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45th Annual Stockade Walkabout

Saturday, September 18
11 AM to 5 PM

& Waterfront Faire

Celebrate our historic neighborhood and beautiful Riverside Park on Saturday, September 18.

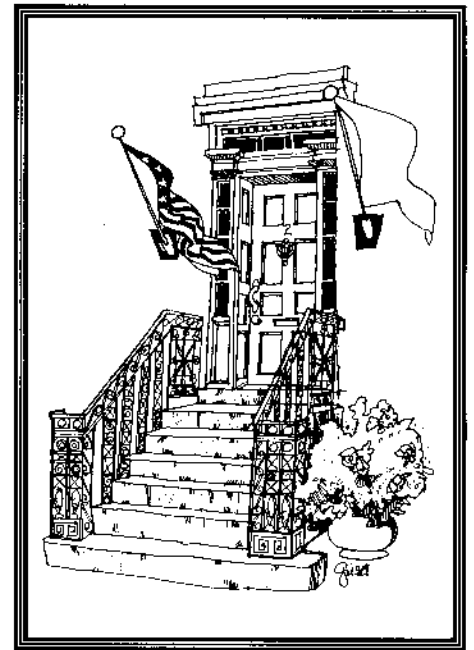
The Stockade, the first historic district registered in New York State, will once again open its 18th and 19th century homes and buildings to visitors.

Last year was such fun that the **Waterfront Faire** will happen again in Riverside Park along the Mohawk. The fine restoration of the Pump House and creation of the beautiful Esplanade helped inspire this new event, adding to an already

special day in old Schenectady. River fun will include boat rides from the Gateway Landing, reenactors in a historic bateau, a parade of decorated yachts, and crew teams. Along the river banks there will be artisans demonstrating blacksmithing, broommaking and other olden day skills in addition to crafters selling their creations. Downtown restaurants will sell their specialties while the YWCA's Children's FunZone will offer pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, art exploration and much more.

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Street Closings: Sat. Sept. 18 8 AM to 6 PM Wash. Ave. from Union St. to the river & North Ferry St. from Union St. to the river
 Neighbors can park in the St. George's Church parking lot on Green St. & the First Reformed Church parking lot, corner of Front & N. Church Sts.



2 Union St. Home of Bob Preville

53rd Annual Stockade Villager's Outdoor Art Show

Sat., September 11th 11 AM - 5 PM (Rain Date: Sun., Sept. 12th noon - 5 PM)

One of the most delightful outdoor art shows in the Capital Region happens right here, in our own historic Stockade neighborhood the Saturday after Labor Day.

The 53rd Annual Stockade Villager's Art Show is all set to go Saturday, Sept. 11th from 11 to 5. Let's hope we won't have to use our Sunday raindate! It's a pedestrian juried art show that is free and open to the public. Look forward to viewing some marvelous fine art.

The artists will be using our sidewalks and streets for their displays and it would be wonderful to have things clean and neat not only for them, but for guests that will be attending the show, and for us! So let's spruce up and look sharp. **Portions of Front, Green and N. Ferry streets will be closed to traffic** with police barricades, so move your automobile early, before 9 AM. (some artists arrive before 7 AM!) Look for flyers on your cars to prevent towing. Walk through the show and enjoy the day.

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Stockade Calendar

Stockade Assoc. General Meeting

Thurs., Sept. 16

6:30 PM Social

7:30 Meeting

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Moon & River Cafe

Events see page 15.

Events at the

Open Door Bookstore

128 Jay Street, 346-2719

• Sat., Sept. 11 1 - 2:30

Stockade neighbor, Karen

Pandell signing **Where's**

Stretch: A Lift-the-Flap

Book. (See page 16)

Karen Beil signing

Moovve Over: A Book

About Counting By Twos

• Sat., Sept. 18 3:30-4:30

PM at the Waterfront Faire

Tent as part of the

Stockade Walkabout, **John**

Sayles will be signing his

books, sponsored by the

Open Door Bookstore. See

this page.

• Sat., Sept. 25 1-2:30

Mark Teague signs

Detective LaRue: Letters

from the Investigation.

Schenectady County

Community College

381-1250.

Classes Begin

Tues., Sept. 7

Community

Archaeology Courses

see page 4.

Oct. Spy Deadline

September 15

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This year the Art Show is being held on a special day in September - the anniversary of September 11, 2001. The Stockade Art Show committee will pay homage to those that lost their lives on that fateful day by observing a moment of silence during the awards ceremony.

Matt Volks is the General Chairman of the Art Show and President of the Board of Directors. The Board of the Art Show encourages neighborhood participation and we could use your help. Volunteers are needed to be: hosts/hostesses (2 hour shifts), workers in the judging circle, and helpers to set up and take down the show. Call Deb Volks at 381-6322 to volunteer. Committee chairs are: Judges - Vivian d'Estienne with the help of Diane DeMeo; Judging Circle - Meredith Anker; Registration - Connie Colangelo with the help of Michael Della Rocco and JoAnn Kress; Publicity - Karen B. Johnson and The Chamber; Treasurer - Larry Schmitt; Ceremonies - Peter Rumora.

