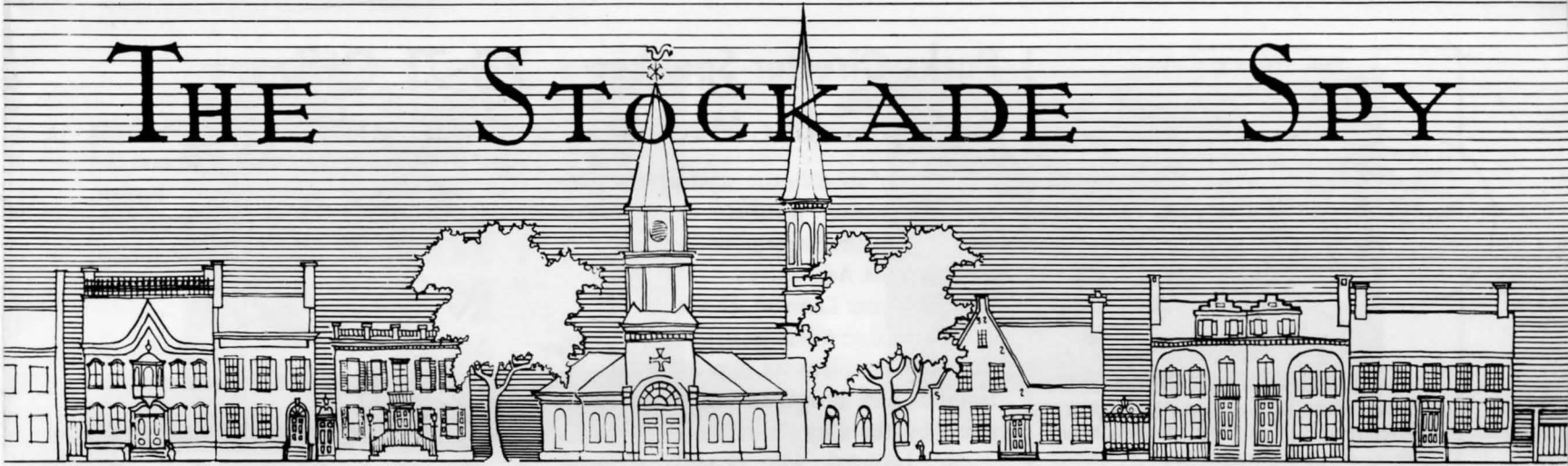


# THE STOCKADE SPY



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## Trees - A Growing Part of the Stockade September 12 Set For Stockade Art Show

At one of the Association meetings last Spring it was voted to appropriate \$400.00 for the purchase and planting of shade trees in continuation of the program so successfully carried out in previous years. The writer was persuaded by President Merrill Brown to be in charge of the season's program.

We surveyed the area for suitable spots for trees, and then negotiated with Faddegon's Nurseries the matter of how many and what kinds of trees could be obtained for the money appropriated. It was rather a shock to discover that we could get only ten planted. Labor costs seem to have inflated in that field too. The actual labor exceeded the estimate by a considerable amount due to unforeseen difficulties in digging holes. Mr. Faddegon, however, stuck by his agreement, and the trees were planted as follows:

- 1 Locust at 33 Front St. (Picture)
- 1 Schwedler Maple at Arthur's Market
- 1 Locust at the corner of Ferry and Green Sts.
- 1 Locust at 211 Green St.
- 1 English Oak at Front St.
- 1 Kentucky Coffee Tree at 113 Front St.
- 1 Kentucky Coffee Tree at 121 Front St.
- 1 English Oak at 153 Front St.
- 1 Imperial Locust at 148 Front St.
- 1 Norway Maple at 113 Union St.

Some "Stockaders" enlarged on our operation by planting trees at their own expense, and they should certainly be given at least gold stars for their efforts. The Shanklins of 14 North St. planted a little-leaf Linden in their rear yard; Mr. Cohen planted two Norway Maples at his property at 11 Washington Ave.; and Mrs. Edwards of 6 Front St. planted a Locust. The latter planting turned out to be a major project when Mr. Faddegon's men ran into a large and durable Elm stump under the bricks.

