

Stockade Calendar

**Villagers' (Stockade!)
Art Show**

Saturday, September 7
11 AM to 5 PM
"at the Indian"

**Schenectady 2000
"Bridge Painting Event"**
Saturday & Sunday
September 7 & 8

**Reception For
"Best of the Villager's
Outdoor Art Show"**
Schenectady Museum
September 15, 2 - 4PM

Stockade Walkabout
Saturday, September 28

**Stockade Association
General Meeting:**
Thursday, September 19
7 PM Social
7:30 Program/Business
At: Historical Society
32 Washington Ave.

Agenda
"Codes, Ordinances,
Black Top and All"
David Schmidt
City Planner
Robert Petito, Chairman,
Historic District Comm.

Deadline for October Spy
September 20th

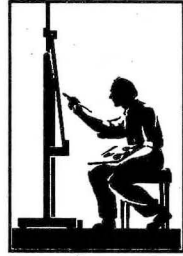
45th Villagers' Art Show

It's time for the first of our fall Stockade events — The Villagers' Outdoor Art Show will be held this Saturday, September 7th from 11 AM to 5 PM. (In the event of rain, the show will be held on Sunday from noon to 5 PM.)

Called "the Stockade Art Show" by most of us, this event has been a Stockade tradition since 1951, when a group who painted in the Stockade were looking for a venue to show their work. They set their paintings up around Lawrence the Indian, and invited the community — the rest is history!

The show has been held every year since then, organized by the hard work of volunteers. The show is an important event for area artists and residents. Because it

is not juried for entries, The Villagers' Outdoor Art show provides a unique opportunity for amateur and professional artists to exhibit together to a large, enthusiastic crowd.



On the day of the art show, food will be available from Arthur's Market, and Pete Polachek is working on specials for the day. St. George's Men's Group will be offering one of their specialties on the church lawn. In addition, the women of St. George's hope to encourage people to enjoy the garden. They will have plants, flavored vinegars, jams and jellies for sale.

This year there will be money prizes in
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Walkabout the 28th

It's time again for our neighborhood to open up and share its history and quality of living with others from around the area. This year marks the 37th annual tour of our historic homes and buildings. It's certainly one of the longest enduring events of its kind in the nation, and gets that way from all the great volunteer help by the devotees of preservation in our fine section of town.

The brave and excited owners/occupants of the homes featured this year have been going all out to put on a terrific tour and certainly need your help and encouragement. They are:

- 19 Washington - the Sauer's

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New Editors, New Look for *Spy*

A new year for *The Spy* brings new editors and a new look. In the lingo of the times — we've upsized the editorship and downsized the copy. Sylvia Briber of 23 Washington Avenue and Bette Brunelle of 146 1/2 Front Street are sharing the editorship for the '96 season; Eileen Camasso is continuing as the business manager. Production for *The Spy* is being done in Microsoft Publisher. The new size will reduce expenses and the new production process should be speedy and flexible. We're in the process of learning both the program and about designing a newsletter and we're strictly amateurs, so if you have expertise or suggestions to offer, please do!

We thought it might be fun to have a group of people work on columns together. We're already working with a number of enthusiastic contributors and are looking for more, so please let us know if you would like to join in on one of the following new columns, or perhaps you have ideas for additional columns. Some columns will only appear occasionally:

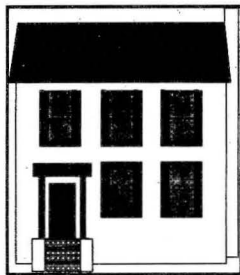
- **Secret Gardens/Garden Secrets** (Susanna Sherwood, others)
Highlight Stockade Gardens and seasonal gardening tips
- **Walls Have Ears** (Lidia Pasamanick, others)
Reprints from original book, reprint from old *Spys*, archives of the Stockade, comparisons of buildings, then and now
- **Sports!** (Betty & Jim Lane, Marilyn Fisher and others)
There are several sports groups in the Stockade and residents may want to join in the fun

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Walkabout on the 28th

- 23 Washington - the Briber's
- 6 Front - the Hayner's
- 19 Front - the Gemmette's
- 17 Ingersoll - the Ritter's
- 304 Green - the Perry's garden,
- 207 Union - Charles Stacker's apartment.



always needed to help in the homes so please help your neighbors. You can contact your neighbor directly or call Anne or Joe Bernat to get on the list.

As a thank-you, we will offer reduced tour ticket prices to those who serve as volunteers.

Ticket prices are the same as before: \$9 in advance at the Historical Society, \$10 the day of the tour, and \$7 for docents.

So please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 28th from 10 AM till 4 PM and come out and help make this another great success. Remember it's for your neighborhood and the benefit of all your neighbors.

