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10964 Auction

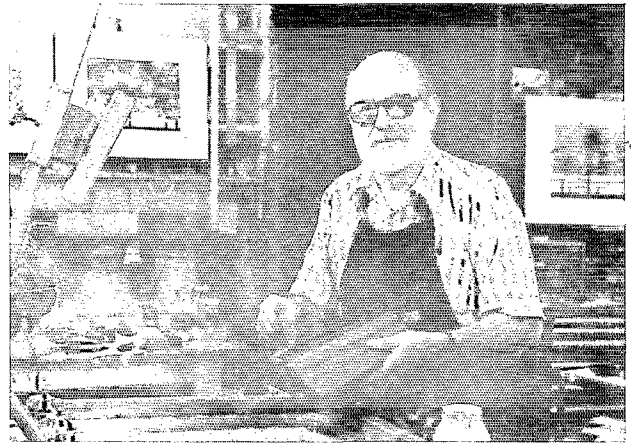
Our auction was a tremendous success! 10964 thanks everyone who contributed goods and services as well as all who attended the auction for their support, generosity and enthusiasm. A very special thank you to our hard-working committee: Jane Bernick, Jeanne Boose, Chris DiCarlo, Johanna Lo and Hope Schwartz. Also thanks to Laura Harrison, Abby Lattes and Wendy Poppen for their serving help and last but certainly not least our host and hostess, Ray and Jane Bernick.

BARBARA HOVSEPIAN

Wilbur Streech: Palisades' Artist/Serigrapher

A little like the "overnight success" who becomes a visible star on Broadway after only 25 years on the regional and off-Broadway circuit, Wilbur Streech achieved the same effect as a print maker. Up until 7 or 8 years ago, he had his own production company and made TV commercials for 20 years before turning to printmaking. Before that he worked for the Disney studio for 5 years where he took nightly drawing classes with Disney artists. With this strong background in the visual arts, he turned to printing when he moved to Palisades in order to do something less physically exhausting. "You know, people have an impression of directors sitting in chairs and giving orders, but in TV that's simply not so. I had to be all over the place, always jumping up and down. I had to be an acrobat."

The form of printing Streech does is called serigraphy. "I really do silk screen printing but that term is applied only to commercial work now, labels or package designs, and people wanted to find a fancier name for the art form so now I make serigraphs. Besides, the silk in silk screen has long since been replaced by synthetics." This process, which is of Japanese and Chinese origin, involves pressing a semi-liquid pigment through a fine mesh -- originally silk -- and forming a design on the receiving surface by using a stencil. In Wilbur Streech's use of the art form, the stencil is a photograph of a paste-up. Since he creates landscapes, he keeps files of photos of all the things one finds in a landscape. He gets his inspiration from many sources and once his idea takes shape in his mind, he sits down and tries to figure out what will make it the most saleable. Then he goes to his files. "I have a collection of tree photos, for instance, and I find one that I like; then I blow it up to the size I want if it's not right and I may prune a branch or two, or even add one; I paste it up and do a rough print. If I like the result, fine, and if not, I add or remove."



Streech does all his own printing on equipment he both buys and builds. He prints in limited editions of 100, 150 or 185 prints and likes to sell the whole edition to one source. One such source is a mail order organization that sells to a regular membership. Another one supplies prints to local art stores.

He prints in two sizes and does 10 or 12 pieces of art work each time. After he sees the dozen, he usually eliminates 2 or 3 and then takes the remaining ones on the rounds. He can get a pretty good idea of what will sell and what won't and gets it down to about 3 or 4 pieces that go to various outlets.

Wilbur Streech built up his own business just by going out and talking to people about what he wanted to do. "I would go into New York, and pay high prices to park, and then I would talk to a few people and sometimes they would give me leads to other people. Pretty soon I had built up a list of steady buyers."

One of those steady buyers is a gallery called "A Clean Well Lighted Place" at 363 Bleecker Street between Charles and 10th in the Village. In a quick, one minute review, they told me that Streech's prints sell very well and that he "gets a tremendous amount of depth out of screening which is essentially a flat process. He's there."

"This is my business," says Streech, "and a very enjoyable one."

HOLLY M. REDELL

Calendar of Events

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| DEC | 10 | Community Center Annual Christmas Party, 2 p.m. |
| | 14 | Rockland Center for the Arts, West Nyack, Roger Jellinek - guest speaker, 8 p.m. |
| | 31 | Community Center New Year's Eve Party, 10 to Midnight. |
| JAN | 11 | Rockland Center for the Arts, West Nyack, M.D. Elevitch - guest speaker, 8 p.m. |
| FEB | 4 | Community Center Annual Meeting |

West Hudson Environmental Assoc.

On November 15 we had another near-miss at the Oak Tree Road/340 intersection. This time it was a gasoline tank truck whose brakes failed while going down Oak Tree hill. Trying to stop, the driver hit the rock ledge on the right-hand side of Oak Tree Road, then careened across and ended up among trees on the left-hand side. There were no injuries and the driver was given a summons because the truck was overweight. Fortunately the truck didn't explode, moreso since the accident occurred a few minutes before the early school buses came through. Yes, we were very lucky again but how long will our luck hold out? That truck should *not* have been on Oak Tree Road in the first place.

