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**Stockade**

**Dates**

**Stockade**

**Association Meeting**

Thurs., Nov. 18

6:30 PM Social

7:30 Meeting

Historical Society

(see page 3)

**Tree Lighting &**

**Kerst Kermis**

**Sunday, Dec. 5**

**Schenectady Genesis**

**Book Signing**

Sat., Nov. 13, 12 noon

Historical Society

32 Wash. Ave.

Nov. 19 Barnes/Noble,

Niskayuna, 7 PM

**USS Sch'dy/Veteran's**

**Day honorees**

Speakers Capt. James

Caufield & Chet Watson

Nov. 13, 2 PM

Historical Society

**New Book!**

## Schenectady Genesis:

**How a Dutch Colonial Village  
Became an American City**

**Vol. 1: The Colonial Crucible, 1661-1774**



*Author,  
Susan J. Staffa, Ph.D.*

"It's the only written work on Schenectady that gives you access to the original layout of the village, and draws together all the records for that area in a clear and concise way. It's a good narrative of what happened in Schenectady under the Dutch. It's a very worthwhile book," says Charles T. Gehring, Executive Director of the New Netherland Institute.

This eagerly awaited scholarly work by Dr. Susan Staffa has been recently completed and will be available on **Sat., Nov. 13, 12:00** at the Historical Society.

Stockade neighbor, Sociologist and Professional Editor, Malcolm Willison, says, "This history of Schenectady is thorough and penetrating, illuminated by the author's anthropological training, her understanding of how interpersonal ties determined the nature of the community, and how diverse cultures intersected. Her understanding of the villagers' relations with the local Mohawks and the Iroquois Confederation clarifies how the village managed to thrive so close to a risky frontier. This book is very well written, and Staffa's easy style, together with her maps (14), charts (6), and tables (34), makes the many complicated social intersections of families and their histories easy to follow, so that readers can trace both the social and geographic emergence of this very interesting colonial community." It also contains 14 chapters and 31 illustrations, along with bibliography and index. *(continued on page 4)*

## *The 3rd Annual "Kerst Kermis" (Holiday Craft Fair)*

**at the Van Dyck Restaurant & The Stockade Inn**

**Sunday, December 5**

Brunch: 11 AM - 2 PM

Craft Fair 11 AM - 5 PM

Don't forget to mark your calendar for December 5, the date of the 3rd Annual Kerst Kermis (Holiday Craft Fair). Casa, a program of the Law, Order and Justice Center joins the Stockade Association in expanding this event to two exciting locations.

This year enjoy a Sunday Brunch of your choice at either The Stockade Inn or the Van Dyck Restaurant with delicious menus and live entertainment. Then shop to your delight for holiday treasures of over 50 artisans between the two locations. An old fashioned stroll or carriage ride takes you between *(continued on p. 12)*

## Stockade Calendar

### Joy Vrooman

#### Retrospective Art Show: Invitation & Dedication

Wed., Nov. 3 5 -7 PM, Moon & River Cafe (see page 11)

#### The Open Door Bookstore & Gift Gallery Events

128 Jay Street 346-2719

- Sat., Nov. 6, 1-3 PM **Annual Holiday Open House**  
(See page 4)
- Sat. Nov. 13, 1-2:30 PM Zackary Richard signing "**Frostie the Deadman**" (an Adirondack mystery for young readers)
- Sun. Nov. 21 1:30 PM, Esther Willison will read her short story "**A Womanly Thing.**"
- Fri. Nov. 26 10:30 PM Children ages 3+ are invited to share stories with favorite storybook character "**Corduroy**"

#### Civic Players Presents "**The Woman In Black**"

Dec. 3-5, 8-12 Evenings, 8 PM., Sun. Matinees, 2:30 PM.  
12 S.Church St. Tickets, \$12. 382-2081. (see page 4)

#### Riverview Entertainment's "**I Enjoy Being a Girl**"

Dinner Theater at The Stockade Inn,  
Tues. & Wed., Nov. 16 & 17 (see page 11)

#### **SCCC Events 78 Washington Ave. 381-1250**

**SCCC Players present "Short Shorts"** a selection of contemporary one-act plays, Taylor Auditorium. Tickets \$5 for general public, \$3 for seniors and students of other institutions. Available at the door. Free to SCCC students, faculty, staff and alumni. Thursday, Nov. 18, 8 PM; Friday, Nov. 19, 2:15 PM & 8 PM; and Saturday, Nov. 20, 8 PM.

