

Newsletters from the Historical Society of the Nyacks

*House Tour Guide Book

Spring 1998: John Borst, editor; Florence Katzenstein, president. Articles: Coming exhibit, Old Stone Church for National Registry, Nyack College 100 years in Rockland, Nyack Veterans, How well do you know Nyack? Programs: Hudson River in Ice Age, Native American Life, Pretty Penny, History of Nyack College, Cruise on the Commander, Exhibit at Nyack Seaport.

1999: Win Perry, John Elliot and Bob Goldberg co-chairs. Programs: Grace Gordon on Pierre Bernard and the Clarkstown Country Club, Old Stone Church place on State and National Registry with Hugh Traphagen who was baptized there, Walking Tours of Religious Institutions in Nyack: Grace Episcopal Church, St. Philip's AME Zion, and Holy Virgin Russian Church.

March 2000: Win Perry, president and editor. Newsletter was 4 pages printed in the center of the Nyack Villager. Articles: Ben Hecht in Nyack (by Tom Froncek); Oldest House in Nyack; Tiny Old Graveyard (by Florence Katzenstein); Save the West Hook. Programs: Before the Bridge (Steve Bretschneider), Hook Mountain Park Bathhouse. Published: *Nyack in the 20th Century*.

*May 11, 2002 First Annual HOUSE TOUR: Ten Architectural Gems of Nyack and South Nyack (Featured on front page of May Nyack Villager plus 1 page inside)

*May 8, 2004 Second Spring HOUSE TOUR: Featuring an Assortment of Architectural Styles in South Nyack and GrandView

September 2004: Articles: Let's Sail and Celebrate – Tenth Anniversary of the Historical Society of the Nyacks - sail on the Commander from Haverstraw to the Bear Mountain Bridge and back on Oct. 24; Ten Years of Celebrating Nyack's History – and Then What?

June 2006: V.4,I.1 - Win Perry and Jim Hershberger, editors. Articles: First Church of Christ, Scientist, "Big Chief" Russell Moore, Hezekiah Easter oral history excerpt, Save the Lighthouse before and after photos. Programs: Stockmeyer exhibit of

Gilcrest photos at Pavion. Published: *Nyack in Black and White* by Carl Nordstrom (with Nyack Library)

October 2006: Jean Pardo and Jim Hershberger, editors. Articles: First Presbyterian Church/ Nyack Center; “How we Got Started” (by Florence Katzenstein) (3/1/1994 mtg at UN Elem. School); Boris Aronson (1900-1980) buried at Oak Hill Cemetery by Gini Stolldorf; The Nyacks, A Great Place to Grow Up (by Tom Hackett)

*May 12, 2007 Third Spring HOUSE TOUR featuring a Marvellous Assortment of Architectural Styles in the Nyacks (chairs: Terry Hekker and Joan Moffett)

January 2007: Jean Pardo and Jim Hershberger, editors. Articles: Pilgrim Baptist Church; Nyack in the War Years (Tom Hackett); Retired Marine recalls service in Nyack (Gerald F. Merna); Why Local History is Important (Miriam Wexler); J. DuPratt White (Gini Stolldorf)

Fall, 2007: Jean Pardo and Jim Hershberger, editors. Articles: TZ Bridge (Art Gunther); Jewish Houses of Worship; My Visit to Nyack, A Sense of Place (Naoko Kubota); Oak Hill Cemetery – Ray Bergman (Gini Stolldorf); Civil Defense Tower (Tom Hackett); 8 pp of old photos from the Stockmeyer Collection

Spring 2008: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Grace Episcopal Church (Virginia Parkhurst); Thursday Reading Classes, 1887 on; 5 old Stockmeyer photos

Fall 2008: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Hudson Fulton Champlain Quadricentennial in 2009 (Win Perry); Henry J. Artopee (G.S.); Broadway Theatre to TZ Playhouse; Jean Pardo; 5 old photos

Spring 2009: V.5,I.2 - Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Fish and Ships exhibit June-Sept. at Pavion building (Win Perry); 1909 Hudson-Fulton Celebration (Brian Jennings); Quarrying and Shipbuilding in Nyack (Jean Pardo); Wilson P. Foss (G.S.); Theatres in Nyack – Elmwood Playhouse; Florence Katzenstein -Nyack Ctr honoree; Win Perry-HSR honoree; more Stockmeyer photos

Fall 2009: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Fish and Ships; Julius Petersen’s Shipyards (G.S.); 2 pp. student writings on life in River Town; Armchair tours

