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GVSHP Celebrates Anniversary

15 Years of Preservation Leadership in Greenwich Village

This Spring, thousands of people all over the city celebrated the fact that if the NYC Landmarks Law was a *building* it would now be old enough, at age 30, to qualify for landmark status. In the late 1970s, however, the Law was still a teenager, with only a small group of supporters. Many New Yorkers felt that it infringed on their property rights.

A handful of preservationists in the Village, including Ruth Wittenberg, Verna Small, Hilda Hollyer, Jack Meserole, Royce Rowe, and Peggy Campbell, sensed this resentment, and set out to do something about it. They recognized the need to build a constituency for preservation in the Village, where the largest historic district in the city was designated in 1969. Meeting at the dining room table of the late Ms.

Wittenberg, they worked with the Community Board and the Association of Greenwich Village Homeowners to put the Greenwich Village Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

In 1980, they organized more formally as the Greenwich Village Trust for Historic Preservation (GVT), and set out to educate residents as to the value of living in an historic district.

The timeline on pages 3 and 4 charts the progress of the organization, now the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation. From its educational programs to its advocacy projects, GVSHP has indeed built a constituency for preservation. Each year we happily continue to expand upon the goals and ideals set forth 15 years ago.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Its Been A Busy Year...

The past year has certainly seen a number of milestones for historic preservation all over New York City—the Landmarks Law is 30 years old, the Greenwich Village Historic District turned 25, and GVSHP is celebrating the 15th anniversary of its founding. Commemorating these milestones is important because it gives preservationists a chance to look back at their roots and cast an eye toward the future.

Last September we launched our new discussion series, *Preservation Cafe*, with a session on the history of Village preservation, presented by Anthony C. Wood. The large crowd at our first *Cafe* indicated a real interest in examining the Village's preservation movement. This inspired us to plan the March 1995 symposium on the Greenwich Village Historic District's past, present, and future. During the symposium we heard from a number of remarkable people—all of them pioneering preservationists, and all still extremely active in shaping preservation today.

The symposium has inspired another project, the Greenwich Village Preservation Archive and Oral History Project, which GVSHP plans to undertake in the next year.

While fundraising has only just begun, we hope the Archive will become a resource for the Greenwich Village community as well as the National preservation movement. By collecting the personal experiences of the earliest preservationists through interviews, correspondence and photographs, we will preserve a record of the incredible people that have devoted their lives to preserving the past for future generations. We think it will be a fascinating collection, and we feel it's a great way to start celebrating the next set of milestones and anniversaries a little early.

If you feel you have something you'd like to contribute to the Archive, call us at (212) 924-3895. We'd love to hear from you.

Vicki Weiner

5th Annual Village Awards

To Be Presented at the June 26th Annual Meeting

The Fifth Annual Village Awards—for people, places and organizations that contribute significantly to the quality of life in the Village—will be presented by GVSHP on June 26 at Milbank House, 11 West 10th Street. The ceremony will be emceed by renowned architect James Stewart Polshek, a GVSHP Vice-President and Chair of the Awards Committee. Recipients will be honored with a special citation and the donation of books to the Jefferson Market Regional Library (that venerable institution and beloved Village landmark will itself be receiving an award—see page 2). And the winners are...

Verna Small One of the city's most devoted advocates for preser-

vation, Verna has been working to preserve the Village for over 30 years. As a resident and Community Board 2 Member, she was instrumental in the designation of the Greenwich Village Historic District 26 years ago. She served on the



Verna Small



Village Awards...



Jefferson Market Regional Library

Landmarks Committee of CB 2 since its inception, and retired this year as Chair. She has been involved with GVSHP since its founding, serving as Trustee and Advisor. She has received numerous honors, such as the Landmarks Commission's Elliot Willensky Award for 1994, and is certainly a Village treasure.

Jefferson Market Regional Library Restoration With funds from Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger and the City, this restoration has beautified what may be the best-loved of all Village landmarks. Architect Joseph Pell Lombardi conducted the restoration of the exterior to its original state—including the restoration of the clock. The project was managed by the Department of General Service, and demonstrates the importance of such capital improvement projects to communities all over the city.

LaGuardia Corner Garden The work of about forty Village gardeners beautifies LaGuardia Place with hundreds of plants and flowers bedded out among paths of pebbles and wood chips. Benches, trellises and vine-covered arches enhance a landscape so well designed it's hard to believe that all the members make up their own minds about what to plant.

