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**SEPTEMBER IN THE STOCKADE!**

**54th Annual Stockade Villager's Outdoor Art Show**  
**Saturday, September 10 11- 5PM**  
 (Rain Date: Sunday, September 11)

*Walkabout & Waterfront Faire*  
*Saturday, September 24 11 - 5 PM*

September in the Stockade is the place to be - especially on September 10th and September 24th. The first Saturday after Labor Day is always a wonderful experience for artists and art lovers in the Stockade. It's that time again and we are once again hosting the 54th Annual Stockade Villager's Outdoor Art Show. The Stockade neighborhood will be welcoming artists from all over the northeast during the time 9:00 AM until 5:00 pm on September 10, 2005, with the show starting at 11:00 AM. Exhibits of fine art work by artists from near and far will be displayed for art lovers visiting the Stockade. The Stockade Villager's Outdoor Art Show is a juried show.

Historic architecture, carriage rides, live music, historical characters, an archaeological dig, boat rides, boat parade, historic boats, children's FunZone, Food Festival, crafters, and artisan demonstrations - this is the 46th annual Stockade Walkabout and Waterfront Faire!

If you are new to the neighborhood, this is an event not to be missed. If you've been dying to go inside some of these interesting homes, now's your chance. The Walkabout has been going on for 46 years, and the Waterfront Faire for three! And if you live in the Stockade and haven't attended in a while, it's time to catch up on all the new fun on **Saturday, September 24** from 11 AM to 5 PM.

Categories for Awards - over \$1,000 in prizes awarded

- First Prize \$300 plus ribbon
- Second Prize \$200 plus ribbon
- Third Prize \$150 plus ribbon
- 12 Honorable Mentions \$25 plus ribbon
- Student (plus ribbons) 1st prize \$50, 2nd prize \$35, 3rd prize \$25

Riverside Park is a perfect fall setting for the Waterfront Faire, a great event for the whole family.

The eight homes on tour this year are:

- 48 Washington - Pat & George Marshall
- 20 Washington - Ruth Harvey
- 23 Washington - Sylvie & Bob Briber
- 216 1/2 Union - Geoff Gersen
- 107 N. Ferry - Robert Woods (work in progress)
- 112 N. Ferry - Linda Muralidharan
- 238 Green - Chuck Southward & Jeff Worsa
- 8 S. Church - Glenn Witecki Law Office (adaptive reuse).

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Stockade Dates

<b>Stockade Association General Meeting</b>	<b>Art Show</b>	<b>Walkabout &amp; Waterfront Faire</b>	<b>October Spy Deadline</b>
Thurs., Sept. 8 7:30 pm	Sat., Sept. 10	Sat., Sept. 24	
<b>Stockade Master Plan Brainstorming Session</b>	11 AM - 5 PM	11 AM - 5 PM	<b>Sept. 15</b>
Thurs., Sept 29 7:30 PM	Rain Date - Sun Sept. 11	Rain or Shine	
(see p. 5 & 10)	12 - 5 PM		

## Around and About the Stockade

### Events at the Open Door Bookstore

128 Jay St. 346-2719

Sat., Sept. 17, 12:30 - 2 pm, **Bill McKibben** signing his book "Wandering Home: A Long Walk Across America's Most Hopeful Region, Vermont's Champlain Valley and New York's Adirondacks"

### Schenectady County Community College

78 Washington Ave. 381-1250

#### Musicians of Ma'alwyck, 7:30 pm Taylor Auditorium

Features violin, guitar, and cello. Tickets at the door. \$15 general admission; \$10 seniors; \$5 students; free to SCCC students

#### Moon and River Cafe, 115 S. Ferry St., 382-1938 4-11 pm

For a complete Sept. Schedule, please call or drop by.