Mr. Faddegon's crew did an excellent job in the planting, but it must be pointed out to those receiving the trees, that a thorough soaking once or twice a week is vital if the trees are to get a good start. If the only water they get is provided by the

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*"I THINK that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree," wrote Joyce Kilmer in "Trees" and this one at 33 Front Street is on its way to loveliness. The Spy invites Riverside School children to write a verse on this one. Also the Stockades many artists and musicians may also want to give this one a try.*

The 19th annual Stockade Outdoor Art Show is set for Saturday, Sept. 12.

Thousands of people are expected to attend the colorful and creative event which will include more than 200 exhibitors displaying around the Stockade Indian, on both sides of North Ferry Street, Green Street, College Street and Front Street.

In addition to hundreds of paintings, art for art's sake will also include pottery, carvings and plastic and metal art pieces.

Following is the schedule of Art Show hostesses for the event:

**11:00 - 12:00** - Ann BeVier, Marianne Brown, Darlene Duggen, Pat Davidson, Pat Hart and Linda Nichols.

**12:00 - 1:00** - Ann George, Susan Schlereth, Jane Richard, Pat O'Neil, Phil Zautner and Barbara Sauer.

**1:00 - 2:00** - Kay Shanklin, Pat Kenneally, Ann Rickard, June Grisette and Marilyn Taggart.

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*THE FUTURE OF THE GLEN SANDERS MANSION, on the north bank of the Mohawk, remains uncertain. Trying to save this rare historical home is a committee spearheaded by the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce which has contacted the New York State Historic Trust, the New York State Historian and other organizations that are concerned with preserving historical sites to investigate practical means of preserving the Mansion for public use. Chairman of the Committee is Robert E. Dirks and committee members are Richard H. Bickle, E. F. Spicer, Veronica Lynch, Merrill Brown and James Collier. See page 6 for an interesting article describing the Mansion's history and its interesting role in the Schenectady Massacre in 1690.*

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**New Stockade Spies To Ferret News**

Joining the Stockade Spy as Assistant Editor is Bruce Daniel, a reporter for the Knickerbocker News and Union Star. Bruce, who resides at 13 Washington Ave., also brings the Spy his experience as editor of the State University of New York's literary magazine as well as two years of advertising know-how for Gimbel's in New York. He holds a master's degree in English from SUNY.

Bruce's primary concern is promoting the use of more feature articles for the Spy. So if you know of something you think would make a good human interest story, give him a call on 374-1652.

Also coming to the aid of the Spy is Mrs. William "Ann" Thomas, 16 Washington Ave., who will serve as news editor. She will be calling on spy columnists for their articles and collecting news stories. So if you know of some activity going on that would be of interest to Stockaders, give her a call on 377-1962.

The Spy also happily welcomes Barbara Sauer, 146 Front Street, and Beverly Gogola, 128 College Street, aboard. These lively gals will be scanning the area for social tidbits for the Tidings column. Since they are relatively new to the area, they request you give them a call to report social news. Barbara can be contacted on 393-1908 while Beverly can be reached at 374-0379.

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**Parks Director Speaker At September Meeting**

Potential modifications which the City envisions within Rotondo Park will be discussed at the September 21 meeting of the Stockade Association.

Mr. William Leonard, Director of Parks and Recreation will meet with the membership to review plans for improving existing facilities and programs which are sponsored by the City.

Mr. Leonard, who recently replaced Mr. William Eddy, long-time Director of the City's Park System, will be most interested in sharing his own points of view as well as entertaining comments from park-users relative to their like and dislikes in regards to Rotondo Park.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the Library of the Riverside School. Everyone is urged to attend.

**11 TREES PLANTED**

**Tree Committee Report**

Eleven trees at a total cost of \$400 were planted in the Stockade this summer, reports Bill Harrison, Chairman of the Tree and Improvement Committee.

Additional trees are available for anyone who wants to plant one. The cost of planting is roughly 50 percent of the cost of the tree. A list of recommended trees and their costs are posted on the bulletin board beside Arthur's Market.

At the May 25 Stockade Association meeting, the Association approved a motion to consider planting \$500 worth of trees in the fall and that the tree committee prepare a list of suggested sites and bring a plan to this month's meeting. Bids will be presented.

**70-71 Officers**

Elected as officers of the Stockade Association for the 1970-71 season at the May 25 meeting were: Merrill Brown, President; Theodore Kurtz, Vice President; Mrs. R.H. Norris, Recording Secretary; Mrs. R.L. Kenny, Corresponding Secretary and William Taggart, Treasurer.

