



First Annual Village Awards

The first Village Awards were presented to six individuals and organizations at the Society's Annual Meeting on June 10 at Casa Italiana. The awards were created by the Society to honor people and places that have contributed significantly to the quality of Village life.

The recipients of the 1991 Awards were Paul Egita, a superintendent on West 12th Street for almost 50 years; First Presbyterian Church for its restoration program; Florent Morellet and Restaurant Florent; the Jefferson Market Garden; the Mercer-Houston Dog Run Association; and Three Lives & Company Bookstore.

Paul Egita moved to West 12th Street between Hudson and Washington Streets in 1941 and soon began looking after 18 houses. In addition to his regular duties as a superintendent, he has kept his community in touch by serving as a walking local newspaper. At times he has served as a member of the family to elderly residents who have needed special assistance. Mr. Egita, who is still active on the job, was honored for helping to create and maintain a neighborhood on his West Village block.

The First Presbyterian Church, a Fifth Avenue mainstay since 1846, recently embarked on a 3-year, \$2.54 million project of restoring its historic Gothic Revival complex. The church has adopted a plan of "in-house" restoration by adding to its staff a building conservation expert to direct the project and to train church personnel in various conservation and construction techniques; as a result the church will have available for the future people who are able to completely maintain the restored building. The award was accepted by the Rev. John Macnab, and by Myrle Wall and Stuart Buice of the church's Restoration Campaign Committees.

Florent Morellet has operated his Village bistro, Florent, at 69 Gansevoort Street in the waterfront area since 1985. On his menu board Mr. Morellet may post a weather report, the pollen count, or a notice for voter registration (before the last presidential

election in 1988, he registered an average of eight new voters a day). Restaurant Florent and its owner were cited for creating a civilized atmosphere, fostering a diversity of patron and menu, and for a special *joie de vivre*.

The Jefferson Market Garden was created almost 20 years ago at the corner of Sixth and Greenwich Avenues through the hard work of Village residents, preservationists, and volunteer gardeners, who transformed the site of the former Women's House of Detention into a verdant blooming oasis at the heart of one of the Village's busiest neighborhoods. Geraldine Mindell, the President of the Garden, accepted the award.

The Mercer-Houston Dog Run Association is now observing its tenth year of serving dog owners and non-owners by providing a safe, clean exercise area. When formed in 1981, a strip of land was divided into a park, a playground, and the dog run, thereby serving as a model of community cooperation. While the pets play, their owners -- who maintain the run at their own expense -- chat and passersby admire the different breeds. The award was accepted by the Association's President, Linda Rice-Mandigo.

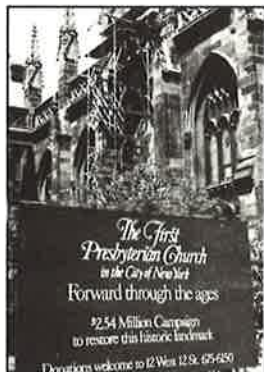
Three Lives & Company has been described as a pocket of civility in the city: a cozy neighborhood bookstore that is also a center of New York's literary life. Housed in an 1831 brick building on the corner of Waverly Pl. and West 10th St. since 1978, the bookstore features a diversity of over 25,000 titles. Its wide-ranging stock, friendly atmosphere, and series of author's readings attract a clientele from far beyond the boundaries of Greenwich Village. Its owners, Jill Dunbar and Jenny Feder, accepted the award.

The awards were presented by Society Vice-President James Stewart Polshek, who also chaired the Awards Committee, which selected the winners from over fifty nominations made by Society members this past spring. The committee included the author Calvin Trillin; Kent Barwick, President of the Municipal Art Society; Society Trustees Penelope Bateau, Richard Barnett,

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Paul Egita on his W. 12th Street block



Restoration at First Presbyterian Church



Florent Morellet in front of his bistro, Florent, on Gansevoort Street



The peace and tranquility of the Jefferson Market Garden on a recent summer day



Dogs play while their owners chat at the Mercer-Houston Dog Run

Scott Marshall

First Annual Village Awards (continued)

Julie Rinaldini, and Judith Stonehill; its Preservation Consultant Dr. Regina Kellerman; and its Executive Director Scott Marshall.