**SCCC Jazz and Percussion Ensembles Concert**, Taylor Auditorium. Free. Wednesday, Dec. 1. 7:30 PM.

### Perks For Becoming

#### a Stockade Association Paid-up Member

- Members will receive a special membership card which can be picked up at any General Meeting
- Members are eligible for 2004-5 painting and sidewalk incentive.
- Members will receive a \$2 discount when making reservations for the Stockade Inn Dinner Theater. (see page 11)
- Members will receive a 10% discount at the Van Dyck Restaurant upon presentation of their membership card.
- Membership is free to any new resident to the Stockade who moved in from January to September 2004.

*Thank You  
for Joining the*

## **Stockade Association**

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# Stockade Association General Meeting

all Stockade residents welcome!

Thursday, November 18

Mayor Brian Stratton and City Council members  
"The Budget"

Ray Gillen

Chair of the Metroplex Authority and Director of County Planning Commission  
"Metroplex and the Stockade"

Social 6:30 PM Program 7:30 PM

Schenectady County Historical Society 32 Washington Avenue enter in back of building

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

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and send to: Stockade Association Treasurer, 10 North Church Street, Schenectady, NY 12305.

# **Auctions Made EZ**

## **Jay Street Store offers 21st Century Solution: eBay Consignment Service**

Parcel Post Plus, a packaging and shipping center, located at 124 Jay St. is offering a first for Schenectady - the ability for the person who is either too busy or not computer comfortable the ability to sell on eBay, without hassle.

The eBay website features literally millions of items that people world wide are willing to sell auction style. By offering this service on the web, geography is no longer an issue for people who may have a special interest in an item yet may not be in the same town. In addition, sellers can add items for sale 24 hours 7 days a week and shoppers can buy items on the same schedule.

**Auctions Made EZ** couldn't be any more apt of a name. All you need to do is bring an item that you would like to list on eBay into the Parcel Post Plus Store at 124 Jay St. The professional staff there does the rest - takes digital pictures of the item, and using the key words that you provide, posts the item for sale on the eBay website. Parcel Post Plus even stores the item for you if you wish. In approximately two weeks you receive a check in the mail for your item, less the consignment fee of approximately 35 percent. The buyer on eBay even pays for the shipping.

According to Parcel Post Plus owner, Greg Salomon, eBay consignment shops are popping up all over the country and are especially popular on the west coast and the major metropolitan areas. "Offering this service from our store here which is already an authorized UPS and FedEx shipping center was a natural."

"One of the biggest hassles for eBay sellers has been calculating the shipping costs correctly so that the seller doesn't lose money. Also, packaging items correctly so that they arrive intact and on time is equally important, also a natural extension for Parcel Post Plus."

You can contact Greg Solomon and his staff by stopping in at 124 Jay St. Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM or Saturday, 10:00 AM to 3 PM or by calling 382-2663.

### ***(Genesis continued from page 1)***

The book contains 440 pages and sells for \$29. You can obtain the book by attending the book signing, Sat., Nov. 13 at 12 noon at the Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave, the book signing on Fri., Nov. 19, 7:00 PM at the Barnes and Noble, in Niskayuna, or by sending your name and address and a check for \$29 plus shipping and handling (\$3.50 per book) to:

The Colonial Schenectady Project, LTD.  
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2115 Route 67, Charlton, NY 12019.