Sat., Sept. 3, Acoustic (Stockadian) George & Acoustic Dan Father and Son duo

Sun., Sept. 4, 4 pm SCCC Music student, Justin Stearns, Classical Piano & more; 6 PM Poet and Stockadian, Ed Pavlic, and open mic (see page 11)

Sept. 6, The String Dusters, blues and bluegrass

**Sat., Sept. 17, 8 PM, Eric Erickson, singer/songwriter, Woodstocker, sharing stage with many famous performers**

Fri., Sept. 23, Stockadian Catherine Norr, singing in Spanish, French & English

**Opening at 11 AM for the Art Show, Sat., Sept. 10**

**Open 11 AM - 11 PM for Walkabout on Sat., Sept. 24**

Music all day on Sept. 24: 1-3 "Acoustica" Oldies band

4-5 Hannah Imbesi; 5-6 Steve Scarlata;

8-11 Terri Roben, Roger and Dave

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James Gilliland/George Weinheimer Memorial Award: selection and award provided by the Oakwood Artists to honor their long time colleagues \$100

• Nicholas J. Colangelo Award for a **first time exhibitor** in this show \$100

• Ernest A. R. Cohen Award for "Best of Stockade" artwork depicting the Stockade neighborhood \$100

• People's Choice Award: selection by ballot from public (artwork in judging circle not eligible) Ribbon

The Stockade is a unique and special place and we as residents are proud of our neighborhood. Many people will gather on the streets and sidewalks of the Stockade for the day. Stockade residents are encouraged to make their property visitor friendly - pull weeds and sweep the walks. Share your sidewalk with the artists and the visitors that attend the show. An open, friendly atmosphere is a welcoming venue for the day. A true tribute to the Stockade residents is the fact that they have hosted and encouraged this art show for 54 consecutive years.

**Street Closings** Some Stockade streets (portions of Front, Green and North Ferry Streets) will be closed to all motorized transportation on Saturday, September 10 (hours of 7 AM to 5 PM), for the 54th Annual Stockade Villager's Outdoor Art Show (Sunday, September 11 from noon to 5 PM is the rain date). Cars must be off the streets by 7 AM. (Look for our flyers on your cars to prevent being towed).

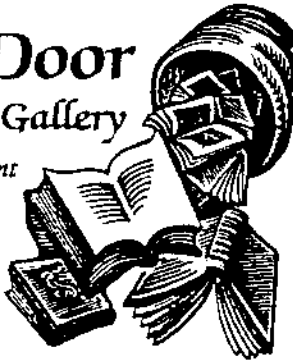
Matt Volks is General Chairman of the Art Show and President of the Board of Directors. The Board of the Art Show encourages neighborhood participation and we could use your help. Volunteers are needed to be: hosts, hostesses (2 hour shifts), workers in the judging circle and help is needed to set up and take down the show - call Jennifer Wells (382-1471) to volunteer. Any questions on the show should be directed to Deb Volks at 381-6322. Committee chairs are: Judges: Vivian d'Estienne and Diane DeMeo; Judging Circle: Meredith Anker; Registration: Connie Colangelo, Michael Della Rocco and JoAnn Kress; Publicity: Karen B. Johnson and Mary D'Allesandro; Treasurer: Larry Schmidt; Ceremonies: Peter Rumora.

- Connie Colangelo

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*(Walkabout continued from page 1)*

Some special features of the homes include: a spectacular Victorian mirror, elaborately framed; a creative reuse of salvaged architectural pieces; a curious inscription etched in a window; a charming garden room looking out on a lily and fish pond; a beautiful restoration of a home and garden that narrowly escaped the wrecking ball; a 56 pane window looking out on a secret courtyard; a simple and elegant design created after extensive fire and water damage; and an office space decorated to highlight its Gothic Revival architecture. Many of the homes on tour have beautiful gardens but as an extra treat, you can view the creative extended living spaces of Beth and Mike Petta and Joe Fava.

The Mlodzianowski family at 109 Union St. have graciously allowed visitors to view the archaeological dig happening in their backyard conducted by SCCC archaeology professors and their students.

Big thank you's go out to all our home owners for generously opening their homes to visitors.

Some of the highlights of the public buildings on tour this year are: the newly restored Clinton's Ditch on South College St.; the recently decorated rooms at the Stockade Inn; the newest brew at the Van Dyck (see page 11); the extensive restoration of the Dutch Reformed Church; and an authentic Marilyn Monroe fashion collection at Studio 232.

