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**Stockade Calendar**

**Stockade Brunch**

Sun., Feb. 16 (see p. 1)

**"The Dresser"** (see p.11)

The Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 S. Church St., on Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2 and 5 - 9. \$12. Evenings, 8 PM, Sundays, 2:30 PM. Call 382-2081.

**"Love's Just Around the Corner"** (see p. 11)

Feb. 11 & 12, 6:30 PM  
Mohawk Club  
1 North Church St.  
Call 393-8024

**Colonial Festival**

Feb. 6 - 9 (see p. 12)

**Music at the Van Dyck**  
(see p. 7)

**85th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence**

Holy Cross Church  
Sun., Feb. 16  
(see p. 11)

**Mar. Spy Deadline**

**Feb. 15**

**Angels of the Storm**

Will any of us ever forget the Christmas storm of 2002 with impassable streets caused by cars and trucks mired down in 24 inches of snow?

Into this mess came three young men with snow shovels and strong backs, big smiles and one with a Santa Claus hat! For two and a half hours they untangled the traffic tie up at the corner of Union and Church Streets, with as many as eight cars all frozen in time. But Gary, Tom and Philip, from the maintenance crew of the First Reformed Church, were undaunted as they pushed, shoveled, and acted as good neighbors. For three days they encouraged Stockade residents to park in the lot usually reserved for church members only, even shoveling out a car buried in



the lot, refusing anything more than a "thank you."

On Washington Avenue, many neighbors helped each other like Jack and Jeff McDonald and visitor, Bill Peacock. Jennifer, Joseph and Andrew from A & J DEJESUS came to the rescue and shoveled out buried cars. Ruth Harvey offered a group of stuck truck drivers a place to warm up, a refreshing drink and best of all, her "Ice Melt to the rescue!" *Voila*, off they went! She says, "Granted it took all of a container, but that was cheaper than another tow truck for the tow truck!"

So thank you to those mentioned and those unknown who helped us all get through a trying time.

- Lyn Gordon & Sylvie Briber

**Cure for Cabin Fever: Stockade Brunch, Feb.16**

Are you bored with weathermen gleefully announcing more cold and snow? Do TV programs seem to be worse than usual? Are you worn out from wearing all that clothing to keep warm? All or any of the above indicate you have acute cabin fever.

Your Stockade Association intends to help in your recovery by inviting you to a free Sunday brunch. As if by wizardry, your personalized omelet will be cooked as you watch. Other good things will be offered to complete your brunch. Anyone wishing to contribute a baked good, please do.

We are hoping the snow will not interfere with the Valentine Day visit of the flock of Pink Flamingos to Lawrence. In honor of the arrival will be a "Show and Tell" with a Valentine Day theme. If you would like to share a song, poem or story about "love" this will be your chance. (For more information - Peter Rumora - 374-4883)

The brunch is at the Civic Playhouse on South Church on Sunday, February 16, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All are welcomed.

# Beauty of the Storm



## Tired of the snow?

Come enjoy a free  
brunch and some  
entertainment with  
your neighbors!!

**When?** 11 am to 1 PM  
Sunday, Feb. 16

**Where?** 12 S. Church St  
The Green Room  
of the Civic Playhouse

**What's to eat?** Omelets cooked to order  
with fancy breads & spreads, juice, coffee & tea.  
**Why?** Meet your neighbors and warm a  
cold February morning with friendship.

*This year, since this is only two days after  
Valentine's Day, we'll add a brief "show . . .  
and tell." Bring a poem or song or story or  
whatever ( two minutes long or so) and  
entertain your neighbors.*

**Who's the Host?** The Stockade Association.  
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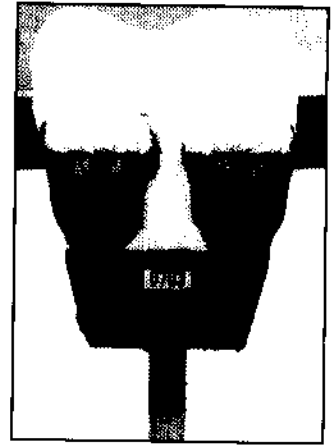
*Anyone wishing to contribute baked goods may drop  
them off at the Green Room after 10 am that  
Sunday.*

## Cultural and Historical Heritage of Sch'dy County

The Grems-Doolittle Library is a leading center of genealogical research in the Capital District with "family files" on hundreds of area families. It is located in the Stockade at 32 Washington Avenue as part of the Schenectady County Historical Society. Members of the Society can use it for free along with receiving six newsletters per year that contain interesting historical information and stories about our region. Extracts are posted on the website, [www.schist.org](http://www.schist.org).