## **Open Door Holiday Open House Sat., Nov. 6, 1 - 3 PM**

Kick-off the season with this special event at the Open Door Bookstore & Gift Gallery. The whole shop will be decorated for the holidays! Visit with old friends and enjoy harpist Elizabeth Huntley, sample yummy Stonewall Kitchen's jams and mustards, Bittersweet Herb Farm's vinegars and oils and other goodies, along with drawings for store items. 128 Jay Street. 346-2719.

## **Stephen Mallatratt's "The Woman In Black" at Civic Playhouse**

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"The Woman in Black" is based on the novel by Susan Hill and is directed by Laura Andruski. Join the mystery at the Playhouse on **December 3, 4, 5 and 8 - 12**. Evenings, 8 PM, Sunday matinees, 2:30 PM. \$12 tickets. 12 South Church Street in the Stockade. Call 382-2081.

## **Thanks to our New 2004-5 Spy Patrons:**

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## ***- Tidings -***

Our condolences to the family of Nancy Hotchkiss Hornby who passed away recently.

*If you know of any items for "Tidings" (neighborhood arrivals, departures, births, deaths, anniversaries) please call The Spy Editor, Sylvie Briber, 377-0469.*

# Neighborhood News

Deb Douglas, Recording Secretary

Stockade website: [www.historicstockade.com](http://www.historicstockade.com).

## Stockade Association Board Meeting Tuesday, October 5, 2004

**Present:** Joe Fava, Deb Douglas, Peter Rumora, Eli Taub, Dale Miller, Kim Miller, Lyn Gordon, Bob Preville, Fred Kindl

Joe Fava called the meeting to order at 7:05. Peter made a motion to approve the September board minutes. Fred seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Lyn reported on the current finances of the association. The budget will be available at each general meeting for members to review. Eli made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Dale seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Lyn also reported that the *Spy* is prepared to integrate their finances into the board's budget.

### New Business

#### **Stockade entrance**

Eli initiated discussion on improved signage at the entrances to the Stockade. It was agreed that it would benefit visitors and neighbors to have the entrances more readily identified. Fred suggested we contact Schenectady Heritage Foundation as to any restrictions on signage in the district, and to check carefully as to the cost of production and installation. Eli suggested we contact historic zoning commission to see if they have jurisdiction over historic sign installation. Joe stated we should keep in mind a potential partnership with the Chamber when they move in to the Gillette House. Dale suggested the infrastructure committee take photos of entrances and design possible signage scenarios to present to organizations as needed. The discussion turned to updating the plaques that designate historic homes in the Stockade, and the procedure required to obtain or update a plaque. Dale will head up a group to begin the process of photographing existing plaques, starting the initial discussion of a possible re-design of the plaques, and also identifying the structures that do not have plaques and may be eligible.

#### **Banner**

Lyn would like to have a banner created for events that the Stockade Association participates in. Joe also

suggested looking into the cost of an accordion-type presentation board. Lyn will look into size, cost, etc. and report back to the board.

### **Membership Committee**

Jennifer Wells and Bob Preville will co-chair the membership committee, sharing the tasks required to organize a membership database.

### **November General Meeting**

Ray Gillen, Chairman of Schenectady Metroplex, is scheduled to be the speaker for the November meeting.

### Committee Reports

**Finance** - There was no report, the budget will be available in print for review at the November general meeting.

**By-laws** - Eli reported that the by-laws committee met in September, and are making progress. They should be finished with a draft for board discussion in the next 2 months.

**Spy** - Lyn distributed to the group a list of publishing deadlines for the *Spy*.

**Walkabout** - Lyn reported that despite the very uncooperative weather, the turn-out was decent and feedback has been good. Final revenue will be reported when all expenses are accounted for.

