avenue; Jeff and Diane Moore, 132 N. College; Lawrence James and Christina (Tina) Caruso, 142 Front Street; Doug Chilton and Cecile Stewart, 1 Union Street; Peter Carman and Lynn Bodden, 29 Front Street; Susan DuFour, 4 Cucumber Alley; Mary Jo Czarkowski, 22 Washington Avenue; and Brian Hegenbach and Joan Midelson, 33 Front Street.

Other new neighbors who were unable to attend are: Jamie Pastiglione and Tamie Fowler, 214 Union Street; Mike and Kelly Burns, 212 Union Street; Michael Murphy, 137 Union Street; Linda and Lynn Seal, 19 Front Street.



A new neighbor of the canine variety arrived in late April. Lily Alvarez and Glen Houston have a new lab/corgi mix whose name is "Logan."

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

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 The Historic Commission reviews applications monthly, at 7pm, at City Hall. Call City Hall for exact dates. Applications are due 2 weeks prior.

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*Thank you for joining the  
Stockade Association!*

## “GIVE GRAFFITI THE BRUSH” Addresses Several Community Objectives

City Councilwoman Leesa Perazzo, at her presentation to the Stockade Association in March, told members that this worthy program is continuing and available to homeowners whose buildings have the misfortune to be “tagged.” Graffiti is a persistent problem in urban neighborhoods and the Stockade is no exception. In response, Ms. Perazzo has organized a program that helps young people who have been assigned community service, to work off those hours by painting over graffiti that shows up around the city.



Participants gather under Ms. Perazzo’s supervision on Saturday mornings and tackle specific properties that have been identified for the city by their owners. The participants match paint as closely as possible and paint over the tags. To benefit, owners must report their property to the city code enforcement department and be cited by the city. This will enable “Give Graffiti the Brush” to step in and clean up an ugly eyesore at no cost to the owner. Contact Councilwoman Perazzo at [Lperazzo@schenctadyny.gov](mailto:Lperazzo@schenctadyny.gov) or Building Inspector Eric Shilling at (518) 382-5050 for more information.



## SCHENECTADY HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Schenectady Heritage Foundation will hold their annual Preservation Award ceremony on Thursday, May 26 at 4pm in the rotunda of Schenectady's City Hall. Significantly, 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Foundation's by-laws and awards are based on criteria established by the Federal Department of the Interior. Please join us as we honor some of the best examples of historic preservation in Schenectady County.

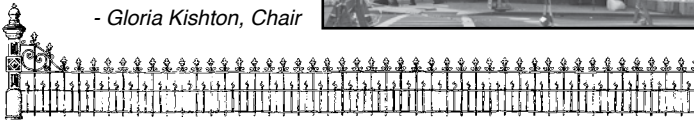
Several Foundation Board members will attend a NY State-wide preservation conference in Albany on May 6. We look forward to many interesting and informative programs.

The Foundation is continuing to support the restoration of 3 flood-damaged houses on Ingersoll Ave. John Samatulski of Urban Initiatives will soon focus on interior renovations of #11, 18, and 28. Much progress has been made on the exteriors since last fall. At the same time, we await with great interest the proposed moving and raising of 4 Washington Ave., currently the sole flood mitigation project located in the Stockade, funded by the "NY Rising" program.

What a coincidence it was to be eating lunch in Thai Thai Bistro when the building began to vibrate! My party immediately went to City Hall to report to the Mayor and building inspector, strongly urging that the construction company immediately cease pounding steel pilings right next to the foundation of the Nicholaus Building, built c. 1820, around the time the Erie Canal opened. We are confident that engineers will figure out a way to save one of Schenectady's iconic buildings!



- Gloria Kishton, Chair



## Stockade Association & Schenectady Heritage Foundation attend "Seven to Save" event



Stockade Association President Carol DeLaMarter, Secretary Suzy Unger, and Gloria Kishton, Chair of Schenectady Heritage Foundation, recently traveled to New York City to attend the Preservation League of NYS event announcing their "Seven to Save" list of endangered places in NYS. The event took place at the Judd Foundation, the beautifully restored 1870

cast iron home/studio of artist Donald Judd in Soho which is now a private museum. The Stockade Historic District is listed due to repeated flooding, deterioration, loss of visual and architectural integrity, vacancy and lack of public awareness of these problems. The SA and SHF plan to work over the next 2 years with the Preservation League, government agencies and the private sector to address these issues.



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## CLYBOURNE PARK OPENS MAY 6 AT SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS



Angelique Powell  
Jean-Remy Monnay  
Nick Bosanko (standing)  
Photo by Jennifer Moak

Clybourne Park, a 2011 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning play by Bruce Norris, directed by Chris Foster, opens Friday, May 6, and runs through Sunday, May 15 at Schenectady Civic Players' 12 S. Church Street playhouse in Schenectady's historic Stockade district.

