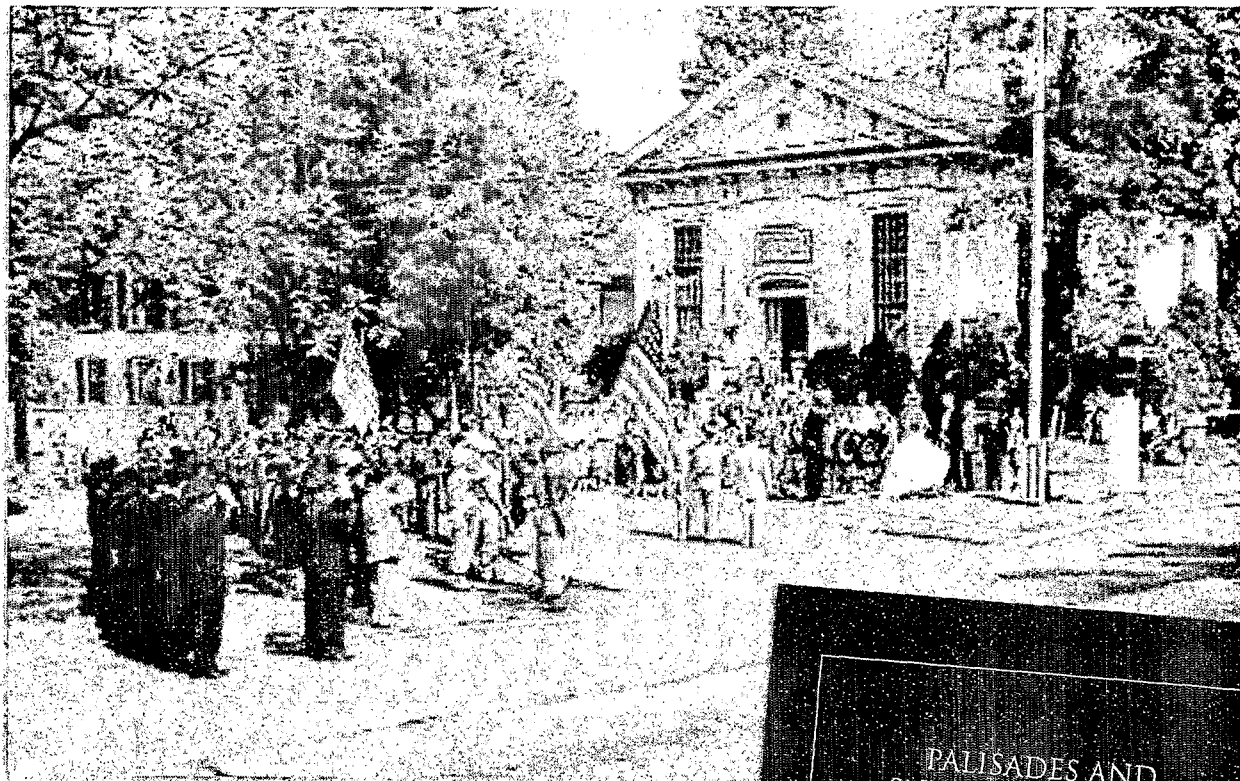


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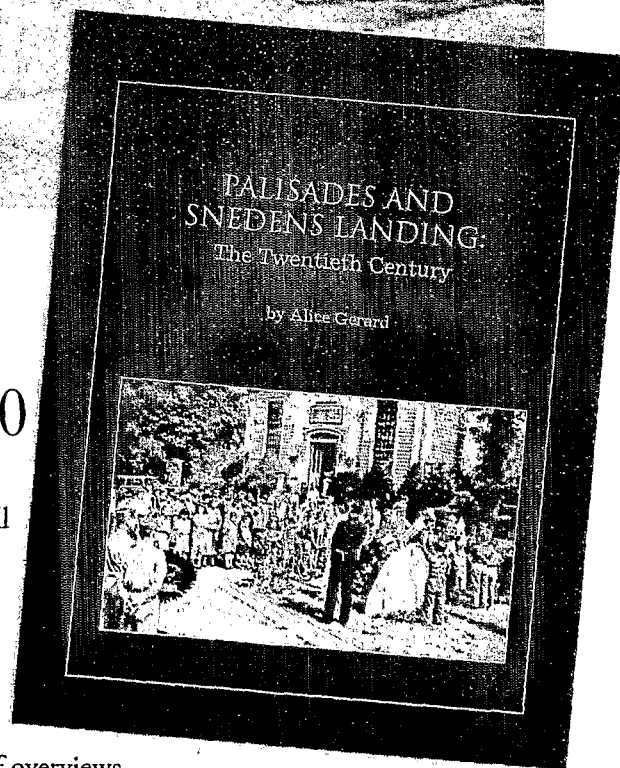


Memorial Day mid-1950s – Picture by Bill Agnew

The Way It Was: Palisades From 1900 to 2000

In Alice Gerard's new book, *Palisades and Snedens Landing: The Twentieth Century*, we are given a view of life in our small community over the past one hundred years.

Using written memoirs, many present day interviews, and newspaper articles from the time, Alice gives us—decade by decade—the story of people, places, and events which have shaped Palisades' past. Over 300 remarkable photographs illustrate the story, and Alice—wearing her historian's hat and seeing with a 'tender' eye—has written a series of overviews describing life in Palisades, helping to recreate "how it was then."



"Palisades and Snedens Landing: The Twentieth Century," 333 pages, \$40 (including tax). For a copy call Alice Gerard at 845-359-4338 or write her at PO Box 225, Palisades, NY 10964.

A selection of pictures from *Palisades and Snedens Landing: The Twentieth Century*



Left: Corner in new reading room; Perri Gerard-Little with open book.



Right: Grades 1- 4 in the Palisades School in 1931. The teacher is Miss Moss. Andrew Drab is probably one of the boys in the picture.



Right: Ernie Quick at 1999 auction



Above: The vanished Marder house.