The Village Alliance 8th Street B.I.D. has begun to make a real dif-



Village Alliance 8th Street B.I.D.

ference on 8th Street. From the red-suited sanitation crew to the graffiti overpainting project, the B.I.D. has demonstrated concern for its historic storefronts and for the quality of Village life. The B.I.D. hired architect Norman Mintz to design store-front prototypes that show property owners how to eliminate violations to the Landmarks Law. GVSHP hopes the good work of the B.I.D. continues.

Be Seated This little store is stacked to the ceiling with articles of such beauty that it seems like a museum of folk art. Located on Greenwich Avenue for 35 years, the shop specializes in unusual hand-made objects from Third World countries. Jean Koefoed is the accommodating co-owner who will help you choose from among Indonesian baskets, Columbian hand-built clay cookware, and Middle Eastern embroidered textiles.

Garber's Hardware In the age of the superstore, we salute this neighborhood shop established in its present location on Eighth Avenue in 1884. Owned and operated by four generations of Garbers, the current owner, Henry Garber, was born in an apartment above the store in 1912, and still lives there. Henry and his staff provide household, garden, and auto supplies for Villagers, sometimes pulling the most obscure items



Garber's Hardware

out of surprising locations. The gentlemen at Garber's, like their store, are what make the Village "Villagey."

Front Stoop Award: Facade Restoration at 68 Morton Street Renowned artist and long-time Villager Jack Levine recently completed the facade restoration of his delightful 1846 house. The effort included paint removal, brick repointing, repair of woodwork, and a restoration of the brownstone steps and facade. This was an altogether remarkable job, and GVSHP applauds the result.

This year we're proud to present a brand new category for our awards: **The Village in the Arts.** The premiere award in this category goes to "**Mad About You.**" In its weekly portrayal of Paul and Jamie Buchman, a happy Village couple residing at 51 Fifth Avenue, this delightful television show promotes, with humor, the positive aspects of life in Greenwich Village. 51 Fifth Avenue is often pictured alongside its neighbor, the Salmagundi Club. "Mad About You" brings our eclectic community into the consciousness of mainstream America.

GVSHP thanks the Awards Committee: James Stewart Polshek, Chair, Penelope Bareau, Angela Hederman, Martin Hutner, Shelly Fremont, Arlene Nance, Ray Sokolov.



LaGuardia Corner Garden



Be Seated



68 Morton Street



"Mad About You"

15 Years of Preservation Leadership

The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, 1980-1995

- GVSHP is founded as the Greenwich Village Trust for Historic Preservation (GVT), whose mission is to "safeguard Greenwich Village's unrivaled cultural and architectural heritage against exploitation and decline"
- First Board of Trustees: Richard Barnett; Margery Boyar; Ruth K. Dunn; William D. Eppes; Eva M. Senyue Ettish; Hilda Hollyer, Vice-President; John McShane; Jack Meserole, President; Royce Rowe; Vera Schneider, Secretary; James Shaw; Elizabeth Shuldiner, Treasurer; Stephen F. Temmer; Rachele Wall, Vice-President; Ruth Wittenberg, Honorary President

- Gala to launch the Greenwich Village Trust honors long-time Village resident and famed choreographer Agnes de Mille

- New York State's natural Heritage Trust provides a grant of \$27,500, thanks to the efforts of William Passannante, then speaker of the New York State Assembly
- GVT moves to the Salmagundi Club
- First GVT-sponsored lecture on Village history by Bayard Still, urban historian and NYU professor
- GVT initiates and sponsors an archeological dig at Sheridan Square
- Regina Kellerman is named GVT's first Executive Director
- GVT members work on the restoration of the 1805 Spanish-Portuguese Cemetery of Congregation Shearith Israel on West 11th Street
- GVT Honorary President Ruth Wittenberg is honored by Community Board 2 with the renaming of Village Square to Ruth Wittenberg Triangle
- Lecture by Charles Lockwood, author of *Bricks and Brownstone: The New York Rowhouse*

- GVT sponsors a study of the history and architecture of the Gansevoort Meat market in collaboration with Columbia University's graduate program in Historic Preservation
- GVT develops consultation services for the community regarding sources and materials for the restoration and maintenance of historic buildings in the Village, consulting on the restoration of the Northern Dispensary and many private homes

