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Jane Reid Zdancewic

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jane Zdancewic. She will be missed by all. Jane was a steadfast and charter member of The Battleground Historical Society and its treasurer for forty years. She was instrumental in sustaining the society and helping it to grow. She will be remembered always.

We would like to thank last month's guest speaker Ms. Maryann Anderl author of "The Battle of Monmouth: A Young Woman Goes to War. Ms. Anderl represents The American Association of University Women, Northern Monmouth County Branch. She gave a very interesting talk on women who disguised themselves as men to enter the military and go to war.



FORTY YEARS!



This year we are celebrating the fortieth anniversary of The Battleground Historical Society. Our celebration will take place on Sunday, September 27, 2009. Details for the event will follow in next month's newsletter. Please mark your calendar and come out to celebrate with us. 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.

Book of the Month:

History of The Old Tennent Church. Compiled by Rev. Frank R. Symmes. Price \$45.00. This book may be purchased by mail, through our website or at the Village Inn gift shop. Please contact us for shipping costs.



Nostalgia:

This is an excerpt from our 1974 History of The Battleground Historical Society:

1974:

One of our first endeavors was an attempt to preserve the former home of Capt. John Anderson, an early Manalapan settler, who served briefly as governor of New Jersey. The house once located on Route 33 opposite Ditch-Witch Company was built before the Revolution. It contained period touches such as slave quarters and a beehive oven. His sons lived there during the Revolution. After spending money to board it up, the house was vandalized and burned. Some paneling and doors were removed and stored in the Cobb house; later to be partially used in restoring the Village Inn. We also tried to save the Wyncoop mansion on Symmes Drive, now the location of the Library, without success. A musical review with orchestra was held in the American Hotel, Freehold, during our January dinner. Our Country Store in Steinbach's Mall sold handicrafts. It was decided to republish The History of Old Tennent Church (Symmes).

Village Inn Happenings

A Weekend in Old Monmouth:

This year on May 2nd & 3rd we had many visitors to the Inn. We were again a part of the County Tour. We were site #17 on their Central Tour. There was an open hearth cooking demonstration as well as an exhibit of open hearth cooking tools. Tours of the Inn were given and we sold similar baked items made with the open hearth recipes. We would like to thank all of the members that made this possible by donating the baked goods and serving as tour guides. Special thanks go to Lora Capozzoli and Kathy Doherty for proving the cooking demonstration. Lora Capozzoli also provided the cooking tools for use and display. The weekend was a great success. Randall Gabrielan, the Executive Director of the Monmouth Historical Commission, said "the Village Inn was one of the best performing sites on Weekend in Old Monmouth." This is a great tribute to the people who worked that weekend to make it happen.



Memorial Day at the Inn:

We had a very good turn out for our Memorial Day celebration here at the Inn. We were open for tours and we had a special exhibit including flags that were donated to the Inn, a Statue of Liberty collection and Centennial and Bi-Centennial items. Thank you to all the members who participated. Special thanks to Lora Capozzoli and Amy Calandriello for providing many of the items for exhibit.



The Anderson House Materials:

On April 17, 2009, President Hans Kernast and five volunteers moved from storage at the Cobb House to the barn at The Village Inn; interior paneling and moldings that had been salvaged by society members in early 1975 from the John Anderson house that was located on Hwy 33 West in Manalapan. From the time that the property was sold to a development company the society made persistent effort to find a way to save the house enlisting the aid of private individuals and State Agencies, but to no avail as the house burned to the ground in June of 1975.

Historian Garry Stone suggested assembling the panels and woodwork for a display of the beautiful architecture of this old house as he considered it "The Most Significant House In Monmouth County".

Thanks to Ed Burke, Sr., Rich Burke, James Thomson, and Jeff Hance for their help and hard work doing this move.

By Ed Burke

Village Inn Repairs:

The Village Inn is receiving a much needed face lift. All but four of the windows needed anywhere from minor repair to major rebuilding. Most of the shutters were showing signs of aging, some were already off the building. Windows, shutters, doors, and all exterior trim are being repaired and painted. Cary Smith with his crew of great people are doing the work. It was possible to get this done from a matching grant from the Monmouth Historical Commission.

By Hans Kernast

Village Inn Notes & Events

There will be no regular monthly meeting for the months of June, July & August. The next meeting will be on September 25, 2009 at 7:30PM. Our guest speaker will be announced in our August newsletter.

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 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.

BHS Forty Year Memorabilia:

If anyone has any memorabilia or pictures from the past forty years of The Battleground Historical Society, we would like to borrow or copy your items for use in our displays for our fortieth anniversary celebration. Please contact Lora Capozzoli at 732-888-6061 or e-mail thevillageinnenglishtown@verizon.net.

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.



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DUES ARE \$12.00 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND \$20.00 FOR A FAMILY

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