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PALISADES IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION -- PART I

The active part which this village played in the Revolution has been partly obscured by the fact that, although spies always called it Snedens Landing, or some variation of the name, Washington and his officers called it Dobbs Ferry. The other end of Dobbs Ferry, in Westchester, was in the dreaded "neutral ground," and had little part in the action except for a brief time in 1781.

As early as 1776 two British ships-of-war, *Phoenix* and *Rose*, came up the river, piloted by Robert Sneden, and anchored in the Tappan Zee, in full view of Snedens. While the Tory Snedens were rowing across to fraternize with the crew, other inhabitants, more patriotic, were harassing them. Four tiny row-gallies attacked the great ships, and did a good deal of damage; and a couple of weeks later two fire ships approached them, and made so much trouble that the ships decided to leave. (See page 3).

PALISADES LIBRARY FALL PLANT SALE

will be held at the library on Oct. 4th, from 10 AM - 2 PM.

There will be a selected variety of bulbs, fall flowers and shrubs. Our food table will be better than ever with preserves, cakes, cookies, sauces, breads and vinegars from community kitchens. [Please call Barbara Hovsepian regarding the donation you are planning (3847).] We will also have an interesting raffle and plenty of food for lunch.

From books to cider, this years fall plant sale has to be one of our best. Please come, and everyone bring something for our food table.

ANDREA WILLIAMS  
PRESIDENT

ARTS AND LETTERS

BARBARA WERSBA's new book *TWENTY-SIX STARLINGS WILL FLY THROUGH YOUR MIND* (Harper & Row publishers) is now at the library and your bookstore. A beautiful book, lavishly illustrated, for children and everyone.

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THORPE INTERMEDIA GALLERY (Rte. 340, Sparkill) opens its new season on Oct. 5th featuring works by 15 ceramic artists who live, work or exhibit in the metropolitan New York area - entitled: "New York Clay Works 1980."

Of special interest is the installation of a mixed-media box by Marcy Pesner.

The exhibit, funded through the N.Y. State Council on the Arts, will be open to the public Wed. through Sundays, 1 - 4 PM from Oct. 4th until Nov. 2nd. For information call 6400, ext. 256.

Palisades Free Library

CALENDAR

- Oct. 4 Palisades Library Fall Plant Sale (Saturday, 10 AM - 2 PM, at the Library)
- 6 Reminder: change of entrance and exit of library driveway
- 8 Enamelling for 8-15 year olds (4 - 5:30 PM, Palisades Library). Registration through Oct. 4.
- 9 Storytime at the Palisades Library for pre-schoolers, ages 3-4, 1 - 1:30 PM; for kindergarteners, 1:45 - 2:20 PM). Registration through Oct. 3.
- 15 String sculpture for 8-15 year olds (5 - 5:30 PM, Palisades Library). Registration through Oct. 10.
- 20 Good Cooking For Family and Friends (1st class 7 - 9:30 PM, Palisades Presbyterian Church).
- 22 Film *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, 98 min. (4 PM at the Palisades Library). No registration.
- 29 Film *Winter of the Witch*, 26 min., plus 1/2 hour of games, etc. (4 PM at Palisades Library). No registration.
- 31 HALLOWEEN

PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

STORYTIME for pre-schoolers (ages 3-4) and kindergarten children will be held every Thursday (except Nov. 27th) beginning Oct. 9th and continuing through Dec. 18th. The storytime program will give children the opportunity to become familiar with the library, take books home, view films, listen to stories and participate in various craft activities. Pre-schoolers will gather from 1 - 1:30 PM, and kindergarteners 1:45 - 2:20 PM. (Registration: Sept. 29th through Oct. 3rd.)

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YOUNGSTERS 8-15 Years of Age:

Register now for craft sessions with Theona Meschino: Wednesdays 4 - 5:30 PM. Enamelling classes are limited to the first ten signatures with the balance to attend the next enamelling session. Registration is necessary for each craft session - 25¢ fee. (Registration: Sept. 27th through Oct. 4th.)

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CRAFT AND FILM SCHEDULE Wednesdays:

Oct. 8th - enamelling (registration through 10/4/80); Oct. 15th - string sculpture (registration through 10/10/80); Oct. 22nd - film *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (98 min.); Oct. 29th - film *Winter of the Witch* (26 min.) plus 1/2 hour of fun, games.

Nov. 5th - Calligraphy (registration closed 10/31/80); Nov. 12th - enamelling (registration closed 11/7/80); Nov. 19th - film *The Secret Garden* (92 min.).

Dec. 10th - flower making.

The three films indicated above are open to the public and do not require registration. Showings will start at 4 PM. Please note film time for pick-up of children.

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THE PALISADES FREE LIBRARY is happy to announce a new service -- VHS video-cassettes of professional and instructional material, and of feature films -- now available. The video-cassettes are provided by the Ramapo-Catskill Library System. Please note that because of copyright laws, feature films are restricted to home use. A catalog is available at the circulation desk.

The New York Times has been added to the library's list of magazines and periodicals. It is available Monday through Saturday for in-library use.