The awards, in the form of citations, also included six books on Greenwich Village and New York City history and on historic preservation, which were donated to the Jefferson Market Library. Head Librarian Stephen Klein was present to receive the books and to thank Society members.

In addition, the Society honored its outgoing President, Richard Barnett and its Vice-President Hilda Hollyer, a founding member who is retiring from the Board this year.

The Annual Meeting took place at Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò of New York University at 24 West 12th Street, an historic landmark that was formerly the home of General Winfield Scott.

Summer Update

During the summer the Society has worked on a number of different preservation projects. These include:

--testifying before the NYC Council on behalf of the present boundaries of the TriBeCa Historic District, which were recently proposed by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission.

--assisting in securing a grant of \$1,500 from a private foundation for supplementary maintenance for the large clock in the tower of the Jefferson Market Library.

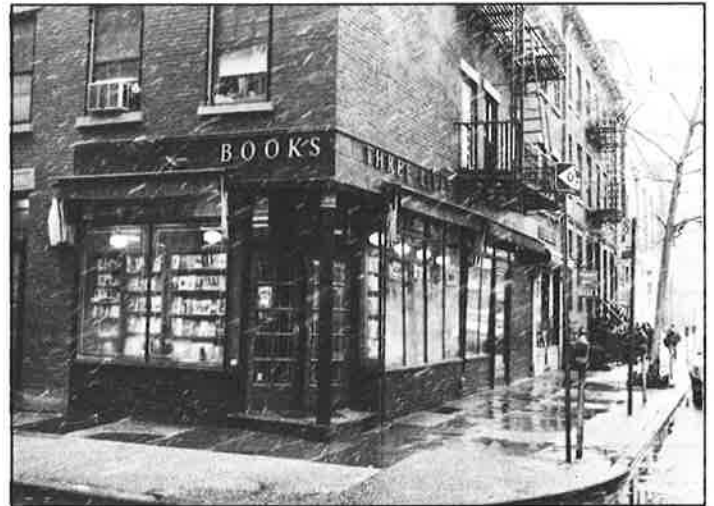
--working to correct deteriorated conditions on the historic Edna St. Vincent Millay house on Bedford St., currently on the market.

--submitting several proposals to foundations for funding for the new elementary school program on Greenwich Village history and preservation, co-sponsored by the Society and the Old Merchant's House. Funding would allow both organizations to offer the program on a wider basis to more schools inside and outside the Village.

New Greenwich Village Map at Incentra in November

Two special visits in November will give Society members the first opportunity to view a new map of Greenwich Village, which is currently a work-in-progress at Incentra International, Inc. Led by Incentra's President, Gaylord J. Hoftiezer, and its Vice-President, Lee Huttick, the visits will focus on the new Village map and the art of mapmaking, and will include an inside look at the firm's offices on the executive floor of the former Western Electric/AT&T/Bell Telephone Laboratories building, designed in 1898 by architect Cyrus L.W. Eidlitz, and known today as Westbeth. The firm, which is celebrating its 21st year, has been located for the past decade on the 12th floor of this historic West Village waterfront complex.

Incentra is well-known for its maps of New York City neighborhoods, such as Brooklyn, the Academic Acropolis, and the Midtown Core, which was selected for its graphic design to be



Three Lives & Company Bookstore at West 10th Street and Waverly Place

Three Lives & Company



Outgoing Society President Richard B. Barnett received a framed map of his West Village neighborhood from former Executive Director Regina M. Kellerman and present Director Scott Marshall at the Annual June Meeting at Casa Italiana. At a recent meeting of the Society's Trustees, Kendyl K. Monroe was named as the new President of the Society. In addition, Judith Stonehill became a new Vice-President of the Board of Trustees.

Jane M. Martinez

part of the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art. The firm is also celebrated for its series of maps on great American cities: New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Detroit, and Washington, D.C.

Space is limited to Society members only and reservations will be required. Further information will be sent to members closer to the date of the two visits.