Other tour sites include the Schenectady

County Historical Society, with a special Centennial Exhibit and "Schenectady Stories" Exhibit; the historic St. George's Church; and a Lithuanian display at Holy Cross Church. The Pump House in Riverside Park will again be open for tours.

Special Stockade stops are Cafe 1795 for Irish music and a country buffet breakfast; Rosie Irene's Tea room for High Tea; Moon and River Cafe for vegetarian fare, music and art; Books and Art for books, jewelry and curious things; and Slick's for their mile-high sandwiches.

For visitors, free parking is conveniently available at SCCC with a free trolley ride to the Stockade. 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, credit cards accepted, or visit the Historical Society, 32 Washington Avenue (374-0263), Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5 PM, or Saturdays 9 AM - 4 PM. And if you would like to volunteer for two hours, your thank you is a ticket for \$10. To volunteer to be a house guide please call Sylvie (377-0469), a ticket seller, call Elinore (393-2499), or for other assistance, call Aaron Couture (387-5615).

This event is presented by your very own Stockade Association in partnership with The Schenectady County Historical Society and the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation.

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# Window Boxes of the Stockade

by Beverly Elander

Most suburban properties boast green front yards, and plunking down a plant or two for color is relatively simple. But when your sidewalk of brick, slate or cement abuts the foundation of your home and you still want to decorate with living things, you have to be creative - and clever. The same variables apply to gardens of all sizes: light, water, soil, nutrients, type, texture, shape and height of plant. But in miniature gardens like window boxes, these elements are critical because they are so rapidly depleted or easily crowded.

As I've walked around the charming neighborhood of the Stockade (itself a kind of window box of Schenectady) this summer, a number of window box displays, both residential and commercial, leaped off their sills and called to me. In no particular order:

**232 Green Street** - I have the pleasure of living across the street from these black boxes overflowing with large orange begonias, delicate white impatiens, lacy purple-blue lobelia, and trailing ivy. Incredibly, these miniature gardens looked luxuriant even at the beginning of the season, when my humble boxes across the street were still tentative juveniles.

**3 Front Street** - I noticed these boxes last year as well. Spectacular! To me, they were lime waterfalls cascading out the windows over pale yellow siding.

**Moon and River Cafe** - The upbeat nature of this little

gem of an establishment on South Ferry Street is reflected in zinnia filled boxes with morning glories crawling up the store front windows.

**Rosie Irene's Tearoom** - Famous for its lavender cookies and dominated by the color purple both within and without, this small Stockade business (118 S. Ferry) has gone beyond window boxes with an explosion of color camouflaging what could have been a very ordinary black parking area. And if you look closely, you'll notice eggplant (purple, of course) basil and corn already sprouting ears.

**27 North Ferry Street** - Purple and white petunias, hot and pastel pink impatiens, scarlet geraniums, accented with magenta and green foliage tumble from porch railing boxes against a maroon background of this 1705 homestead.

Enjoy these window box delights soon, for September is a month of change. Colors will fade, leaves will wither, cooler temperatures will cause once lively blooms to shiver. But be heartened - if residents are like me, they are already planning next spring's Lilliputian gardens.

Photos by  
Beverly Elander



Moon and River Cafe South Ferry Street



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**Stockade Association General Meeting Thurs., September 8**

**7:00 pm Social 7:30 Meeting**

**Speaker: Don Rittner, Schenectady County Historian**

**"The Stockade Underground"**

Beneath sidewalks and backyards of the Stockade the early founders of Schenectady await rediscovery from archeologists. Don will discuss what other early communities have done to promote their history and generate heritage tourism dollars.

**Special General Meeting Thurs., September 29 7:30 PM**

to discuss ideas for the Stockade Master Plan (see page 10)  
to present to Riverstreet Planning and Development as part of citywide Master Plan Development.

**All Stockade Neighbors Invited**

**Both meetings at the Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave. Entrance is in back**

**The Stockade Association Membership 2005- 2006**

The Stockade Association has been carrying out its mission, "the protection and improvement of the properties" within its boundaries, for 48 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.