The three new directors elected were Andrew Kellogg, Warren Tarrant and Mrs. James Duggan.

Those named to head committees so far for the season are: Theodore Kurtz, Programs; Louis Navias, Zoning; Bill Harrison, Trees and Improvements; Jim Lane, Parks; Betsy Graves and Anne George, 1971 Stockade Walkabout; Mark and Jeanice Lewis, Membership, and John Zegger, Committee for Designation on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Treasurer's Report**

Here's the treasurer's report as presented at the May 25 meeting of the Stockade Association.

A balance of \$3,313.74 is shown divided between the Schenectady Savings and Loan Association (\$2,917.97) and the Schenectady Trust checking account (\$395.77). It was pointed out that \$1,000 of this had been appropriated in March for the tree project and the Riverside School sidewalk. It was moved that the report be accepted with the understanding that \$1,000 was still to be expended. It was seconded and passed.

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## Stockade Walkabout - A Tour of the Past

Everybody is invited to attend the 11th Annual Walkabout in Schenectady's historic Stockade from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 26.

The annual event is sponsored by the Schenectady County Historical Society and the Stockade Association of Schenectady, N.Y.

Participants may browse at their own pace. Brochures will be provided which contain a map of the area and a description of the open houses. Hostesses will be available in each of the homes to give you more complete information.

Tickets are \$3 each for the nine homes, the three churches and the Historical Society Museum on the tour. Tickets and brochures may be obtained at the Historical Society Museum, 32 Washington Ave., The Lawrence Van Voast Agency, 38 N. Ferry St. or at a booth to be set up on the corner of Union and Church Streets the day of the event.

Ladies are advised to wear low heels. Children under ten are not encouraged to tour the open homes.

The Stockade area is four blocks of historic homes preserved and restored by individual owners with adaptations for modern living. Young and old enjoy its interesting environment. What you will see is a living example of the growth of American architecture beginning with the Colonial Dutch and English settlers and modified through the 19th and 20th centuries.

Here's the tour agenda:

1. 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady County Historical Society. Stop and explore old Schenectady's history in

paintings, photographs, antique furniture, Indian artifacts, doll and toy collections, tools, guns, and early lighting equipment. Tea will be served from 2:30 to 5 P.M.

2. 43 Washington Ave., home of Mrs. H.M. MacMaster. This building is made up of two houses built about 1791, later connected, and was considered the greatest house in Schenectady 100 years ago. The dignified hallway leads to Mrs. MacMaster's spacious first floor apartment.

3. 19 Front Street, home of Mrs. W.A. Kitts. The Revolutionary War General Jacob Swits was married in 1790 and purchased this home for his bride. The left section of the house was added early in the 18th century. Nineteenth century Victorian architectural changes were made by later owners. Furnishings and memorabilia from all parts of the world collected by the late Admiral Kitts may be seen in this charming home.

4. 116 Front Street, home of Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Nichols. This small 18th century home with wide pine floor boards and hand hewn beams indicate early Dutch Construction. It is believed to have been

moved from another site.

5. 146 Front Street, home of Mr. John L. Ellsbree. A late Victorian brick home recently adapted into four modern apartments but retaining its woodwork and gracious appearance. It is most attractively furnished with antiques and paintings.

6. 27 N. Ferry Street, home of Mrs. Giles Y. vander Bogert. This 1795 home of John Peck was restored by Schenectady Architect the late Giles vander Bogert, a pioneer in Stockade area preservation.

7. 30 N. Ferry Street, St. George's Episcopal Church. This fine architectural gem designed by Samuel Fuller was built in 1759, enlarged in 1793, 1838 and 1859 with a major restoration done in 1953. Samuel Fuller came from Boston to engage in the construction of boats, wagons, log homes and shelters for the English Army in the French and Indian War.

8. 125 Union Street, First Presbyterian Church. This building erected in 1809 replaced a wooden structure located nearer Union Street.