- GVT changes its name to the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHSP)
- Film "Community Dig," based on GVT's archeological excavation of Sheridan Square, wins a Louis B. Mayer Award for outstanding documentary
- Lecture by Catherine Lynn and Frank Matero on 19th century interiors
- On-site lectures at the Gillen House on Jane Street and the Norwood Mansion on 14th Street
- Phase one of an historic paint color study, taking paint samples of more than 80 historic Village buildings, is completed

- Lecture by David Garrard Lowe on "The Interiors of Edith Wharton's Day"
- Walking tours by Scott Marshall of "Edith Wharton's Old New York"
- Seminars and field training for Historic Preservation graduate students using two Federal period Village houses
- Charles Hasbrouck becomes GVSHSP President

- GVSHSP conducts building research on Bleecker Street from the Bowery to 7th Avenue, and Broadway from Houston to 14th Street
- Lecture and walking tours of "Old Churches of Greenwich Village" by Scott Marshall and others
- GVSHSP testifies before the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the City Planning Commission, and Community Board 2 on the historic character of Greenwich Village
- Interior tour of 5 Washington Square North
- Lecture on New York's "Ladies Mile"
- Site visit to 827 Broadway, an adaptive reuse of a 19th century commercial building
- Edward Griggs becomes GVSHSP President

- GVSHSP begin its long quest for a Greenwich Village Waterfront Historic District with the publication of the booklet *The Greenwich Village Waterfront: An Historical Study*
- Lecture by Giorgio Cavaglieri on "The Conversion of the Jefferson Market Library and the Public Theater"
- Site visit of the Samuel J. Tilden mansion on Gramercy Park, home of the National Arts Club
- Richard B. Barnett becomes GVSHSP president

- GVSHSP takes the first step toward achieving the designation of a Greenwich Village Waterfront Historic District with the encyclopedic study and comprehensive report on the architecture of the Village waterfront area
- Waterfront research is presented to the Landmarks Preservation Commission
- Lecture and tour of the church and gardens at St. Luke in the Fields
- Tour of the Stafford Ink factory overlooking the Hudson River
- Lecture and tour at the 1826 John V. Gridley House

- GVSHSP's work toward a Greenwich Village Waterfront Historic District continues with the publication of *The Architecture of the Greenwich Village Waterfront* by NYU Press
- GVSHSP provides preservation leadership on such issues as the opposition of PATH ventilation towers at the foot of Morton Street, opposition to the permanent docking of a massive prison barge at Pier 40, and the improvement and protection of Washington Square Park

- In an effort to bring the need for a Waterfront Historic District to a wide audience, GVSHSP mounts an extensive exhibition on the cultural and architectural history of the Greenwich Village waterfront, "Greenwich Village on the Water's Edge," at the Municipal Art Society
- Lecture by Scott Marshall on "Henry James and Edith Wharton's Washington Square"
- Site visit to Rambusch Studios, a restoration firm located on West 13th Street and founded in 1898
- Tour of Grace Church
- Tour of the Gansevoort Meat Market area at dawn
- Holiday party in the Peter Cooper Suite atop the Cooper Union building
- Long range planning study for GVSHSP is conducted
- Scott Marshall is named Executive Director

- GVSHSP, with the Old Merchant's House, launches an elementary school program, "Greenwich Village: History and Historic Preservation" for second-through-sixth graders in Village schools
- GVSHSP presents the First Annual Village Awards to: Paul Egita, First Presbyterian Church, Florent Morellet and Restaurant Florent, Jefferson Market Garden, Mercer-Houston Dog Run Association, and Three Lives & Company Bookstore
- Lectures by Avis Berman, author of *Rebels on Eight Street* about Gertude Vanderbilt Whitney and the Whitney Museum, and Regina Kellerman on the "History of Colonnade Row"
- "Inside Look" at the Incentra Map Company, a Village cartographic firm
- Walking tour of the "Old Churches of Greenwich Village" repeated by popular demand
- Holiday party at the historic Tile Club on 10th Street
- Kendyl Monroe becomes GVSHSP President