Right: Personal Services at the Palisades Post Office



Katharine Cornell

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ANNOUNCING PUBLICATION OF A NEW Palisades Community Directory

To our friends and neighbors in Palisades:

It's time for a new Community Directory of the names, addresses and phone numbers of just our friends and neighbors. The last directory was published by the Palisades Presbyterian Church in 1982. It was an instant success.

Much has changed since those days. New families have come, others departed. We now have e-mail and cell phones. But much is still the same. We still view ourselves as a vibrant, colorful and cohesive community. That's why we feel the time has come to publish a new Community Directory. The cost will be \$7 per copy.

If you wish to be included, please fill out the form below, enclose your check and mail to Lynne Sandhaus, 201 Route 9W, Palisades, NY 10964. Make checks payable to Palisades Community Directory.

Thank you!

Lynne Sandhaus

Ernest S. Quick

Palisades Community Directory

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Cell phone (optional) _____

E-mail address (optional) _____

Closing date for above information is December 31, 2007.

Please fill out the form,
enclose your check for
\$7.00 and mail to

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10964

DAPPER DOG TO THE RESCUE

I first heard of Dapper Dog, a pet supply and professional grooming shop in Nyack, shortly after the Katrina disaster when I read that it was bringing in a number of homeless pets rescued after the storm. I encountered the name again recently and learned about Gerry Tartaglione, the feisty, passionate woman who owns the shop, when I saw a notice in our library about a cat that needed a home.

After the death of our beloved cat Willow, a few months before, we decided it was time to adopt another. Palisades resident Sarah Buterbaugh, the music director at Columbia Prep and mother of Kelsey and Chris was listed as the contact. Sarah is one of a number of caring volunteers who work with Dapper Dog to provide foster care for abandoned animals until a home is found.

We met a frightened black panther-like cat Sarah had named Lily and learned about her history. She had been discovered, emaciated and nursing four kittens, in a closet of a house about to be demolished. Cat and kittens had the good fortune to end up at Dapper Dog where the kittens soon found homes but Lily, deeply traumatized, sat unresponsive in a back corner feared beyond reach. Sarah though refused to give up on her and took her in.

Dapper Dog has been a refuge for countless dogs and cats throughout the years. I discovered the remarkable Gerry Tartaglione, its owner, in fact took 25 Katrina dogs and cats from Louisiana, paid their medical bills and flew them in at her own expense: the bill, \$25,000. Gerry started working at Elmsford forty years ago then worked with a pet rescue facility in Larchmont. "I learned to groom because it enabled me to take in abused animals," she says. "This has been my whole life; rescuing animals has been my passion. It has brought me great joy but I have no other life."

Certainly all her energy and finances have gone into saving animals. Some come through her policeman son Nicholas who does his share of rescues. A number come

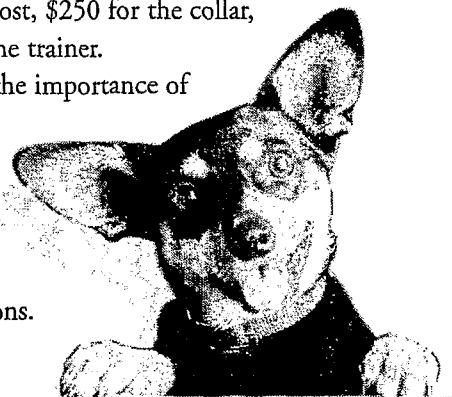


Owner of Dapper Dog, Gerry Tartaglione

from people around the country who know of Gerry, others from local animal hospitals and shelters who only keep dogs and cats for a short time before putting them down.

Recent Dapper Dog arrivals include puppies from a crack house that came in severely dehydrated and sick with parvo influenza. "Their medical bills cost me \$5,000," Gerry relates, "but it was worth it. They are all in good homes." Then there are the nine kittens from over 60 found in a basement of a local pit bull gaming establishment. They were used as bait, thrown to the dogs who tore them apart. After the dogs had a taste for blood they were put into a ring ready for battle. Another new arrival is a 7-month dog found full of fleas and ticks chained in the sun without water. Gerry discovered after three days that the dog was profoundly deaf and had it fitted with a vibrating collar, arranging with a trainer to teach it to respond to hand signals. The cost, \$250 for the collar, \$150 an hour for the trainer.

Gerry stresses the importance of all dogs and cats being spayed. She had just taken 12 cats to a mobile unit in Woodbury Commons. Run by T.A.R.A.



(The Animal Rights Alliance), they offer spaying and neutering as well as rabies shots for \$50. Call 845-754-7100 for more information.

Gerry's own dog Bobo, a canine police dog rejected because of medical problems, is about to become a star. Spotted at Dapper Dog, He was chosen for a recently released movie called, "American Gangster" starring Danzel Washington.

Dapper Dog is located at 294 Main Street in Nyack. The first of the year it will be expanding around the corner with a special quarantine room for incoming strays. Gerry is also working on a website to feature dogs and cats available for adoption and hopes to set up a foundation to help cover some of her many expenses in her battle to provide medical care and, ultimately a home for abandoned cats and dogs. If you can give an animal a good home contact Gerry at 845-353-3599. Contributions are most welcome to help her continue her valiant effort.

As for Lily, we decided to adopt two cats. We chose a rambunctious outgoing thirteen-week-old kitten from the Cat Care Clinic. We also took Lily. As of this writing, she resides under our guest bedroom and only ventures out in our presence for food. We continue to hope that with patience and affection she will finally feel secure around us and find the contentment that has eluded her.

Kathleen Sykes



WHERE THE BOYS ARE: A Story From W340

It is back to school time and children all over Palisades will be boarding buses headed for school. Children do not wait at the corner for the school bus in our neighborhood. The reason? The corner of Muroney and Route 340 is just too dangerous. Cars on their way to the Volvo facility or Takasago or other companies in the Rockleigh Industrial Park roar past. They speed by our little corner year round often at forty miles an hour. Add to the mix trucks and vans pulling trailers full of landscaping gear and you have a dangerous combination. It is just not safe for children to wait so close to this road and the younger ones can never wait there without supervision. So parents and children wait about twenty feet down from Muroney. The children gather in little clumps sometimes kicking a small stone in a scaled down soccer game or three or four stand in a little knot listening to one or another of their group share a tale that may be true or it may be tall.