Many members use one of their PC's for high-speed DSL connections to the Internet or to browse the collection of CD's that contain census data or passenger lists from the ships that brought immigrants to our shores.

Call 374-0263 for more information on membership or stop in. The Society is open Mon. - Fri., 1:00- 5:00 PM and Sat., 9:00 AM to 12 noon.



# Stockade Association

## General Meeting

Thursday, March 20

Philip Morris, Executive Director  
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"Proctor's Future and its Impact on  
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7:00 PM Social      7:30 PM Meeting

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*The Stockade Spy* is distributed in the neighborhood monthly, September through May.

- If you are a non-resident and
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  - would like to become a "Friend of the Stockade" (an associate membership) and support the efforts of the Stockade, your contributions are very welcome. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Minutes Stockade Association Meeting January 7, 2003**

President Joe Fava opened the meeting at 7:05pm at the home of member Ruth Harvey. Other Board members present included Meredith Anker, Bob Briber, Connie Colangelo, Diane DeMeo, Lyn Gordon, Peter Rumora, Susanna Sherwood, and Eli Taub. Dale Miller was present as a guest. Joe asked that Brad send a letter to Feibes and Schmitt thanking them for the use of their space at earlier meetings.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed, and Meredith's Treasurer's report, that we have \$7,533.74 in the checking account, was accepted. It was MSP that we keep a thousand dollars in the checking account and move the rest into CDs. Joe Fava asked the Board to discuss appropriate investment projects at the next meeting.

The group discussed the recent Christmas season events, which were very successful and are described elsewhere in this issue. The "Kerst Kermis" Christmas bazaar at the VanDyck was a great success. 130 people attended, and the vendors were very pleased. The event raised \$200 for the Association. Next year, with more publicity, it could do even better. Joe asked Diane if she would send thank you notes to the musicians who performed, if she hadn't already done so.

The free Brunch for Stockaders is scheduled for February 16, 11 to 1, at Schenectady Civic Players. Peter prepared a careful list of the responsibilities for the event. We expect around 125 people, and spent about \$300 for the event last year.

Dale Miller then handed out maps of current Stockade traffic patterns, and alternative patterns that he, Joe and others had discussed. Our current traffic pattern contains potential disasters. It invites

non-local drivers seeking a shortcut to speed through our residential area. The board plans to bring the subject to the March general meeting.

**Stockade Association General Meeting January 16, 2003**

Joe Fava called this meeting of the Stockade Association to order at 7:35pm, in the meeting room of the Historical Society. About 30 people were present. He turned the meeting over to Vice-President Eli Taub, who introduced Public Safety Commissioner Daniel Boyle and Police Chief Mike Geraci. Joe also introduced Peter Guiderelli, Karen Johnson and Peter Polachek, in the audience.

Commissioner Boyle, who began work in July, said he is determined to take a fresh look at the Police and Fire Departments, and to talk with and listen to the community. He said he had been to meetings virtually every night. He said he wants both Departments to be very open and accessible to the people, and wants the public convinced that every penny spent is spent wisely.

Chief Geraci said the police department has 160 officers and 30 to 40 civilians. Sounds like a lot, he said, but spread over three shifts, 7 days a week, and with nearly 100,000 calls for service a year, it really isn't a lot. He described their Patrol, Investigation, and Traffic Safety Divisions and efforts in drug enforcement and anti-terrorism work. He said the Department is trying to be as pro-active as it can be and said, "We're really sincere in our desire to work with you."

Mr. Boyle and Chief Geraci said they have a meeting scheduled with the Gazette editorial board, and hope to convince them as well that they are sincere and very interested in turning the Departments around to serve the public effectively.

In response to a question about

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Neighborhood Watch, Chief Geraci said it would be a nice fit for the Stockade. He said they will assign a Sergeant to oversee Neighborhood Watch efforts, but he said you must have neighbors who are willing to do the work.