We are a partner with I Love NY and the Chamber of Schenectady County.

Also, remember the Greek Festival.

- *Connie Colangelo & Catherine de Salle*

Filmmaker John Sayles Has Roots in the Stockade

Schenectady had much to be proud of. It borders the Mohawk River. Central Park rivals any similar green space in cities our size. Its downtown is experiencing an exciting renewal. Beautiful Proctor's Theater brings the area quality entertainment. The charming Historic Stockade is rich in history and architecture. Union College and Schenectady Community College attend to our needs for higher education. The Schenectady City School District with its dedicated staff and students continues to produce Schools of Excellence.

One such former student is independent filmmaker John Sayles. Often described as an auteur, John's roots run deep in Schenectady. John's grandfather, Henry Sayles, grew up in the Stockade area, first living at 4 and later at 37 North Street. Henry Sayles and Mont Pleasant resident AnnaMae McGinnis were married in St George's Episcopal Church in 1917. John attended Howe School, Oneida Junior High School, graduated from Mont Pleasant High School, and later Williams College. John's father, Don Sayles, was a

teacher and administrator in the City School District, culminating his career as Assistant Superintendent for 16 years.

After many years of writing books and making films, John Sayles, who film critic Dan DiNicola has termed a "national treasure," is coming home for his first public appearance in Schenectady.

On Saturday, September 18, John and his producer/companion Maggie Renzi will be at a **book signing at the Stockade Walkabout and Waterfront Faire. (3:30 - 4:30 pm)** Later, they will be at **Proctor's Theater** for an on-stage interview with Dan DiNicola, and an introduction to the local premiere of his most recent film "**Silver City.**" The premiere will be followed by an opportunity to meet the director at a reception in the former Carl Company.

Information about the Sayles events, as well as ticket purchases can be accessed at the Proctor's website <http://www.proctors.org/> or by calling the Box Office at 346-6204.

- *Beverly Elander*

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Music will be ongoing from 1:00 to 5:00 PM: **Yesterday's News** with canal songs and stories; **The String Dusters** with bluegrass, blues, and folk; Irish songs of **Carragh** and **Union College Jazz**.

Big "thank yous" go to all our neighbors who have graciously opened their homes for this day: **Frank Gilmore and Mary D'Alessandro** of 7 Washington Avenue; **Elinore Schumacher** of 22 Washington Avenue; **Janie and Bob Hayner** of 6 Front Street; **Bob Preville** of 2 Union Street; **Rita Allen** of 20 North Church Street; **Diane and Ron DeMeo** of 232 Union Street; and **Harline Andrus** of #15 Stockade East Apartments of 13-15 North College Street; thanks to **Tom Killeen** for his building at 221 Green Street and **Prof. Gil Harlow and Betty McMath** for their gardens at 17 Front Street. Also thanks go to the **Mlodzianowski family** for offering their gardens at 109 Union Street for the archaeological dig.

Expertly formatted by Gloria Kishton, the ticket has grown from one sheet of paper to a **36 page ticket booklet** that, with June Griset's lovely pen and ink sketches, serves as a wonderful memento of the event.

Another event for this year is the **Antique Car Show**. Organized by Debbie and Harold Schneiderwind, it will be complete with a horn blowing contest, best dressed awards (that is, the owners!), a car parade around Stockade Streets, and **Jimmy and the Pop Tops** singing fabulous '50's.

Charming carriages will transport visitors back in time through the quaint streets, to see such historic characters as **Arendt Van Curler**, **Symon Schermerhorn**, **Dr. Elizabeth Gillette**, **Governor Joseph Yates**, and to hear their stories.

At the **Schenectady County Historical Society**, informative docents will show off many treasures and serve their traditional complimentary tea and cookies. Also, there will be a special exhibit on the Erie Canal along with a tour to the original Erie Canal site. Visitors can view "The People of Olde Schenectady" painting collection, newly restored.

St. George's Episcopal Church will open its special antique shop and First Reformed Church will be offering lunch and outside talks on its recent restoration. Holy Cross Church will be hosting tours and sell-

ing Lithuanian foods. Other Stockade stops include the newly renovated **Stockade Inn** (formerly the Mohawk Club) with tours, lunch and music from Stockade neighbor, **Rich Lamanna** and his jazz band. The **Civic Playhouse** will host an open house with punch and cookies and backstage tours. The **YWCA** will host an open house and tours. At the 109 Union St. archaeological excavation, **SCCC** professors, Dr. Ronald Kingsley and Louise Basa, will lead hands-on activities for parents and children.

Spirit walks to the church cemeteries and tours of the Park Pump House will add even more atmosphere to the event.

Free parking is conveniently available at **SCCC** with a free trolley ride to the Stockade. Organizers of the event are the Schenectady County Historical Society, the Stockade Association, and the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation. Proceeds from the event will go towards Stockade and downtown improvements. Co-chairs of the event are Sylvie Briber, Lyn Gordon, Kim Mabee and John Samatulski.