These days many women work and a by-product of this arrangement is that husbands have a restructured arrangement compared with their fathers. In our neighborhood a number of fathers wait with their children for

the bus. On any morning you may see Orlando with Chris, then later Michael with his two young sons, Sean comes with Cassidy and Avalon, and Jim waits with James. Often Michael will toss the football to the little group of children and Jim will share a word with Sean. In the afternoon Mark will be around for Kevin and Ryan and Peter will most likely be there for Michael and Nicholas. I know that each father makes a special effort to rearrange a work schedule to fit in this fifteen minutes. I know it is a challenge and there are other things these men can be doing. Yet this is the most important job for them; waiting at the bus stop with a child. It is a very special thing. It is something that the children take for granted. The fathers in our little neighborhood share a small pleasure that mothers mostly knew in this waiting with a child. It is profoundly moving to see this gift of time given by these men. It's a gift these children never put on a list. The bus comes to Muroney and Route 340. The children are exhorted not to run and the children do slow down but they don't look back as the Dads call out "Have a good day!" and you know what? I bet the children do.

Helena Power

IN OUR BACKYARD

Anyone appreciative of delicious food and elegant surroundings probably knows of Peter Kelly; creator of three of New York State's finest restaurants: Piermont's Xaviar's, and Freelance Café and Wine Bar, as well as Restaurant X and Bully Boy Bar in Congers, where brother James Kelly is executive chef. (A fourth restaurant, X2O, opened across the river in Yonkers this July, and promises to be as successful as its predecessors.) Patrons of Freelance will know another Kelly brother, master host Ned, and have perhaps browsed the beautiful wares in his Piermont shop Ned Kelly and Co. One could wax rhapsodic on the taste, attention to detail, and sheer chutzpah it takes to make these ventures succeed, but what's truly extraordinary is how much the Kellys give back to their small community—not just in the charitable sense, but also in the welcoming ease with which they run their restaurants. The service is friendly, the ambience relaxed, and the food—well, the food is consistently fantastic.

It may be that the desire to provide comfort through good food translates easily into charitable giving, but the Xaviar's Restaurant Group website cites no less than twenty organizations the Kellys have been involved with. (The list grew on September 29th with the Harvest Moon Happening, a fundraiser catered by Peter Kelly for Nyack Hospital.) "We try to make sure we're involved in community events," says Ned, "and we don't like to say no." Peter adds, "We like to make an impact on things that are close to our hearts, and giving back is something we were brought up with."

Nonetheless, there are only so many hours in a day, and what with beating out celebrity chef Bobby Flay on cable TV's popular Iron Chef series, founding the Events by Xaviar's catering service, developing the "Silenus" line of wines at Xaviar's Cellars in Napa Valley, and a six-year effort planning and opening X2O, it's hard to imagine much time remaining for the Kelly brothers to shoot the breeze with locals.

Coming from a family of 12 children, however, may have taught these brothers early on how to manage chaos. Ned admits that he and Peter survived babysitting their two younger brothers by playing restaurant. Peter would write out the menu (usually PB&J with a special of cinnamon toast), and Ned would serve. Such humble beginnings developed into a serious interest in food, and twenty years later, Peter and James opened the first Xaviar's in Garrison with Ned at the front of the house. Self-taught, Peter's been wowing critics ever since with his ingenious takes on Contemporary American Cuisine.

No doubt there's pressure to capitalize on the restaurants' successes, but so far, the Xaviar's Restaurant Group is holding tight to its roots in the Hudson Valley. Although the stunning location of X2O may be drawing the Group's attention to the other side of the Hudson for now, their three exceptional restaurants on this shore are buoyed by a generous spirit of giving that's left its mark on Rockland. "We like to spoil people," says Ned, "and the bar keeps getting higher."

Lisa Rinehart

GOING SOLAR

Like many people today, we worry about the future of the environment and would like to reduce our carbon footprint as much as possible. In 2003 we bought a Honda Civic Hybrid. Because it gets almost 44 miles to the gallon, we feel that it was a good investment. We also investigated solar electric panels, which we learned about from Tom O'Reilly, who advertises in 10964 as a solar consultant. I went to a talk he gave at the Pearl River Library and was impressed by the information he presented. However, we eventually decided that the solar electric panels represented too much of an investment for us. Even though there were Federal and State rebates, we would have needed to make an initial investment of about \$40,000. \$17,600 would have quickly been refunded to us from a New York State incentive program, and we would also have been eligible for a NY State tax credit of \$3700 (now \$5000) and a Federal Tax credit of \$2000. It was still more than we wanted to spend.

This year we revisited the issue, and decided to install a solar hot water system. A system for two to four people involves only two solar panels, placed in a sunny spot on the

roof, and piping to a tank in the basement. The solar panels on the roof, each approximately four feet by eight feet in size, are filled with non-toxic antifreeze, which passes down from the roof and through pipes in the basement tank to heat the water in it (at no time does the antifreeze come in contact with the water). This new tank supplements our old hot water tank, which still exists but serves as a backup. During the summer, the solar panels provide all of our hot water. Over the winter the regular gas hot water heating system will sometimes be needed, but the engineers who installed the solar system estimate that it should provide up to 75% of the hot water we use.

The whole system cost us \$6650 (now \$7650), paid in two installments. We will get a 25% NYS tax credit of \$1662 and a 30% Federal tax credit of \$1995, bringing the cost of the panels down to \$2992. We are very happy with the system; every time we take a shower we thank the sun and The Solar Center, which did our installation, for providing our hot water. And, according to the solar engineers, we are eliminating over one ton of carbon dioxide emissions each year.

You can find Tom O'Reilly's ad for The Solar Center, which did our installation, on the first ad page of 10964.