In response to a question, about overtime, he said they have put two more officers on the streets in an effort to reduce OT; that it is often the younger officers who are paid the overtime, and the press coverage of the OT issue has not been balanced or fair.

The question was asked, "How many officers do you need?" He said they are doing the job now with 160. He said we understand the financial constraints, and we have to be realistic.

The Board then approved the minutes of the previous meeting, and heard from Meredith that we have \$7,588.32 in checking and about \$19,400 in CDs. Joe said he is looking seriously for effective ways to spend some of that money on projects to improve the Stockade, and asked members to suggest ideas.

Connie Colangelo and Diane DeMeo described the Christmas events at some length; an article by Connie identifying some of the many people who helped is elsewhere in this *SPY*.

Lyn Gordon gave a report about the forthcoming Walkabout, Sept 20. She said the Cultural Tourism Committee of the CofC is arranging for credit-card charging, which will help greatly with the Walkabout. The whole Stockade is on display that day, she said, and it will be very important that streets, front steps, stoops, gardens and all be cleaned up for the visitors.

Peter Rumora described plans for the neighborhood, free brunch on February 16, two days after Valentine's Day, in the Civic Players building from 11 to 1. He said that as an addition this year, at 1:30 they will have a "show and tell," in which Stockaders can read a short love poem, tell a story, sing a song, or anyway they choose, celebrate the day.

Peter also described a plan he had proposed and the Board is working on, to get the streets of the Stockade swept on a regular basis. He said they are filthy now, and need regular, professional sweeping.

Joe said the Board is working on a new set of traffic patterns for the area, to eliminate the use of our streets by non-locals as speedways to shortcut their routes from Rte 890 to Erie Blvd, or the opposite direction. He said the Board plans to bring it to the next General Meeting in March.

Lyn Gordon, Susanna Sherwood and Bob Briber were elected to the nominating committee, to present a slate of officers for election at the May meeting.

Joe said the St. Andrews Society has approached the Board regarding their 200th anniversary celebration. They want to include the Stockade with a march on April 6. He said we would hear more about that in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30. The next general meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 20, 2003**.

- Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Briber

## Heirlooms

-John Rotundo

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Putting together a new display, the owner, Linda Mallard, smiles (but seems to be distraught) and greets me. She pulled out a garment that was torn. "This is an original flapper dress with glass beads." I held the vintage clothing. Before I could check out the damage, Linda was back to her usual upbeat self. . . "Can you believe they were that thin?" Smiling again Linda started talking about her new location.

"The adjustment has been tough - my store at the mall (Clifton Park) was huge." Downsizing is not easy, she admits, but is enthusiastic about the transi-

tion. "I think people were overwhelmed with so much merchandise. Now I can be more selective." She plans to profile a different artist each month, and looks forward to meeting area artisans. She loves the personal attention she can give each visitor, which was not possible at the mall.

Putting the shop together two weeks before Christmas was rushed, but she had fun pulling names for door prizes (every hour Dec. 20-23) with a \$100 shopping spree awarded Dec. 23. The winner was Stockade resident, Susan Collar!

Please take a minute to welcome her. Her enthusiasm is contagious as she envisions people window shopping in-between dinner at neighboring restaurants and a show at Proctor's. There will be a formal grand opening, so watch for that as well as ads in future *Spy's*.

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## Annual Stockade Tree Lighting Ceremony & Holiday Reception Enjoyed By All

- **Connie Colangelo**

Stockade residents attended the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 8, 2002. Reverend Charles Stoker from First Presbyterian Church gave a blessing of the Tree. Richard Brown rang the bell as our Town Crier (he has been our Town Crier for about 20 years). Candlelight singing of Christmas Carols was performed by *In Good Company* (Sylvie Briber, Donna Allard and Vesta Sager). Joe Fava, Stockade Association President, was the M.C. James and Susanna Sherwood, of Front Street, flipped the switch that lit up the very festively decorated tree, which they donated in memory of their daughter, Teddy. Mrs. Santa Claus (Karen Johnson) arrived at the scene by a sleigh pulled by llamas donated by John Convoy of Schoharie. Mrs. Claus was sent by Santa to tell the story of the Stockade Tree Lighting and its beginning. Mrs. Claus was joined by her two elves: Ricardo Smith and Deja Vu McLean (Co-workers of Joe Fava). A reception followed in the Great Hall of St. George's Church.