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- Membership
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- Neighborhood Watch
- Riverside Park
- Sidewalk Sale
- The Stockade Spy*
- Walkabout

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

If you are a non-resident and

• would like to be mailed *The Stockade Spy*, it is \$10 per year. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

• 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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# Neighborhood News

Deb Douglas, Recording Secretary

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

## **Stockade Association Board Meeting**

**June 7, 2005**

President Joe Fava called the meeting to order at 7:05. Board members present included Joe Fava, Debbi Douglas, Peter Rumora, Fred Kindl, Dale Miller, Elena Alvarez, Connie Colangelo, Lyn Gordon, Eli Taub, Diane DeMeo and Bob Preville.

Joe welcomed and introduced new board member Elena Alvarez to the group.

The meeting opened with a discussion with Ann Savage from Riverstreet Planning and Development. She described the steps that are in development to formulate a citywide and neighborhood comprehensive plans with input from the city and residents. The comprehensive plan is called Schenectady 2020. They will review each neighborhood individually, and then evaluate the city as a whole unit. The neighborhood meetings will focus on the neighborhood vision and asset planning, whereas the overall plan for Schenectady will focus on its overall assets and challenges. Members of the city will be invited to open meetings in early summer, and then neighborhood meetings will be scheduled for September and October. Neighbors will be alerted to the Stockade meeting date in the SPY.

**Meeting minutes** - Eli made a motion to accept the minutes from the May board meeting. Dale seconded and the minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's report** - Lyn reported that our 501 C3 and Federal Charitable Organization status has been approved and reinstated. Eli made a motion to expend \$100 for a token gift to Stan Hickok for his efforts and countless hours spent in obtaining these designations. Debbi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. In response to Lyn's current budget report, Eli made a motion to reimburse the garden club \$150 spent on park clean-up day, and also that the board President contact the leadership of the garden club to discuss the organization of future neighborhood projects that involve both groups. Connie seconded the motion, and after discussion, the motion passed with ten in favor and one opposed.

**By-laws** - There is a question regarding the definition of "household" membership. Eli will discuss with the committee and bring back to the board. Also according to the newly adopted by-laws, Joe will appoint committee chairs, and, the prior nominating committee will present nominees for the committee.

**Logo update** - Dale reported he is ready to advance

the design to the next step, but needs the assistance of a graphic designer. Bob will send the logo out to a designer for tightening up, and the logo will be presented to the membership in September.

**Walkabout** - Lyn reported that eight houses will be open for the Walkabout, and the committee is still working on additional sponsorship. The idea for a temporary dock at Riverside Park has been suspended as cost prohibitive. The YWCA will again host the Kids Zone and petting zoo. There will be music at various locations throughout the neighborhood as well as down at the Park. Elena offered to help coordinate her rowing club for the day of the event.

**New business** - Eli spoke to Assemblyman Jim Tedisco regarding funding for paint for the crosswalks in the neighborhood. Mr. Tedisco will work on a grant, and Eli will get an estimate for materials.

With no further business to discuss, Lyn made a motion to adjourn. Dale seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

## **Stockade Association Board Meeting July 5, 2005**

President Joe Fava called the meeting to order at 7:05. Board members present included Joe Fava, Debbi Douglas, Dale Miller, Connie Colangelo, Eli Taub, and Diane DeMeo.

Joe called the meeting to order at 7:10. In Lyn's absence, Eli submitted the treasurer's report into the record. The minutes from the June meeting will be voted on at the August meeting. Dates for future board and general meetings were discussed and set as follows:

August board meeting: 8/9

September board meeting: 9/6

September general meeting: 9/8

September special general meeting: 9/29

October board meeting: 10/4

The board members that were present feel it is important to conduct the special meeting in September to invite the neighbors to provide input toward the master planning ideas, and to get our goals in order in advance of the meeting with Riverstreet Planning.

**Sidewalk sale** - Connie reported that fifty-six permits were issued for the sidewalk sale. When the final expenses are counted, the profit from the sale will go into the Indian preservation and maintenance memorial fund.

**Art Show** - Registrations have been mailed. There

was some discussion re the entry fee, which Connie will discuss with her committee and report back to the board.

**Nominating committee** - The committee has selected two of three committee members, and will present to the board when complete.