Alice Gerard

INSIDE OUT

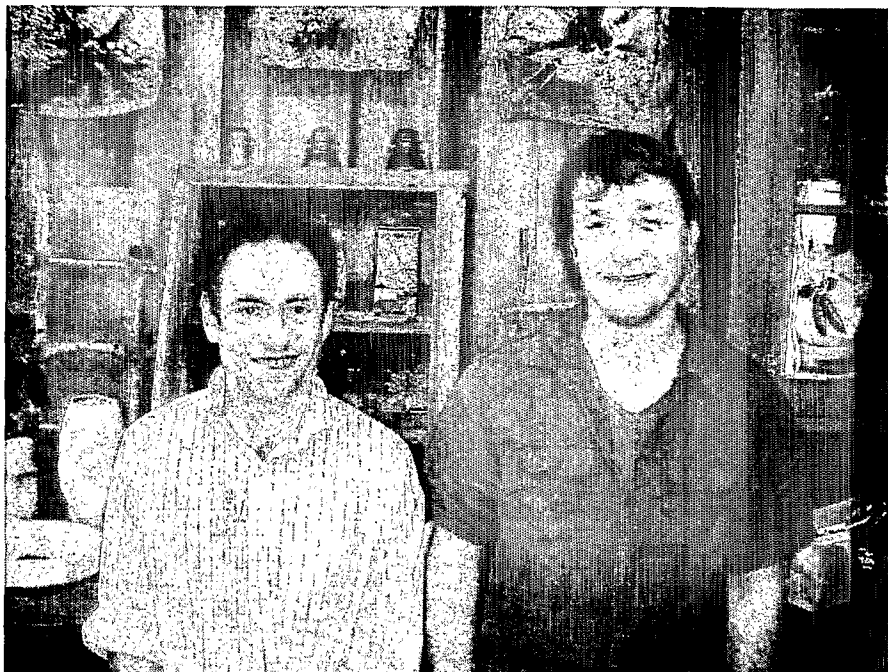
Piermont is sporting an interesting new shop at 249 Ferdon Avenue across from Sparkill Creek.

Located in Candy and Fred Berardi's old flower and garden shop, **The Outside in Piermont** is a gallery of uncommon artifacts for the inside and out. Owners Joe Serra and Bill Walsh who are originally from northern Rockland County moved into the house next door last February. With the flower shop up for sale the two were concerned about what might move in adjacent to them so they purchased that property as well with plans to rent out the building. "We talked to a variety of people," says Bill, "but we really didn't want to live next door to a nail salon or dog grooming place so we finally decided to open our own shop."

"We wanted it to be fun and alive," Joe adds. "Gardens mean a great deal to us. We considered a number of things but ultimately felt that an environmentally friendly green garden supply and plant store would be our top choice and would continue the tradition of the place." The team has brought in a variety of organic, eco-friendly products such as a non-toxic pest control and organic mulch and fertilizer. Products are purchased within the area whenever possible.

"We also realized that high quality arts and crafts are not limited to New York City. Our surrounding area is rich in talented people," Joe recounts. "We wanted to provide a vehicle for the work of these local artists and crafts people." A number of Palisades residents have work for sale. Jane Herold (pottery), Robert Adzema and Nanette Micheltmore (watercolors) and Ellen and Lara Galinsky (photography) are among those represented. The gallery has a potpourri of one-of-a-kind pieces from sculpture, organic mobiles and handmade furniture to handsewn objects like fragrant lavender-filled sachets. The work of recognized local folk artists such as Haverstraw resident Ted Ludwiczak who carves faces in local rock reminiscent of Easter Island and "Driftwood Fred" Rinisland, a retired fireman from Northvale who uses driftwood found at Piermont pier for his brightly colored sculptures, are displayed as well.

"To get started we went to GaGa, the Garnerville



Art Center, and to Rockland Center for the Arts but now that word has spread, artists are coming to us," Bill says. "I never thought it would be what it is. Everything is so unique, I become attached to pieces and hate to see them leave."

The gallery's grand opening on September 26th was a celebration of the fall harvest moon. Events included local Native Americans who performed a healing ceremony and meditation, Ira Cohen, a member of the Beat Generation who read poetry, and an artists reception complete with organic food and local wine.

The duo believe it's important for merchandise to be seasonal and constantly changing. At Christmas they will have organic wreaths and trees. "We'll do events throughout the year," says Joe. "We want to do an artist-juried pumpkin carving contest this fall. We are also planning a children's day with crafts to make and will be hosting shows featuring a specific artist."

The shop came with a greenhouse behind. Joe and Bill have donated its use to Camp Venture, a Rockland County non-profit agency that provides services to people with disabilities for gardening and crafts projects.

The Outside in Piermont is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1:00pm to 6:00pm but since Joe and Bill live just next door you are liable to find them there at other times as well. Stop in when you are in the neighborhood to welcome these friendly new proprietors. For information on upcoming events call 845-398-0706.

Kathleen Sykes

REMEMBERING JILL GARRISON

Pia "Jill" Judith D'Amico Garrison passed away at the end of the summer. She was a remarkable person and one who could tell many stories about life in Palisades spanning the half century she spent here married into the venerable Garrison family.

Jill was born in Nyack Hospital and raised in Northvale. Her Father, Anthony D'Amico, was a baker who worked where Northvale Auto Parts stands today. Her Mother, Mary, kept busy raising their eight children.

Jill came to Palisades in 1951 when she married John Garrison. John's family had lived in Palisades for generations. John worked at Yonderhill Antiques for Tippy O'Neil. After serving in the military for a six-year tour of duty, he returned to Palisades to marry Jill and work at Yonderhill. Tippy offered the young couple the second floor of Yonderhill for their home. They stayed there until John was able to sell ten gold coins to purchase land and build their house on Closter Road next door to Tippy and his wife, Dr. Charlotte Munn. When Tippy died, Wayne bought his house and now lives there with wife Tracy and sons Henry,



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Charlie and Willy.

Yonderhill was the center of John and Jill's life. Jill made and sold food during the lively auctions that were a major regular event in Palisades until about 1990. Even in their spare time John and Jill continued learning about antiques as they traveled the countryside looking for items for the auctions. Soon Loni, Jill's sister, not only joined the staff at Yonderhill but also married John's brother George. Loni and John continued to work at Yonderhill, running it after Tippy passed away until the building was sold. When

their son Wayne was born, Jill devoted herself to being a mother. She read the New York Times to Wayne every night

when he was baby, which resulted in his learning to read by age two! In her later years, Jill was an avid gardener raising prize-winning azaleas. More recently, she enjoyed being grandmother "Mimi" to her grandsons.