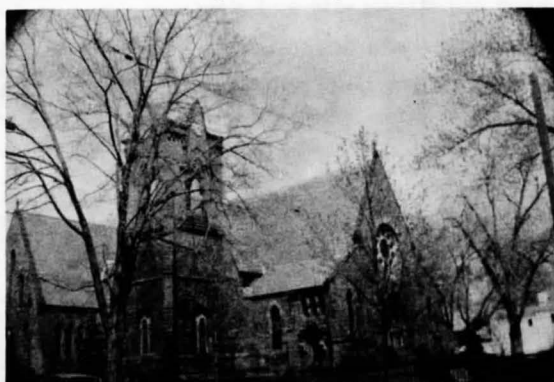
9. 224 Union Street, home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris P. Copper. This red brick



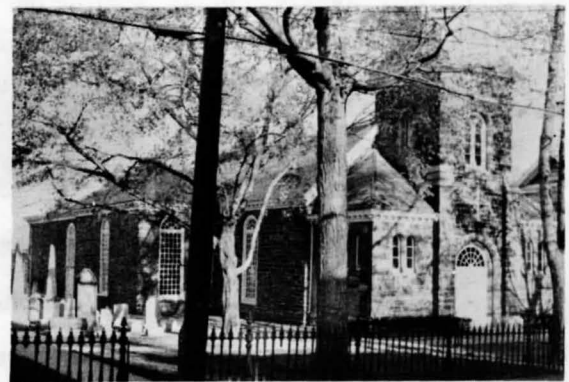
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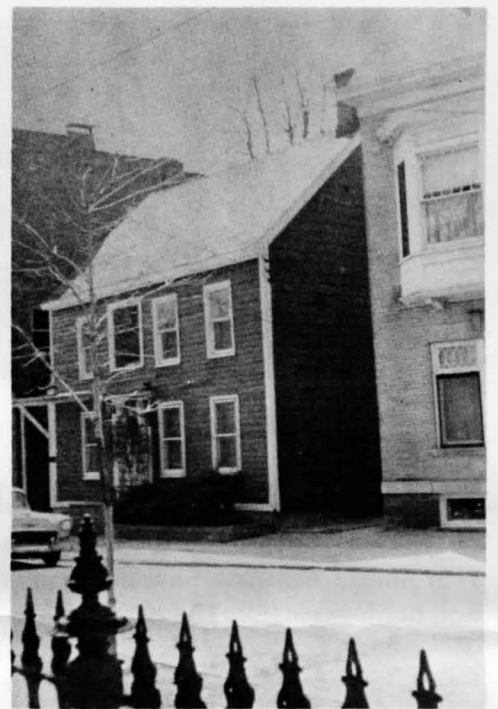
101 Union Street (corner of Church Street)



116 Front Street



224 Union Street



27 N. Ferry Street

## Stockade Walkabout - A Tour of the Past

Victorian home is one of three built in 1875, considered the most elegant town houses in Schenectady. The owners have maintained this elegance in their restoration and lovely antique furnishings.

10. 220 Union Street, home of Mrs. H.C. Holden. This pre-revolutionary 1740 home of Jacobus Van Antwerp is a fine example of the prevalent custom of combining two earlier small homes by means of a common facade of clapboard. This home was carefully restored by the late Mr. H.C. Holden and Mrs. Holden.

11. Union and Church Street, First Reformed Church. Early Dutch settlers were given land and financial support by the Glen family of Scotia to establish a church in 1680. The first church of logs was located near the corner of Church and State Streets. The present edifice is the fifth building at the present location. Stop and admire the newly finished steeple and cock weathervane, which complete the recent restoration of this handsome church.

### Added Highlights

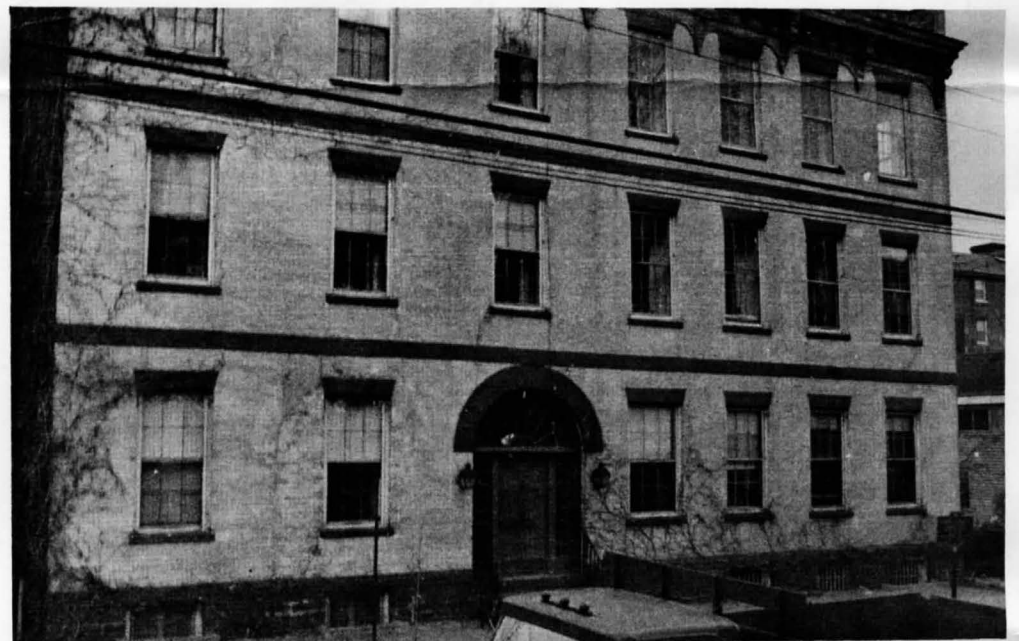
A special photographic exhibit will be shown at 32 Washington Ave. You may enjoy these as you browse.