**Committee chairs** - Joe will appoint committee chairs, as per the by-laws.

**Old business** - The group had a long discussion regarding current assessments in the Stockade, any possible solutions or recourse toward future assessments, and the idea of inviting the city council to hold one of their meetings here in the Stockade. Following that discussion, the group reviewed the impact of Eli and Fred Miller's visit to Stratton ANG Base on the current flight pattern over the Stockade. The consensus is that most feel the noise from the planes flying overhead has improved overall as a result, while some neighbors continue to complain about it.

With no further business to discuss, Eli made a motion to adjourn, Deb seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:30.

### **Stockade Association Annual Meeting May 19, 2005**

President Joe Fava called the meeting to order at 7:40. He opened the meeting by stating that the Stockade Association exists for the neighborhood and its residents, and that the current board works very hard at achieving the goals we set together. He then took a few minutes to recap the work that the association is doing, and the projects that we're involved in, including, but not limited to:

- Master Plan
- Sidewalk & Painting Incentives
- Work w/Archaeological Dept. with SCCC
- Help with clean-up days
- Stockade Brunch
- SPY (thanks, Sylvie!)
- Sidewalk Sale
- Help with Art Show
- Work with City for improved services
- Work w/County on Gillette project
- Work on CanalFest

- Unification of street signs (thanks, Beth)
- Work w/SCHS to redesign historical house plaques
- Work with Re-Tree Schenectady
- Christmas tree lighting and Kerst Kermis
- Expansion of Walkabout with partners DSIC & SCHS
- Development of a working budget

### **By-Laws**

Joe outlined the history behind the reason for needing revisions to the by-laws, including changes incorporated to protect the association. He then invited those members who signed up to speak to do so. The members who chose to address the board and the membership are:

Elena Alvarez	Lidia Pasamanick	David Marhafer
Meredith Anker	Greg Sauer	Bob Briber
Peter Rumora	Connie Colangelo	Dale Miller
Jennifer Wells	George Wheeler	

Upon finishing her remarks, Meredith Anker made a motion to refer the proposed by-laws back to committee. Jennifer Wells seconded. Joe then asked if we could first hear from the list of speakers, and then hold discussion on the motion. In discussion, Jennifer stated that obviously a lot of work has gone into the proposed by-laws, however, she feels that they are taking too much of a board-driven direction, as opposed to member-driven. Gloria Kishton asked if we can vote on the sections of the by-laws individually, instead of as a whole document. Connie responded that by holding two meetings prior to this one, that is essentially what we have done, because we went through article by article and made revisions based on those meetings. Nancy Bell pointed out that while both the original and proposed by-laws need some work, only the proposed by-laws give us the ability to propose and make revisions more than once per year. Eli Taub stated that the proposed by-laws are an attempt to put into governance that which really works, and that a vote on the motion is essentially a vote on the by-laws. He then made a motion to close the discussion. Connie seconded, and the motion passed with a 2/3 vote (28-12). Next came the vote on

*(continued on page 8)*



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(General Meeting Minutes from page 7)

Meredith's motion to send the by-laws back to committee. The motion was rejected by the majority of members (14-25). Finally Diane DeMeo made a motion to vote on the proposed by-laws. Fred Kindl seconded. Discussion having already been had on this motion, the membership voted to accept the proposed by-laws (32-13).

### Election of Board Members and Officers

Ballots were passed around to members, while Connie explained that for this first year with the newly-adopted by-laws, we would elect officers for 2 years, and directors for 1 year. Eli made a motion that nomination be closed. Lyn seconded, and the motion was rejected (9-24). Nominations were made from the floor, however none of the nominees accepted. Brad Fisher made another motion that the nominations be closed. Jennifer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The votes were tallied, and the proposed slate of board members and officers was elected by majority vote, as follows, with term:

President - Joe Fava 5/07

1st Vice President - Eli Taub 5/07

2nd Vice President - Dale Miller 5/07

Treasurer - Lyn Gordon 5/07

Secretary - Deborah Douglas 5/07

### Directors

Connie Colangelo 5/07      Fred Kindl 5/06

Diane DeMeo 5/06      Robert Preville 5/06

Peter Rumora 5/06      Elena Alvarez 5/06

### Board business

Lyn Gordon presented the treasurer's report, the last until September. Eli made a motion to accept the minutes from the January and March general meetings. Peter Rumora seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