Thank you,

The Walkabout Committee

As usual we have all four churches and the Historic Society. The big surprise? See the new Van Dyck Restaurant in whatever stage of construction it will be in, complete with the latest architectural renderings and possible ideas for the future!

Docents (hosts and hostesses) are

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addition to the ribbon winners. And, a group of works will be chosen for the Schenectady Museum show, "The Best From the Villagers' Outdoor Art Show." A reception will then be held at the Museum from 2 to 4 PM on Sunday, September 15 and the show will run through September 28th. Please make an effort to support your local artists by attending the reception or show!

Co-Chairs for the show this year are Matt Volks and Connie Colangelo. Peggy King and Ann Lerversee will run the judging circle. Karen Johnson has been the publicity director, and Debbie Volks recruited hosts and hostesses. Finally, Marilyn Fisher provided much of this article.

History Lovers (and we know you're out there!) Take Note:

The Historical Society has a wonderful collection of beautifully-bound notebooks prepared by Ellie Strack, which detail the history of the art show. There are photos, press-clippings, letters, minutes from organizational meetings, street permits, orders for rosettes and ribbons — documentation which shows the tremendous amount of work and spirit behind this neighborhood event. Next time you're at the Historical Society, ask to see these documents and "watch" the show grow from 87 exhibitors in the early years to hundreds of exhibitors — yet remain true to the original intention. And thanks so much to Ellie for this beautiful historical record.

**In Memorium
Paul
Cardamone
1954-1996**

Sundays at 3p.m.
 You could be at home sitting on your sofa, **OR...** You could take a short walk to Proctor's and have a positively *heart stirring experience* that will have you humming for the rest of the evening. Which will it be?

November 3rd

Sousa
 Strauss
 Ellington
 Miller
 Menken
 Holober

December 1st

Beethoven
 Lalo
 Barber

March 16th

Tchaikowsky
 Diamond
 Berlioz
 Bernstein

May 4th

Poulenc
 Beethoven
 Weill

Proctor's Theatre
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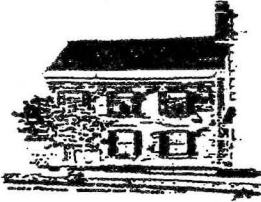
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New Editors, New Look for Spy

- **Business & Development Update** and people with unusual jobs
- **Houses for Sale** (Heather Boyne, others) Description of houses, when they come on the market, when sold, what made them sell, who bought, etc.
- **This Old House** (Greg Sauer, others) Help with specific problems
- **Church Activities** (We need a rep from each of our four churches.)
- **Stockade Stopper** (John Eoff, Lidia P, Bob Briber, others) Each column a different photo of a neighborhood detail will appear without identification. The following issue will give information/history.
- **People Profiles** (Karen Johnson, Heather Boyne, others)

Sylvia and Bette can be contacted at 377-0469 and 393-8862, respectively — or you can slip copy into the mail slots at our homes. Call Eileen at 393-6344 to place an ad!

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September Waste Collection Dates

September 9 (Monday) September 16 (Monday) September 23 (Monday) September 30 (Monday)

Waste Collection Starts at 6:30 AM

Don't put waste on the curb before 2:00 PM the day before

Remove empty containers from curb by 7:00 PM

Letter from the President

Jack Zegger

It has been a busy summer for your Board of Directors and other Stockade volunteers. First-off, we recognize the new editors and staff of *The Spy* who have worked to bring this September issue to you.

On June 25 about 65 Stockade residents met at St. George's Great Hall to give their views on the quality of City services and other topics at Councilman Sean O'Brien's Task Force on the Future Direction of City Government. All attendees are urged to fill out the questionnaire distributed at the meeting and send it to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Jay Street, Schenectady, NY 12305.

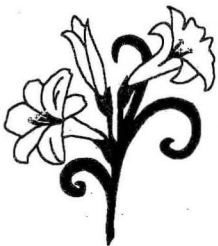
At the July 15 City Council meeting, several residents including Ellen Desmond, Susanna Sherwood, Elizabeth Francis [who also read a letter from Marie Eoff] and Jean Zegger noted past complaints of trespassing, vandalism and verbal abuse from youths using the Front Street pool. Similar sentiments had been expressed earlier by Carmella Ruscitto, President of the East Front Street Association. The Council voted to override the Mayor's veto of the water tax increase but agreed to keep the pool closed for this summer. At a July 23 meeting of the Public Safety Committee, chaired by Joe Allen, changes were discussed that would permit pool operation next year.

On July 22 the City Council Development and Planning Committee, chaired by Peggy King, discussed prospective community residence disclosure legislation. Your Board of Directors supports this legislation and adopted the following resolution at its July 16 meeting:

"The Board of Directors of the Stockade Association strongly supports the City's effort to propose and pass disclosure legislation. We urge the City to require operators to report to the City their detailed plans for proposed new community residences or capacity increases in existing facilities. This legislation is essential if the affected community is to constructively engage operators of community residences to ensure that both neighborhood and operator needs are met. The Board also recommends that the proposed legislation require notification in a timely manner and before any substantial funds are committed."