Clybourne Park, a response play to Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*, explodes in two outrageous acts set fifty years apart. Act One takes place in 1959, as nervous community leaders anxiously try to stop the sale of a home to a black family. Act Two is

set in the same house in the present day, as the now predominantly African-American neighborhood battles to hold its ground in the face of gentrification.

This funny and fiercely provocative play about race, real estate, and the volatile values of each won nearly every honor the theater has to give, including the Tony Award for Best Play, Olivier Award, the Evening Standard Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

The Civic Players cast features Nick Bosanko, Nicolle Galigan, Evan Jones, Jean-Remy Monnay, Angelique Powell, Katie Weinberg, and Patrick White, each portraying a different character in each act.

Tickets, \$17. Order tickets on-line at [www.civicplayers.org](http://www.civicplayers.org) Or call the Playhouse 382-2081.




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## LOVE MY CITY PARK DAY

On Saturday, May 7th, the City of Schenectady will again sponsor I Love My City Park Day and is looking for volunteers. Last year volunteers from the neighborhood came together to clean up tennis and basketball courts and together prepared the for a summer of enjoyment in the park. Last year the city selected Riverside Park to get new playground equipment. Let's hope all get to see a spruced up park and new projects again this year. Please think about joining your neighbors on May 7th. Can't do heavy work park clean-up might need, stop by and thank volunteers, bake and drop off snacks and bottled water for the thirsty crew. Can't volunteer on May 7 but want to help, contact the Beautification Team (Suzanne.unger@gmail.com) always hard at work sprucing up flower beds in Riverside Park and at Lawrence.



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A regatta on the Mohawk River in the 1890's. *Photo courtesy of SCHS*



The old bath house in Riverside Park. The public swimming pool was located in the area behind the bath house in this photograph. *Photo courtesy of SCHS*



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## MEET YOUR STOCKADE NEIGHBOR

**Kristen Diotte** has been a Stockade resident for almost five years. She contributed the article below sharing her interest in Riverside Park and streetscape improvements .

Kristin is a project architect at Re4orm Architecture, focused on downtown redevelopment in Schenectady. She received her degree in Architecture from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, studied abroad in Italy, China and Peru, and is a practicing percussionist with Ensemble Congeros. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Contemporary Artists Center in Troy and Vice-Chair of the Millennial Council in Schenectady.

### Collective Space + Community

Public space is often the realm in which people of urban neighborhoods make connections with each other, discuss ideas, congregate and play. In the spring of 2015, the Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC) was revitalized by Mayor Gary McCarthy in an effort to further regenerate parks and programming throughout Schenectady. Its 12 members have diverse expertise coming from different parts of the city. The initial park improvement project was restoring/replacing playground equipment to six of our city parks including Riverside Park here in the Stockade. Moving forward, we will continue to collect community input and prioritize future revitalization efforts. For me, it has also been exciting to work with the Infrastructure Maintenance Committee of the Stockade Association to develop a phased streetscape renewal plan based on community input.

Here in the Stockade we have the opportunity to collectively define ways in which we can celebrate and enhance the experience of our neighborhood. I'm also interested to explore how we might better connect neighborhood edges to other parts of the city. As an architectural designer, I believe we have a responsibility to be representatives for community, acting as agents between people and municipality to define strategies that allow urban issues to become opportunities. I look forward to the year ahead with the below thought in mind.

“Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.”

- Jane Jacobs, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*



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## The Stockade Spy

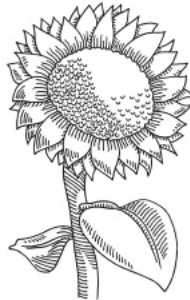
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### MAY AT ARTHUR'S

Tue. 5/3	7pm	Joe Dolittle's Storytellers Open Mic
Wed. 5/4	11am	Stockade Tour & lunch. Call 374-0263
Fri. 5/6	7pm	Guitars & percussion trio
Sat. 5/7	8pm	TANGO! \$12 includes lesson
Wed. 5/11	6pm	Poets workshop & open mic
Fri. 5/13	7pm	Kitchen Jazz = swingin' jazz
Tue. 5/17	7pm	Open Jazz Jam; bring your instrument
Wed. 5/18	6pm	Schenectady Justice Forum
Sat. 5/21	noon	Belly dancing by Shakti
Mon. 5/23	7pm	History & dessert - casual conversation: Stockade history w/author John Gearing
Wed. 5/25	7pm	Jim Connelly - rare Americana - quiet dinner show

### MAY AT MOON & RIVER

Wed. 5/4	5pm	The Little Meeting that Could (change the world)
Thur. 5/5	7pm	Mark Baptiste - oldies with feeling
Sat. 5/7	7pm	Kitchen Jazz - with Stockaders: Sylvi, Norm & Rich
Tue. 5/10	7pm	Dave Kitchen Jazz Trio. Also 5/17 & 24
Thur. 5/12	6pm	Dave Kitchen solo guitar - dinner music
Thur. 5/19	7pm	Running the River - folk 'n fun
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