- The school program expands to reach children in Manhattan's public and independent schools both within and outside the Greenwich Village neighborhood
- GVSHSP presents the Second Annual Village Awards to: Richard Walker, Church of St. Luke In The Fields, Sheridan Square Viewing Garden, Washington Square Music Festival, Bill Bowser and *The West Village Committee Newsletter*, Anglers and Writers Cafe, and the Village Community School fence
- Lectures by Diana Wall on "Greenwich Village: A Decade of Archaeology," Edgar Tafel on "The Frank Lloyd Wright I Knew," and Scott Marshall on "Greenwich Village Gothic Revival Architecture"
- "Inside Looks" at the Edna St. Vincent Millay exhibit at the New York Public Library, and the Public Theater

- Walking tour with Susan Tunick of "The Clay Metropolis: Greenwich Village Tile and Terra Cotta"
- Walking tour with Steven Brill of the many edible and medicinal plants found in the Village
- Weekend tour of Edith Wharton's Berkshires
- GVSHSP Benefit "Hollywood on the Hudson: A Celebration of Movies Starring Greenwich Village"

- GVSHSP presents the Third Annual Village Awards to: Dr. Joyce Wallace, St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery, Jackson Square Park, The Bagel Restaurant, Broadway Windows, Grace Opportunity Project, Greenwich Village Little League and Soccer Club, and Goodfella's Pizza
- Lecture by David Garrard Lowe on "Stanford White's New York"
- Lecture by Christopher Moore and walking tour with Alan Neumann on "Greenwich Village Before Bohemia: Black Farms to Little Africa"
- Panel discussion with the authors of the book *Greenwich Village: Culture and Counterculture*
- "Inside Look" at the Northern Dispensary
- Walking tour focusing on the "Famous Artists of Greenwich Village"
- GVSHSP Benefit "Greenwich Village a la Carte: A Food Journey Into the Past"
- Vicki Weiner is named Executive Director

- The Greenwich Village Historic District celebrates its 25th Anniversary
- GVSHSP's elementary school program reaches 1,000 students since its founding, and expands to serve school children outside Manhattan with sessions in Brooklyn and Hoboken, New Jersey
- A new Preservation Committee begins to focus on preservation issues in the Village and expands GVSHSP's relations with other preservation organizations and committees city-wide
- *Preservation Cafe* is launched to offer a public forum for preservation issues such as the history of the preservation movement in the Village, historic preservation theory, and design of sensitive "infill" within historic districts
- GVSHSP presents its Fourth Annual Village Awards to: Terry Miller, Cooper Union Forum of Public Programs, The Pink Teacup, the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Li Lac Chocolates, Film Forum, and the stoop restoration at 25 West 10th Street
- Lectures by Pauline Metcalf on "Edith Wharton and Design," and Joseph Rose, Chair, NYC Planning Commission
- "Inside Looks" at Rambusch Studios and St. Bede's Chapel restoration with an all-day tour of "Greenwich to Greenwich: from the Village to the Connecticut Town," and at a Museum of the City of New York exhibit of the photography of Jessie Tarbox Beals
- Walking tours with Ken Lustbader and the "Lesbian and Gay Liberation Trail," Joyce Gold and the "Ethnic East Village," Regina Kellerman and the "Greenwich Village Waterfront," Alan Neumann and the "Boundaries of the Greenwich Village Historic District," and a families tour with Nezka Pfeiffer and the "Immigrant Families of Greenwich Village"
- GVSHSP Benefit "Beautiful Gardens of Greenwich Village"
- Judith Stonehill becomes GVSHSP President

- GVSHSP celebrates its 15 Year Anniversary
- The New York City Landmarks Law celebrates its 30th Anniversary
- GVSHSP continues to expand its elementary school program with the design and publication of a 12-page children's workbook, *Discovering Greenwich Village*, for distribution to participating school children
- GVSHSP's Preservation Committee focuses its attention on the vulnerable Greenwich Village waterfront, meeting with representatives from city agencies in an effort to get a "calendar date" at the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a special waterfront historic district
- *Preservation Cafe* sessions analyze issues such as treatment of Landmarks Law violators, the City's plans for restoration of the Washington Square Arch, and the need for educational outreach in preservation
- GVSHSP sponsors a special symposium, "The Greenwich Village Historic District: How it Came To Be, What It Has Become, And Where It Is Going"
- GVSHSP launches a building conservation series with "Graffiti and Greenwich Village: A Workshop for Building Owners"
- Walking/Biking/Blading tour with Frances Morrone of 10th Street, from river to river
- GVSHSP presents its Fifth Annual Village Awards to: Verna Small, The Village Alliance B.I.D., Jefferson Market Regional Library, LaGuardia Corner Gardens, Garber's Hardware, Be Seated, the restoration of 68 Morton Street, and the television show "Mad About You"