There are very few families in Palisades that have such deep roots here. Jill's legacy is her son Wayne and now his and Tracey's sons who continue the Garrison name and contribution to the fabric of Palisades life.

Milbry Polk

GLADYS ELIZABETH RASMUSSEN

Gladys Rasmussen (Johnson) of Palisades, New York, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 27th, 2007, at the age of 93.



Gladys was born on November 21st, 1913 in Brooklyn, New York, to Hedwig and Carl Johnson, where she grew up. She married John Cornell Rasmussen (deceased) on March

4, 1934. Residents of Palisades since 1968, (formerly of West Hempstead, NY), they were happily married for 64 years.

Gladys is survived by one son Robert, and his wife Beatrice, of Palisades, NY. She is also survived by her granddaughter, Lori of Emerson, NJ, her grandson Richard and his wife Nancy, three great grandchildren, Becky, Scott and Erik of Palisades, New York.

Gladys was a member of the Palisades Presbyterian Church, and VASA, a Swedish Fraternal Organization, Stenland Lodge #727.

A memorial service was held at the Palisades Presbyterian Church.

Robert Rasmussen

PALISADES LIBRARY NEW SUNDAY SYMPOSIA BEGINS OCTOBER 7

It Needs Some Music: Composing for Stage and Screen

Sunday, October 7: Composer David Shire, an Oscar and Grammy winner and multiple Tony and Emmy nominee, talks about and performs some of his music for stage musicals and the movies, assisted by Broadway and off-Broadway singer/actress Lynne Wintersteller.

Critical Condition - Diagnosis Without Health Insurance

November 18: Academy Award winning documentary filmmaker Roger Weisberg screens and discusses excerpts from his latest film, *Critical Condition*, which paints a disturbing and gripping portrait of what happens when you're sick and uninsured in America.

From "Desperately Seeking Susan" to "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee"

January 20: Actor Aidan Quinn, in conversation with Didi Conn, travels over 20 years with as many characters.

Adventures: Armchair or Otherwise

March (Date to be announced): Artist, adventurer and author Cristina Biaggi, and Milbry Polk, author, co-founder and director of Wings WorldQuest discuss their wide-ranging work and expeditions.

Do You Believe in Normal?

May 25: Work-Family researcher and author Ellen Galinsky discusses "The New Normal" reflected in the changing family and workplace dynamics.

All programs will be held at The Esplanade, 640 Oak Tree Road, Palisades, New York, from 3:30pm - 5:00pm with a reception to follow. For more information about the series, photos and biographies of guests, go to www.palisadesny.com. Reservations are required. Please stop by the Library or call 845-359-0136. Suggested donation: \$10 to benefit the Palisades Free Library.

PALISADES FREE LIBRARY RECEIVES AWARD

In August, the Palisades Free Library's "Sunday Symposia: A Community Cultural Series" was selected as the winner of the 2007 Member Library Adult Program of the Year Award from RCLS, the Ramapo Catskill Library System*. The award will be presented at the System's Annual Meeting, Friday, October 5, at the West Point Club. The Library's Board of Trustees President, Mary Ellen Ledwith, will make a brief presentation describing the program and provide a display highlighting the program for over 100 attendees who are library directors and trustees.

Mary Ellen writes—We are thrilled to have received this award and equally thrilled by the community's interest which exceeded our expectations. The 2007 inaugural series was a tremendous group effort including members of the Library Staff, members of the Board and members of the community. As it evolved, it took on an added dimension involving our business neighbors Lamont-Doherty and The Esplanade who, when subscriptions exceeded our expectations, graciously offered their venues.

The series was designed to offer a glimpse into some of the lives that make up our hamlet and to foster dialogue on subjects ranging from the arts and journalism to medicine

and the environment as they pertain both to Palisades and the world at large - and thus the headline (palisades people).

A sincere thank you to our inaugural series' guests and program committee:

"A Life in Motion" - Mikhail Baryshnikov and Didi Conn

"The Mystery of Love" - Joan Konner and Al Perlmutter

"Doctors and Their Patients: Kudos and Complaints" - Doctors Ray Bernick, Sharon Quayle, Mel Rosenwasser and Jeffrey Sandhaus

"Our Planet's Achilles Heel: Large Leaking Subglacial Lakes" - Dr. Robin E. Bell

"Do You See What I See" - Grace Knowlton and Joan Hooker

Program Committee: Kathryn Shattuck, Charles Shimel, and David Shire who was also our gracious master of ceremony.

**RCLS - the Ramapo Catskill Library System, a non-profit organization chartered by the New York State Board of Regents providing: automation and support services to member libraries (47); advocacy and promotion of public libraries; and the establishment of standards and equity of access throughout the Rockland, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties since 1959.*



BULLETIN BOARD



Children's Shakespeare Theater

The Rogue Players present *Cymbeline* by William Shakespeare
November 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 8:00 pm
November 11 at 4:00 pm
at the Palisades Presbyterian Church

Why see it at Lincoln Center when you can see it with us for a mere \$10?!

It's a tale of love and betrayal; of duty and war and intrigue—stolen children, a princess in disguise, an evil stepmother; a ridiculous villain who gets his head chopped off and all in the fantastical setting of Middle Earth! After all, why wear togas when hobbit feet are so much more fun?

Have any good recipes?

In the early 60s, the Palisades PTA published "Pots and Pans in Palisades," a cookbook of recipes by residents and friends. A second edition of the cookbook appeared in 1970. It was a great success but today is out of print. Now Mary Tiegreen and Alice Gerard have come up with the idea of publishing another "Pots and Pans in Palisades." Again, it will contain Palisadians' favorite recipes and hopefully some illustrations contributed by them. This time the proceeds of the publication will go to the Palisades Community Center, which needs all the help we can give it.