Thanks go to our major sponsors Time Warner Cable, Bank of America, and MVP, with additional support from The Chamber of Schenectady County, I Love New York Tourism Program, New York State Canal Corp., Eastern Office Supply, Realty USA, Amtrak, Gazette Newspapers, Union College, **SCCC**, and

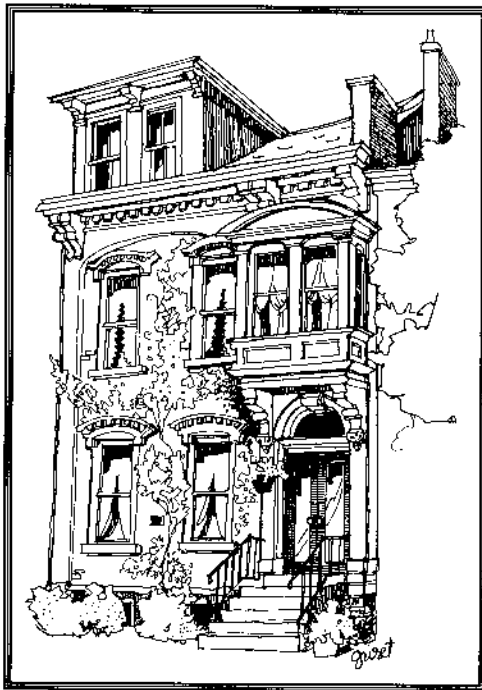
Matthew's Signs. Also, thanks to Bob Barkowski for designing a beautiful four panel color brochure.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, and \$20 the day of the event with children (12 and under) \$7. To purchase tickets by phone, call 377-9430, or visit the Historical Society (374-0263), Cafe 1795 at Arthur's Market, or Moon & River Cafe.

Join in the fun! Be a house guide, welcomer, park organizer, or ticket seller. Our thank you will be a \$10 ticket price. Please call Sylvie Briber at 377-0469 or Lyn Gordon at 370-4324. See you there!

Walkabout Weekend Package **Sat., Sept. 18 to Sun. Sept. 19**

A Walkabout Weekend Package is being offered by the Chamber of Schenectady County. This fantastic weekend includes a ticket to the Stockade Walkabout and Waterfront Faire, overnight accommodations and other activities. For more information check out www.sayschenectady.org or call 372-5656.



20 N. Church St. Home of Rita Allen

Garden Tour A Success!

It didn't rain! After two days of rain in 2002 we were well relieved and off to a good start for the 2004 Stockade Secret Garden Tour. We had nine lovely private gardens thanks to the generous owners who worked hard to prepare their gardens: Katie and Fred Kindl; Ron Chard; Mabel Leon; Lisa Alexander and Brad Fisher; Maria Papa; Mary Clare O'Conner and Steve Kowalski; Paul Basile and Peter Rumora; Nancy Bell and Eli Taub and yours truly. Also on display were the gardens in Riverside Park and at Lawrence the Indian.

Due to the combination of good weather and publicity that reached out to Albany and the Berkshires, we had a very good turn-out. We drew people from Schoharie to Massachusetts and Connecticut and many who had never been to the Stockade before.

With the proceeds of such a successful tour the Garden Group plans to fund two more of Peter Rumora's beautiful lilac gardens in Riverside Park and money has been set aside to do seasonal plantings

around Lawrence. Since 2000 we have put in over one hundred trees (mostly flowering) in cooperation with Stan Hickock of Retree Schenectady. Even in 2002 when we had fewer visitors because of the rain we were able to contribute trees and do the first two lilac beds in the Park.

Many thanks for the work, talent and dedication of Barbara and David Marhafer, Meredith Anker, Shirley and Cullen Burris, Mary D'Alessandro (terrific publicity!), Frank Gilmore, Carol Delamater, Ellen Desmond, Jean Delgado, Lyn Gordon, Debbie Lambeth, Jennifer Wells (the stunning ticket!) Bob Briber, Lisa Alexander and Brad Fisher. A special thanks to Steve Kowalski for his beautiful logo design and for agreeing to be our new chairman.

Last but not least we are grateful to Mark Fisher who, although not a member, volunteered his time and talent to prepare the garden at Lawrence in time for the tour. Thank you one and all.

We welcome anyone interested in making the Stockade even more attractive.

- Susanna Sherwood
Former chair, Stockade Garden Group

SCCC Fall Community Archaeology Courses

Study the people of the past. Investigate local and regional lifeways of peoples of European origin who resided in the Northeast from the 17th century to the mid 19th century by hands-on field and lab study, lectures, and discussions. Participants can become members of a task group assisting in ongoing site work at the 17th century Dutch Mabee Farm. This fall at Schenectady County Community College, **Historical Archaeology & Field Study**, Tuesdays 6-9 PM, 9/7 to 11/03 2004, Fee \$150. Also, **Recording & Archiving Archaeological Data**, Thursdays 6-8:30 PM, 9/9 to 11/11 2004, Fee \$175.

