

# Ballston Spa

Business & Professional  
ASSOCIATION

## Member Newsletter

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**The BSBPA Annual Meeting and Community Mixer is Monday, March 20, 2006, starting at 6:30 pm at Manna's Restaurant.**  
**\$5/members**  
**\$10/non-members with \$5 credit for non-members who join that evening.**  
**We encourage members and the community at large to attend and welcome your input.**

### Annual Meeting and Community Mixer Celebrating the Past, Present and Future of the

### Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association

Back in 1983, a small group of residents and local business people met to discuss the future of the village of Ballston Spa. Once upon a time, the village served as one of the earliest resorts in the United States with its mineral springs and lovely Victorian homes, later as a center for manufacturing along the banks of its creeks and as the Saratoga County seat. In more recent times, it had seemed to be forgotten in the dust of its larger, flashier neighbor, Saratoga Springs. These Ballstonians knew what a small gem this community was—all it needed was a little more investment, a little more civic pride and a little more promotion. Thus was born the Ballston Spa Business and Professional Association.

Through the efforts of these early members, Ballston Spa began its resurgence. In due time, new people discovered the potential of this appealing and close-knit community. They joined longtime residents and invested time and money to restore many of the downtown buildings and brought in businesses that drew both locals and visitors alike. The village government and the association worked together to reclaim the town's natural charm with plantings, landscaping and streetscapes that evoked the small town Victorian flavor.

BSBPA members understood that to bring a

community to life, you need to give people a reason to come, so they began to sponsor community activities designed to draw local families—holiday parades, seasonal festivals, concerts, ice cream socials and farmers markets. Before long, it wasn't only the locals who sat up and took notice. Ballston Spa began to be seen as a forward-looking community that also honored its historic past. The area has become a magnet for young families who want the familiarity and friendliness of a small town, something different from the anonymous suburban sprawl.

Twenty-three years after that first small group met, the Ballston Spa Business and Professional Association now counts over 200 members in its ranks-- residents, businesses and non-profit organizations. Ballston Spa's renaissance has been "re-discovered". It is that place that most visitors thought didn't exist anymore in this "bigger-is-better" world. And although the village will always be evolving, the work ahead is done with a sense of optimism because we've seen what can be done when people work together. This is the mission of the BSBPA--to continue to make Ballston Spa a great place to live, work and visit.

So, while we will never be big and flashy, we are indeed the "Village of Friends". To paraphrase the famous film line "If you re-build it, they will come..." They will come to browse for antiques, clothes, art and gifts, eat in cozy restaurants, listen to summer concerts in the park, hike a shady walking trail or enjoy First Fridays filled with music and activity.

Come join us in celebrating the past, present and future and become an active part of our proud association's efforts.

### Attention Members:

The Annual Meeting committee needs volunteers to help at the committee sign up table at the Annual Meeting and Mixer. If you chair a committee or have participated in one, your insight and experience will be helpful in answering the questions of those who might be interested in getting involved. Please check with Joanne Champagne, [joanne4793@verizon.net](mailto:joanne4793@verizon.net) or 885-4793, or Jim Whittredge, [jkwhttt4@yahoo.com](mailto:jkwhttt4@yahoo.com) and let them know you can spend a little time that evening chatting with folks. Your help would be truly appreciated and would let our members, old and new, know that the BSBPA works best when we all work together.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Apple Tree Bed & Breakfast  
49 West High Street  
Ballston Spa, NY  
[www.appletreebb.com](http://www.appletreebb.com)

Joseph A. Mancini  
1300 West High Street  
Ballston Spa, NY

Michael P. Durant  
356 Lexington  
Ballston Spa, NY

Commercial Coverage/  
Personal Coverage, Inc.  
220 Church Avenue  
Ballston Spa, NY  
[www.commercialcoverage.com](http://www.commercialcoverage.com)

Daisy Dry Goods  
28 Front Street  
Ballston Spa, NY

## About Our Members & Neighbors:

**The Ballston Spa United Methodist Church** will be having a potluck community dinner on First Friday, March 3 at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be followed by a program from Hank Coghill, Disaster Response Coordinator. Hank will explain how donated money is being used in recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast and describe creative ways to continue helping folks there. United Methodist will also begin a five-week Luncheon Lecture series, starting Wednesday, March 8 at noon. The program begins with a free lunch followed by a Biblical message from one of the village clergy. For visitors, the church parking lot is accessible from the alley behind the church. For more information, contact the church office at 885-6886.

Local artist **Phil Spaziani** now has a website which showcases his wonderful paintings. Visit <http://www.philspaziani.com/index.html> to enjoy his lovely landscapes of the Ballston Spa area, among other pieces.

You may remember Phil's painting of Brookside was featured on the 2004 edition of the annual Village Christmas ornament.

Congratulations Department:

To **Hearth & Home Antiques and Kaleidoscope Gifts**, celebrating 5 years at their location at 114-116 Milton Avenue.

To **Joy Houle**, Executive Director of **Brookside Museum**, who has been asked to sit on the Museum Association of New York board of Directors.