Winter 2010: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Hopper Spoon (Art Gunther); Nyack Boat Club – the First 100 years (G.S.); 6 old photos

* May 15, 2010 The Great Nyack HOUSE TOUR. Mansions of Oom the Omnipotent, The Clarkstown Country Club (#4) (featured on cover of May Nyack Villager plus 1 page inside)

Summer 2010: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Dowager Elephant (G.S.); Reprint of The Clarkstown Country Club; Great Oom; Blanche deVries; House Tour photos; Remembrance of Frances G. Scott (Jean Pardo)

Fall 2010: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Alvin S. Johnson (G. S.); Jean Pardo (Leontine Temsky); Smokey Wanamaker, Nyack’s First Honorary Fire Chief; Stockmeyer photos

Winter 2011: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Nyack’s Carnegie Library (Brian Jennings); The Thought of Alvin Johnson (Tom Morrison); The University in Exile – Alvin Johnson; Jay Hood (1944-2010) (Florence Katzenstein)

Spring 2011: V.6, I.2 Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: New Headquarters in the Nyack Library’s Depew House; Edward Hopper and Nyack (Art Gunther); Saving the Hopper House (Win Perry); Opening Exhibit in our new home May 7: Hopperesque, 1862 Quilt, Tallman piano, Wilcos & Gibbs sewing machine, St. George Hotel reception desk

Fall 2011: V.6, I.3 Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Drying out from historic flood the last week of June, 2011; Julian O. Davidson, Painter of Ships & Boats; Rowing in Nyack (Peter Klose); When Nyack was the Car Capital , 1940s and ‘50s

Winter 2012: V.7, I.1 Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Emery Brothers (G.S.); Italianate Style (Robert Silarsky); Dollhouse raffle at library - Joanne Bentley’s dollhouse

Spring-Summer 2012: V.7, I.2 House tour; John Green House (John Gromada); Wright Brothers of Nyack (G.S.); The Vanilla Factory (Bob Goldberg); photographic exhibit and armchair tour of buildings by Marshall and Henry Emery

*May 5, 2012: Eclectic South Nyack HOUSE TOUR (#5)

Fall 2012: V.7, I.3 Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Sartrell Prentice (G.S.); First Reformed Church (Jean Pardo); Exhibit – Nyack History One Sketch at a Time, Oct. – Dec. Bill Batson

Winter 2013: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Early Traffic on the Hudson (G.S.); A Boy in the '30s (Gene Brown); New Trustees – Bill Batson, Lori Martin, Carol Weiss. Exhibit – Nineteenth Century Treasures Feb.-Mar. Exhibit in Library cases – Historic Markers

Spring-Summer 2013: V.8, I.2 Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Joseph Cornell, An American Original (G.S.); Astrith Deyrup (Betty Perry); House Plaques for Sale \$150; Astrith Deyrup Art Sale in June

Fall 2013: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Bob Gabrielson (G.S.); Gem on the Hudson (Art Gunther); Exhibit – Built by DeBaun – Nyack's Principal Builders 1860 – 1910 opening in Sept.

Winter 2014: V.9, I.1 Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Civil War Veteran in Nyack (Carol Weiss); Helen Hayes Recalls 56 Years as a Nyack resident; Great Grandma's Kitchen coming in Dec.

*May 3, 2014: The Great Nyack HOUSE TOUR Houses with a Secret (#6)

Spring-Summer 2014: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Philanthropy: The Nyack-Pittsburgh Connection, Andrew Carnegie (G.S.); Joseph Cornell and Emily Dickinson – Kindred Spirits (Lee Mamunes); House Tour photos

Fall-Winter 2014: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Nyack – A Destination (G.S.); A Glimpse of Nyack (Lawrence Hecht); History piques Fifth Graders' Interest; Fall Exhibit – A Nyack Tool Box – Implements from the Past

Winter-Spring 2015: Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: William Hand of Franklin Street (G.S.); Toni Morrison Bench (Win Perry); 82 N. Broadway (Art Gunther); The Depew House – An Architectural Gem Worth Saving (Win Perry); A South Nyack

Foundation (Myra Starr); Winter Exhibit – Toys of the Past – Our Childhood Memories Dec.-Feb.; An Underground Railroad Monument Comes to Nyack Mar.-May 2015

Spring-Summer 2015: V.10, I.2 Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Shipyards and Boat Building, Oh My! (G.S.) ; Looking for Francis Tillou (Carol Weiss); Underground Railroad Monument to be Dedicated in Nyack – Supplemented by Exhibits at the Museum and the Nyack Library; B.W. Church – Boat Builder: An Exhibit of His Life & Work in the 20th Century (T. Robins Brown)

Fall-Winter 2015: V. 10, I.3 Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: A Nyack Visionary – William Voorhis (G.S.); Liberty Street School (Larry Hecht, NHS class of 1955); The John Green House CA. 1819 (Jennifer Rothschild); Magical Thinking (Tina Traster); Building the Tappan Zee Bridge: Photographs by Leonard Cooke 1952-1955 (exhibit at the HSN Museum Sept. – Nov.)