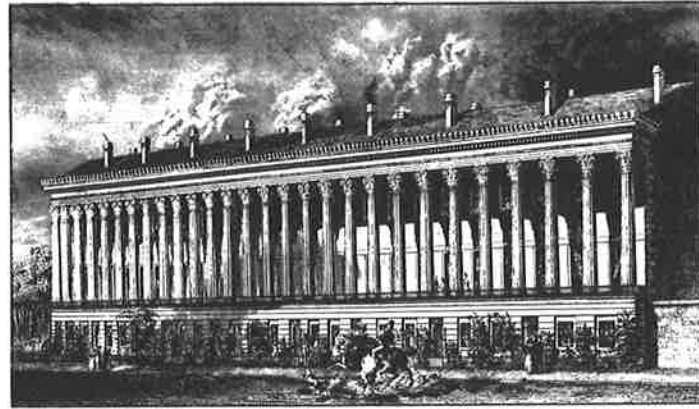
The anthemion was a standard architectural ornament of the 1830-1850 Greek Revival period in the United States. It abounds in Greenwich Village, especially as a cast-iron cresting atop fences and basement window grilles, and in modified wooden form over doorways.

“History of Colonnade Row” Lecture in September

Colonnade Row, one of the most notable examples of Greek Revival architecture in New York City, will be the subject of a new slide lecture by Dr. Regina M. Kellerman on September 26. Dr. Kellerman, an architectural historian and former Executive Director of the Society, has done extensive original research on the landmark buildings.

Constructed in 1832-33 and originally consisting of a row of nine marble townhouses unified by a monumental two-story Corinthian colonnade, the fashionable homes were early and striking examples of urban design on a grand scale. Named La Grange Terrace after the estate of the Marquis de Lafayette, the houses attracted some of New York’s most celebrated residents. Dr. Kellerman’s lecture will combine architectural, cultural and social history. Although today only four of the original houses remain, the landmark structure still commands its site on Lafayette Street near The Cooper Union, where the lecture will take

place in the celebrated Great Hall. A reception for members and friends will precede the lecture. Reservations are required.



This elegant illustration of Colonnade Row (also known as La Grange Terrace) shows all nine townhouses as they originally appeared soon after construction in the early 1830's.

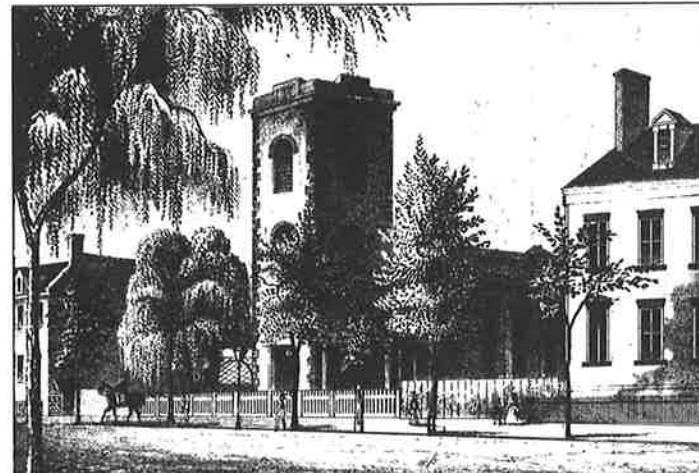
“Old Churches ...” Walking Tour in October

“The old-time churches in our city have a special place in the affections of many of our people. Remembrances of other days and other scenes crowd the memory at the recollection...It is pleasant to recall the homes of worship sacred to the days that are no more.”

In the spirit of these remarks by Henry Collins Brown in his BOOK OF OLD NEW YORK (1913), the Society will present a walking tour of many of the Village’s most historic and architecturally significant churches on Sunday, October 6 (rain or shine).

