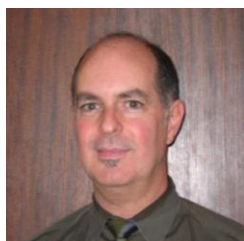


Schenectady Historic District Commission

• *Commissioners* •

James Jamieson, A.I.A.

Chairman



Jim Jamieson attended Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA where he received the Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1981. As the Capitol Architect for the NYS Office of General Services, Jim has the responsibility for all new construction, restoration and preservation at the Capitol, the Empire State Plaza, and the Executive Mansion in Albany. He is also the agency's Historic Preservation Officer. Jim is a licensed architect and a member of the American Institute of Architects, the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the NYS Capitol Restoration Commission; the New York State Preservation League and the Society of Architectural Historians. Jim lives in the historic G.E. Realty Plot. He began serving on the Historic Commission in 2001.

Emily Klotz

Vice Chairman



Emily Klotz started serving on the Historic District Commission in 1999. She received a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Ball State University, Indiana and an undergraduate degree in historic preservation/architectural conservation from Mary Washington College, Virginia. She spent six years providing technical services at the Preservation League of New York State. Emily now works as a preservation consultant.

Jackie Craven



Jackie Craven lives in the Union Triangle historic district. She writes the *Architecture* pages for About.com. She is the author of [The Healthy Home](#) and [The Stress-Free Home](#). A former teacher, Jackie Craven holds a Doctor of Arts in English from the State University of New York at Albany. Over the years, Jackie renovated five old buildings on her street and established a small rental business specializing in attractive apartments in historic neighborhoods. She now lives in a restored turn-of-the-century cottage for which she won a Schenectady Heritage Foundation Preservation Award. Jackie joined the Historic District Commission in 2007.

John Blanchard



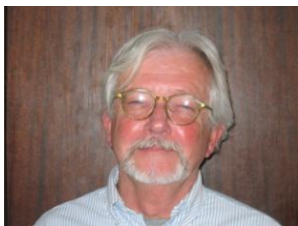
John Blanchard lives in the G.E. Realty Plot Historic District. As a consultant in NYC for co-op apartment corporations, John specialized in loft legalization projects, zoning and property management issues, and financial and budgetary planning. He consulted on several New York City loft conversions, all within the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission historic districts. John also coordinated and contracted façade work and filing of NYC Local Law 10 reports and oversaw Landmark Preservation Commission historic district façade restoration projects and storefront and sidewalk reconstruction projects. John received his B.A. from DePauw University followed by his M.A. and PhD in Philosophy from The New School for Social Research in NYC. John is a professor of philosophy at Siena College. John joined the Historic District Commission in 2007.

Ben Wiles



Ben Wiles has been a resident of the G.E. Realty Plot since 1983 and has been a member of the Realty Plot neighborhood association for over 15 years. He is currently employed as an attorney by the department of Public Service. After moving to the Capital District in 1983, Ben served for six years in the Governor's Counsel's Office and was responsible for energy, environmental, parks and historic preservation issues. Ben joined the Historic District Commission in 2007.

Frank Donegan



Frank Donegan is an artist and writer who lives in the Union Triangle Historic District. This is the third historic district in which he has lived, and, over the years, he has owned, lived in and/or restored more than a dozen period buildings ranging from a Connecticut farmhouse to a copper-domed *japonesque* tea house. As a journalist, he has written more than two thousand articles, including profiles of such significant architectural structures as Olana, Eastman House in Rochester, NY, and the Fresh Meadows planned community in Queens. He has frequently written about antiques and currently also performs occasional work for the New York Civil Liberties Union. Frank joined the Historic District Commission in 2010.

Sara Stein



Sara Stein is a licensed architect, a member of the American Institute of Architects, and a LEED Accredited Professional. A native of Buffalo, NY and a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Sara now lives in Schenectady where she actively participates in many organizations. Sara has served as Albany's Sculpture in the Streets program chair, a South Colonie Continuing Education teacher, a Youth Director at St. Michael's, is involved with the Historic Albany Foundation (where she was selected as a Committee Prize winner in 2010), and a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, where she recently worked with local girl scout troops to help members earn architecture badges. Further, Sara is a dedicated Habitat for Humanity volunteer, and worked with a group of peers to design and build an energy efficient house, dedicated in 2008, for Habitat for Humanity in North Albany. Sara joined the Historic District Commission in 2011.