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The next BSBPA Board of Directors meeting is Monday, July 18 at 7:00 pm at Brookside Museum

We encourage members to attend and welcome your input.

Don't forget to check out our website www.ballston.org

The first five park benches are on order and will be placed throughout the Village in the next few weeks. It isn't too late to purchase one for your favorite Village spot, or as a memorial to someone.

Without the support of our membership we would not be able to continue the work of this Association and for that we are all very grateful. To all the volunteers who work very hard to make this a great community, keep up the good work. We are making a difference and we hear it in the positive comments every day.

Please check out all the articles in this newsletter for more information on these and other events
Have a great summer and enjoy this wonderful community we all call home.

Tina Mangino-Coffey

From the President

Summer is finally here, and the BSB&PA summer events are in full swing.

Linda Lambert and her committee are responsible for a very successful Antiques Festival Weekend on June 11th, which kicked off the summer season.

The Farmers Market opened to a rainy start on the 16th but even the weather did not keep people from coming out to enjoy the market. Both Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning were very well attended. We are hearing many compliments on this event and anticipate a wonderful year. Our thanks to co-chairs Cyndi Pastore and Nanette Miranda.

The Concerts in the Park Committee kicked off the Concert series on June 21st with the Burners UK performing before a large, enthusiastic crowd. Several newspapers and Channel 6 were on hand to cover this event. June 23rd had our own Kevin McKrell playing to a very appreciative audience on a perfect summer evening. We would never be able to attract these bands without the generous support of our sponsors. Please stop into their businesses and thank them for their support of this series and the Association.

As promised, the business Map Directories are ready for the summer tourist season. Cliff Baum has copies for anyone who would like them for distribution at their businesses.



The Burners UK (left) heated up the crowd with some high energy rock & roll during the Concert series kick off week.

Ballston Spa resident Kevin McKrell (right) charms the audience with his lilting Irish songs and good humor. See article on page 3 and look for more concerts in the park this summer.



WELCOME TO
OUR NEWEST
MEMBERS

Sparkles
Catherine Nichols
Ballston Spa, NY
Find her at the Farmers
Market!

Melloco Design
Mason C. Mello
Saratoga Springs, NY
Find him at the Farmers
Market!

Mary's Pastries
Mary Pitts
Ballston Spa, NY
Find her at the Farmers
Market!

Dianne Eldridge
Hollyhock Farms
Ballston Spa, NY
Find her at the Farmers
Market!

Fairfield Inn & Suites by
Marriott
Saratoga-Malta
101 Saratoga Village Blvd.
Malta, NY

Willow Marsh Farm
Ballston Spa, NY
Find them at the Farmers
Market!

Reilly Ridge Farms
Mechanicville, NY
Find them at the Farmers
Market!

Verena Takekoshi
171 Droms Road
Scotia, NY

Ken's Service Center
230 Church Avenue
Ballston Spa, NY

This year's **Perennial Sale** was our best yet! We raised over \$1,400, which will go right back into the Village Adopt A Plot program. This event is always a lot of work, but with all the volunteers this year it seemed to go smoother than past years. The "potting parties" were a good opportunity to catch up with some former board members and to talk with other volunteers from our membership. I couldn't have done it without you. If you missed the sale, Diane Eldridge, one of the gardeners from the Old Iron Spring will be selling her plants at the Farmers Market and has volunteers to sell the remaining BSBPA plants. Diane, one of our newest business members, owns Holly Hock Farm and Garden Design and will be happy to assist you with your garden needs. If we don't have it, Diane will be able to steer you to one of the many business members who handle plants, landscaping, compost and mulch. Please check them out on our web site.

Thanks to everyone involved.
Tina Mangino-Coffey, Chairperson

About Our Members & Neighbors:

Two blessed events in less than a month! **John** and **Courtney Mancini** welcomed new son **Jack** on May 28, 2005. **Alison** and **Jeff Oravsky** are the proud parents of **Molly Grace**, born June 18, 2005. Warmest wishes for much happiness—and some sleep—to both families!