The walking tour will begin at 12:45 pm in front of St. Luke’s in the Fields (1821) and will conclude with a reception at Grace Church (1846). Along the way participants will have the opportunity to contrast the ecclesiastical styles and varied histories of St. Veronica’s (1889), St. John’s Lutheran (1821), St. Joseph’s (1833), Our Lady of Pompei (1926), Washington Square United Methodist (1860), Judson Memorial (1892), Church of the Ascension (1840), First Presbyterian (1846), and the Conservative Synagogue (c. 1890). Many of the church interiors will be opened

specially for this tour, which will also include an information packet for each participant. Reservations are required.



The October 6th walking tour will begin at one of the Village's oldest churches, St. Luke's in the Fields on Hudson Street, seen in an illustration from *Valentine's Manual* in 1860.

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Reservation Form

“A History of Colonnade Row” Lecture

The Great Hall Thursday, September 26
 The Cooper Union 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 7 East 7th Street

G.V.S. members: \$6 non-members: \$10

Please reserve _____ places at \$ _____ TOTAL

“Old Churches of Greenwich Village” Walking Tour

Meet in front of Sunday, October 6
 St. Luke's Church 12:45 - 4:00 PM
 487 Hudson Street

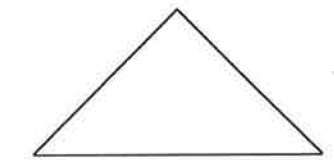
G.V.S. members: \$8 non-members: \$12

Please reserve _____ places at \$ _____ TOTAL

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Please make checks payable to The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation and return with the reservation form to the Society at 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10003.

Name/Name of Business if Applicable _____
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 Telephone (day and evening) _____
 Names of accompanying friends/members _____



Reservation Form

Due to limited space, reservations are required for both the September lecture and the October walking tour. No advance tickets for either event will be mailed; your name will be on a reservation list when you check in for each event.

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for the October walking tour. The tour will be held rain or shine.

If you have any questions about either event, please call the Society at (212) 924-3895.

Special Thanks

Two of the Society's members have recently made generous donations of time, expertise and material goods. Karen Wagner of Joe's Bar & Grill at 142 West 10th Street donated several cases of wine and champagne for the Annual June Meeting. And Jerry Kelly, a book designer, designed the Society's new membership brochure. The Society extends its deepest thanks and appreciation to both good friends for their generosity, which enabled the organization to save significantly on recent expenses.



New Board Members

Four new members of the Society's Board of Trustees were elected at the Annual June Meeting:

Penelope Bateau is an interior designer who has actively assisted the Society for the past several years as a volunteer. She also does volunteer design work for Habitat for Humanity and is the Treasurer of her East 10th Street Block Association, where she has been a resident for 14 years.

Margaret Halsey Gardiner is the Executive Director of the Old Merchant's House and a board member of the Victorian Society of America--Metropolitan Chapter. She grew up on MacDougal Street, attended Grace Church School and has lived for many years on Sullivan Street.

Elizabeth Greenburg is the owner of an interior design firm: Ely Interior Design. She serves on the boards of Grace Church School and Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y. A Village resident since 1968, she lives on Fifth Avenue at 11th Street.

Anne-Marie Wiemer-Sumner is an Associate Dean at The Cooper Union, a Trustee at Grace Church School and the President of the Washington Square Association. She has been a resident on Washington Square North for more than 20 years.

Welcome to New Members

The Greenwich Village Society welcomes the following as its most recent new members:

John and Pamela Amodeo, Mrs. John C. Bair, Francesca Breuer, William J. Butler, George Capsis, Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop D. Chamberlin, Richard Corwin, Dr. Vinni Marie D'Ambrosio, George A. Davidson, Jane Case Einbender, Dr. Joseph S. Fox, Vincent and Shelly Fremont, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Glenn, Stuart P. Greenspon, Ellen and David Hirsch, Fred Hochberg, Genvieve Jacobs, Dorothy Keller, Jerry Kelly, Susan Kolker, Laurie and David Korobkin, Arthur Levin and William Cox, George Lewis, Ken Lustbader, Dan and Joan Marshall, Patricia and Bernard McElhone, Betty Millard, Alex Miller, Valerie and Jeffrey Paley, Ron Parisi, Restaurant Florent, Alice and Ross Sandler, Edith Smith, William D. Speck, Virginia Scott Sterling, Virginia Tiger, Jessica Weber.

