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Stockade Calendar

"Cuban Fire"

Empire Jazz Orchestra
with Alex Torres and
The Latin Kings
Thurs. April 2, 8 PM
SCCC Auditorium
Tickets \$15, students \$6
Call 381-1232

Palm Sunday Weekend Bake Sale

Holy Cross Church
19 North College St.
Sat. April 4, 3 - 5 PM
Sun. April 5, 8 - 10 AM

Palm Sunday Services

Holy Cross Church
Sat. April 4, 4 PM
& Sun. April 5, 8 AM
Liturgy, Blessing, Palms

First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
10:00 AM
Distribution of Palms

First Presbyterian Church
115 Union Street
8:15 AM 11 AM 6 PM

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**May Spy Deadline
April 15**

Stockaders Honored in War Exhibit

Several Stockaders help tell the story of World War I and II in an exhibit currently in the Vrooman Room at the Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Avenue, throughout April and May.

It is fun to see many of our neighbors looking so young and handsome in their uniforms of days gone by. On one of the shelves sits a photograph of Manfred (Fred) Jonas of Front Street who served aboard the ship USS Klondike in the Pacific Campaign.

Another photograph is of Paul Gonsowski of North Ferry who served in Italy. Corporal Blaine Johnston served the US Army in France and Germany and proudly displayed is his Bronze Star Metal. Donald Smith is honored for serving on the USS Enoree

in the Pacific Campaign. Corporal Max Mordecai served in France and Germany and his uniform is on display. I'm sure all these Stockaders have their stories to tell and would for the asking!

The exhibit showcases many other locals such as Larry Hart, Frank Duci, John van Schaick, Bob Sager and others you may know. Amidst the collection, you can see Navy, Army and nurse uniforms, helmets, posters, metals, dog tags, and other memorabilia. Jo Mordecai, Director of Special Exhibits, tells charming anecdotes to accompany the displays, and invites Stockaders to contribute to the showcase with their framed photographs and other mementos.

- Sylvia Briber

SCCC Spring Concert Week

Wednesday, April 22

Richard Fontaine Percussion 7:30 PM Auditorium

Thursday, April 23

SCCC Chamber Woodwinds 7:30 PM Mohawk Room, Elston Hall

Friday, April 24

Mohawk Valley Chorus Concert 8 PM Auditorium \$6 & \$9

Monday, April 27

SCCC Percussion Ensemble 7:30 PM Auditorium

Wednesday, April 29

SCCC Vocal Chamber and Guitar Ensembles 7:30 PM Mohawk Rm., Elston Hall
Call 381-1250 for information

(Palm Sunday Services Cont'd)

St. George's Church
30 North Ferry Street
8 AM 10 AM

Other St. George's Services
Mon. 9AM & 5:30 PM Mass
Tues. 7 AM Mass 5:30 PM
Wed. 7 AM 3:30 PM Mass

Holy Thursday Services, April 9

Holy Cross Church 7 PM
Mass, Procession
open until 10 PM for visitations

St. George's Church
7:30 PM Parish Mass, All Night Vigil

First Reformed Church, 7:30 PM
Holy Communion and Tenebrae

Good Friday Services, April 10

Holy Cross Church, 12 noon - 3 PM
open for private devotions
3 PM Stations of the Cross
7 PM Liturgy, Communion

First Reformed Church
12:15 PM Passion hymns, Seven Last Words

First Presbyterian Church
12 noon, 7:30 PM Communion Service

St. George's Church, 12 Noon Liturgy

Holy Saturday Services, April 11

Holy Cross Church, 11 AM
Blessing of Easter Foods
7 PM Vigil, Mass

(usual 4 PM Sat. service is not scheduled)

St. George's Church
9 AM Pro-Anaphora 7:30 PM Great Vigil

Easter Sunday Services, April 12

Holy Cross Church
8 AM Mass of Resurrection

First Reformed Church, 10:00 AM
"Christ is risen, indeed!"

First Presbyterian Church
8:15 AM 11 AM (special music) 6 PM

St. George's Church
Mass 8 AM & 10 AM

"The Crucible"

Thurs. April 16, 8 PM

Fri. April 17, 2:15 and 8 PM

Sat. April 18, 8 PM

SCCC Drama Dept. & Drama Club
SCCC Auditorium

Tickets \$5, \$3 students/seniors
free to SCCC Community

"World War II Recollected"

Sat. April 18, 1:30 PM refreshments 2:00 PM program
presented by panel of members

Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Avenue

"Food for Thought and All That Jazz" April 21, 5:30 PM
SCCC Foundation Seventh Annual Fundraiser Dinner, Call 381-1323