Please send your recipes and drawings, by e-mail if possible, to either Mary at mary@tiegreen.com or Alice at gerard55@verizon.net. If you prefer

to send material by regular mail, Mary's address is 42 Closter Road, Palisades, and Alice's is PO Box 225, Palisades. We would like to have your recipes by December 1, if possible.

Welcome 10964 Board Member

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Jacqueline Vorenkamp who has joined the staff of 10964. Jackie, the administrative director of the Work Force, Health and Safety Department at New York Presbyterian Hospital, and her husband Eric moved to Palisades on Halloween of 2003. Jackie grew up on Nantucket where her love of sailing began and is the proud owner of a CAT sailboat currently in need of repair. Jackie received her training at Mt. Sinai Hospital. She is mother to one son who is about to start

graduate school at UVM in mechanical engineering and stepmother to three others. "I wanted to be part of 10964; I believe it's a great way to get involved in the community," Jackie says.

"The newsletter is a terrific publication, one that has value beyond the region. My mother wrote for a local paper so I feel

I'll be carrying on in her footsteps."

Letter to the Editor

I feel it is important that Palisadians know how three councilmen on the Town Board voted on the Palisades Community Center's request for funding.

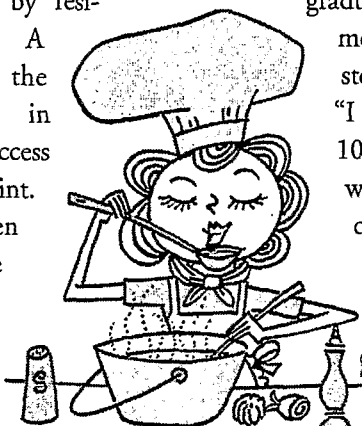
Recently the *Journal News* carried articles quoting Denis Troy's reason for denying funding to the Palisades

Center. I was not at the meeting of August 13th where Mr. Troy stated: "She (Mrs. Larkin) is just a frequent, habitual critic. That's all she is. I don't agree with her and I think it should be zero." I understand Tom Morr commented that people in Palisades have a lot of money and they should contribute to our fund raising. The 3 Town Councilmen who voted no were: Messrs. Troy, O'Donnell and Morr. Supervisor Kleiner and Mrs. Manning voted to give us some funding.

I have served as President of the Center for 10 years and for the past few years as a paid Program Coordinator. We rely on memberships, contributions, and events to maintain this historic building (c. 1870). We have asked the Town twice for funds and once received \$500.00 towards a handicap ramp, which we are required to have. They recently waived fees for the sign permit, which we are presently working to get approval for. It costs an average of \$14,000 a year to maintain, heat and insure this building.

I have never seen elected officials base their reasons for denying funding based on their bias towards a resident of the community. It is not easy to write this as most of you know I served as a councilperson for 5 years and never heard any of the persons I served with utter their bias so blatantly. I suggest that if you feel offended at their comments you make it known to them. The purpose of this letter is to let you know how important it is to elect to office those who respect the people of Palisades and the history of this special community, which welcomed my family and me in 1971.

Eileen Larkin



10964 Founder Lois McCoy writes:

Is it really 30 years? Am I really that old? I just this minute decided to google old friend Carol Elevitch, and suddenly I found myself on the anniversary page of 10964. With my name as founder plastered all over! (Well, really my former name; I now am Lois Cowan, living on an island off the coast of Maine).

I write books with my husband. Right now we're at work on a Smithsonian/Harper Collins nonfiction book about a murder that took place at the Harvard Medical College in 1849, called *The Gentleman in the Purple Waistcoat*. But that effort, as much fun as it is, doesn't compare to the delight I felt when I found that a little community newspaper several folks worked hard at getting floated was still out there.

I'd love to hear from old Palisades friends.

Lois (McCoy) Cowan, 949 Main Road,
Islesboro, Maine 04848

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Oct. 6 **Lamont-Doherty Open House**
10 am to 4 pm
- Oct. 7 **Library Sunday Symposia at Esplanade** 3:30 pm to 5 pm
(see P. 9)
- Oct. 17 **Defensive Driving Course** at
& 24 Palisades Community Center
5:30 pm to 9 pm (see P. 14)
- Nov. 6 **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**
6 am to 9 pm
District # 12 votes at Palisades
Presbyterian Church and
District # 50 votes at American
Legion Hall on Rte. 340.
- Nov. 7 **Defensive Driving Course** at
& 14 Palisades Community Center
5:30 pm to 9 pm (see P. 14)
- Nov. 24 **Women Artisans Holiday Craft Bazaar** at Palisades Community Center, 10 am to 5 pm (see P. 14)
- Oct. **Palisades Presbyterian Church**
& Nov. **Events** (see P. 12)
- Oct. **Palisades Free Library**
& Nov. **Children's Programs** (see P. 13)

Our Postmaster Mary Whatley writes:

Thank you to all who have supported the Jamarr Project. The unveiling of the sculpture took place at the Mac Calman Field (Nyack High School) on Friday night, September 28 during half time at the Homecoming football game.

Editor Note: Mary lost her son Jamarr in April 2006. Cristina Biaggi created a bronze sculpture in his honor to be dedicated to Nyack High School, his alma mater. Palisadians responded generously to calls for contributions toward Jamarr's memorial.

School News

The South Orangetown Central School District is currently in the process of searching for a new Superintendent. Dr. Joseph Zambito announced his retirement in May after serving six years as our District's Superintendent. Cumulatively, he has worked for fifteen years in both teaching and administrative positions for the district.

School budgets, bonds and board issues all affect our community; parents, students, and taxpayers alike. But selecting a Superintendent is the most important decision that a school district can make. The vision, leadership and decisions that a Superintendent makes affects all residents in a community.

On September 17, the South Orangetown community was invited to meet Dr. Richard Lerer, the consultant hired to lead the Superintendent search process. This meeting gave the community a chance to state the desired experiences and personal characteristics the new Superintendent should possess. Resumes are currently being accepted with initial interviews to be held by Dr. Lerer. Towards the end of November, a list of final candidates will be presented to the Board after which these candidates will be invited to visit the schools and meet with the community. At this time, the community will be

given the opportunity to present feedback and opinions to the Board. The goal is that by January, the Board will make their decision on the final candidate who will take their position as the new Superintendent in July.