A very special thank you to Peter and Art Polachek (Arthur's Market) for providing the lighting system for the tree this year and to Phil Rodriguez for his donation of the lighting for the past 16 years.

Our gratitude to:

Peter Rumora for all his hard work in decorating the area around the Indian, for making sure that the lighting would work and for being an all 'round hard working person. Assisting in the decorating were: Diane DeMeo, Connie Colangelo, Annetta August (and her grandchildren) and Nancy Reutter. Jeremy (of Cucumber Alley) donated the sound system - and it worked very well. The volunteers (too many to name) but a great group of workers, especially Don and Jamie. The men from the City's Department of Parks for putting up the tree and Tom Killeen for his use of the lift truck and helping with the tree decorations.

We thank the Stockade residents who outdid themselves in providing the food for the reception - we had great food. A thank you to Father McSwain and St. George's Church for the use of the Great Hall and the Sexton who was so helpful.

Special note of those in the audience: Kathy Lewis and Mike Petta, City Council members, Vince DiSorbo and Karen Johnson (Mrs. Claus), both County Legislators and Peter Guidarelli, Chairman of the County Legislator.

## Music at the Van Dyck

- **John Rotundo**

The incredible and ever enchanting Livingston Taylor lights up the stage on Feb. 1st. Easily winning over his audience, Livingston makes fans and friends for life. (\$25).

Feeling snowbound? Pack up your instruments and join the free jazz jam on Tuesday, Feb. 4th!..... Then come dance to the cajun sounds of Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers!!! (Friday, Feb. 7th - \$5).

Popa Chubby returns with his dynamic blues (Feb. 8th - \$17).

A Valentine's menu will be offered Friday, Feb. 14th with jazz piano. (no charge - reservations strongly recommended).

John Pizzarelli, who has won international acclaim on the jazz circuit, is welcomed back Feb. 15th (\$20). On Feb. 21st the jazz guitar of Murali Coryell is featured (\$10).

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A phenomenal month of music! All shows are at 7 and 9:30 PM. Smoking in bar area only.

(The Van Dyck Restaurant, Brewery, & Music Club is located at 237 Union Street close to Erie Boulevard in the Schenectady Stockade, [www.the-vandyck.com](http://www.the-vandyck.com). For reservations, call 381-1111.)



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*No person shall carry out any exterior alteration, restoration, repair, repainting, reconstruction, demolition, new construction or moving of an historic site or structure or property that results in any physical change to buildings, structures, or historic resources within the districts, nor shall any person make any material change in the appearance of such a property, its light fixtures, signs, roofs, steps, railings, sidewalks, fences, paving or other exterior elements visible from a public right-of-way which affect the appearance and cohesiveness of the Historic District or historic site or structure, without first obtaining a certificate or approval from the Commission. Any and all such action shall require the prior approval of the Commission, regardless of whether a building permit is required.*

*Nothing shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance and repair of any exterior architectural feature of a historic site or structure or property within an Historic District which does not involve a change in design, material, color or outward appearance.*

So it's pretty straightforward. If in any way what you are proposing to do changes any aspect of the exterior appearance of your house, yard or property that can be seen from any public street, alley or sidewalk, it requires review by the Historic Commission. The Commission meets once a month on a Monday night to publicly review applications. Some applications, such as for simple roofing or repainting projects can be reviewed by the city's planning department without a formal Commission review. Applications are available from the city planners in the Development Office, Room 14, City Hall. Further information can be obtained from the same office at 382-5147. There are no fees for Historic Commission applications and reviews.

- Emily Curtis Klotz

# Walkabout and Waterfront Faire

## Saturday, September 20, 2003

The Walkabout team has begun planning for next year and already has nine great homes on the tour, thanks to our generous Stockade neighbors!

Save the date - **Saturday, September 20, 2003**. Traditionally, the Walkabout is held on the last Saturday in September, but to honor those who observe Rosh Hashanah, which this year falls on that last Saturday, the committee changed the date for just this year.

Besides the Walkabout this year, to celebrate our newly restored Pump Station and the beautiful surrounding landscaping and fencing, a **Waterfront Faire** will be added to the day's events. The Committee is exploring such ideas as boat rides on the Mohawk River, and entertainment, artisan demonstrations, family fun activities and a Food Festival, all in Riverside Park.