Several weeks ago the City requested information from the New York State Department of Social Services about plans

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1st Annual Garden Club Awards

The Stockade Garden Club (*motto*: "No meetings, just

work") has announced the first annual awards for gardening, landscaping and flowers that enhance the streets of the Stockade:

First Prize: Empire Data Group Inc. at the corner of Union Street and Washington Avenue for the landscaping which has transformed a neighborhood eyesore into an attractive asset.

Second Prize: Eli Taub for his years of beautiful displays of flowers and plants around his house at 105 N. Ferry Street.

Third Prize: Linda and Richard Wegener, owners of the Teller House on the corner of Front and North Streets for the charming rock garden they have developed on a difficult piece of property facing North Street.

Honorable Mention: Kathy Johnson of 3 Front Street for the delightful window boxes in perfect scale to her tiny house!

The winners of this year's awards will judge the 1997 competition.

The prizes this year are \$200 for first prize, \$150 for second prize, and \$100 for third prize.

The Stockade Garden Club wishes to thank all those who have contributed time, plants, money and hard work to the garden at the Washington Avenue end of Riverside Park. It should be beautiful next year if it isn't destroyed again in the winter!

Betty Lane and Susanna Sherwood

Special Sixth Annual Heritage Award

On May 15, as part of the Sixth Annual Heritage Awards Ceremony in the Schenectady City Hall Rotunda, a very special award was presented to James Schmitt and Werner Feibes for over forty years of service in being the "local aesthetic watchdogs of the Stockade." Because of their efforts, Schenectady became a model for other historic districts in preservation throughout the country. Thanks, Jim and Werner, for all your expertise, support, and enthusiasm throughout the years!



Tidings

Barbara Sauer and Susanna Sherwood have decorated a dressing room, The Auburn, at Proctor's Theatre in memory of Susanna's mother, Teddy Kitts, who was born in Auburn.



Stockade Stopper

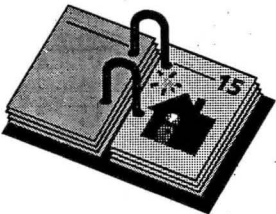
A wonderful thing about our neighborhood is that you can walk in it for years and still see things you've never noticed before. From time to time in this column we'll show you a unique and special detail from the Stockade — the kind that makes you "stop" and take notice. Guess its location and in the next issue we'll show you where it is and provide some history or information about the previous "Stockade Stopper." So watch for more information in the October issue of *The Spy*.



Photo by
Bob Briber

Business & Development Update

A number of business or development projects of interest to Stockade Residents are underway in our area — from time to time we'll use this space to give you an update.



Welcome Empire Data Group, Inc.

An opening celebration of Empire Data Group's new offices at 2 Union Street was held on June 20, 1996. Mayor Al Jurczynski cut the ribbon after co-owner Bob Preville thanked all those who helped the firm locate in Schenectady. The firm specializes in medical and emergency services software in the USA and Europe and currently employs twelve people. Since purchasing the building, owners Bob Preville, Jeff Parry and Bill Peacock have made renovations consistent with the historic nature of the building,

which dates back to 1803. Extensive landscaping included replacement of the blacktop pavement with concrete sidewalks, grass and evergreens. Additionally, the former headquarters of the Schenectady County Council of the Boy Scouts of America is now owned by a for-profit company, restoring the property to the tax rolls for the first time in nearly fifty years. Co-owner Bill Peacock now makes his home at 5 Washington Avenue. Welcome Bob, Jeff, and Bill to the Stockade Historic District.

Upper Erie Boulevard Task Force to Paint Bridges

After recently pressure-washing the Union Street railroad bridges, the Upper Erie Boulevard Task Force of Schenectady 2000 is planning to prime and paint the bridges on Saturday and Sunday September 7 & 8. Volunteers are still needed and are encouraged to call 347-2000 for more information.

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President's Letter...

for 210 Union Street, but to date neither the State nor Mohawk Opportunities in Mental Health has replied.

The Association has started to mail letters to Stockade landlords who live outside the area about the 1996 sidewalk and painting incentives and about the information packet being sent to business and realtors to attract new homeowners and long-term renters. In the letter to Stockade landlords we suggest ways to maintain the quality of life in the neighborhood. We pointed out that we support the City's new intention to emphasize code enforcement as a means to protect the physical aspects of the city. We also noted that neighborhoods in Schenectady have invoked "The Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law — Grounds and Procedures Where Use of Occupancy is Illegal" to prevent erosions in quality of life resulting from illegal activities.