**Kerst Kermis/Christmas** - The Kerst Kermis is set for December 5 at the VanDyck and Stockade Inn. The Christmas tree lighting is set for 5:30 at the Indian. We previously reported that Jennifer Wells would be donating the tree this year, but instead Jean Zegger will donate the tree, in memory of her husband, Jack. Jennifer will sponsor the tree next year. Reverend White from the First Reformed will officiate the tree-lighting, and will bring with him bell chimers or a choir. The reception at St. George's will immediately follow the tree lighting.

### Old Business

**Stratton AFB/Planes** - Eli, Fred Miller and Larry Schmidt are meeting with Colonel Max Della Pia, Commander at Stratton, this week to discuss the situation of the planes flying over the neighborhood. Progress will be reported.

With no further business to attend to, Eli made a motion to adjourn. Dale seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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The businesses on pages 6, 8 & 10 have paid for advertising for the entire year. We thank them for their commitment to *The Spy* and to our community. Please support them by your patronage.

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### Wednesday Evening

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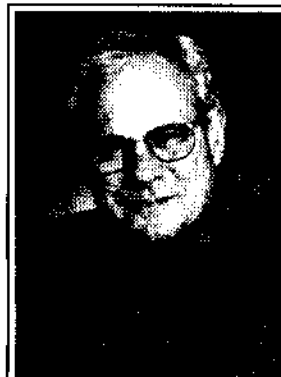
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# New Curator



Kate Weller

at  
Schenectady  
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Society

The Schenectady County Historical Society is pleased to announce the appointment of their new curator, Kathryn Weller.

Kate recently graduated with a master's degree in Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program where she gained extensive training in proper museum standards for various collections. With Cooperstown's connection to both the New York State Historical Society and the Farmer's Museum, she has had hands on training both researching and preserving artifacts ranging from textiles and porcelain to farm equipment and Native American pieces.

Previously from Saratoga, she has done extensive work with the Saratoga National Historical Park. Through this experience, she developed a love for the state's history, especially the eighteenth century.

She has also had work experiences at the Huguenot Historical Society in New Paltz, the Hanford Mills Museum in East Meredith, the Schuyler House in Stillwater, the James Madison Museum in Orange, Virginia, and with the George Washington Fredericksburg Foundation.

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### November 04 Events

All shows - 8 PM Free Admission  
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| Tues. 11/2 | Stringdusters- election nite party  |
| Wed. 11/3  | 5-7 Reception for Joy Vrooman<br>our November Artist (see page 11)                                    |
| Thu. 11/4  | Jestry - singer songwriter  |
| Fri. 11/5  | Derek Knott - Syracuse alt-folk   |
| Sat. 11/6  | Schenectady Poetry Horde - open mic   |
| Sun. 11/7  | 7-9 Chicks with Sticks - knitting circle<br>8 pm open mic   |
| Thu. 11/11 | John Birchler - Glenville Folk  |
| Fri. 11/2  | Canvaugh & Kavanaugh - folk duo   |
| Sat. 11/13 | Jed Davis - NYC musician  |
| Sun. 11/14 | 7 - Chicks w/Sticks, 8 pm open mic  |
| Wed. 11/17 | Victorio Reyes - spoken word -<br>author: Rebirth of Crazy Horse                                      |
| Thu. 11/18 | Lorinda Kay & the Shoe-Strings<br>American Acoustic   |
| Fri. 11/19 | Rob & Sage - jazz flute & guitar  |
| Sat. 11/20 | Terri Roben - folk - plus Scorpio<br>Birthday party - all scorpions welcome!                          |
| Sun. 11/21 | Chicks w/Sticks, 8 - Open mic   |
| Wed. 11/24 | Donna Adams-Profetta - Celtic Harp<br>& Nancy Walker - songwriter<br>Special Thanksgiving Eve Concert |
| Sat. 11/27 | Catherine Norr - Special folk in English,<br>French, & Spanish  |
| Sun. 11/28 | 7-9 Chicks with Sticks, 8-10 open mic   |



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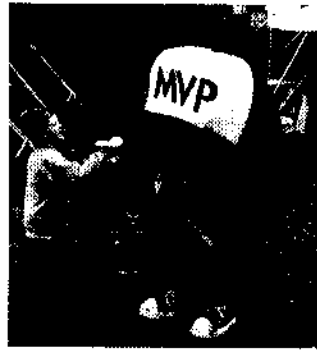
All of the birds that occur in and around the Stockade have special adaptations that are part of their everyday life.