LOOKING TOWARD OUR 16TH YEAR

The Trustees and staff of GVSHSP have big plans for a number of exciting projects in the coming year. Here's a sneak preview:

Conservation Workshop Series Thanks to generous underwriting support from the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, GVSHSP will offer three conservation workshops, starting in October, that will help Greenwich Village Historic District homeowners tackle some of the most difficult maintenance and restoration challenges. Issues such as window replacement, facade improvement, stoop restoration and sidewalk maintenance will be addressed by expert preservation consultants, architects, and conservators. Each workshop will offer practical information as well as news about the latest policies and programs of the Landmarks Preservation Commission and the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

Elementary School Program Scholarships While the School Program has achieved a great deal of success and reached over 1,000 children city-wide, many schools are left out because they lack budgets for special activities. A new Scholarship Fund will be established so that GVSHSP can offer the three-session school program, and the new children's workbook *Discovering Greenwich Village*, to eligible public schools free of charge.

Ruth Wittenberg Triangle Public Participatory Design Competition Funds are currently being sought for a competition which will invite the Greenwich Village community to join artists, architects, designers, and engineers in exploring design options for the important triangle at the heart of Greenwich Village. The Competition will involve the community in coming up with theoretical solutions to the "design problems" posed by the confluence of Greenwich Avenue, Sixth Avenue and Christopher Street. The Triangle now has a plaque describing the late Ms. Wittenberg, and commemorating her importance as a preservationist in the community. The competition will be followed by an exhibition of entries at Cooper Union.

GVSHSP Brochure and Detailed Map of Greenwich Village Historic Sites GVSHSP will soon present its members with a new brochure describing the programs of the organization and providing a three color map showing all of Greenwich Village and its historic sites. The brochure includes a brief history of the Village, description of designated landmarks, and two suggested walking tours through the neighborhood. It will be useful not only for GVSHSP members and area residents, but for visitors as well. GVSHSP hopes to provide local businesses with the brochure and map for distribution—free of charge—to their customers.

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Annual Report 1993-1994

Program Committee

Alan Neumann, Chair

This year, our programs looked both inside and outside of the Village Historic District. At home, we walked the perimeter of the district with Alan Neumann; Regina Kellerman led a twilight walking tour of the waterfront; and Nezka Pfeiffer looked into the lives of immigrant families. We left the Village for a special tour of the J.T. Beals bohemian Village photographs at the Museum of the City of New York. We discussed issues important to the waterfront and the future of the Village with Joseph Rose, the Commissioner of City Planning, and our holiday festivities were highlighted with a lecture by David Garrard Lowe on the *Magnificent Interiors of New York*, held in the Salmagundi Club. We held a symposium celebrating the 25th anniversary of the district with its founding pioneers, and co-produced a graffiti removal workshop with the Landmarks Conservancy at the Merchants House Museum. Francis Morrone led a biking/walking tour of Tenth Street from river to river. Our Annual Meeting will be held in the historic Milbank house, a magnificent interior not open to the public.

Education Committee

Anthony Zunino, Chair, Francesca Breuer, Shelly Fremont, Pi Gardiner, Elinor Ratner, Judith Stonehill, Shirley Wright, members.

The Committee proudly announces the publication of an original children's workbook, *Discovering Greenwich Village*. Produced for GVSHP by The Little Book Room, the workbook offers 12 illustrated pages of activities that teach children Village history and the importance of preservation. It will be used in the School Program, and was made possible by generous donations from the Felicia Fund, Scholastic Inc., and GVSHP Trustees.

This year P.S. 130 and P.S. 244, both in Brooklyn, and the new Museum School on West 17th Street, joined the program. GVSHP will launch a free summer walking tour series for children, funded in part by the Chase Manhattan Foundation and the NYU Community Fund.

Committee member Shirley Wright has begun working in the office as School Program Coordinator. For information about summer tours please call (212) 924-3895.

Preservation Committee

Richard Barnett & Jack Meserole, Co-Chairs; Penelope Bareau, Pi Gardiner, Regina Kellerman, Ken Lustbader, Holly Maxson, Jeff Mulligan, Arlene Nance, Alan Neumann, Andrew Paul, Alice Sandler, Robert McKean Thomas, members.

