



## **Suzie Alvey**

**Trustee of The Garden City Historical Society since 2011; former Garden City Village Historian**

Suzie Alvey has lived in Garden City since 1955, one of four generations of Los Kamps (her maiden name). Sadly, this mini-dynasty of 63 years will soon come to an end, as the Alveys plan to relocate to Florida.

Originally appointed Garden City Village Historian by Mayor John Watras in 2013, Suzie now serves as Assistant Historian. Her activities include mounting one to two exhibits per year in the gallery at the Garden City Public Library. Each year, she also coordinates a "Garden City History Month," which features interesting aspects of Garden City's past. She presents talks on various aspects of Garden City history, collects worthy items for the Garden City Village Archives, answers questions from residents and researchers, and photographs local events and historic structures. As early as 2007 Suzie was organizing history-related displays at the Library, with her first exhibit entitled, "Garden City: Then and Now."

For The Garden City Historical Society, Suzie has photographed events, managed publicity on Facebook for the A. T. Stewart Exchange and, drawing on one of her favorite pastimes, enjoyed finding interesting treasures for the Society's Archives. She has also shared her thoughtful ideas with Society presidents for the Board of Trustees' consideration.

Suzie has written more than 260 articles for the *Pastel Journal* magazine, the *Garden City News*, the *Garden City Life*, *Patch.com* and other publications, including several series, such as History Mystery Houses, My History House, Art and Music Now, Top Reasons to Live in Garden City, Garden City High School Grads: Where Are They Now? and Garden City Memorials. A freelance artist for over 30 years, Suzie works in oil, pastel and watercolor, creating portraits and landscapes. Her paintings and drawings are in many private collections in the United States and internationally.

In 2012 Suzie was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award from President Barak Obama for "extraordinary charity work," highlighting her volunteer service in the areas of history (notably with The Garden City Historical Society and as Village Historian) and the environment (as a director of the Garden City Bird Sanctuary), as well as her work with the Garden City Community Church, four art leagues and other charities. Suzie was honored by New York State Assemblyman Tom McKeivitt with his Women of Distinction Award in 2009.

Suzie graduated SUNY Albany with a BA in Studio Art with minors in English and Education. She has studied many masters, has belonged to several Art Leagues, and won numerous art show awards.

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