

**Battleground Historical Society**  
**P.O. Box 61, Tennent, NJ 07763**



Village Inn, Englishtown NJ

October Monthly Meeting  
Friday, 10/22/10 at 7:30 pm at the Village Inn

The meeting will feature Gail Hunton, historic preservation specialist, at the Monmouth County Parks System. She has been instrumental in many achievements of the many parks (30 in number). The latest endeavor was contributing to the just published book *THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS*. You probably have attended many of their events – the last two coming up are “African American History Celebration – October 12 to 15 at Tatum Park. October 18th 11 to 5 pm is Thompson Park Day- fun for the whole family.

Our October 9th Victorian Day with an afternoon visit with Abraham Lincoln was enjoyed by 80 guests. The meeting room was set up as a tea room. Members had made the Mary Todd Lincoln's almond cake recipe which with choice of beverages was enjoyed by the guests. Treasured victorian items from members homes were displayed on two floors covering all phases of life during that period. Some of these treasures are still displayed in the various rooms upstairs .

If you have a local cable channel you may see the interview with Abraham Lincoln talking to one of his Generals. . Also to be seen on that channel are our vice president Lora and our secretary Amy, giving information about our Society's programs, tours, raffle, and need for members. Earlier on that same channel Lydia Wikoff gave a tour of Manalapan places of interest. Jan Zackery is Manalapan's TV cable coordinator who covered these events.

## COMING EVENTS

November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm is our annual installation dinner. All members are encouraged to inform Kathy Doherty phone 732-679-4560 as to what they would like to contribute toward the dinner. That is the night when the RAFFLE will be drawn. We are counting that all members have sold their tickets and sent in the money. It is our main fund raiser. Our guest speaker that evening will be Melissa Ziobro, command historian, of Fort Monmouth.

## NOTES AND NEWS

Perhaps you have noticed that the Village Inn has a bright new look. Yes, The Battleground Historical Society applied for and received a matching grant from the Monmouth County Historical Commission to repaint the Village Inn. As anyone who has an old house knows it is a never ending job to keep repairing. We have a great deal more that needs to be done.

## TIME CAPSULE

Way back before restoration of the Inn could continue an historical archiological dig was required. Many of the items found in that dig are in our display case in the tavern room. We were surprised by the vast amounts of oyster shells found. Following is an article by George Moss which he took from the Red Bank Register ; 1874: "OYSTERS WERE FAR MORE POPULAR A CENTURY AGO THAN NOW. FOUND IN INCREDIBLE ABUNDANCE THEY WERE AN INEXPENSIVE AND VERY COMMON COMMODITY. THE FINEST SCHUCKED BALTIMORE OYSTERS BROUGHT ONLY \$1.40 A GALLON. . ."

## 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

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