Winter-Spring 2016: V.11, I.1 Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Half Moon Replicas (Win Perry); Anthony Fokker (Joe Barbieri); Nyack YMCA – Its Beginnings (G.S.); John Green House (Tina Traster); House Plaques (Betty Perry); William Bruckner exhibits; Armchair Tours (Bob Goldberg)

Spring-Summer 2016: V.11, I.2 Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Celebrating our 21st Birthday – The Historical Society of the Nyacks Comes of Age – Gala September 18, 2016, Win Perry & Leontine Temsky; 1889 Native American Pestle story by Win Perry; Time for School (G.S.); Tales of a Door Knob (Arthur Gunther III); Upcoming Exhibits – Treasures from our Collection June and July, and Sally Savage’s Nyack Photos September – November (note: cancelled due to S.S. surgery); House Tour May 13, 2017

Fall-Winter 2016: V.11, I.3 Gini Stolldorf, editor. Articles: Review of the 21st Birthday Gala; “What Next, the Nyacks?” by Art Gunther; Upcoming exhibits – Van Houten’s Landing Neighborhood Sept. – Nov., and Crocks, Jugs & Bottles Dec. – Feb. Booklet Included: “Remembering the Brinks Robbery – After 35 Years, It Still Matters” edited by Mimi Hoffman.

Winter-Spring 2017: v. 12, Is.1 Mimi Hoffman, acting editor. Articles: “Carson McCullers: Take Me” by Gail Bentley Walsh; Memorial Tribute to James Hershberger by Win Perry; “Horace Greeley Knapp, Nyack Architect” by Hugh Goodman; Grand Houses of the Nyacks house tour coming May 13; Museum and Library exhibits on Nyack Business Before the Malls – Part II Mar. – May; dates of the 2017 Walking Tours

* May 13, 2017: The Great Nyack HOUSE TOUR Grand Houses of the Nyacks (#7)

Summer 2017: v. 12, Is.2 Mimi Hoffman, acting editor. Articles: “Nyack and the World War I Effort” by Win Perry; “Life at Marydell” by Margaret Williams; “Remembering Priscilla: Pom Poms, School Spirit, and Civil Rights” by Brenda Ross; Summer Exhibition – Sally Savage: Nyack Photographs through August

Winter 2017 - 18: v. 12, Is.3 Mimi Hoffman, editor. Articles: “The Legacy of Shadowcliff” by Ethan Vesley-Flad and Bill Batson; Message from the President – Rev. Nevin Sayre and other FOR staff; “My Aunt’s Desk” by Belinda Cash; “A Tribute to a Salvation Army ‘Lass’ (Alice Waldron-Miller)” by James F. Leiner; Winter Exhibition: Marydell – 90 + Years in Nyack

Spring-Summer 2018:v. 13, Is. 1 Mimi Hoffman, editor. Articles: “Caroline Lexow Babcock, Suffragist” by Katharine Morton Fulmor Jr., granddaughter of Mrs. Babcock; “The Nyack Record Shop Project” by Bill Batson; “Mary ‘Mollie’ Crawford, a Pioneering Doctor” by John Jaffe, grandson of Dr. Crawford; Esther Van Slyke of S. Nyack, who volunteered with Caroline Lexow Babcock – by Win Perry; Spring Exhibition: Paul Peabody and his Marionettes.

Fall 2018 – v. 13, Is. 2 Mimi Hoffman, editor. Articles: “Rare 1859 Map of Nyack” by Win Perry; “That Fateful Day” (Remembering the Brinks Robbery) by Kathy Scott; “In Memoriam – Miriam Wexler” by Win Perry; “The Many Hats of Frances Pratt” by Susan Willmink. Exhibitions: Tales for the Trails, Nyack Record Shop Project, The Thursday Reading Class Exhibit (at Nyack Library cases).