"Stories of Yesteryear" Speaker: Larry Hart Wed. April 22, 1:15 PM
Schenectady County Historical Society

Patronal Festival, St. George's Episcopal Church
30 North Ferry Street Sunday, April 26 10:00 AM service
followed by processional through the streets
of the Stockade with flags, bagpipes, tartans

Historic Commission News

On March 15, the Schenectady Historic Commission considered the following applications for exterior improvements in the Stockade:

- **4 Union Street** Ray Mahoutchian presented a plan to repair the facade, and stain the front door. He will also repair the eaves and overhang and paint the brick repair on the rear wall.
- **109 Front Street** Helen and Al Giuliatti proposed to alter an existing structure on the side of their house.
- **223 Green Street** John Bradshaw applied for permission to paint the exterior wood trim.
- **1 Washington Avenue** Sybil Woo presented her plans for a parking area and for landscaping the land now occupied by the soon-to-be demolished boathouse.

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Board Meeting, March 3, 1998

Treasurer David Marhafer reported that, as of March 1, there were 131 paid members in the Association with dues totaling \$1145. President Bob Hayner received suggestions from the Board of Stockaders who might serve on a Nominating Committee for the May elections.

Lidia Pasamanick, Publicity Chairperson, reviewed current efforts to publicize the Stockade as a place to visit and live. Greg Sauer will prepare a welcome letter to send to new non-resident landlords; it will include a membership application, a copy of the SPY, and Historic District ordinance information. Some Ingersoll Avenue residents have noted that the lights on the west side of the new Union College Boathouse illuminate their backyards and homes, affecting privacy. The Board voted to send a letter to the College suggesting additional landscaping shrubs or shades over the lights.

Jack Zegger reported that an Urban Design Workshop would be held at the County Library on March 6 where SUNY/CUNY students would present their ideas for downtown and Stockade area development. He also learned that the County will schedule a meeting this spring with various towns and cities in the County to discuss waterfront development. A copy of the Association's County Waterfront plan has been sent to the County Planner.

Storm Sewer Repairs to Start in April

The proposed repair of the Stockade storm sewer system will consist of four discontinuous sections as follows: (a) Washington Avenue from Front Street to the turnabout (b) Front Street from Governor's Lane to the northeast corner of the intersection of North Church Street then south to Union Street (c) Front Street at the North Ferry Street crossing (d) Front Street from John Street to North Street. The work will be done during daytime hours and will involve some disruption of street traffic and resident access.

Spring Cleanup Time

What winter conceals, spring reveals! Several months of accumulated leaves, dirt, and litter require cleanup; it's also time for home improvement efforts such as painting, sidewalk repair, and flower planting. Stockade Association members should take advantage of the special incentives. And keep in mind the three gardening and landscape prizes which will be awarded to those residents whose efforts most improve the appearance of the Stockade. The Riverside Park cleanup has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 30, before the June 1 Gateway ribbon-cutting.

SAVE THE DATE

STOCKADE GATEWAY

**RIBBON-CUTTING
CELEBRATION**

**MONDAY JUNE 1
5 PM**

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

During our May 14th General Meeting, we will conduct our annual election. Priscilla Gocha, Janie Hayner, and George Marshall have volunteered to serve on the Nomination Committee. Let one of them know if you would like to serve as an officer or on the Association Board. This is your opportunity to enrich yourself by getting involved in the community. A lot is going on and you can contribute your ideas on issues such as waterfront development and the proposed Metroplex Authority which will require our attention.

- Bob Hayner

Tax Credit for Homeowners

Homeowners of the Stockade - be on the lookout for a possible new tax credit for historic home rehabilitation - **The Historic Homeowner State Income Tax Credit.**

If passed this legislative session, the law would provide a 20% credit against state income tax for owners doing rehabilitation work on their historic homes. Eligible properties include homes listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places or those designated as local landmarks or located in local historic districts (like the Stockade). Interior as well as exterior work may qualify, but at least 5% of this rehabilitation work would have to be on the exterior.

The bill also contains several innovative features, including a mortgage credit allowing a lower-income taxpayer to translate his credit into a lower mortgage rate at the bank. The bill would also allow developers who undertake rehabilitation work to pass the credit on to the home's purchaser, thus providing an incentive for rehabilitation projects in bulk.

This tax credit could foster community revitalization and encourage homeowners to invest in the Stockade and other historic neighborhoods which have become a beloved part of our heritage. For more information on this bill, please call Emily Curtis at the Preservation League of New York State, 462-5658.