The event is sponsored by the continued partnership of the Stockade Association, the Schenectady County Historical Society, and the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation. The team consists of Sylvie Briber, Lyn Gordon, Paul Gonsowski, Gail Kehn, Kim Mabee, Sue Mlodzianowski, and John Samatulski. Please call Sylvie, 377-0469 or Lyn, 370-4324 if you would like to be "on board!"

Jennifer Wells shares with us the following from the Stockade Website about the 2002 Stockade Walkabout:

"Hello! I wanted to let you know how appreciative I am to those individuals who put together the Stockade Walkabout. It was such a wonderful way to spend the day! The jazz band was a delight to listen to while I ate lunch under the watchful eye of Lawrence the Indian. I'm also thankful for the families that volunteer to share the history within their homes. Those who dressed up as Historical Persons added a special touch to the whole event. Again, many thanks!"

-Reverend Kristi Mell, Rosa Rd.,  
Schenectady

## Have You Heard . . .

- Diane Buckley

- February 14, Valentine's Day is on a Friday this year? So what? So it's timely to remind you that history indicates the Dutch were big-time party people. Unencumbered by the Puritan ethic, early settlers partied with music, dancing, cards and kissing games. Especially the kissing games. Winters were longer and colder than in the Netherlands so they partied, I'm sure, to keep warm. Women even smoked cigars! Gasp. This is all mentioned in diaries of the time. I think we have an obligation to carry on the tradition; Friday is such a good party night. Let the games begin!
- The Historical Society needs a docent? That's fancy for volunteer tour guide to escort visitors through the house and museum. Call Jo Mordecai: 381-6405.

## Did You Know . . .

- We really do have an English Garden here? I frequently walk by 205 Union Street and there is a pastel doorway sign indicating it is "The English Garden Bed and Breakfast." I would wonder if it was just a gracious name or there really was an English Garden. So I called Annetta August, proprietor. The answer was a gracious "yes" and the offer of a springtime tour. I'll tell you about the boxwood and olive in May.
- I misspelled the name of a very active member of the English-Speaking Union, Albany Branch. It's Diane Grego.

## Have You Seen . . .

- Website Catskill.net/purple? That's "Purple Mountain Press" which specializes in history, art and folklore of New York State. They will publish Susan Staffa's Schenectady Genesis when her research and writing are finished.
- The new and exceptional note cards of our area at Arthur's? Plain on the inside, beautiful on the outside, excellent paper quality. Photographer Herb Dieck (who taught Pete in school) has a winner at \$2.25.

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## Holy Cross Parish Family to Host the Knights of Lithuania

The Knights of Lithuania Hudson Mohawk Council 136 will commemorate the 85th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence and the fifth anniversary of the death of their former chaplain and former Administrator of Holy Cross Church, Rev. Bernard J. Gustas, at the 9:00 AM Liturgy at Holy Cross Church, 18 North College Street on Sunday, February 16. Although this event is still in the planning stages at the time of this publication, they are planning to have Mayor Albert Jurczynski present, along with other dignitaries, a proclamation commemorating Lithuanian independence.

Following the Liturgy, everyone will be invited downstairs to the church hall for assorted ethnic foods, desserts, coffee and tea.

Lithuanian immigrants to America founded Holy Cross Parish Church in 1922. Today it welcomes many different ethnic groups through its doors. Lithuanian Independence Day is observed out of respect to the founders of this parish and for their families in Lithuania, living or deceased.

The public is cordially invited.

## "The Dresser"

### at Schenectady Civic Players

Ronald Harwood's "The Dresser," directed by Barry Corlew, comes to The Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 S. Church St., on Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2 and 5 - 9. This is a true classic of stage and screen. Sir, the last of the great, but dying breed of English actor/managers, is in a very bad way. His dresser tries valiantly to prepare him to go on stage as King Lear in an English provincial theatre during a World War II air raid. \$12. Call 382-2081. Evenings, 8 PM, Sundays, 2:30 PM.

## "Love's Just Around the Corner" at Stockade's Mohawk Club

"Love's Just Around the Corner," Riverview Entertainment's music and comedy revue honoring Valentine's Day, plays to the public in a 6:30 PM dinner theater show Tuesday and Wednesday, February 11 and 12, at the Mohawk Club, 1 North Church Street in the Stockade.