For mail-in registration forms, contact Continuing Education at 381-1315. To register in person, go to the SCCC campus, Elston Hall, Room 212, 78 Washington Avenue, Schenectady, N.Y. 12305

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Stockade Association General Meeting

Thursday, September 16, 2004

6:30 Wine & Cheese Social

Meet your neighbors & join the Association

7:30 PM Meeting/Program

**Celebrate the Walkabout:
"Beautiful Slides of Helen Penna"**

Schenectady County Historical Society
32 Washington Avenue (Entrance in back)

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The Stockade Association Membership 2004- 2005

The Stockade Association has been carrying out its mission, "the protection and improvement of the properties" within its boundaries, for 47 years. Its objectives are to preserve the Historic District and the quality of life for its caretakers. The Association helps assure stability in a neighborhood that has been termed "a national treasure" and is enjoyed by visitors from all parts of America and abroad. Please support the Association and become a member by returning the coupon below, or paying at any Stockade Assoc. meeting.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Walkabout

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

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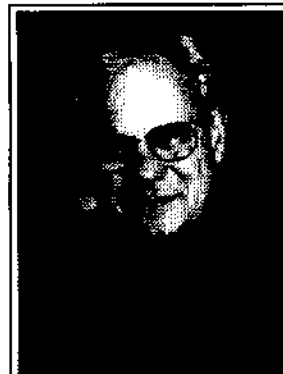
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Neighborhood News

Deb Douglas, Recording Secretary

Stockade website: www.historicstockade.com.

Minutes of the 5/20/04 Stockade Association General Meeting at the Schenectady County Historical Society

President Joe Fava called the meeting to order at 7:35. About 55 people were in attendance. The minutes of the previous general meeting were approved. Lyn Gordon gave the Treasurer's report, which was accepted, that we have \$20,000 in CDs and \$12,347.51 in checking.

Bob Briber gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The following were nominated:

Eli Taub	Vice-President
Deb Douglas	Recording Secretary

And the following for two year terms as members-at-large:

Harline Andrus, Dale Miller, Bob Preville.

Bob asked for nominations from the floor, as required by the by-laws. **Lili Alvarez** volunteered that she would like to serve on the Board. She described her qualifications, as an academic, a mother and a Stockade resident for 21 years. Since the Vice-President and Recording Secretary positions were uncontested, a motion was made, seconded and passed to ask the secretary to cast one vote for those two nominees. Ballots were distributed for the member-at-large positions. **Lili Alvarez, Dale Miller** and **Bob Preville** were elected for terms ending in 2006, and thus they join **Joe Fava, Lyn Gordon, Brad Fisher, Connie Colangelo, Diane DeMeo, and Peter Rumora**, elected for terms ending in 2005, as Board members. Several people asked that Harline be thanked for her generous willingness to serve on the Board.

The next item was a proposed change to the by-laws, which would make it possible to change the by-laws by 2/3^{rds} vote of a quorum at any duly called meeting of the Association. After discussion, the suggestion was tabled.

A number of announcements were made • **Connie Colangelo** described the Sidewalk Sale scheduled for June. • **Susanna Sherwood** announced that the park cleanup is May 22; the Secret Garden tour is June 25 & 26; and we will have stoop awards again this year, which **Shirley Burris** and **Deb Landis** will judge. **Peter Rumora** described the lilac beds he had designed and which are currently being planted,

and for which the Garden Group provided the money. **Peter Rumora** and **Jennifer Wells** were applauded for their plantings around the Indian. **Sylvie Briber** described the Walkabout scheduled for Sept 18: there will be lots of boat activity, as well as entertainers, carriage rides, crafts, and much excitement; Joe said there were Walkabout meetings every week. **Sylvie** said that the SPY would shortly be looking for "Patroons," who contract to advertise for a year, at a discount. Joe described current plans for the Christmas celebrations that **Diane DeMeo** and others are working on. **Eli** described the 9th annual kids arts festival that would be held on Jay St on 6/ 5.

Bill Fabian, Chairman of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce, described the work being done on the Gillette House, and the CofC's plans. He said he has become very positive about the project. Several different groups are working on it. He displayed a drawing of the planned complex of buildings, and the uses proposed for it. The group asked many questions and showed great interest. Brad Fisher remarked that the Board – and the neighborhood in general – feels the complex, with the CofC as one of the tenants, will be a great addition to the Stockade.

A question about the color of the complex was raised. **Karen Johnson**, who serves on a committee of the Heritage Foundation and this Association concerned with the project, said that the owner would be able to establish the color, with normal Historic District Commission approval. The original color is an important consideration.

Barbara Sauer moved that the Association allocate up to \$1000 for this summer's plantings around the Indian. After much discussion about costs, the availability of free plants from the County and the Association's budget process, it was moved, seconded and passed, that we allocate up to \$500 for the purpose. **Nancy Bell** moved, and it was seconded and passed that the Association recommend to the Board that it provide an accounting of its finances for the previous year and a budget for the next year, at the annual meeting.

The possibility that a community garden will be developed in Riverside Park was the next subject. The Board has discussed it approvingly. Some 53 signatures have been obtained approving of the idea, and 16 have indicated they want a

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plot. The decision, whether to do it or not, is up to the City.

The G.E. Efun Society has appropriated \$3000 for new playground equipment in the Park, and the Association has appropriated \$1000. The workday, to install it, will be July 17. **Aaron Couture** has been the sponsor of the project.