For example, the Northern Cardinal has a heavy seed eating bill that is used to open seeds such as Sunflower seeds. Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers have stiff tail feathers that serve as a brace when going up a tree. The Redtail Hawk has binocular vision to spot prey from a distance. Keep your eyes open for Dark-eyed Juncos that are passing through.

Did you know that the Wild Turkey almost became the national symbol?

- James L. Taft  
AKA  
*Captain Eagle Eyes*

# Stockade Walkabout 2004



September 18, 2004. Pouring rain. Volunteers putting up tents in a downpour, setting up signage and traffic barricades soaked to the skin. What was to become of our 45th Stockade Walkabout? As predicted, the skies cleared at noon and we were in business.

Visitors rode our tree lined streets in horse drawn carriages, listened to the Union College Jazz ensemble at Arthur's Market, strolled down to the river to sample the offerings of eight different Schenectady restaurants while children rode a pony or petted the animals at the petting zoo. This year there were seven historic homes open to the public as well as three churches, three restaurants, the civic playhouse, the Schenectady Historical Society and the YWCA.

This was the third year that the Stockade Association, The Schenectady County Historical Society and the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corp. have partnered this event. The co-chairs all three years have been John Samatulski from DSIC, Kim Mabee from the Historical Society, Lyn Gordon representing the Stockade Association and Sylvie Briber, member at large. This has proven to be a formidable and well-oiled team.

We would like to extend our thanks to all of our neighbors who opened their houses or businesses for this event and to all who volunteered their time and talents to this endeavor. Without your help we could not continue with this successful event year after year. - Lyn Gordon

# Time Immemorial

Once upon a time when a person of prominence died, a memorial would be erected, tabulated with the name, pertinent dates and accomplishments of the descendant's life. One such name that comes to mind for a memorial is Dominick "Min" Rotundo.

For many years Min Rotundo lived in the College Park neighborhood and took great pride beautifying Park Place Park. Upon his death the city of Schenectady was left monies from his estate to pay for the upkeep of that park. As fate would have it, the city instead changed Riverside Park to Rotundo Park and forgot all about Park Place Park.

Fast forward to 1998: with the urging of former Stockade President Bob Hayner, I asked and got permission from Min's remaining relatives to submit the name change from Rotundo back to Riverside Park to then city councilman Brian Stratton for full city council approval. It made sense since most New York State tourism brochures list it as Riverside Park. More recently, I invited Brian to the park and showed him the pump house and promenade's grand restoration. As he was looking further around into the park he noticed the lack of recognition for Min Rotundo. Interestingly, during Brian's tenure in the early 90's as an "Association" board member, the idea for a memorial in honor of "Min" had once been brought up but, of course, nothing has come of it. I assured Brian a followup. This past summer I spoke with Association President Fava and he asked me to submit the idea for the memorial.

Here it is: to help jump start this all-important memorial I will donate \$100, once the sighting is determined. It would be a fitting tribute in honor of a dedicated volunteer who was a lover of the city's parks. Perhaps a memorial the size of Emily Polachek's (on the east end of Riverside Park) with a simple stone and new tree or flowers that bloom annually would work best. Whatever it is, let's make it happen.

The Stockade area is filled with tidbits of past and more recent, relevant history that jump out at you on a daily basis. It only goes to prove that this recent query of Min has done just that. Time immemorial.