The following high school seniors were recipients of BSBPA sponsored scholarships: **Anni Nowhitney** received the **BSBPA Scholarship**; **Jennifer Brownell** received the **Linda Murphy Memorial Scholarship** and **Tiffany Tullis**, the **Sally & Mark Monaco Memorial Scholarship**. Congratulations to them and to **the BSHS Class of 2005!**

The Ballston Spa Basketball Booster Club recently honored **William Scott** with a portrait that will hang near the gymnasium of the High School. Bill Scott was the founder of our modern-day sports program and the original "Scottie" which our schools sports teams are named after. His family and friends were on hand as he was presented the portrait at this years sports banquet. Congratulations and continued good health to Mr. Scott.

Curtis Lumber is providing materials at cost for the BSBPA to build a storage shed to house our signs and other items in a convenient location. **Jim Whittredge** is coordinating the construction and is looking for volunteers to help assemble the shed. Those interested should contact Jim at 885-5311.

The **Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association**, the **Malta Business Association** and the **Burnt Hill Business Association** will be hosting a joint mixer this fall. The tentative date is October 19 from 5-7 pm. Pencil this in on your calendar and we will keep you updated.

The membership committee will be setting up a booth at most BSBPA sponsored events including the Farmers Market and Concerts in the Park. We will have a packet with information about the BSBPA, the new Map Guides and information about our business members. If you have, flyers, business cards, menus etc. you use to promote your business, let us know. We are also looking for volunteers to work the booth. For more information contact **Cliff Baum** coffeepianet@nycap.rr.com or 884-9913

Remember, the BSBPA Board *will* be meeting through the summer months. The next board meeting will be held on Monday, July 18th at 7 pm in the Brookside Museum.



Concerts Kick off with a Bang

The Concerts in Wiswall Park series got off to a rousing start this year with the Concert Kick-off Week. On June 21, The Burners UK helped 1,000 fans welcome summer back. The self-proclaimed horn-fueled rock-n-roll band provided non-stop energy for 2 1/2 hours. The sweet aroma of grilled food filled the air, as downtown had a block party-like atmosphere.

Two nights later, the regular Thursday night concert series commenced with Ballston Spa's favorite son Kevin McKrell returning to the Wiswall stage after a one year absence. His unique blend of humorous story telling and Irish folk is always popular, and this year was no different.

The concerts continue weekly until September 8, with the complete lineup on the www.ballston.org website. And I would be remiss if I did not once again thank our tremendous sponsors, without whom this series would not be possible.

Submitted by Sam Capuano

2005 Antique Show



Hot weather didn't deter the crowds, estimated to be about 1,500 just on Saturday, from attending our first Annual Antique Show in Wiswall Park, the Library grounds and on Front Street June 11 - 12. Lots of treasures found their way to new homes and both attendees and vendors were happy with the show. There was plenty of food outdoors, and visitors enjoyed the air-conditioned comfort of our local restaurants. Many thanks to the dedication and hard work since August of 2004 by the committee that made this show such a success. Committee members are Patty Martell-Baum of RosieBloom Again, Shelley Corcoran of Schoolhouse Antiques, Millie Ferrar, John Christman, Jean Puckhaber, and Ellie Dillon.

Linda Lambert, Chairperson

Business Spotlight

WAM Commercial Associates, LLC

Jim Dalpe, President of WAM Commercial Associates, is justifiably proud of the massive renovations that have been undertaken at his company's 1842 post and beam building on the former 'Ballston Knitting Mill' property. This two-story, 15,000 square foot building was originally known as the 'Island Bag Mill' and was one of the region's largest producers of paper bags. It is located at the end of Ford Street and behind the WAM complex located at 50 Mechanic Street. The renovations included: 380' of sill plate replaced, 320 stud posts replaced, major joinery work on 10 new timbers, 10 new timbers replaced, 16 bents (major structural supports) repaired, 56 steel gussets replaced and 13 wall girts replaced. "We will finish with replacing the entire second floor with 3" maple flooring, adding 12,000 square feet of rough-sawn shiplap siding and adding a new metal roof," reports Dalpe.

Rustic Structures, LLC of Washington County has been working on the site since this past February and the project should be completed at the end of the summer. The building is available for lease. There are many uses for this property and WAM Associates would like to discuss leasing opportunities with anyone who is interested.

The company has also been renovating the original mill complex on Ralph Street/Kent Street. This 1911 structure was in deplorable condition. "We have invested an enormous amount of time and money to make it functional and attractive to potential tenants," says Dalpe. "We have sided the building, replaced the 40 year old roof with a new rubber roof, completely overhauled the electric system and made massive structural changes."