YWCA Women of Achievement 1998 Awards Dinner

Recognition of area women who make a difference in our community

Thursday, April 23, 1998, GE Research and Development Center

6 PM Reception, 6:30 PM Dinner

For information, please call Ms. Rowie Taylor, Executive Director at 374-3394

Stockade Sidewalk Sale June 13th

Mark your calendars

Clean out your closets, your basements, your attics!

Our annual Stockade Sidewalk Sale is coming.

Trying to beat the weather, we have changed the date to Sat. June 13th.

Details in May issue of *The Spy*.

Join the fun in our "village."

- Helen Giuliatti

Hurry, Hurry. Volunteers for the Walkabout are beginning to sign up: Priscilla and Bill Gocha of Front St. are at the top of the list. They are looking forward to being guides again this year and, as in past years, will open their family walled garden to visitors. Terry Smith of North Ferry St. is eager to sell tickets on the day of the Walkabout. Call Lidia Pasamanick at 377-0802 to sign up.

Walkabout '98

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People of the Stockade



Irish eyes are smiling on the buildings in the Stockade! Look on almost any street and you'll see the work of one man - Tom Killeen - contractor, restorationist, roofer, mason, painter, and admirer of historic houses.

About 14 years ago, Tom left Ireland for America and began working on the historic homes of the Stockade, completing projects from hardwood floor restoration to back porch construction. After an assortment of jobs, Tom expanded his clientele to include himself. He has purchased several homes in the Stockade to rehabilitate, his current projects are 230 and 240 Green Street. If his award-winning College Street rehabilitation is any indication, Green Street should be looking forward to a substantial face-lift.

The house at 240 Green Street is a two-family residence with working pocket doors, original door hardware and gas fireplaces. Since he bought the building last March, Tom has lovingly restored the wood trim and moldings, as well as the original window pulley systems. Once the weather gets warmer, Tom will begin removing the asbestos siding, and restoring the original cedar siding hidden beneath.

The other project demanding much of Tom's time is the house at 230 Green Street. When Tom purchased this two-family house from its owner this past January, he promised her that he would retain as much of the original fabric of the house as possible. And the original fabric is spectacular - oak doors and trim, pocket doors, wainscoting, patterned hardwood floors, working gas fireplaces, and lighting fixtures, butlers' pantries, stained glass windows, tin ceilings, a clawfoot bathtub and a pedestal sink.

It is his love for historic houses that perpetuates Tom's hard work. The pride shines on his face when he walks through his buildings, showing off the historic details that often are stripped away in the name of progress. No, he won't chop up the interior to create as many apartments as possible, and he will leave the old gas lighting fixtures in the hallway as reminders to future residents of the rich history of the Stockade's architecture.

- Emily Curtis

Tidings

- Congratulations to Suzanna and Jim Sherwood of Front Street: on December 27 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends at the Glen Sanders Mansion.
- Roberta and Paul Steele, who lived on North Ferry Street for several years are now around the corner on Union Street.
- Lori Sendra and Jeanne Ruth moved one block east on Union Street with their big black dog Shera. Jeanne's daughter, Rachel Romano, is a student at Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School; she is spending this school year in Spain as an AFS exchange student.
- John Buell, who works at the main post office, has moved from North Ferry to Union Street.
- In less than a year, Tina Cherconi and Vince Versace have moved from Union Street to North

Church Street and back to Union Street. Whew!

- Laura Christiana moved from North Ferry Street to Green Street.

Union College Rowing Events Along the River

Saturday, April 4, 10 AM versus RPI
Sunday, April 26 REGATTA, 10 AM
versus Hamilton



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Stockade Stopper



The Hitching Post at the Giles Clute House

Once upon a time there must have been scads of hitching posts in the Stockade. Then with the advent of the horseless carriage, there was no danger of your mode of transportation running away. So, away with the hitching posts. A few still remain. There's one at the old 1725 Abraham Yates house at number 109 Union Street, and one down by the river at number 15 Ingersoll Avenue, and one in front of number 6 Front Street, and of course this stellar example shown in *The Stopper* that's located on Washington Avenue at number 25, the Giles Clute House built in 1820. One can't help but wonder where all the others went - to hitching post heaven or more reasonably to the junk heap. Certainly enough have survived to fill the supply and demand of the Americana antique shops and barns of New York and New England for decades to come.

Of course, as we all know from watching Western flicks that the hitching post was originally a simple, basic, trimmed tree trunk placed horizontally on posts so that groups or teams of horses could be hitched up. The next stage in the evolution of the hitching post came when wrought iron posts of rounded pipe were set out with a ring on top for hitching. Finally some unknown genius - or wit - conceived the Victorian hitching post as a cast horse's head mounted on top of the post with a ring through the nose. Hence, we had horse's heads at BOTH ends of the hitch line!

- Jim Schmitt A.I.A.

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