Staged by Martin P. Kelly, the romantic musical revue deals with love and relationships as expressed by leading composers of the 20th century - a tribute to romance and the humor that makes the world go 'round. It follows last month's sell-out murder mystery, "Death in the Backstretch," at the Mohawk Club.

Included in the revue, all performers in previous Mohawk Club dinner theater productions, are Barry Corlew, Bill Hickman, Pat Hoffman, Donna Panzl and Janet Stasio, with Trudy Ferguson on keyboard. All are veterans of upwards of 10 years on the road with Riverview Productions. Tickets for the dinner (at 6:30 p.m.) and show are \$24. Stockade Association members qualify for a discount price of \$20. For reservations call 393-8024. Indicate Stockade membership to obtain the discount.

## Birds of the Stockade

### Answers to January's quiz:

1. What single physical feature distinguishes birds from all other animals?

**Birds and birds alone have feathers.**

2. Feathers account for what percent of a bird's weight?

**Generally between 4 and 12 percent.**

### February Quiz:

1. What are the 5 basic types of feathers?

2. What common plumage color in birds is not due to the presence of any pigment, but rather is caused by structure?

Bonus question:

Which flying bird has the longest fledgling period (hatching to flying stage) and how long is it?

I'll give you a hint - it's not a chicken! - James L. Taft

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## Schenectady Heritage Area's Colonial Festival

Thurs., Feb. 6 to Sun., Feb. 9

*A tribute to our forefathers and the spirit and commitment with which they faced the challenges of colonial life.*

This celebration starts with a Colonial Dinner and entertainment at the Glen Sanders Mansion on Thursday, Feb. 6, with Colonial attire encouraged. It is sponsored by the Schenectady Colonial Project in cooperation with the Schenectady Heritage Area. Call 382-5147. Cost is \$50 per person.

Other events include an Open House at the Maritime Academy where students are building a Colonial bateau modeled after those built in Schenectady during the Revolutionary War to be part of the Mabee Farm exhibits (Fri., Feb. 7, 9 AM- 2 PM, free). Sat., Feb. 8 events include: Broom-Making Demonstration at the Schenectady Museum (12-5 PM, free); Colonial Crafts for Children at Museum (12 -2 PM, free); Flint House Open House (1-4 PM, free) Family Swim at YWCA; Children's Library Activity, "The French and Indian War: Frozen in Time;" and at the Library, Postal Cancellation (1-3 PM, free). Sunday events include "Day of Reflection Forum" at the First Reformed Church with Frank Taormina speaking on "People and Events in Schenectady during the Revolutionary War" (11 AM-12 noon); at the Hamilton Hill Arts Center, "Black Arts in the American Revolution" (3-5 PM, donation); at the Schenectady Public Library, McChesney Room, six professors present "Archaeology of Colonial America" with **Dr. Ron Kingsley** on "**Stockade Excavations**" (1-4 PM, free). For full brochure and more information: 382-5147, or City Hall, Room 14, Schenectady Heritage Area.

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## Tree Planting Fall 2002



**Tree Planting Volunteers, Nov. 2.** Back Row: Martin Burke, in front of his new home at 136 Front St. Front Row, left to right: Mark Fisher, Tim Lewinski, Stan Hickok.

It is hard to believe that under the 40 plus inches of snow lie another 20 new trees. On November 2, 2002, a group of Stockade volunteers, under the guidance of Stan Hickok, planted a variety of trees: 2 Korean Mountain Ash, 1 Amunensis, 3 Pear, 1 Tulip, 3 Cherry, 2 Maple, 2 Japanese Tree Lilacs and 2 European Horn Beam. Look for these new plantings this Spring in front of homes in the Stockade and see if you can identify the types. Heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers!

-Shirley Burris &  
Debby Lambeth

### Important Numbers

Emergency  
911

Sch'dy Police  
382-5200

Snow Parking info.  
382-5279

Trash Pickup  
382-5405

### REMINDER

As it gets darker sooner, remember to lock your doors and windows and close your blinds for best security and privacy.

### February Waste Collection Dates

Mon., Feb. 3

Mon., Feb. 10

Tues., Feb. 18

Tues., Feb. 25

Collection starts at 6:15 AM.  
Don't put waste on the curb before 2:00 PM  
the day before.