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Stockade Calendar

**Stockade Association
General Meeting**
Thurs., Jan. 13
Historical Society
32 Washington Ave.
(see page 3 for details)

SCCC Instant Admission/ Information Night

Wed., Jan. 5, 6 - 8 PM
Workshops & one-on-one
discussions with profes-
sionals from financial aid
& student services
Free & open to public.
Call 381-1366 for info.

"Poetry Night"

Sat. Jan 15, 7:30 PM
(see page 1 for details)

"Percy Van Epps"

Speaker: Gary Bernhardt
Sat., Jan. 8
1:30 PM Refreshments
2:00 PM Program
Schenectady County
Historical Society
32 Washington Avenue

"On The Verge"

Jan. 28, 29, 30
Feb. 1 - 6
8:00 PM, Sun., 2:30 PM
Schenectady Civic Players
12 South Church Street
Tickets \$12, 382-2081

February Spy Deadline

January 15

Saturdays Poetry Continues in the New Century at Arthur's Market: *Pete's Poets at Arthur's*

Did you know there is poetry in the Stockade? Yes! The ongoing Third Saturdays Poetry at Arthur's Market is continuing on January 15, 2000, starting at 7:30 PM. And for refreshments, the Market will offer its goodies past its usual 9 PM closing time.

The poetry reading will feature well-known poet Alan Catlin, a long-time Schenectady resident. This special guest poet has published some 35 collections of his poetry, most recently

Celtic Twilight (JVC Books, Arcadia, Florida). His forthcoming chapbook, *Hair of the Dog That Bit Me*, will be a sequel to his earlier *Killer Cocktail* (both published by 4sep Productions, Milwaukee, Wisconsin).

Everyone is invited to bring their own or someone else's poem to Arthur's Market on January 15 to read during the open mike.

- Malcolm Willison

"On The Verge" or "The Geography of Yearning"

Fun diversion for a wintry night!

The latest play at The Lady Explorer equipped with dialogue as Schenectady Civic Playhouse on South Church is a whimsical, fast-moving comedy by one of contemporary theater's wittiest playwrights. Our Stockade neighbors, Matthew Moross of North Ferry Street is the director and Melissa Brown of Washington Avenue is the Assistant Director.

It is the story of three Victorian lady explorers as they set out on an adventure that takes them to darkest Africa, the highest Himalayas and Terra Incognita. Three sister sojourners, each a prototypical Victorian



pithy as their helmets, thwack their machetes through the wilderness while telling tales of past jaunts among the natives. The play blends the limber linguistics of Tom Stoppard with the historic overview of Thornton Wilder and exercises our vocabulary to within an inch of its life. Showtime is January 28, 29, 30, and Feb. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Evenings, 8:00 PM, Sunday matinees, 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$12. Call 382-2081.

St. George's New Schedule of Services
30 North Ferry Street

Sun.	Matins	7:30 AM
	Low Mass	8:00 AM
	High Mass	10:00 AM 11:15 AM (Reception in Great Hall followed by Adult Forum)
Mon.	Matins	8:00 AM
	Evensong	5:30 PM
	Mass	5:45 PM
Tues.	Matins	8:00 AM
	Evensong	5:30 PM
	Mass w/Unction	5:45 PM Healing Mass 6:15 PM Supper followed by Parish Bible Study
Wed.	Mass	7:00 AM
	Matins	8:00 AM
	Evensong	5:30 PM
Thurs.	Matins	8:00 AM
	Evensong	5:30 PM
	Mass	5:45 PM
Fri.	Mass	7:00 AM
	Matins	8:00 AM
	Evensong	5:30 PM
Sat.	Matins	8:00 AM
	Mass	9:00 AM
	Confession	9:30 - 10:30 AM
	Rosary	5:00 PM 2nd Sat. of every month
	Vigil Mass (Taize Music)	5:30 PM 2nd Sat. of every month

First Presbyterian Church, 115 Union Street

Octave of Prayer, A Week of Prayer Services

Sun. Jan. 2 to Sun. Jan. 9 - except Fri. and Sat.

Sundays, 6:00 PM, Mon. Tues., Wed., Thurs. 7:00 PM

Day of Fasting & Prayer, January 5, Sunrise to Sunset

First Presbyterian Church

at 209 Union Street

invites the Stockade Community
to be our guests

at a complimentary Italian Dinner
on **Saturday February 19, 2000.**

Come anytime between 6 to 8 PM
to the church's hall and enjoy food,
music and conversation.

So that we may plan accordingly
we do ask for

an RSVP by February 5, 2000

Please call 346-3154 or 877-7897

A Personal Memory

The passing of Emily Rickey Phelps is not only a personal loss but for me the end of an era in the Stockade. I first met the Rickey family in the early fifties when Emily, her husband Percy and children Rosemary and Walter lived with Emily's mother, two sisters and several nephews at 15 Front Street. Mrs. Rickey had a beautiful rose garden where the garages on Governor's Lane are today.

They were such an interesting family. Emily and her sisters and one brother grew up in Scotland and all were graduates of British universities except for the youngest sister who graduated from Cornell. Emily attended Cambridge University and had an advanced degree from MIT. The world-renowned sculptor George Rickey is her brother.

I never had anything but a lively conversation with Emily. Extremely intelligent and beautifully educated, she had a keen interest in many subjects. Her precision with language enhanced rather than inhibited her delightful sense of humor. She was also a woman of great character. Emily cared for her invalid husband for 35 years and was never heard to complain or indulge in self pity.

Emily loved to hear the news of the Stockade and I shall miss our visits over a cup of tea. In a community of interesting people Emily was one of the most remarkable.