Jennifer reported that the park clean-up day is Saturday, May 21, and volunteers are needed. The association will contribute for lunch for the volunteers. Dale Miller reminded the group about the Yahoo distribution group he set up to notify the neighbors of

events, dates, and neighborhood news. We should all let people know about this, and Dale will help anyone who wants to sign up to receive these weekly e-mails. Fundraising efforts are to begin at the YMCA for restoration of the front steps. Joe Fava is looking for ideas to raise funds. Connie wanted everyone to know that there is a list of level 3 sex offenders available to the public, and she discovered that there was one in residence at the YMCA. The situation has since been corrected, but we should all be aware of where these people are. Barbara Sauer recommended that we ask to have a seat on the transition committee for the residents facility. Dale asked the members to please have anyone who sees or assists a truck stuck in the Stockade to notify him. He will be keeping track for future purposes.

Gloria Kishton, vice-chair of the Schenectady Heritage Foundation, updated the group on the work the Foundation is currently involved in, including:

- Maintenance on the Stockade Gateway
- Representative on the Gillette House Committee
- Purchased sign for Historic Vale cemetery
- Filed 108 Union St. for National Historic Register
- Award ceremony at City Hall for preservation projects
- Looking to offering grant and loan to anyone who purchases 221 Green Street from current owner, and restores it

### Good and Welfare

Nancy Bell expressed her thanks and appreciation to the by-laws committee and the members for caring enough about the neighborhood to bring the by-laws through a democratic process.

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<u>Application deadline</u>	<u>Review meeting</u>
September 5	September 19
October 3	October 17
November 7	November 21
December 5	December 19



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Friday, Oct. 14 *Hilton Ruiz Quintet*  
Friday, Oct. 28 *Vocalist Roseanna Vitro and Trio*  
Friday, Nov. 11 *Steve Kuhn Trio*  
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## Everyday Art

- Catherine de Salle

August.

Serene mornings transform themselves into steamy afternoons. Early Thursdays I walk to the farmer's market on the West side of City Hall. I love to browse here and pick up a few things that are good to eat. And fun to draw.

Bushels of eggplant, but I'm looking for one that shines as if it had been rubbed with Butcher's Wax. For beans that are deep jungle green and thin as Miss Olive Oil. Garlic that has been carefully braided and onions with their tops attached. Getting in the car and driving a bit can get you more exotic fare. Cherries that are big and red-black (these are my favorites), exquisite greengage plums. A small, perfectly round home-grown watermelon. All sugary crimson, and wet on the knife. Oh, what marvelous food. For a relatively small sum, these fruits and vegetables provide us with health and well-being. As they delight our senses they gently remind us of summers long past.

I've arranged small patty-pan squash in a blue bowl. The bowl sits on the stove, and each time I pass it, my eyes want to stay longer. I won't capture this perfection in a drawing or painting, but what pleasure it will be to bring out my best paper, my good pencils. If I don't completely finish the drawing, if I don't even start it, it's OK. It is enough to look. To give thanks. To live another summer through.



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# - Tidings -

## Stockade Association Notes from Dale Miller

Goodbye to:

- Rita Allen of N. Church St who has moved to Loudenville. And a big big "thank you" to her for helping with all the *Stockade Spy* mailings.

Welcome to:

- Rev. Jean Mills. She makes her way from Vermont to N. Ferry Street.
- Lydia Eis to Front Street from West Hill.
- Gail Kehn, of the Schenectady Chamber to N. Church Street.

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



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### City and Stockade Master Plan

The City of Schenectady has undertaken the task of creating a new master plan. As part of that, each neighborhood will have its own master plan that highlights its specific characteristics and needs while complementing the citywide vision. Everyone interested in contributing to the Stockade master plan should come to our brainstorming session on Thursday, September 29 at 7:30 PM at the Historical Society, where we can discuss and prioritize the Stockade's interests. At a future date, we will have another meeting with representatives of the company that is writing the City's master plan to present our ideas and answer their questions.