For WAM Leasing information, please contact ACO Property Advisors in Saratoga @ 584-9578 or Jim Dalpe at 791-0545.

Before and after: "Island Bag Mill" bldg (top)



Ralph/Kent St. complex.





Customers shop the Thursday Farmers Market prior to the Kevin McKrell concert. Concerts follow every Thursday market, while Saturday's market has live music during market hours of 9 am –noon.

Farmers Market News:

The market is off to a good, if soggy, start. The weather has not been very cooperative but most vendors have come and set up in the rain and heat. There have also been several local events running at the same time as the markets (softball tournament, baseball playoffs, graduation...) that have most likely been a conflict for many families. It is encouraging to see many new faces at the market this year. Bringing new people into the village is a very good thing. Customers also remark on how nice it is to shop right here in Ballston Spa and that prices are very reasonable compared to other markets. It is still early for most local produce and business should really grow as favorites like sweet corn and tomatoes become available. Also popular this year at the Saturday market is the free raffle and the live music. People will often stay after they've shopped just to wait for the winning raffle number and enjoy listening to the performers or shopping in the local businesses. The line up of performers for July's Saturday markets are: July 2: Chrissie Van Wormer; July 9: Gary Moon; July 16: Chrissie Van Wormer; July 23: Peter Michael; July 30: Janet Brady.

At Brookside Museum...

What happened when laws were passed requiring swimmers in the Hudson River to wear some form of clothing? Did George Washington really stay in Ballston? What caused a major explosion that ripped through 11 downtown buildings? And how did local Civil War soldiers survive the battles?

These and other stories will be told at the **Historian's Story Swap** July 1st from 7 – 9 at Brookside Museum as part of First Friday Celebrations in downtown Ballston Spa.

Our theme is: "*Summers Past in Saratoga*" said Joy Houle, Director of the Brookside Museum. "Along with interesting historical nuggets there will be some surprises as we hear about different facets of Saratoga County's history."

Eight municipal historians will recount life and pivotal events from 100 – 200 years ago. Participants include: Kristina Saddlemire Reese, Saratoga County Historian; Rick Reynolds, Town of Ballston Historian; Laura Lee Linder, Town of Charlton Historian; Mary DeMarco, Town of Greenfield Historian; Royann Blodgett, Town of Milton Historian; Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Saratoga Springs City Historian; Paul Loatman, Mechanicville City Historian and Chris Morley of the Village of Ballston Spa.

The Historian's Story Swap is free and open to the public. For event information and directions to the Brookside museum go to: www.brooksidemuseum.org

Ten thousand copies of the **2005-2006 BSBPA Map Guides** have been printed and are being distributed. They are currently at the Northway Exit 9 rest stop, the Saratoga Visitors Center, Saratoga Urban -Cultural Center, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Saratoga-Malta and the Prime and Marriott Hotels in Saratoga. We are working on getting them into other tourist venues. You will see them in the Ballston Spa Village Office as well as the Brookside and Bottle Museums and in many of the stores in and around Ballston Spa. If you would like to have the map guides for your place of business or you need more copies please contact Cliff at the Coffee Planet 884-9913 or coffeeplanet@nycap.rr.com

BSBPA Members: Do you have upcoming events or news that you would like to share in our next issue? Contact Ellen Mottola, mottola-bsbpa@nycap.rr.com, 885-2772 (phone or fax) or mail to BSBPA, PO Box 386, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. The deadline for the August issue is July 25, 2005. Promptness is always appreciated, questions answered with a smile! **OUR FAX IS UP AND RUNNING—SAME NUMBER (885-2772).**