Jean Zegger once again described the problem that airplanes flying into and out of the County Airport create. **Eli** said that they are taking a shortcut that was at one time specifically prohibited. **Joe** said that he had an appointment with the Commander of the airport to discuss it.

Steve Kowalski described the wines from Engelhardt's that were available before the meeting, and **Joan Besserabe** drew a coupon to determine who would win a bottle. **Meredith Anker** won the drawing. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Briber

**Stockade Association Board Meeting
Tuesday June 1, 2004
Schenectady County Historical Society**

President Joe Fava called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Also present were Dale Miller, Eli Taub, Lyn Gordon, Peter Rumora, Brad Fisher, Connie Colangelo, and new members Bob Preville and Deb Douglas. Kim Mabee was present as a guest.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted.

Joe raised the issue of the Board election from the May general meeting. Upon reviewing the bylaws, it was ascertained that Board member nominees must be members in good standing. Under this article, two of the candidates were not eligible to be a Board member – including one who was elected. Eli pointed out that since neither candidate can assume role of Board member, the nominating committee of Lyn, Connie and Eli would appoint the seat. There was discussion of future elections, including publishing the biography of each candidate in the SPY in advance of the election and publishing a list of the members in good standing in the Association.

Kim Mabee reported that the Historical Society and Schenectady Heritage Area will host a walking tour of the Stockade and Dora Jackson house on the 3rd Saturdays of June, July and August at 10:00AM; the cost is \$10 per person, includes the tours and refreshments. Next, Kim provided applications for homeowners to apply for a historical plaque, and copies of an article published in the SPY on how to research the

history of your house. Blaine Johnson and Don Smith are contacts with the Historical Society for assistance with the application. Finally, Kim requested that the Stockade Association pay the staff person to set up and break down the Historical Society's room for the general membership meetings. The cost is \$150 per year and was approved by the Board.

Lyn requested that a finance committee be formed to review and approve expenditures and the annual budget. The committee was formed chaired by Brad and includes Lyn, Bob and Peter. Lyn also would like to see the finances in a more detailed format. There was much discussion regarding software products, and Bob offered to check into the rates. Brad made a motion to purchase Quicken or Microsoft Money. Lyn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Discussion returned to the issue of the Garden Group and the SPY having their own treasuries, and if they should return to the Association budget since we provide the groups with insurance coverage.

There was much discussion regarding the inability to get the bylaws amendment passed at the last general meeting, and the members' comments. Brad suggested that a section of the bylaws be discussed at each general meeting, preceded by an article in the SPY, so that everyone has a chance to be informed ahead of the meetings. Lyn suggested that we invite Greg Sauer to sit on the bylaws committee with Lyn, Bob, Eli and Dale. Dale pointed out that there are only four general meetings before next May, so we will have to move quickly to edit the bylaws, and Eli suggested a special meeting be called to review the bylaws. Joe asked that in general meetings all board members sit up front in order to better address the membership.

In other business, Connie reported that 38 people are participating in the sidewalk sale on Saturday June 5th. Lyn reported that the Walkabout is moving along. We will purchase several heavy sandwich-board style signs for the event, and these will be available for other Stockade events as well. Joe reported that we would partner with CASA at the Kerst Kermis this year. We are obtaining quotes from the Van Dyck and the Stockade Inn. It was recommended that Peter contact the Garden Group to point out the deadline to plant flowers around Lawrence before the Secret Garden Tour, and to obtain receipts for up to \$500 in expenditures (per the May general meeting.)

Dale made a presentation on the Heritage Coalition, a support system of eight groups concerned about our area's heritage and history. He described a focus on special projects and infrastructure projects. Brad suggest Dale bring pro (continued on page 11

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jects the Coalition is considering directly to the Board. Dale's presentation included ideas for esthetic enhancements around Lawrence and possible ideas for changing street directions to alleviate traffic.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:25

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Douglas

**Stockade Association Board Meeting
Tuesday July 6, 2004
Schenectady County Historical Society**

President Joe Fava called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Also present were Dale Miller, Deb Douglas, Lyn Gordon, and Brad Fisher. Kim Mabee was present as a guest.

The minutes of the June Board meeting were approved, as was the treasurer's report, which will be reviewed by the Board at the August meeting. A list of current expenditures will be published in the SPY.

Kim Mabee continued the discussion regarding the Colonial Project and the status of their self-guided walking tour-on-tape of the Stockade. It was agreed by all that, in general, communication could stand to be improved between all groups promoting the Stockade, if for no other reason than everyone being well informed as to what's going on in our neighborhood. Dale discussed his vision of a walking tour focusing more on the architecture of the Stockade, whereas the Colonial Project's tour concentrates on history. Brad pointed out that it is imperative that all groups working to benefit the Stockade are realizing the common goal of increasing tourism traffic and developing the urban visitors' center in order to help achieve leverage for important infrastructure projects. Further discussion is tabled until Fred Kindl or someone from the Colonial Project contacts the Board.