To **Front Street Deli** for its second place showing for best wings in the Class of 2008 Pizza and Wings night at BSHS.

To **Jean Bruchac**, fifth grade teacher at Ballston Spa's **Malta Ave. Intermediate School** for being chosen one of WNYT Channel 13's Educators of the Week.

**The Ballston Spa Home & Garden Club** monthly meeting on Thursday, March 9th at 1:30 pm at Brookside will feature guest speaker **Kerry Mendez** of **Perennially Yours**. Kerry is also founder and organizer of the **Great Gardens and Landscaping Symposium** which will be holding its 3rd Annual event on April 8th from 9 am-4 pm at the New York State Museum. For more details, agenda and a registration form, visit [www.pyours.com/Symposium2006.html](http://www.pyours.com/Symposium2006.html) or call (518) 885-3471.

Look for **Picketts 'N Twiggs** to reopen March 1 after extensive renovations in their shop at 55 Front Street. The changes are sure to add to the store's already charming ambience.

## Park Benches

We have had requests to reorder more commemorative park



benches. These benches will be set out in various locations throughout the Village in April. If you are interested in sponsoring a bench or purchasing one as a memorial please contact us as soon as possible. The price for the benches, including shipping and handling and engraved brass plaques, is \$500.00 .

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](mailto: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 April issue is March 24, 2006. I am also interested in spotlighting member businesses. Promptness is always appreciated, questions answered with a smile!



## Business Spotlight: Elliott Property Services, LLC

This March, Elliott Property Services, LLC, a full service Licensed Real Estate Broker located at 36 Front Street, is celebrating its second year at their village location. The company is owned by Kelly Delaney-Elliott. Their professional team, which offers more than 40 years combined experience in selling real estate, is comprised of Licensed Real Estate Agents Mark Lynett, Ted Dellaporta, Joanna Simard, Joanna Hart, Cara Britton, Melissa Hayes and Office Administrator, Lisa Downen. In addition to being Licensed Real Estate Agents, Cara and Melissa are also Registered Mortgage Brokers and co-owners of First Liberty Mortgage.

Elliott Property Services, LLC prides themselves in being the "family owned realtor who lives next door." Kelly is a lifelong resident of Ballston Spa as is her husband Randy, owner of Elliott Building & Remodeling, LLC, also located at 36 Front Street. The team provides an unsurpassed knowledge of Ballston Spa and Saratoga County given that everyone associated with the office has either been raised in or currently resides in and near the Ballston Spa area. Kelly also sits on the board of directors of the BSBPA and the company has been very active in supporting local events and activities in the village.

The office is open Monday – Friday from 9 AM – 5PM and evenings and weekends by appointment. There is always an agent in the office happy to answer any questions, whether it is about one of their listings, another property for sale, or to assist in selling property. Visit their website at [www.elliottps.com](http://www.elliottps.com) for a full agent overview and to see a listing of all properties for sale.

## SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

Participate in Ballston Spa's Heritage Day 2006!  
Sunday, May 7, noon to 4:00 p.m.

- \*Be open on that day from noon until 4:00 p.m.
- \*Bring your business outside, offer sales
- \*Offer an activity, demonstrations of your craft or workshops.
- \*Show off your old stuff, use your space for a historic fashion contest, drama contest or art contest.

The Heritage Day committee is working on the schedule of events right now so let us know how your business can participate! Contact Ellen with your ideas and suggestions.

## "Doing Business in Ballston Spa" Webpage

Do you have a commercial space available for rent? Do you know someone who is looking to open a business in the Village? Are you looking to retire and may be looking to sell your business? The Ballston Spa Business Professional Association and the Village of Ballston Spa will be glad to post your information on our web site, under the "Doing Business in Ballston Spa" page. Our hope is for this page to bring together landlords, tenants and business owners to help facilitate the placement of more retail business into the Ballston area. Inquires can be kept confidential. Information should be given to the Association at 885-2772 or Mayor Romano at 885-5711

## Local Business Sponsors Free Mammograms

*Make Me Fabulous is sponsoring the Bellevue Hospital Mobile Mammography Van on Saturday March 25th from 10 am-2 pm. The Mobile Mammography Van provides mammograms to women with no insurance or who are just "too busy" to make an appointment at NO CHARGE. Make Me Fabulous has an 8-year breast cancer survivor on their staff and they have worked closely with Bellevue in the past, so they are very excited about this event. The exact location of the van in the village is still to be announced and Make Me Fabulous will be offering Free Makeovers to anyone who receives a mammogram. They are hoping to get additional members in the association to offer incentives at their places of business or help promote this event. Posters will be available with further information for interested women. If you would like to help out in any way or display a poster in your business, please contact Alayne Curtiss of Make Me Fabulous, 885-2929 or [info@makemefabulous.com](mailto:info@makemefabulous.com)*