The public is encouraged to participate in this very important process. Visit the SOCSd website to learn more about the Superintendent search process www.socsd.org/superintendentsearch. To receive e-mail notices of up-coming meetings and other school district information, visit www.socsd.org and subscribe to their free "e-news."

Carol Baxter

Nyack Farmers' Market

October is a very colorful month at the Nyack Farmers' Market. Marking the harvest season, the stands are bursting with vibrant oranges, yellows, reds, purples and greens. As the days grow colder, thoughts turn to warm vegetable stews, holiday dinners and peach, pear and apple pies straight from the oven.

October 11, 18, 25: **Learn how to Compost** and receive a free composting bin from Cornell Co-operative Extension.

October 18: **Jeffrey Friedberg and the Bossy Frog Band** at 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thru October: **Story hour** at 10:00 am

The Nyack Farmers' Market is open every Thursday, rain or shine, through November. It is located in the municipal parking lot on Main Street. The market is sponsored by Optimum Triple Play. For further information, call Lorie Reynolds at the Chamber of Commerce of the Nyacks at 353-2221.

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As the fall begins, we resume work and school refreshed from a beautiful summer. The Palisades Presbyterian Church returns to our regular schedule.

Weekly service and gatherings schedule:

Sundays:	10:00 AM Worship and Sunday School
Tuesdays:	10:00 AM Tai Chi
Wednesdays:	12:15 PM Bible Study AA Meetings: 7:30 PM Womens AA Meeting: 9:00
Thursdays:	10:00-12:00 AM Play Group 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
Fridays:	10:00 AM Chair Tai

UPCOMING EVENT:

Reading and Book Signing - The Grand Surprise -
Memoirs of Leo Lerman
Stephen Pascal will read from his highly acclaimed book and discuss memories of his friendship with New York legendary personality and Vogue editor Leo Lerman.

The Grand Surprise has recently received generous praise from the *New York Times Book Review*, *Washington Post* and *Wall Street Journal*. Please check our web site for upcoming date to put this event on your calendar.

IN MEMORIAM

As we continue the work and mission of our church, we reflect on those whom have gone before us, to whom we are indebted and grateful for.

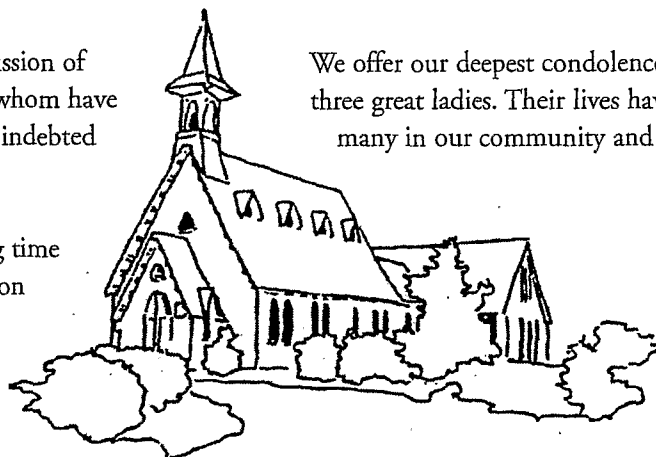
Pat McDonnell our beloved long time choir director and organist died on May 13th. Her memorial service as she had planned included many of her musical

friends including the vocal jazz group she formed. It was a joyful celebration of her lifelong musical collaborations and a tribute to the music Pat loved and created for our church.

Gladys Rasmussen had been a resident of Palisades since 1968, the widow of Cornell Rasmussen, to whom she was happily married for 64 years. Gladys is the mother of Robert, grandmother of Lori and Richard, and great grandmother of Becky, Scott and Erik Rasmussen.

We also remember Jill Garrison, a long time resident of Palisades, whose son Wayne now serves as an elder on our current Session.

We offer our deepest condolences to families of these three great ladies. Their lives have touched and enriched many in our community and congregation.



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SUNDAY SYMPOSIA

Our award winning series begins October 7th with It Needs Some Music: Composing for Stage and Screen. Composer David Shire, an Oscar and Grammy winner and multiple Tony and Emmy nominee, talks about and performs some of his music for stage musicals and movies, assisted by Broadway and off-Broadway singer/actress Lynne Wintersteller. On November 18th Academy Award winner Roger Weisberg previews his latest film, Critical Condition, which paints a disturbing and gripping portrait of what happens when you're sick and uninsured in America. Postcard with details will follow.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Harvest Happening: Tuesday, October 23, 4:30 p.m.
Have some fall fun learning about fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving. Come in costume if you would like. For ages 2 to 4.

Halloween Haunting: Wednesday, October 24, 4:30 p.m.
Boo to you! Come in costume, listen to ghost stories and create a creepy craft. For ages 5 and up.

Turkey Trot: Wednesday, November 14, 4:30 p.m.
Gobble, Gobble, Gobble! Have some fun learning about our fine feathered friend. Make a turkey for your Thanksgiving table. For ages 5 and up.

Holiday Photo Fun for Teens: Thursday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.
Bring some family photos to design a photo book to give as a gift for someone special in your family. Make some holiday cards and tags, using holiday stamps and punches. For ages 8 and up.

Seasonal Story Time: Tuesday, December 11, 4:30 p.m.
Hear about the different winter holidays and create a decoration for your holiday house.
For ages 2 to 4.

Gingerbread Gathering: Wednesday, December 12, 4:30 p.m.
Create your own gingerbread house. Bring a box of graham crackers. Fun to make and yummy to eat! For ages 5 and up.

STUDY BUDDIES

In September, we will resume our Study Buddies after school program. Elementary school students will be paired with local high school students, who offer guidance with homework and long-term assignments. High school students can earn community service credit as well as adding to future college resumes. Students and coaches can sign up for the program at the library's front desk.

FALL IN THE CITY

Day trip into Manhattan with museum passes for the Guggenheim, the Cooper Hewitt, the Whitney and the Museum of Natural History. Family passes can be borrowed just like other materials. Free for the asking. Dates may be reserved.