Our Police Dept. is doing a good job of enforcing the heavy truck ban which is why the ban is working so well. Obviously, our police can't patrol Oak Tree Road 24 hours a day -- there just isn't enough manpower. So please call the police (359-3700) when you see an overweight truck on 9-W, 340 or Oak Tree Road. The legal limits are 10 tons on 9-W and 340 (except for local delivery) and only 5 tons on Oak Tree Road.

If you live on or drive these roads it is very important that you report any overweight vehicles to the Orangetown Police, even if the truck gets away before they can ticket it. Our police appreciate this help. A recent letter from Police Chief Crable said "We shall continue the enforcement of the ban on trucks on Route 340 and 9-W, in addition to the 5 ton weight limit of trucks on Oak Tree Road, as strictly as we have in the past."

DOSSI THAYER

Palisades Community Center

This has been a busy year for the Palisades Community Center. Our accomplishments have been many. As you know, after a winter in "mothballs" the building was opened in May. Since then the bathroom and kitchen have been completely renovated and the roof has been replaced. Best of all, the building is being used by the residents.

During the year we had a Weight Watcher's group meeting once a week, and in June, Brett Anderson shared his experiences with the Peace Corps in Malaysia. In addition, the rained-out Library Plant Sale moved indoors in October. The Nursery School has recently sought refuge in the center and Paula's ballet class is "Happy to be back home" as she puts it. There are currently two Yoga classes in progress and Girl Scout leaders hold a monthly meeting. A children's French class meets on Saturday mornings and an adult accounting class on Monday nights. Our Palisades Senior Citizens are getting together twice a month and loving the chance to have a place to meet. Two dinner parties were enjoyed by a group from the Palisades Swim Club and their friends.

Financially we have managed pretty well. Several fund-raising events brought in revenue. All groups using the building pay a nominal fee to cover utilities and

insurance. The annual membership drive for this year was better than it has ever been though still not as good as it should be. Our roof bill of \$1,500 is short by \$125. Thanks to the residents who responded to our many pleas for money to restore the roof and to "10964" and the library for their generous contributions.

Coming up December 10 will be our annual Christmas Party for children and parents. Santa will be with us and refreshments will be served. A New Year's Eve celebration is in the planning stage. For those of you who like to stay close to home, share your favorite hors-d'oeuvre and we will supply champagne from ten o'clock until the New Year arrives at midnight. The cost will be \$5 per person. Space is limited so make your reservation early by calling 3215 or 3194. Sunday, February 14 is the date for the annual meeting of the center. Watch for further details in the January issue.

The members of the Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Thanks for supporting the Palisades Community Center in 1978.

EDITH RYAN

Tappan Zee Thrift Shop

On December 10, 1966, the Tappan Zee Thrift Shop opened its door in Piermont as a service to the community. Then as well as today the profits enable the member civic associations to support their individual programs. It also provides a neighborhood shopping hub for clothing, housewares, books, and antiques.

Volunteers for pricing and selling contribute their time which in turn is credited to their member groups. Credits to the designated organizations also come from donated articles. Each quarter a distribution of profits is made contingent on the number of volunteer hours and the amount of donations from each group. Furthermore, at the end of every year a tax receipt is sent to each donor.



Located near the railroad line on Piermont Avenue, the Thrift Shop's hours are 10 to 3:45 on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday with donations accepted before 3:30. Remember that shopping at the Thrift Shop is a little like going through grandmother's attic -- you never know what to expect.

PAULA SILVERMAN

Palisades Free Library

The library is now in possession of two bound copies each of Winthrop S. Gilman, Jr.'s *Local History and Our Kitchen Window and Other Addresses*.... One copy of each is for circulation and the other is on reserve. These books were very graciously donated by the Palisades Historical Committee of the Palisades Free Library.

Watch for a forthcoming flyer announcing Children's Programs for Christmas.

BARBARA HOVSEPIAN

Writer's Roundtable Discussions

Several Palisades residents are, or have been, participants in a Writer's Roundtable Program sponsored by Rockland Center for the Arts.

Dorothy Salisbury Davis was the guest speaker on November 17. The subject of her talk was "The Mystery Reader, the Mystery Writer and the Real Thing."

On December 14 at 8 p.m. Roger Jellinek will lead a discussion on "Author -- Editor Relationships: What to Expect of Each."

M.D. Elevitch, Co-Program Director will discuss "Alternatives in Print: New Ideas in Publishing and Writing" on January 11 at 8 p.m.

All programs are held at 27 So. Greenbush Rd., West Nyack, N.Y. They are made possible with funding from New York State Council on the Arts. The public is invited to attend and become a member of the Roundtable. For further information call Sheila Wolfe at Rockland Center for the Arts (358-0877).

BARBARA HOVSEPIAN

Palisades Nursery School

The Palisades Nursery School is in need of a substitute teacher and assistant teacher or aide. Anyone who would be interested and enjoys working with young children may call Carol Vlahos (4657).