In new business, Lyn requested the Board's permission to meet with Chief Geraci regarding the police cars that patrol the park and subsequently leave trenches from their tires on either side of the walking path. She would like to discuss alternate methods of patrol, and the Board gave its approval to proceed. Lyn then passed around a spreadsheet that Deb developed which will track Board members' volunteer hours. Board members will track their volunteer hours each month, and Deb will compile a running report for the Board's use. Lyn then reported that the Van Dyck would like to offer discounts to Association members, and it would be helpful if we developed a membership card for our members. The Board agreed to proceed with this idea. Finally, Lyn presented an idea from Sylvie Briber and herself to have available at the

Walkabout a listing of available properties, and to have these homes open to the public. After some discussion it was agreed that the listing is acceptable, but the open houses will only detract from the event. Joe volunteered to pay for the printing of the fliers.

Brad reported that the newly formed finance committee met and discussed the budget, new software and the bylaws. A revised budget format will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. There was discussion regarding the necessity to update the bylaws and budget in order to protect the Association's financial integrity. We will begin to publish a bylaws corner in the SPY in September, the purpose being to educate our members as to the nature of the proposed changes.

Lyn reported that the Walkabout and Waterfront Faire is coming right along. The biggest hurdle right now is the possibility of installing a temporary barge and gangplank at the esplanade for free boat rides during the Walkabout. She also reported that Mary D'Allesandro is joining the committee to assist with public relations, and that the meetings have increased to every two weeks.

Connie was not present to report on the sidewalk sale; however, several residents pointed out that the ad in the paper did not stand up to the ads for other sales that weekend. Dale presented the ads for the Board's review. The Board will review this issue at the August meeting.

In old business, Brad volunteered to research the forms and procedure required to include 108 Union Street in the historic district. In other new business, Brad composed a letter of support for the Schenectady Heritage Area. Lyn reported that a cousin of Sue Mlodzianowski inquired as to our interest in planting some trees in memory of Sue. Lyn will speak to Sue's husband Paul to discuss the project. Lyn would also like to see a small sidewalk plaque stating the dedication of the trees.

Discussion then turned to the September general meeting. It was decided to feature the wine and cheese social time again, as it was a big success in May. There will be a push for membership dues, as well. Brad recommended that we send fliers separate from the SPY, to announce the meeting. Deb will design the flier with Dale's assistance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Douglas

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This past summer, GE and Stockade neighborhood volunteers came together to install new playground equipment in Riverside Park.

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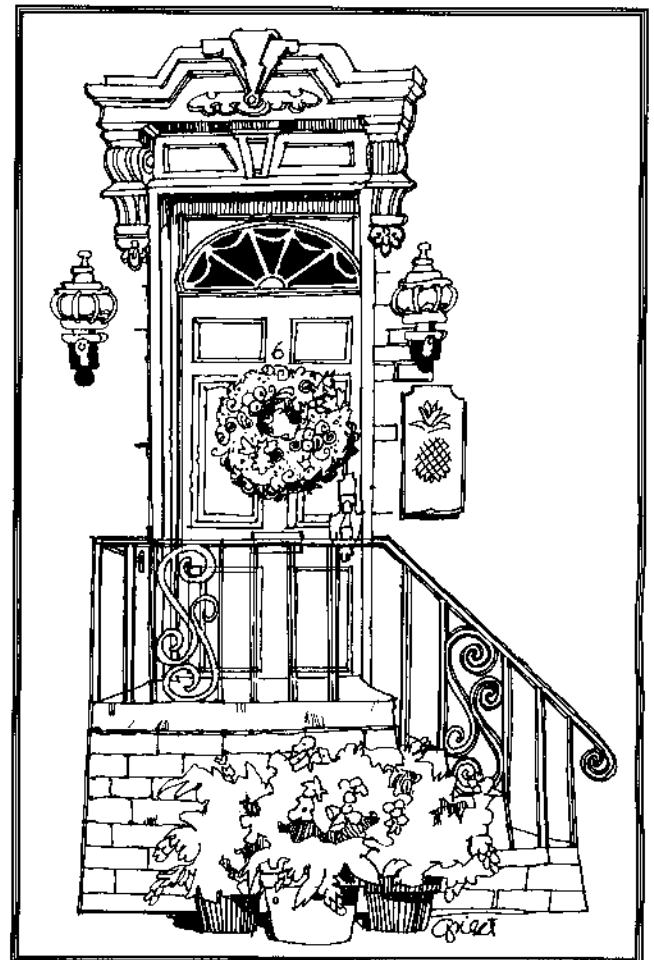
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**Stockade Association Board Meeting
Tuesday August 17, 2004
Schenectady County Historical Society**

President Joe Fava called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Also present were Dale Miller, Deb Douglas, Eli Taub, Diane DeMeo, Peter Rumora, Bob Preville, Lyn Gordon, and Brad Fisher. Kim Mabee was present as a guest; Fred Kindl was present as a nominee to the Board

Eli moved to approve the Board meeting minutes from July, Bob which passed unanimously. Lyn presented the **treasurer's report**, and pointed out that our tax-exempt form must accompany all approved expenditures. Lyn will provide the forms upon request. Lyn also presented binders to the group, and requested that each board member working on a project keep their materials, notes, etc, organized in a binder so that their successor has the benefit of the history of the project. Peter moved to accept the treasurer's report, which passed unanimously. Lyn also reported that our CD's have matured and would like Board approval to roll them into a new plan. The Board passed a motion to do so unanimously.