## A Taste of Ballston Spa

Residents from all over Saratoga County will once again gather at the Ballston Spa High School on Monday night, March 27th from 6-8 pm to sample fine foods from local restaurants while also supporting the **Ballston Spa Educational Foundation**. Nineteen area restaurants/businesses will offer up their favorite dishes as part of the Fourth Annual "A Taste of Ballston Spa." Ballston Spa High School music students will provide entertainment during the evening. Raffles will include donated gift baskets and gift certificates. Among the participating Restaurants that are scheduled to serve up samples:



Augie's Family Style Restaurant, Basil's Creative Catering, Bentley's Restaurant, Chez Sophie Bistro, Gideon Putnam Hotel, Good Times Restaurant, Great Bay Clam Co., The Factory, Front St. Deli, Kaleidoscope Gifts, Lake Ridge Restaurant, Manna's Restaurant & Banquet House, Mangino's Restaurant, Patty-Cake Shoppe, The Ripe Tomato, Stewart's Shops, Sunset Cafe, The Whitehouse, and Wild Thyme Whole Food & Tea Co!

**Tickets are available through advanced ticket sales only, please contact Dave Brockman at 330-1743 or leave a message at 884-7195 ext. 402. The cost is \$25/person or \$45/couple.**

The Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit corporation of community volunteers that provides funding for educational enrichment for the students in the Ballston Spa Central School District. The Foundation is registered both with the IRS and the Office of the New York State Attorney General.

## "Boot Scootin' Boogie"

The Ballston Area Community Center's 8th Annual Fundraising Gala has a western theme this year: "Boot Scootin' Boogie". The event will be held on Saturday, March 11 at Manna's Restaurant Cocktails and silent auction at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:30. Live auction, with John Christman, auctioneer, at 8:00pm, featuring items donated by local businesses. Dancing with music by WGNA DJ Kevin Richards. Cost is \$45 per person. Proceeds benefit the programs of the BACC. For more information and reservations, call 885-3261.

## First Fridays In Ballston Spa

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### STROLLING VILLAGE ARTISANS:

Iron Spring Gallery Opening Reception: Paintings by Kevin McKrell, through April 28. 6-9 pm 49 Front Street /885-5855

### COFFEE PLANET:

"Songwriters of the Adirondacks" Art Exhibits by Brian Petrowski and Lindsey W. Fyfe 6-9 pm 100 Milton Ave. 884-9913

### WHISTLING KETTLE:

"L.B. Walker" - Blues 6 -9 pm 24 Front Street 884-2664

### KALEIDOSCOPE GIFTS @ HEARTH & HOME ANTIQUES:

Our 5th Anniversary! Intro of new children's books; pre-teen "Grossology" 6-9 pm 114-116 Milton Ave. 884-9957

### EOS:

Unique & Antique jewelry, clothing & home décor. Treasured items from junque to jewels and one-of-a-kind, too. Bring it in, we'll share what we know and make you an offer if you like. 53 Milton Ave. 6 - 9 pm

### WILD THYME WHOLE FOOD & TEA CO.:

Maple Celebration. Get your sap running with sample of Doug's whole wheat pancakes & maple syrup. 7-9 pm 108 Milton Ave. 885-7275

### JENNE LEATHERWORK:

"Master Craftsman" Available to answer all your leather repair questions or needs 6 pm-9 pm 128 Milton Avenue 885-1055

### MAKE ME FABULOUS:

Jennifer Legnante, Level II Reiki practitioner-a natural energy healing and stress relieving process. 6- 9 pm 102 Milton Ave., 885-2929

### EXCELLENT ADVENTURES COMICS:

Marvel vs. DC. Collectable Card Game Tournament 6 pm 110 Milton Ave 884-9498

### BROOKSIDE MUSEUM:

March is Women's History Month! "Infamous Women" A presentation by Sue McLane, 7 pm 6 Charlton St. 885-4000

### WHITEHOUSE RESTAURANT:

Sample our Whitehouse pizza 6 -9 pm. Dinner special: 12 cut pizza, dozen wings and a pitcher of soda for \$19.95, 5- 9 pm.

### STONE SOUP ANTIQUES GALLERY:

Appraisal Fair. Small items appraised by professional appraisers on a first come, first serve basis. 6:30-8:30 pm 19 Low St. 885-5232

### BALLSTON SPA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

5:30 pot-luck community dinner followed by a program from Hank Coghill, Disaster Response Coordinator, speaking on recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast and describing creative ways to continue to help. 101 Milton Ave. 885-6886.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 3** First Friday in Ballston Spa, downtown shops and restaurants, 6-9 pm

**March 8** Luncheon Lecture Series, United Methodist Church, Noon.

**March 9** Ballston Spa Home & Garden Club Meeting, 1:30 pm, Brookside

**March 11** BACC Boot Scootin' Boogie Gala, 6:30 Manna's Restaurant

**March 20** BSBPA Annual Meeting and Community Mixer, 6:30 pm, Manna's Restaurant

**March 25** Bellevue Hospital Mobile Mammography Van, 10 am-2 pm

**March 27** Ballston Spa Educational Foundation "A Taste of Ballston Spa", 6-8 pm, BSHS



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