



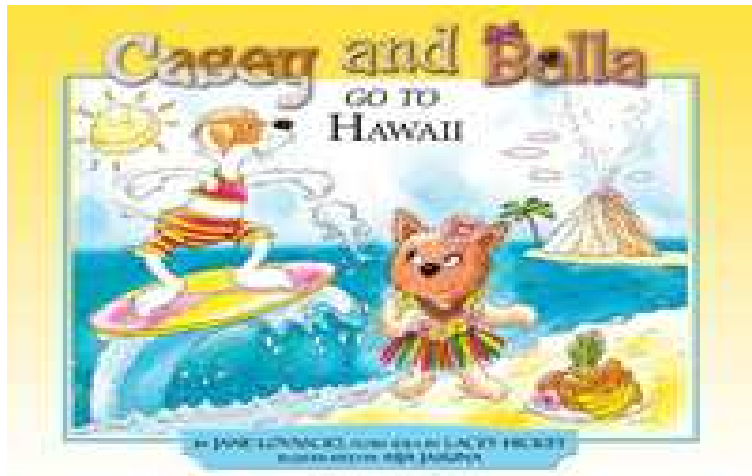
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MARCH MEETING
FRIDAY MARCH 25TH, 7:30 pm at THE VILLAGE INN. located at the corner
of Main and Water Streets, Englishtown, N.J.

Please join us in welcoming **LACEY HICKEY**, a sixth-grade student at the Roosevelt Elementary School in Millstone Township. Lacy is the winner of the 2010 Casey and Bella writing contest sponsored by Cuddly Books, Inc. Lacey used her imaginative and creative powers to write an original story titled "Casey and Bella Go To Hawaii," that will serve as the story for the next installment of the ongoing "Casey and Bella" children's book series authored by Jane Lovascio. Casey and Bella, a special brand of children's books, is based on two real dogs: Casey, a Jack Russell Terrier and Bella, a Yorkie.

Lacey is also a talented actress having appeared in the play *Annie*.



The Casey and Bella book series was started with the intention to help and inspire children to become published authors and teach children that they have unlimited potential and can make any dream come true. Each Casey and Bella book teaches positive lessons, and each year through the Casey and Bella Writing Contest, a child becomes a published author. The Casey and Bella Writing Contest fosters creativity in 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.

COLONIAL BOOK BINDING

Books were time-consuming and complicated to produce. The bookbinder's work included folding, pressing, sewing, and trimming the pages to construct the finished pamphlet, small book or bound book. Small inexpensive books were called "stitch books."

The most common bound book sold was a blank book used by planters for their crop records, tradesmen for their business records, churches, and courthouses.

Binding books was a 28 step process. Groups of printed pages called signatures which were in groups of four, eight, twelve or sixteen pages-two or more pages on each side of a sheet that, when folded and cut, presented the text in the proper order for binding. The bookbinder compiled the signatures and beat them with a heavy hammer to make the sheets lie close. The sheets were laid on a sewing frame and stitched to cords at the back fold with linen thread. These cords formed horizontal ridges across the spine, a mark of a finely bound book even today. Covering material of bound books was made of thin leather (usually sheep or calf skin) or a combination of leather and decorated paper.

Paste paper was a common method of covering stitch books. Paint made from flour and water and dye was applied to paper. Special combs drawn across the paper created distinctive patterns. Just as bound books were more expensive than stitched books, a pamphlet or small book covered with paste paper was more expensive than one with no cover.

Finishing tools (similar to pizza cutters) were used by binders to embellish and press designs on leather covers for fine bound books. The wheels were heated with fireplace coals in a small iron box (brazier). Occasionally, 23 carat gold leaf was pressed onto the leather covers as well.

VILLAGE INN NEWS

COLONIAL SOUP DAY on Sunday, March 20, 2011. The ticket donation will be \$15.00 per person. The seating times are 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm. Please mail donation fee, number of guests and seating time requests to: The Battleground Historical Society, P.O. Box 61, Tennent, N.J. 07763.

Any unsold tickets will be available for purchase at the door. To inquire about tickets please contact Lydia Wikoff at Telephone No. 732-536-3351 or check our website at www.thevillageinn.org.

WEEKEND IN OLD MONMOUTH will be Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st. The Village Inn will be open between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm on Saturday and during the hours of 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Sunday. Two of our members will be demonstrating the baking of cakes over open hearth cooking using the two fireplaces in the 1800's addition to the Inn. There will be a bake sale of the cakes demonstrated as well as a display of open hearth cooking tools. There are also several Victorian displays on the second floor of the Inn as well as our gift shop.

We will need members to volunteer during these two days. Help is needed in the gift shop, with tours and with the baked goods table.

TOURS of the Inn are always available by appointment for a donation of \$2.00 per person or \$20.00 for groups of ten or more. Please contact our website www.thevillageinn.org to make an appointment.

Village Inn Events and Open Dates - 2011

March 20	Colonial Soup Day
April 30 & May 1	County Weekend In Old Monmouth Featuring Open Hearth Cooking
May 30	Memorial Day
June 18 & 19	During the Battle of Monmouth Reenactment

Battleground Historical Society Monthly Meeting Dates
March 25, April 22, May 27, September 23, October 28

All monthly meetings are held at the Village Inn, located at the corner of Main and Water Streets, Englishtown, N.J. All meetings are open to the public. Check our website for our activities; www.thevillageinn.org

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MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE EACH YEAR ON JANUARY FIRST
DUES ARE \$20.00 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND \$30.00 FOR A FAMILY AND
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