Moving on to the **nominating committee**, with regard to the vacant seat on the Board, the committee nominated Fred Kindl to fill the vacant seat to serve to 5/05, and the eligible board members that formed a quorum unanimously approved Fred's appointment to the Board. Also, upon review of the terms of other members, it was discovered that Brad, Diane and Lyn's respective terms were over in 5/04. Eli made a motion to elect until 5/05 Brad Fisher as Corresponding Secretary, Lyn Gordon as Treasurer, and Diane DeMeo as Director. Peter seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by all eligible Board members.

In **new business** was the topic of the planes flying over the neighborhood to take off and land at Stratton AFB. The concern is for the protection of our historic properties and how the planes flying over the neighborhood, sometimes as much as every six minutes, have adverse effects on these properties. The Board agreed that it is important for the County that the Air Base remains open, however, it seems as though their flight plans have changed to include flying over the Stockade on a regular basis. Brad suggested we contact the Schenectady County Airport manager to do some research and find out how to pursue further communication. Bob also suggested we go directly to Stratton AFB to discuss the situation, so to cover all the bases. Eli will contact Steve Israel to collect more information.

In other new business, Dales suggested that we set out sign-up sheets at the September general

meeting for members to volunteer for various committees. We will also encourage them to pay their membership dues, and collect e-mail addresses in order to build a distribution list to share information on events, call for volunteers, etc. The social hour will begin at 6:30 for this meeting to give members a chance to come in, socialize, and sign up for what interests them. Continuing in new business, Barbara Blanchard approached Joe in regard to the Gillette House project. The project's budget is falling short of the funds required to complete certain aspects of the project. Jim Schmitt of the Schenectady Heritage Foundation offered to match any funds that the Stockade Association could allocate to help fill the gaps on this shortfall. Brad reminded the Board that we were strongly in favor of this project, and that we should have a discussion. Lyn also reminded the Board that Brad is still working on the budget, and that we need to see the finished budget to proceed. Eli recommended that we table the discussion until the budget is complete and approved. Meanwhile, Joe will ask Barbara Blanchard for a formal proposal to the Board. In final new business, Lyn reported that there is a new information box on Lawrence the Indian for visitors to pick up information on events in the Stockade. Many thanks to Lyn and Dale!

Going back to committee reports, Brad reported that the **finance committee** will have a full report and presentation at next month's meeting. Brad also reported for the **Garden Group**, stating that there was a productive meeting with the group in regard to their current affiliation with the Association, the separate checkbook, insurance, etc, and after a good discussion by the Garden Group, it was decided that no decision will be made until May 2005. The Board discussed our legal, fiduciary and insurance liability responsibility as Association officers, and the way the Garden Group is currently structured in the bylaws, we have no commensurate oversight. It is also a concern that if the Board does not have these controls, then our liability and officers insurance may not cover the Group's activities (such as the Tour) the way it should. Lyn reported that all is on track for the **Walkabout** on September 18th. She also reported that the Chamber has changed its policy and now requires that grantees pay their projected grant amount to the Chamber up front. The Association share of the grant is \$1,333. Brad made the motion to authorize this expenditure, Eli seconded and the Board passed unanimously. Eli reported that he is writing a piece for the **bylaws committees** for the SPY to let members know what sections of the bylaws are currently under review. Diane reported that plans for **Kerst Kermis** and Christmas activities are coming along. *(continued on page 14)*

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The event will be held both at the Van Dyck and the Stockade Inn this year.

In **old business**, Dale presented proposed changes to traffic patterns in the Stockade to alleviate speeding and cutting through. The Board has already presented this plan to the general membership, so Dale will take the next step and contact the Commissioner of Public Works Carl Olsen to discuss the feasibility of the plan. Lyn reported that she has an appointment with Chief Geraci to determine if there is a solution we can work out to avoid the police cars creating ruts along the sidewalk in the park. In other business, Brad made a motion to appoint Dale as our representative to the Heritage Group Coalition. Joe

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by the Board. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Douglas

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Musings on the Past Spring/Summer Seasons

Along the Mohawk - Gerald Plante

Here we are already going into Autumn and like the ending of seasons, life also shows how each one of us goes through a similar cycle. This past Spring two very special neighbors died. The very humble and meek Susan Shanklin Mlodzianowski was a lover of everything about the Stockade - as a longtime resident she worked her heart out for her beloved neighborhood. Also, Judy Goberman was a lover of the Stockade even though she was a resident of the College Park neighborhood, east of Erie Blvd. Judith was an accomplished musician and supporter of "Heritage." Both were dear friends to all who met them. Two souls who will be missed more as time passes through the seasons. A heartfelt sympathy to their respective families.