Family Fun Day

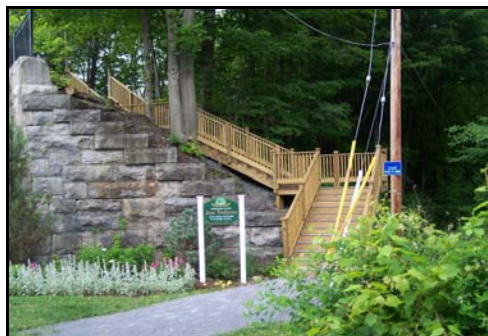
Despite a very hot, humid day with temperatures over 90 degrees, the crowds turned out for Family Fun Day at the Fairgrounds on June 26, 2005. Due to the heat, one of the biggest attractions was a mister by Union Fire Company. The misters were actually the car wash sprinklers creatively set up as a run through soaker system. Even many adults enjoyed the cooling mist and several dared to run through to get completely drenched. The children also enjoyed pony rides, bouncy bounces, a magician, a juggler, and many contests and games. There was also a surprise visit by the Hamburgler. Eagle Matt Lee Fire Company, Union Fire Company and the Ballston Area Community Center provided great food. The Family Fun Day committee also gave away 12 bicycles, bringing the total given away over the last twelve years to 144 bicycles!! Alonzo Fireworks brought the evening to an end with a fantastic fireworks display. Thank you to the Village of Ballston Spa, the Town of Ballston, the Town of Milton and the Saratoga County Youth Bureau and to all who helped with the event, and to Saratoga County Fairgrounds for providing the venue.



WALK FOR HEALTH CHALLENGE.

The Ballston Spa “Walk for Health” Challenge has been underway since May 28. Participants have been keeping track of their mileage as they walk to stay fit. One way to do so is on the newly open walking path along the old railroad bed between Front and Prospect Streets. It’s a great way to enjoy a pleasant walk in the woods and discover some hidden history of Ballston Spa’s heyday as a factory village. July 30th will mark the culmination of the challenge and festivities are planned from 10 am to noon in Wiswall Park. The Saturday Farmers Market will be in full swing and will no doubt have lots of locally grown produce to offer health-conscious participants. Local businesses are also encouraged to get in on the health theme that morning. If you haven’t started walking, it’s never too late to tie on a pair of comfortable shoes and hit the path!

The Front Street entrance to the new walking path, located near the Iron Springs. A great place to “take a hike”.



First Friday-July 3

Strolling Village Artisans: Opening Reception: “Artesania Paraguaya” multimedia exhibit on the art & culture of Paraguay, presented by Kim Andersen 6-9 pm 49 Front Street 885-5855

Coffee Planet: Dan Hubbs and the Dry Bones 6-9 pm 100 Milton Ave. 884-9913

Whistling Kettle: L.B. Walker, Folk & Blues 6-9 pm 24 Front Street 884-2664

Kaleidoscope Gifts @ Hearth & Home Antiques: Ron Feulner, Writer/historian/lecturer personalizes his latest novel, Adirondack Justice 6-9 pm 114-116 Milton Ave. 884-9957

Brookside Museum: Historian’s Story Swap featuring historians from Saratoga County telling historic tales. Free & open to the public 7-9 pm, 6 Charlton Street, 885-4000.

Victoria’s Decorating Center: 25% off any custom order. Friday July 1st only 102 Milton Ave. 885-1667

Wild Thyme Whole Food & Tea Co.: “Foods For Your Skin” Dr. Hauschka Skin Care Specialist—reserve your free facial 7-9 pm 108 Milton Ave. 885-7275

Excellent Adventures: Marvel/DC versus Upper Deck Collectable Card Tournament 6:30 pm \$5.00 entry, call for details 884-9498 110 Milton Ave.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 30** Farmers Market 3- 6 pm; Concert in the Park, Wiswall Park, featuring Lois & the Kryptonites 6-8 pm
- July 1** First Friday in Ballston Spa 6 -9 pm, Downtown Businesses
- July 2** Farmers Market 9 am-noon, live music by Chrissie Van Wormer
- July 7** Farmers Market 3- 6 pm; Concert in the Park, Wiswall Park, featuring Off Ramp 6-8 pm
- July 9** Farmers Market 9 am-noon, live music by Gary Moon
- July 14** Farmers Market 3- 6 pm; Concert in the Park, Wiswall Park, featuring Skeeter Creek 6-8 pm
- July 16** Farmers Market 9 am-noon, live music by Chrissie Van Wormer
- July 18** BSBPA Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm Brookside Museum
- July 21** Farmers Market 3- 6 pm; Concert in the Park, Wiswall Park, featuring Sonny & Perley Trio 6-8 pm
- July 23** Farmers Market 9 am-noon, live music by Peter Michael
- July 28** Farmers Market 3- 6 pm; Concert in the Park, Wiswall Park, featuring Justin & Friends 6-8 pm
- July 30** Farmers Market 9 am-noon, live music by Janet Brady; Walk for Health Celebration 10 am-noon.



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