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Battleground Historical Society

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www.thevillageinn.org May 2009

May Monthly Meeting: Friday 05/22/09 at 7:30PM at The Village Inn

Our guest speaker for the May meeting will be Mary Ann Anderl author of "The Battle of Monmouth: A Young Woman Goes to War".



We would like to thank last month's guest speaker Janet Giunco owner and winemaker from Four JG's Orchards & Vineyards located in Colts Neck. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Nostalgia:

A Battleground Historical Society seal was designed by Helen Scafidi. Next, was the desire to include an official inscription with it. Kevin Birmingham won the contest with Respice, Adspice, Prospice, meaning To the past, To the present, to the future. A \$25.00 bond was given to him by the Colonial First National Bank.



Book of the Month:

Horse and Buggy Boyhood by Carl R. Woodward \$20.00. This book may be purchased by mail, through our website or at the Village Inn gift shop. Please contact us for shipping costs. Mr. Woodward describes his childhood on the family farm on Woodward Road in Manalapan.



Captain John Anderson House:

The items that were saved from the Anderson House including paneling, shutters, doors and more were moved from The Cobb House to the barn at the Village Inn. They have been stored for many years and we hope to utilize them for the future kitchen here at the Inn. We will include the full story in next month's newsletter.

Special Visitor:

The Inn had a very special lunch guest on Wednesday April 29, 2009. Jane Zdancewic was able to visit the Inn with Lora Capozzoli to preview the program for May 1st & 2nd. Jane is currently at Applewood in room #209B located at #1 Applewood Drive, Freehold, NJ 07728.

FORTY YEARS!

A Tribute to Jane Zdancewic

Forty years ago a few historically minded residents from some adjacent communities formed the Battleground Historical Society to preserve the Village Inn. One of those sharing their vision was Jane Zdancewic who from the very beginning believed in this dream and through her efforts and participation, along with others, the Village Inn exists today.

In every organization, there is someone who personifies enthusiasm, dedication, endless energy, and leadership and, in the case of the Village Inn, that individual is Jane Zdancewic. Since the founding of the Village Inn in 1969, Jane has served as treasurer- a total of forty years! As treasurer and guardian of the funds, Jane kept meticulous records and was vigilant in securing the best interest rates to ensure that our money would grow and thus enable us to have the funds necessary for repairs and expenses.

However, being treasurer was not enough to keep her busy since Jane is a “doer”- a willing volunteer for any project whether it be making chili for the Fall Festival, wielding a paintbrush, making soup or cake for Soup Day or publishing the Journal several times a year.

From the beginning, Jane has been a staunch supporter of all activities and programs sponsored for the preservation of the Inn.

As a talented artist, Jane has generously shared her artistic ability by making drawings for note cards, rendering a drawing of the Inn for postcards and other projects. In addition, she painted the picture of the Village Inn which hangs over the fireplace and which many of us have enjoyed.

In 1973, Jane, her husband Henry and Charles and Mary Lyle embarked on a special project of marking historically significant houses which required extensive research. A total of thirty houses were marked that year with over one hundred subsequently marked with plaques designating the year of origin.

How can we forget the wonderful, information, interesting talks and slide shows on wildflowers and the Burlington Path! Thank you for sharing your knowledge. Our lives have been enriched by knowing you- you are one of a kind-one we cherish.

Jane, we salute you for your valuable contributions, for your dedication and for your tireless efforts which have served as an inspiration for the rest of us. Thank you for being Jane-a very special person! Battleground Historical Society has prospered under your guidance and service.

Written By Dorothy McCue

This year we are celebrating the fortieth anniversary of The Battleground Historical Society. We hope you will be coming out to the meetings and events to help support this great accomplishment and share in the planning of our anniversary celebration. Please visit the Inn and see our new and improved gift shop. we carry many books on local history that would make a great addition to your library or a nice gift.

Happy Anniversary!

Village Inn Notes & Events

Cataloging of the Inn's Donations:

As you may be aware several volunteers have been cataloging the Inn's many donations. Although we have completed most of the project, we are still missing items that were donated to us. If anyone is holding items for safe keeping, now is the time to return them for cataloging and display. Please contact us and we will make arrangements for their return.

Village Inn Wish List:

We are in need of a second filing cabinet for the office at the Inn. We also need a vacuum cleaner. We are also hoping for financial donations to fund our new and improved gift shop. We would like to purchase several items with the Inn's name and or logo on them. We are looking for volunteers to build shelving in our office, also if you are a skilled tradesman we will be asking for help in the future to build the kitchen wing. Please contact us and let us know how you would like to help.

Membership Dues and Renewal:

Please make sure your annual membership dues are paid up to date. The Society counts on our dues to help sustain the Inn's operating expenses and maintenance. If you would like to receive your newsletter via e-mail, please contact us at thevillageinnenglishtown@verizon.net. This will save on printing and postage costs. We are also collecting e-mail addresses so that we may notify you of all upcoming events.

Memorial Day Parade:

The Village Inn will be open for tours on Monday, May 25, 2009 from 12:00PM- 4:00PM (we will close the doors during the parade and reopen after it ends). The parade will start at 2:00PM and the route begins at the Manalapan Municipal Building traveling down 522/Tennent Avenue to Main Street, ending at the American Legion on Wilson Avenue (Main Street)/Sanford Avenue. We will need volunteers including tour guides, door greeters and gift shop keepers. Let's honor the men and women who gave their lives for our country.

Battle of Monmouth:

The Village Inn will be open for tours on Saturday June 27, 2009 from 11:00AM-4:00PM and on Sunday June 28, 2009 from 11:00AM-4:00PM. The Battle of Monmouth Reenactment is an annual event at the park in late June. Pass pacing sentries, see enlisted men clean their weapons or idle away their time gambling, and watch the women of the army cook, mend, and wash. You may encounter a drum major drilling his musicians or the court martial of a rebel. At the parade ground, watch soldiers drill or artillerists fire their cannon. Keep an eye on your children, or the recruiting sergeant may have them drilling with wooden muskets. We will need volunteers including tour guides, door greeters and gift shop keepers. Let's celebrate the history of the Battle of Monmouth.

Please contact Lora Capozzoli at 732-888-6061 or e-mail thevillageinnenglishtown@verizon.net to sign up for any of the above events.