This year, in meetings with the Director of the Office of City Planning and the Chair of the Landmarks Commission, the Committee has been discussing a special Historic District for the Greenwich Village waterfront. The committee continues to follow restoration plans for the Washington Square Arch and the Spanish-Portuguese Cemetery, and is monitoring violations within the Village Historic District, as well as the "certificate of appropriateness" applications submitted to the Landmarks Commission. *Preservation Cafe* featured Historic Districts Council President Emeritus Anthony C. Wood, author Peter Quinn, consultant William Higgins, architect James Stewart Polshek, author Roberta Gratz, City Parks Monuments Curator Jonathan Kuhn, Landmarks Commission Legal Counsel Valerie Campbell, and Landmarks Commissioner Christopher Moore.

Membership Committee

Arbie Thalacker, Chair, Jane Covington, Stephanie Davenport, Regina Kellerman, Arlene Nance, Hilary Stevens Peterson, Judith Stonehill, Anne-Marie Wiemer-Sumner, members.

The year has seen substantial progress, but much remains to be done. If expected renewals continue, our membership total will approach 1000, including 148 new members. The Committee consulted two volunteer marketing experts this year: Hilary Peterson, a marketing consultant, and Mark Linder, national director of marketing for KPMG Peat Marwick. The Business Council will take a more active role under the leadership of newly appointed Chairman Craig Bero, owner of Angler's & Writer's Cafe and other Village restaurants. In the fall the Council will involve local businesses with the distribution of GVSHP's

Dorinda & Mark Winkelman, Fred Wistow, Anthony Wood, Sallee & Anthony Zunino

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Annual Report...

new brochure. As we grow and become more visible in the community, we believe that the growth process will become increasingly self-sustaining.

Benefit Committee

Cora Cahan & Tiziana Hardy, Chairs; Willard Taylor & Arbie Thalacker, Vice-Chairs; Scott Perrin, Junior Committee Chair; Andre Bishop, Bernard Gersten, Brendan Gill, Honorary Chairs.

The Committee presented the gala *Greenwich Village Follies: A Review of the History of Theater in Greenwich Village* at the Joyce Theater on April 24th. 350 people enjoyed the review, which was directed by Robert Moss, narrated by Laurie Beckelman and Brendan Gill, and featured Andre Gregory, Cynthia Harris, Jean-Claude van Itallie, Sarah Jessica Parker, Ron Rifkin, and the Manhattan Vocal Project. Produced by Lincoln Center's Andre Bishop and Bernard Gersten, the show charted the history of Village theater from the 18th century to the 20th. A party and dinner at Nell's followed. The Committee wishes to thank everyone who worked on this special event, and reports net proceeds of \$19,000.

Nominating Committee

Elizabeth Greenburg, Chair; Tiziana Hardy, Alan Neumann, Elinor Ratner, members.

In accordance with the by-laws of GVSHP, the Committee has submitted the following nominations to be voted upon at the June 26th Annual Meeting. Nominated to serve a first three-year term as Trustee: Shelly Fremont. Nominated to return as

Trustee for an additional three-year term: Richard B. Barnett, Cora Cahan, Kendyl K. Monroe, Judith Stonehill. The Committee wishes to acknowledge the many years of dedicated and enthusiastic service of Jack Meserole, a founding Trustee and first President who will retire from the Board to become an Advisor. Joining the Advisory Board are: Laurie Beckelman, Jay Iselin, Cynthia Harris, Toshiko Mori, Stephen Raphael and David Rothenberg.

From The President

This is a year of celebration for GVSHP, the 15th Anniversary of our founding. What we are really celebrating, though, is Greenwich Village itself: an historic enclave of 19th century houses, graceful doorways and small gardens, crooked streets asserting themselves against the grid, an astonishing number of schools and churches, and a waterfront that was once burgeoning with fishing vessels, ferryboats, and a fleet of oyster barges at the foot of 10th Street. And, always, we celebrate generations of notable Villagers.

In describing the Village in his novel *Washington Square*, Henry James noted that "this portion of New York appears to many persons the most delectable. It has a kind of established repose...the look of having had something of a social history." We hope you'll join us this year as we celebrate the Village.

—Judith Stonehill



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