### The Board Wants Your Opinion

The Stockade Association Board wants your opinion and input. What projects would you like the Board to work on this year? What is important to you and your neighbors? What problem might we not know about but should be made aware of? This is your chance to help prioritize the agenda that we work on this year. Call Dale Miller at 381-6189 or send an email to dalemiller33@hotmail.com with your top 1 or 2 priorities (by October 1st, please). I'll tabulate them and report the results to the Board in October.

### Stockade Email List

Did you know you can get a weekly email that details the important, interesting and entertaining events in the Stockade? Meetings, entertainment, trash day reminders, and other important tidbits will come right to your inbox. Additionally, since it is an open forum, anyone may also send out information to the group that one thinks is important for all to know, such as crime alerts, notices of lost pets, a call for volunteers, etc. To subscribe, send a blank email to:

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### The Latest and Greatest at Cafe 1795

I stopped in recently to hear from Rob Gavel about the latest with the Cafe. Here's the scoop:

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Stop in and check out the changes! - Sylvie

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## Poetry Specialty is Beginning This September!

A new feature at the **Moon and River Cafe**, a featured poet each month, starts in September with Stockade resident, Ed Pavlic, a fine poet and author, a fine neighbor, and those who attend Union College, know him as a fine English teacher.

Mr. Pavlic will be the first of six Schenectady poets featured through the next six months. A steady stream of poets from around the area have come to the Moon and River over the past year and three months. One thing that will be new, but not mandatory, is the donation hat. It is a tradition at poetry readings to give a small gratuity to the featured poets.

Try to find room and squeeze in and enjoy the new experience on the **First Sunday of every month at 6 PM**. If you would like to get regular information on the Schenectady poetry scene you can join our Yahoo group @ <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SchenectadyPoetryHorde//>  
- summarized from a JJ Johnson update

## Birds of the Stockade

Most of the birds that occur in and around the Stockade have finished nesting, but are still feeding young that have fledged. In the late summer and into the fall most birds rely on different food sources to fit their need. For example, the Red-eyed Vireo feeds on insects for the most part but in the fall migration it switches to fruit. Did you know that between 50 and 80 percent of hatched birds are lost in 6 months? And that Male Purple Finches take three years to get their colors?

- James L. Taft, AKA Captain Eagle Eyes

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## The Van Dyck Restaurant, Music Club and Brewery

### The Van Dyck Brews Again

The Van Dyck is pleased to be once again producing the freshest ales and lagers in the Capital Region. Presently there is a Pale Ale, Brown Ale and Blonde Ale in the fermenters, with a Porter, Wheat, Amber and Raspberry soon to follow. At least one or two beers will be on tap by the time this issue of the *Spy* hits the streets.

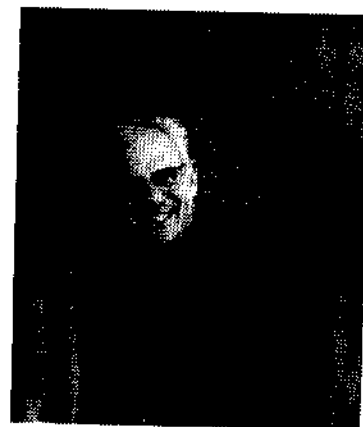
The Van Dyck will present a generous happy hour to invite people back to try Schenectady's beer, with \$1.50 pints from 4-5 pm, \$2.00 pints from 5-6 pm, \$2.50 pints from 6-7 pm and \$3.00 pints from 7-8 pm!

**More Music.** The Van Dyck will announce its fall schedule in September, with performances by Melanie, Livingston Taylor, Aztec Two Step, The Zen Tricksters, Blake Christiania and Phoebe Legere. This fall the club will also add more mid-week shows, with ticket prices kept in the \$5.00 range, plus a few free performances. Visit the website at [www.thevandyck.com](http://www.thevandyck.com) for the latest additions and information.

**New Cuisine** Working with two renowned consultants, The Van Dyck will be introducing a new menu in September, which will offer a contemporary interpretation on a classic American cuisine. Stay tuned for more information . . .  
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- \* **Help frail neighbors clean their front yards**
- \* **Pick up dog poops (in plastic bags)**

**September Waste Collection Dates**

**All Thursdays**

**Sept. 8 15 22 29**

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