- Susanna K. Sherwood

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GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2000

32 Washington Ave.

7:00 P.M. SOCIAL

7:30 P.M. PROGRAM AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the November, 1999, General Meeting for approval
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. **Mohawk Club Corporate Membership**
 - Costs to our association and individual members
 - Dining, Special Event and Guest Room Facilities Available
- D. **Legal Action Against the Board of Zoning Appeals on 232 Union St.**
 - Legal advice of our attorney will be presented
 - Membership input on specific legal action(s)
 - Commitment of funds

Editor's "Thank you" to Stockade Spy Staff

As a way to say goodbye to the old year and welcome in the new, I would like to take this space to say "thank you" to so many Stockaders who have given much help to me each month in putting together *The Spy*.

First of all, my big hat goes off to **Lidia Pasamanick** who not only proofreads all my copy, and gives me sound advice, but is the one who is always there for me for those last minute panics!

Next, I want to thank **Jim Schmitt** for giving us those tasty tidbits for *The Stockade Stopper* column. I learn so much about architecture and the lifestyles of bygone days, and wait to see what he will write about the photo in the next issue.

Thanks go to **Gerald Plante** for so many enjoyable articles over the years always celebrating the neighborhood whether it be with restaurant reviews, new Stockade business news, or interesting Stockaders. **Lisa Perl** deserves a big hand for such a great job in convincing so many new businesses to advertise in *The Spy*. She has promoted The Stockade in the downtown business community. Thanks go to **Janie Hayner** for diligently keeping track of all the incoming and outgoing money.

And there are so many other contributors to thank: **Emily Curtis**, for the Board meeting highlights, the column, "A Peek In the Window;" and for selling ads; **Malcolm Willison** for his poetry and prose; and **Susanna Sherwood** for her sensitive and interesting articles celebrating "The People of The Stockade;" and thanks for their help in many ways to **Helen Giulietti**, **Barbara Sauer**, **Helen Witts**, **Scott Wytrwa**, **Michelle Kelly**, **Bob Hayner**, **Karen Johnson**, **Joe Bernat**, **Priscilla Gocha**, **Connie Colangelo**, **Michaela French**, **Karen Mahoney**, **Anne Siddall**, **Regina Houston** and **Andrew Houston**.

And thanks go to our delivery guys who, through rain, sleet and snow, get the news out on time: specifically **Bill Delaney** for his many years of dedicated work. He is always a delight to work with, and he even trained the new kids on the block - **Aric Morgan**, and now **David Hawkey**.

Also, thanks to our printer, **Capital Printing**, of Lafayette Street who has been very caring and helpful.

- Sylvia Briber, Editor

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Board Meeting Highlights

At the December 7 Board meeting, the main topic on the agenda was the Board of Zoning Appeals and its recent decisions concerning properties in historic districts. Jim Schmitt, Chairman of the *Schenectady Heritage Foundation*, was invited to present information on that organization's suit against the BZA for overstepping their jurisdiction and mandate. The BZA granted permission to demolish a house in the Union Triangle Historic District without requiring that the owners prove the existence of "hardship" as required by the City zoning code.

Subsequently, the Board was brought up-to-date on our suit against the BZA. The BZA filed their decision granting

a special use permit for 232 Union Street on December 6; they are allowing the prospective buyer, a cosmetologist, to operate a 'wellness center' on the two lower floors of the residence. (Such use is specifically prohibited under B-2 zoning.) We have retained Attorney Arkley L. Mastro, Jr., to represent the Association in this matter.

There was further discussion of the Association's opportunity to become a "corporate member" of the Mohawk Club which was reported in the December *Spy*. The details will be presented to the general membership for a vote at the January 13th meeting. If you would like more information now, please speak to any Board member.

- Lidia Pasamanick

If you would like to become a member of The Stockade Association, please make your check out to **The Stockade Association** and send it to the new treasurer, Meredith Anker, 4 Washington Avenue, Schenectady, 12305.
Tax deductible membership is \$10 per person, \$15 per household.

Important Police Department Numbers

Emergency	374-7744	Non-emergency complaints	382-5264
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Traffic Division	382-5211	(Days)	
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		(Evenings)	
		Kevin Green	341-2078

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Watch for the answer along with an interesting commentary by Jim Schmitt in the February *Spy*!

----- T i d i n g s -----

At press time, 12/ 23, Pete Polachek reports that after three weeks in the hospital his father, Arthur, is much better. He will be receiving rehabilitation and is looking forward to being home by January 1.

Please extend warm welcomes to new neighbors:

- Joan Vlaun of Front Street
- Sarah Constantino, David Marhafer's sister, of Washington Avenue
- Sylvie Desormeaux and Grant E. Brown of Union Street
- Chris Marrotta of Union Street
- Scott Bolick & Kevin Walker of Cucumber Alley
- Doug Mealy of North Ferry Street, who joins his brother, Don, also on North Ferry, and his mother, Helen, on Front Street. Doug has moved from San Francisco where he founded Online Marketing and Public Relations (www.om-pr.com)

Our deepest sympathy goes to Jessie Malecki upon the death of her husband, Joe, a long time Stockade resident. He and Jessie lived together in her family house on North Street ever since they were married over fifty years ago.

We also extend our condolences to the family of Emily Phelps of Washington Avenue.

In Memory of Jack Zegger

The Board of the Stockade has arranged for a mass to be said at Our Lady of Fatima Church in memory of Jack Zegger. The date has been changed to Sunday, January 2 at 11 AM, and not January 1 at 5 PM.

January Waste Collection Dates

Thurs. Jan. 6
Thurs. Jan. 13
Fri. Jan. 21
Fri. Jan. 28

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