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**Battleground Historical Society**  
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**SEPTEMBER 2011**

**SEPTEMBER MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7:30 pm at THE VILLAGE INN located at the**  
**corner of Main and Water Streets, Englishtown, N.J.**

**AN OVERVIEW OF A NEW JERSEY SHIPWRECK**  
by **DAN LIEB**

Dan Lieb of the New Jersey Historical Divers Association, Inc. will be the guest speaker at our September meeting. His presentation discusses some of the many vessels that have wrecked off the New Jersey Coast over the past two hundred years. From heroism to cowardice, from peace-time to two world wars, New Jersey has seen the loss of almost every kind of vessel.

Dan is a scuba diver, a vocational archaeologist and historian. He is a founding member and the current president of the New Jersey Historical Divers Association, Inc., a not-for-profit historical organization dedicated to the preservation of New Jersey shipwreck and maritime history. The organization's main thrust is to discover the names of the many unidentified shipwrecks that lie off our beaches, and bring their history to light. Dan has identified thirteen wrecks off our shore. He has written comprehensive reports detailing each identification project, and has published these reports through the N.J. Historical Divers Association Journal. This journal is archived throughout the region and is available to the interested public.

## VILLAGE INN EVENT

### FLAVORS OF THE 40'S AND 50'S

At the Inn on Sunday, November 6, 2011  
12:00 to 5:00

1940 and 1950 Vintage Items on Display and For Sale  
Dessert Cafe  
Live music by Tony Pileggi and Dave Sorber

\$2.00 per person entry donation – children 12 and under free.

The setting up of the 40's and 50's display has been on going for the last month. Our additional wish list items for the display are a living room easy chair and hassock, floor lamp, and men's clothing. Please contact Amy Calandriello at 732-888-6061 if you have these items and/or any other items to the time period that you would be willing to loan the Inn for the display. Our quilt and Victorian era displays were a great success. By changing our displays, we hope to entice repeat visitors to the Inn and keep the public interest in the Inn ongoing.

### A Bit of Inn History

G. Hazel Applegate inherited the Inn building and property from her parents in 1923. She and her husband, James Applegate, son of Dr. Asher Applegate, long-time mayor of Englishtown, were the owners responsible for naming the building the “Village Inn” circa 1930.

During the 1940's and the 1950's the Village Inn was still owned and operated by Applegates as a hotel and restaurant.

With the help of the Applegate Estate, the Battleground Historical Society

was able to acquire an Empire era piano which was inside the Inn when the Society took possession of the building. The piano has been in storage for about thirty years and was moved into the Inn on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The piano is currently on display in the meeting room.

A much needed glass display case was donated to the Inn by James Calandriello of Long Branch and was also moved into the Inn on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The display case has been placed in one of the upstairs rooms at the Inn.

A & M Movers, Tennent Road, Manalapan, N.J. was hired to move the donated display case from Long Branch to Englishtown as well as move and uncrate the stored piano from the barn on the back of the Inn property to inside the Inn.

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**Your help is needed:** There is currently a problem with the electrical wiring at the Inn that is in need of further repair. Included in this newsletter are chances for our annual 50/50 cash raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011, 8 PM at the Village Inn in Englishtown. The annual raffle funds are needed to pay for basic upkeep, maintenance and utilities. You do not need to be present at the drawing in order to win. We would appreciate your continued support.

**Important date:** Saturday, November 12, 2011, installation of Battleground Historical Society officers and raffle drawing.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2011</b> <b>Battleground Historical Society Monthly Meeting Dates</b> <b>September 23, October 28</b></p>
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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](http://www.thevillageinn.org)

TOURS of the Inn are always available by appointment. Please contact our website [www.thevillageinn.org](http://www.thevillageinn.org) to make an appointment.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE EACH YEAR ON JANUARY FIRST  
DUES ARE \$20.00 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND \$30.00 FOR A FAMILY AND  
\$125.00 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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