Scenes of Schenectady Past and Present from the photo files of John Papp, Lawrence VanderVeer and Albert Gayer and the Historical Society - will present you with a story of: (1) Eras of change in modes of travel and transportation. (2) Famous hoes and churches designed and built by Revolutionary Builder Samuel Fuller. (3) 1713 Glen Sanders Mansion and its furnishings and interior with a historical record of the efforts and reasons for its preservation and recognition with a historic landmark designation.

12. 4 South Church Street, home of Mrs. A.V. Duell. A stately Victorian home with marble fireplaces and panelled parlor. Furnishings here are a collection of rare French and Italian antiques.

Co-chairman of the 11th Walkabout Committee are Mrs. G. Bryan Shanklin

and Miss Gertrude Naylor. Committee members are Mrs. Robert George, Mrs. Guy Graves, Mrs. Horace Van Voast, Mrs. Donald Smith, Mrs. Merrill Brown, John Ellsbree and Ted Kurtz. Responsible for art and publicity are Mrs. G. Douglas Grisett, Mrs. James Lane, Mrs. William BeVier and Gordon Lefebvre, Jr.



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# SLOC News

"Help! Help! The Globbolinks are Coming" to accompany "Amahl and the Night Visitors" as the Schenectady Light Opera Company productions for Thanksgiving weekend at Niskayuna Club.

Help, Help is needed in all areas - set construction, costumes, make-up, stage crew, etc. Production schedules will soon be available and those desiring information regarding dates, locations, etc. may phone 393-5732 (or 399-5196).

New for SLOC this year will be the availability of subscription seats - a real bargain! A pair will cost \$12 for the season, a saving of 2% for the two productions. There will also be a bonus evening's entertainment some night during the season for all new subscribers and special members.

Those interested may contact any of the many SLOC members in the Stockade, or phone the above number.

# Flea Market Set

Some 30 antique dealers from all over the Northeast will be displaying and selling antiques on Saturday, Sept. 17 in the St. George's Episcopal parking lot.

Sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of St. George's, the annual flea market will be from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. Chairmen of the event are Mrs. R. Gregory Kennison and Mrs. A. Winslow Paige, Jr.

# St. George News

Among coming events at St. George's Church will be the visit of The Reverend George E.H. Swayne, OHC, of Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, New York, who will preach on Sunday morning, September twenty-seventh. He will be accompanied by Mr. Brooks, a former drug addict, who will address the Adult Class following the Breakfast, and also address the Parish and friends that evening in the Great Hall, under the sponsorship of the Georgians-Dragons.

Father Kirby will be a delegate to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas, from the Diocese of Albany in October. He will also be the preacher at the Institution of The Reverend C. Joseph Sitts, the new Rector of St. Stephen's Church.

# TREES *continued from page 1*

infrequent rains or by the two-frequent dogs, they may not see another Spring.

**Please, Please, Please Water Those Trees!**

There is still plenty of space in the Stockade for trees, and it is to be hoped that the program will be continued both by the Association and by others interested in beauty and shade.

*W. D. Harrison*


# Historical Society Opens Fall Season

The first meeting of the Schenectady County Historical Society's 1970-71 season will be at its headquarters, Wednesday evening, September 16, at 8 p.m. Claude Roode, the original unicycle slack-wire artist and former world performer, will talk about his circus memories. Everyone is invited to this meeting and to all our meetings which are held monthly in the Vrooman Room.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will have its first fall meeting on Wednesday, September 23, at 1:30 p.m., in the Vrooman Room, when the program will be Clarke Blair, Fonda photographer and collector of historical items and daguerreotypes.