In late April, Englehardt's Liquor Store on Union Street was the scene for art. Stockade resident Steve Kowalski's show "... nudes in the garden" of figurative and floral ink prints was a knockout. He proved that zinnias are all the rage. The billboard advertising the show of his now famous "Zinnias" sat high above the east side of Erie Blvd. at Green St. Through "Zinnias" Steve uses a profusion of color which is surreal and, at the same time, sublime. It's reminiscent of Andy Warhol's work where painted negatives of a photo are put to canvas instead. Steve's "nudes" were interesting - very Pablo Picasso. He's got his lines and curves down there! All in all, the show proved to be very popular as many were in attendance and coming and going too quickly, so I slipped out the back as I had come in.

During the warmer months I kayak on the Mohawk River - it's a different world altogether while skimming across the river when it's quiet with few to no boats. The "islands" are quick to get around. There are small, sandy beaches where you get to see long-necked loons and short, thin-legged plovers walk around and feeding on the local flora and fauna. While on the Stockade side of the river at Washington along the Binne Kill sits an overgrown marsh where beautifully landscaped yards gently slope above. Sadly though, the opposite side of the Kill towards the docks at SCCC has decaying water and muck that permeate the water landscape. Birds feed on an endless supply of bugs that swarm over debris that rots under the hot sun. Environmental issues surrounding and bordering our shores have always been one of the most important. A round-table discussion as to what should be done to enhance the health of the Kill is in order. We're all in this together and have a responsibility to take care of mother earth.

In closing, let us not forget our historic preservation efforts of the Gillette House and its environs which are coming along nicely. The three colors along with enhanced detail of the surrounding windows and door frames allow the "house" to stand proudly on the most prominent entrance to our neighborhood. We have so much to be thankful for especially when we see our efforts making our quality of life better than when it was left to us.

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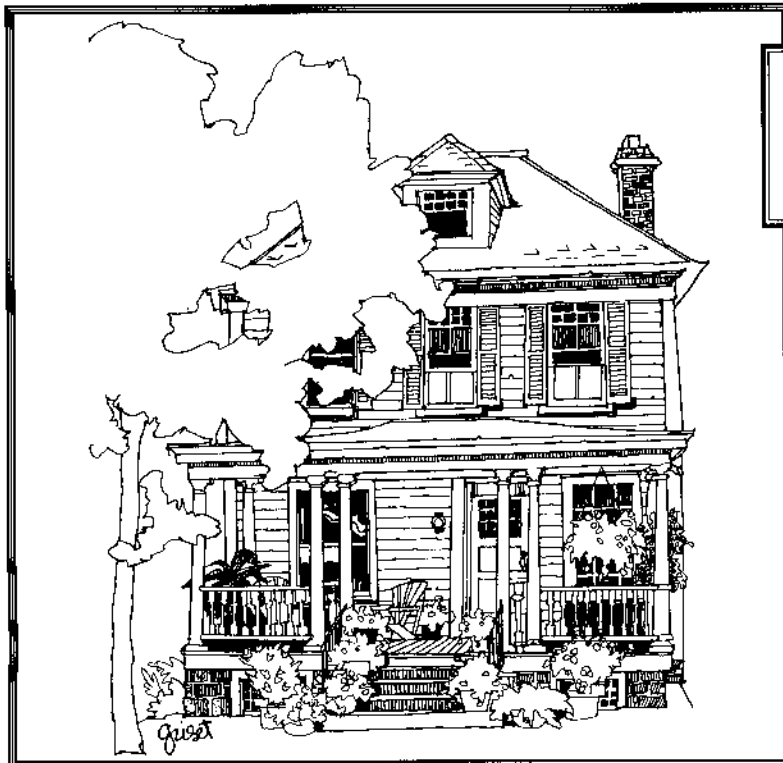
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September Events

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Sat. 9/4 **Schenectady Poetry Horde** - open mic 7:30 p.m.
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Fri. 9/10 **Val & the Mighty Mojo** - blues & folk
Sat. 9/11 7 - 10 PM **Margaret Bernstein** - flute & piano peace concert
Fri. 9/17 **Rob & Sage** - jazz guitar & flute
Sat. 9/18 Open 11am - 11pm today (Walkabout Stop)
8 - 10pm **Terri Roben**, folksinger & Schenectady native
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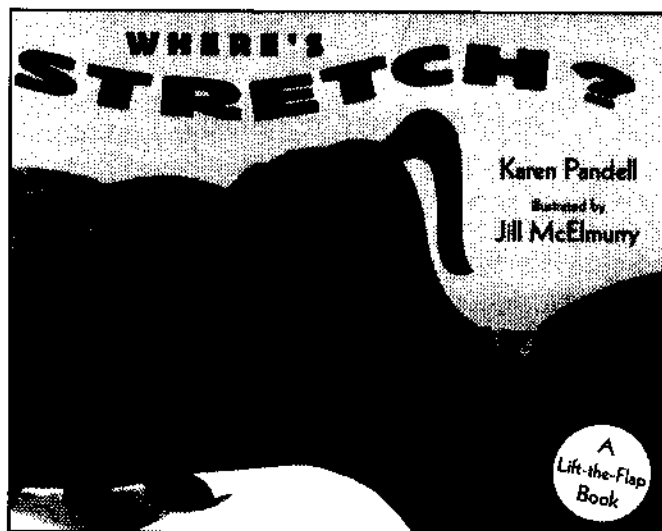
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