Talking book cassettes for the visually handicapped are now available at the System. Ask the librarian for further information.

BEATRICE AGNEW  
LIBRARIAN

SCHOOL NEWS

SOUTH ORANGETOWN JR. HIGH SCHOOL reminds students and parents that school pictures are scheduled for Oct. 27th. The PTA also invites parents to their open meetings, scheduled for the 3rd Thurs. of each month at 8 PM in the Jr. High School (Board Meeting Rm.). Principal Larry Glickman will attend as well as teachers who will give reports on curriculum each meeting.

*Ed. Note: If you are a student at the High School, Jr. High School or T.Z. Elementary School and wish to be a reporter for 10964, call 2476.*

EGGPLANT-POTATO PANCAKES

2 cups eggplant chunks sauteed in olive oil  
2 cups mashed potatoes  
1 egg  
1 level tsp. curry powder  
1 level tsp. clove powder  
1/2 cup corn meal  
1/2 tsp. salt

Blend all together and fry slowly, preferably in corn oil, until browned. Especially good served with stewed tomatoes. Serves 6.

*Janet Wollin*

COURGETTES GERMAINE

3 large or 6 small zucchini  
2 tbl. oil  
1 tsp. salt  
4 eggs, well beaten  
1 1/2 cups milk  
1 tbl. flour  
1/2 cup grated cheese

Preheat oven to 400°. Dice or slice zucchini and cook slowly in oil, stirring from time to time, until it is soft. Mix eggs, milk, flour, salt, and add zucchini. Beat with rotary beater. Pour into well-buttered 2-quart baking dish, and sprinkle with cheese. Bake for about 20 minutes until top is brown. Serves 6.

*Alice M. Haagensen*

*These recipes from POTS AND PANS IN PALISADES, 2nd edition, with permission of Editor, Oriol Kriz. Copies of this attractive paper-bound cook book (prepared by Palisades residents and illustrated by Palisades artists) are on sale for \$2.50 each at the Palisades Library, proceeds to benefit the Library.*

In November, 1776, five hundred patriots were stationed at Snedens Landing with four cannons and a howitzer, probably in the redoubts half-way up the hill, so that when the British wanted to cross the river to attack Fort Lee, they were forced to land farther south, near Closter, even though the climb up the cliff there was much more difficult.

As the Snedens were the well-known Tories in the village, the Lawrences were the well-known Patriots. Jonathan Lawrence, Jr., grandson of the Jonathan Lawrence who had bought the Big House from the Ludlows in 1749, was our one sure Revolutionary hero. In 1776, unhappy with his father, who was a bureaucrat serving the Patriots at Fort Constitution, and his mother, who was accused of selling tea at black market prices, he left home at seventeen, and came to live with his grandfather in "Dobbs Ferry."

He soon joined the army and rose to be a captain; and there are many references to his exploits in Washington's letters and other army records. He was usually stationed near-by, and carried out many dangerous reconnoitering expeditions across the river, perhaps rowed over by John Sneden, the only Sneden Patriot, who was married to his aunt, Ellison Lawrence.

As an example of what Washington thought of the young man, then twenty-two, he said, in writing to Colonel Scammell about a certain surprise attack: "You will trust no officer but Lawrence with your design. He is sensible and appears discreet."

In 1780 a Blockhouse was built on Woods Road; but that deserves a separate account.

ALICE MUNRO HAAGENSEN

*Correction to last month's article:  
"...the ferry which was to last until  
1903."*

#### OAK TREE COOPERATIVE PLAYGROUP

There are still a few openings for the Fall Program. We feel that a combination of low cost, flexible scheduling, and personalized programs meets the special needs of the community. Anyone interested in finding out more about the Playgroup is invited to drop by the school or to call 359-6472 or 358-9464.

If any of you are doing your fall cleaning and would like to find a good home for usable toys, bikes, dress-up clothes, egg cartons or meat trays, please remember that we have many little hands that would love to turn your trash to treasure.

#### HIGH FOOD PRICES GOT YOU DOWN?

Ginny McCarthy, Home Economist, will teach a course in the techniques of sharp supermarket shopping and fine cookery in the kitchen of the Palisades Presbyterian Church beginning Monday evenings Oct. 20th through Nov. 10th from 7 - 9:30 PM. "Good Cooking for Family and Friends" is a four part series of food programs that will show you how to stay within your budget whether feeding family or entertaining friends. Poultry and pork -- with oriental airs, great vegetable dishes, breads and desserts, holiday meals for super busy cooks. Ginny McCarthy has taught shopping and food programs for Rockland County Extension Service, Herbert H. Lehman College, and Cornell University.

She learned her French cooking from Joe Hyde and Libby Hillman, her Chinese cooking from The China Institute and early American cooking from Van Cortland Manor.

Classes will be limited to twenty. Fee \$45. Includes demonstrations, tasting and educational materials. For additional information phone 459-1149. Brochure on request.

#### CLASSIFIED

CLOSTER PLAZA TRAVEL -- Closter Shopping Center. Dale Botwin and a highly experienced staff to serve all your travel needs. Please call home (914)359-6080 or office (201)768-8405.

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