- Gerald Plante

## Planning to Make Some Outside Repairs?

You may need to file an Application

Applications, full deadline and meeting schedule, and further information are available from Christine Slovak or Tony Tozzi in the Department of Development, Room 14, 105 Jay Street, City Hall, Schenectady, 12305, 382-5147 or 382-5054. Fees for Historic Commission applications are \$10 for residential applications and \$20 for commercial applications. Following is the schedule for application deadlines and 7:00 PM review meeting dates for 2004:

Application deadline

November 1

December 6

Review meeting

November 15

December 20

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# Retrospective Art Show "I Enjoy Being a Girl" Invitation and Dedication Caberet at Stockade Inn

For the month of November, I am showing some of my art at the Moon and River Cafe, 115 S. Ferry St. There are about 33 pieces which represent work done in the four decades starting in 1939 when I graduated from a Rochester High School through the early 70's when I began my job as artist for the Schenectady County Public Library. Anyone who patronized the library and its nine branches from then until I retired in 1992 would have been exposed daily to my art work fro those eighteen years. However, I have not had time to access samples of that work for this event.

When I asked myself why I did this show, I can only think that by moving into this art conscious neighborhood exactly three years ago on Halloween some sort of nostalgia spirit caught me. I thought it would be fun and it has been. That thinking back brought me memories of the many local artists I had the pleasure of knowing. Some are gone but not forgotten, some are still working and I have been able to renew the acquaintance of a few, and there are up and coming people carrying on. Their names are more than I can list at this writing, but I would like to dedicate my retrospective to all who, perhaps unbeknowst to them, have affected my life in a very good way.

I hope you will stop in and have a look, enjoy what you see and your visit to the cafe. If you have already been there you will find it a welcoming place hosted by one of the *Stockade Spy's* Patroons, Richard Genest, who has since May provided a new venue in our community for artists of all sorts including musicmakers, poets, writers, conversationalists, and welcomes wannabees of all ages . . . all that plus tasty, healthful food. Open every day from 4 - 11 p.m. Come when you can. A simple reception will be held Wednesday, Nov. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Hoping to see you there,  
- Joy Vrooman

Donna Panzl and William Hickman will star in Riverview Entertainment Productions dinner theater "I Enjoy Being a Girl" **Tuesday and Wednesday November 16 and 17** at the Stockade Inn.

In this cabaret presentation, written and staged by producing artistic director, Martin P. Kelly, Panzl creates a character welcoming the fact that she is a woman with full potential and powers of the female sex. Songs - wistful, whimsical, and romantic - are from musical comedies and movies. Hickman joins Panzl in song and accompanies her on the keyboard.

Actress/singer Panzl has been featured in Riverview Productions for the past eight years and is hailed regionally as a dancer/choreographer. Hickman is a veteran regional singer/actor/pianist. Together they recreate this successful cabaret performed at the Bridge Theater in Whitehall this past summer.

A special two-choice menu selected by the Stockade Inn's chef, Paul Canale, includes salad, dinner, coffee/tea and dessert. Tickets for the dinner (at 6:30 o'clock each evening) and show are \$39, including tax and gratuity. There is a \$2 discount for Stockade Association members and their guests. For reservations, call 393-8024 or 273-4090. Identify Stockade Association membership to obtain discount.

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the two places. As you enjoy the historic Stockade, you'll hear old fashioned Christmas carolling by the trio, "In Good Company" and Victorian Strollers as they bring you back in time. Make it a day by calling a friend or two and start a tradition of making memories in the Stockade with the hospitality of our two great restaurants in the spirit of old, where friends, food and fun can come together.

Join in for brunch and shopping with tickets at \$18 a person. Or donate \$2 a person at the door and just shop at both establishments. You will receive a free raffle ticket for drawings of items donated by the participating artisans.

The day ends with the traditional lighting of the Stockade Christmas tree at the Indian by Arthur's 1795 Cafe, followed by our neighborhood holiday gathering at St. George's Hall.

- Diane DeMeo

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