LOG ON AND BE AMAZED

Palisades subscribes to a large number of databases funded by Palisades as well as other providers including the Ramapo Catskill Library System, New York State Library, Southeastern New York Library Resources Council, and Newburgh Library (our central library). The information available is phenomenal – from ancestry to world biography. Many of the databases have kid friendly versions, with an emphasis on complete articles from hundreds of magazines and encyclopedias for homework help. Want to learn a language? *Rosetta Stone*. Find great-great grandpa? *Ancestry*. Practice tests? *Learning Express*. *New York Times* headline 1929? *Historical New York Times*. Anything else? Palisades Free Library databases!

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LOCAL AUTHORS 2007

The library received a number of books published in 2007 from local authors: Joan Konner (*The Atheist's Bible*), Chuck Barris (*The Big Question*), Donagh Bracken (*The Words of War*), Judith Umlas (*The Power of Acknowledgement*), and Alice Gerard (*Palisades and Snedens Landing: The*

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PALISADES COMMUNITY CENTER

The last event before the summer hiatus was the Community Center's Family BBQ Fund-raiser which was a great Palisades family affair. Those attending participated in many activities such as learning how to square dance, a whip cream pie eating contest, a real pie contest for both adults and kids, as well as tug-of-war and water balloon activities, to name just a few. The rain was a bit cumbersome but did not dampen the spirit of those witnessing the unveiling of the Palisades Community Center



sign so generously donated by fellow Palisadian, Henry Ottley. Tons of BBQ foods were available and even more raffle prizes were given out. We thank all of you who attended as well as those who so generously gave of their time to find the raffle

prizes and helped coordinate the event.

As the fall approaches, the Board is actively pursuing ways to bring more interesting programs to the community. The search is on to find active Palisadians with a passion for programming special events in order to be part of a Programming Committee. Ideas such as kid film nights, music jams for teenagers, adult enrichment programs, chess competitions, craft and game nights, knitting and needlepoint clubs, book/bridge clubs, and numerous others have been part of our discussions but need a cluster of individuals who are interested in making the Center a hub of activity. Individuals who would rather participate in moving the Restoration Campaign up to the next level or those gardeners amongst us who can give a few hours a month to help maintain the Center's grounds, are also sought. Please contact Michele Balm



(miepbalm@aol.com or 845-359-3776) or Carol Baxter (carolbax@optonline.net or 845-398-2521).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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WOMEN ARTISANS HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

Will be held during the weekend of Thanksgiving on November 24, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Beautiful handmade crafts by local women artisans make the perfect holiday gifts for your family and special friends. Watch for further information. Interested female artisans who make unique items should contact Carol Baxter at carolbax@optonline.net or call 845-398-2521.

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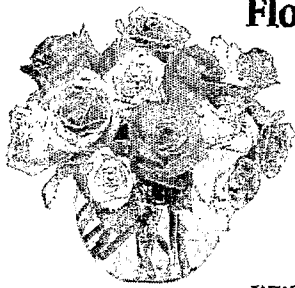


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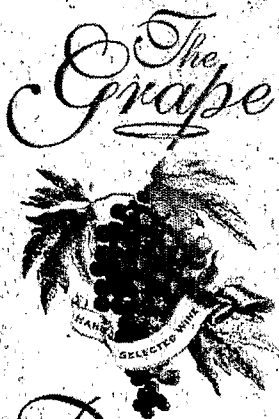
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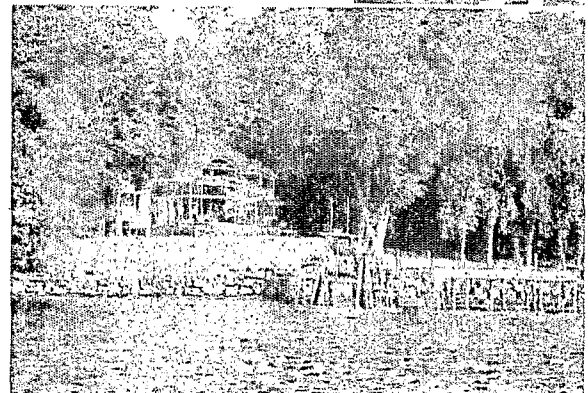
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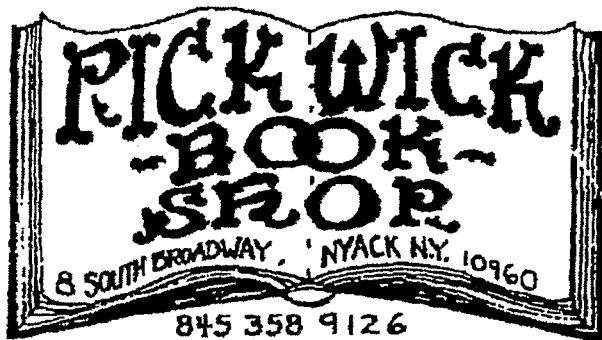
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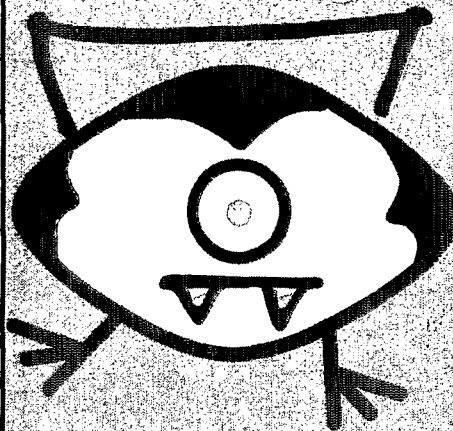
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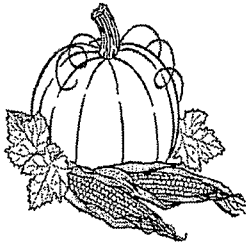
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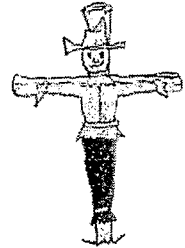
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