Palisades School Council

Sue Schweikert is running an open gym program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. for boys and girls presently in grades 3 through 8.

In addition, Harold Smith is supervising a Teen Evening on Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m.

These programs, sponsored by the Orange-town Youth Recreation Agency, are still open for enrollment.

CAROL ELEVITCH

Brownies and Girl Scouts

A trip to the Statue of Liberty for girls from the Palisades-Piermont-Orangeburg area will be held Saturday, December 2. The group will go by bus and boat to the Statue of Liberty; they will eat lunch at Battery Park in New York City. Those taking part will be Troop 37 Junior Scouts, leaders M. Moran, S. Flobeck, T. Picchianti; Troop 78 Junior Scouts, leaders N. Hall, J. Strepone; Troop 353 Brownies, leaders C. Di-Carlo, K. Poppen, and L. Vernum.

Our local troops are available to help

with your organization's service projects, provide entertainment, serve as ushers, etc. Contact me (6237) or any of the above leaders with your request. If you have craft materials suitable for Scouts (yarn, cloth remnants, wood, etc.) and sufficient for 20 girls, we would appreciate them.

NANCY HALL

Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts started the year off by participating in Pioneer Day at Camp Bullowa. There were a number of activities such as log tying relays, nail driving, flint and steel firebuilding and tug of war. The highlight of the day was talking with "Davy Crockett" dressed in his deerskin suit and carrying his handmade rifle. The day ended with a songfest and a campfire by the lake.

MARGE OLSON

CHRIS SULLIVAN

Oak Tree Playgroup

Winter hit the Playgroup a lot sooner than anyone wanted this year. The furnace, a problem last year, finally gave in and died. Had it not been for the generosity of the Palisades Community Center Board, the Playgroup would have been dissolved. They've allowed us to meet in the Community Center until the furnace is replaced, which is not an ideal situation since all the Playgroup materials are across the street and the space is smaller. We are, however, very grateful.

The children, undaunted spirits that they are, have adjusted to the new circumstances very well. This is also because of the fine group of teachers they have who encourage them to see the adventure in things.

One change this year is that Nina Thayer has decided to expand her own adventures and will not be with the Playgroup. The children are already looking forward to her first promised visit.

Superfriends continues to be played each day, my son reports, as does House. An interesting note about Tanya, a Russian speaking child; Charlie tells me her English is "coming good". Now who's going to help Charlie?

HOLLY M. REDELL

Community Health Notes

Diet related illness is on the rise in our country and accounts for almost half of all deaths each year. One reason is poor eating habits promoted in part by the media and in part by lack of awareness. Try to include more fresh vegetables, whole grains, beans, low fat milk, lean meat, fish and poultry, and less sugar, salt and snack foods. Take control of your own nutrition!

Community Services #2: Alcoholism Counseling is available through mental health services in several locations in the area. Nyack and Orangeburg are the nearest. Also Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly in Palisades and can suggest available assistance specific to related problems.

VIRGINIA W. BARRETT, BS RN
MYRA B. RICHARDSON, RN MPH

Welcome

10964 welcomes Lois and Robert Burcaw of Closter Road back to Palisades as well as newcomers Stephanie and Arthur Thatcher of Route 340.

Letters

Dear Editor,

If any children want to write me this year, just to send love or Christmas wishes, they should include their complete name and address in their letter and send it to:

Santa Claus
Palisades, New York 10964.

Every letter will be answered by me. We anticipate a full sleigh this year. The reindeer are grazing, the elves are hard at work at the toy shop, and Mrs. Claus and I are equally busy.

With love to all our friends until
Christmas Eve,

Santa Claus

Reflections

Now that 1978 is coming to a close, it seems an appropriate time to look back at the happenings of 10964 during the past year.

We have been very encouraged by all the words of praise received during the year and welcome any comments or opinions both pro and con regarding the newsletter.

The raffle held in December 1977 financially carried the newsletter into the early months of 1978. Thanks to the contributions of various neighbors, we were able to keep our "heads above water" through the early

Fall of the year. As mentioned previously, our Goods and Services Auction was a great financial success and 10964 is now assured of continued publication for the time being. Because of the profits from the auction, we were able to donate \$175 to the Community Center to help defray half of the remaining deficit on the replacement of their roof.

We wish to thank all those who supported us this past year both by their words, deeds and financial assistance. The entire staff of 10964 wishes you all a healthy and happy New Year.

BARBARA HOVSEPIAN

Classified

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE FREE. SEND YOURS TO BOX 201 OR CALL JEANNE BOOSE (7154). DONATIONS REQUESTED FROM BUSINESSES OR NON-PALISADIANS.

FOR SALE - 1 Design Research 90" sofa with oak base or steel legs, teak chest, teak side table and bronze and glass chandelier. Call regarding price. Kriz (2926).

FOR RENT - Large mountaintop house in Catskills. All conveniences. 2 1/2 hrs. from G.W. Bridge. Fiorillo (0021) evenings. (212)694-5575 days.

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