The Society is again looking forward to Saturday, September 26, when it will co-sponsor with the Stockade Association of the annual Stockade Walkabout.


The Society is open every day - for you and all other visitors and members. We're delighted to be in one of America's most historic areas and are very pleased when Stockade residents stop at our headquarters. Perhaps, you didn't realize that an interesting museum is right in your neighborhood.



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# Tidings

Repairs are being made to the Presbyterian Church so the parish is once again using St. George's Episcopal Church. Since history is repeating itself, many are wondering if the Presbyterians will be willing to use the side door again.

**Maurice's Sandwich Shop**, long known for its culinary delights, is opening a luncheon center in the YWCA.

The Spy welcomes new neighbor **Mollie Sutherland**, a Schenectady School System teacher, who recently moved to Front Street. Another new and welcome addition to Front Street is **Mrs. Clara Strafford and her family**.

A Spy welcome also goes to **Mr. and Mrs. Wyring**, who recently moved into the old Lydgate Home on Union Street.

The newly-restored Brouwer House at 14 North Church Street, which recent evidence shows may have survived the 1690 massacre and burning of Schenectady, is the topic of much Stockade conversation. Congratulations go to owner **Fred Kindl and his wife** for their fine efforts in restoring this historical find.

Architects **Feibes and Schmitt**, Stockade residents, who did the fine design for the Schenectady Library, are now busy at work coming up with a design for the new police station. Someone remarked this is one case where sticking with the Colonial tradition in the interior would not be in the interest of today's penal philosophy.

**Millie Ey**, Ferry Street, spent ten days

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# Glen-Sanders Mansion

Glenville as does the Glen-Sanders home derives its name from its first settler, Alexander Leonard Glen. Glen settled on the north bank of the Mohawk in 1658, four years before the settlement of Schenectady by Van Curler. He called his new home "Nova Scotia" (New Scotland) after the land of his birth.

Glen immediately built a substantial stone house, its site being one hundred feet south of the present mansion, on land subject to erosion by the river. This house was ultimately damaged by a flood. What could be salvaged was utilized in the construction of a new house on the bluff overlooking the original site. This second house comprises the west wing of the present mansion. The outstanding exterior feature is the double-pitched or Dutch gambrel roof. It was in this house that Alexander Glen died November 13, 1685.

The Glens were always friendly with their Indian neighbors. According to one

early this summer with the Sierra Club traveling down the Salmon River. Following her pace - but down the Colorado River - in August was **John Senn**, Union Street, who reports it was not as cold as the white water in the upper Hudson.

**Bill Kornrumpf**, that swinger from Front Street, has been swinging an axe for the Schenectady Wintersports Club to clear land for its new Stowe, Vermont ski lodge.

story, about 1685 a war party of Mohawks, elated over the capture of a Jesuit priest, encamped near the house. They handed their prisoner over to Glen to be locked up in the cellar until the morrow, when he was to be tortured and killed. Glen did as he was asked, but warned the Indians that priests were wizards and could escape through keyholes. In the morning when the Indians found their prisoner gone, they admitted sadly--never doubting their friend's integrity -- that Glen was right, priests were wizards.

As a result of such beneficent acts, on the night of the Schenectady Massacre in 1690, the entire family and estate of the Glens were spared by the French and Indians on the express order of the Governor of Canada.

"For many years this landmark has been recognized as one of the fine old historic mansions of the Mohawk Valley ... It is one of the few colonial houses of upstate New York which possesses beautiful grounds and some of the air of its original site. There is every reason to consider it a historic building worth preserving."

-Milton W. Hamilton


## ART SHOW *continued from page 1*

2:00 - 3:00 - Janie VanVoast, Jean Zegger, Jenifer George, Connie Colangelo and Donna Tyler.

3:00 - 4:30 - Pat Binzer, Beverly Gogola, Robbie Paine, Karen Brown and Doris Manley.


4:30 - 6:00 - Peg Farry, Adrienne Tiemann, Alice Fatato, Judy Calvelli and Pat Caruso.


Substitutes will be Joan Lapp, Clarissa Gibson, Frances Blake and Susie Shanklin.



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