1991 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Thurs. Sept. 26 6:00 pm "A History of Colonnade Row" slide lecture by Dr. Regina M. Kellerman. Great Hall, The Cooper Union, 7 East 7th Street (use reservation form in this newsletter).

Mon. Sept. 30 6:00 pm "Henry James' and Edith Wharton's Washington Square", slide lecture by the Society's Executive Director Scott Marshall. La Maison Française, Washington Mews. Sponsored by the Old Merchant's House and New York University (call 212/777-1089 for more information/reservations).

OCTOBER

Sun. Oct. 6 12:45 pm "Old Churches of Greenwich Village" Walking Tour. Meet in front of St. Luke's Church, 487 Hudson Street (use reservation form in this newsletter).

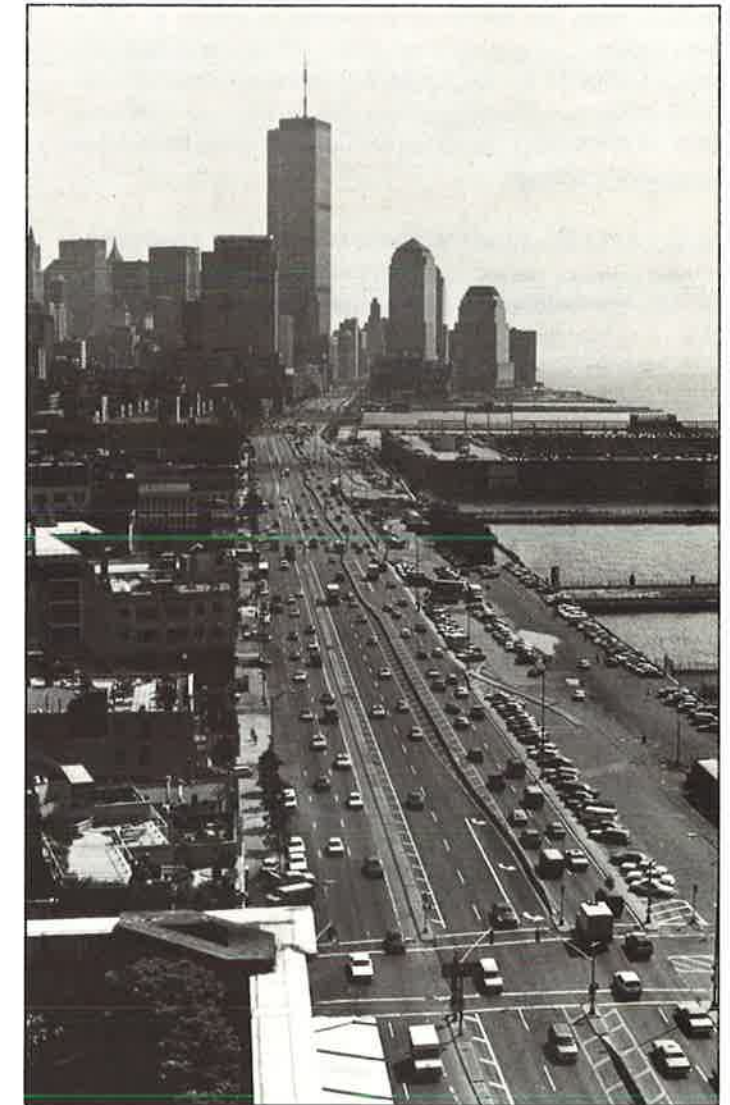
NOVEMBER

Tues. Nov. 12 12 noon Inside Look: A Visit to Incentra International, Inc. and the Art of Mapmaking. (Society members will be sent more information closer to tour dates)

Thurs. Nov. 14 12 noon Repeat of Nov. 12 Tour

DECEMBER

Date and location to be announced December Holiday Event (invitations will be mailed in mid-November)



Daniel S. Koplowitz

Participants on the November visits to Incentra International will also enjoy this panoramic vista of the west side waterfront looking south from the firm's 12th floor windows (see article on page 2).



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