



Colburn House  
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Members and Friends of the A.E.H.S.

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## Friends of The Colburn House

An open house and community meeting to consider the organization of a new non - profit group to be known as the Friends of the Colburn House will be held at the Colburn Complex, Arnold Road, off Rt. 27, Pittston, Me. on Sunday Sept. 27th, at 2 P.M.

All Pittston residents are invited, as well as people from neighboring towns, summer residents, and any others interested in this unique 1765 historic site.

Tours of the house and grounds will be conducted before and after the meeting.

## Colburn House Restoration News

Mr. George Quintal, of Pittston, has submitted a grant application to the Libra Foundation. This Foundation was established by the well known Maine philanthropist Mrs. Betty Noyes of Augusta.

The State of Maine Parks & Recreation Dept. is still without funds to maintain or restore any of the historic properties in their care. The Colburn House is deteriorating so badly that we seem to be compelled to raise the money privately necessary to save the house for future generations.

Our first goal is \$80,000. This amount would pay to completely rebuild the cellar and foundation walls, and replace rotted sills and support timbers.

We will start an escrow fund shortly, and make an appeal to our members, foundations, and the general public.

## Trails

New bright orange round plastic trail markers printed in black with our three men in a bateau logo have just been received. These will be going up along the Arnold Route this fall.

The Lost Pond Trail above Eustis was thoroughly inspected by ten hardy members on July 11-12. The weather was cool and no one got lost. Good work, Dude and Bill !

### Annual Meeting

Cecil E. Pierce and Duluth Wing have agreed to present a joint slide show and talk on their Arnold Route To Quebec Canoe Trip, some years back, at our Annual Meeting & Dinner, to be held at the Dresden Inn, RT. 27, Dresden, Me. on Sunday October 11th. Social hour 11:30 AM, dinner at 12 noon , meeting at 1:PM. Menu will be roast turkey buffet, price \$8.00, including tip. Please make reservations with Jannice Baker, tel 1-207-582-3648, by Oct.5th.

### People

Our Curator, Crosby Milliman, continues to recover from his stroke, suffered in late March, and is back home in the Colburn House.

Cecil E. Pierce has written a book on the subject of plane building, printed by Arthur Griffith's Monmouth Press. With color plates and many illustrations it is a different and interesting volume.

Fred Gowen, of Wakefield, Mass. surprised Lost Pond trail walkers on July 11th, by appearing in authentic 18th Century clothing, complete to a cowhorn flint and steel fire-making kit, and an authentic hatchet. In the evening he demonstrated accurate rapid fire with a musket, getting some shots off in 16 seconds !Wow! Only casualty was Linda Smith's dog, which ran off into the woods. Luckily it was recovered later in the evening, so this story has a happy ending.

### Membership Dues

Thanks for sending them in, and for the many generous contributions ! We have received more than \$1000 so far this year, and have just about that much in our checking account.

If you have forgotten, send in your check with the coupon at the end of this letter. Many thanks !

### Upcoming Events

Sept. 12-13 Trail clearing and marking - Kennebec River ( Wyman Lake ) to East Carry Pond. Meet 9 AM at log landing driveway on Scott gravel road just South of Carrying Place Stream Cove. For registration and details, call Ron Gamage 1-207-474-3530

Sept. 27 Friends of the Colburn House organizational Meeting ( See lead paragraph of this newsletter ).

Oct. 11 Annual Meeting & Dinner - Dresden Inn - 11:30 AM

Oct,17 Height of Land Exploration. Meet at Natanis Pond Campsite - 9 AM. For registration and details call Duluth Wing tel. 11-207-246-6211.

Video Attractions

" On To Quebec " our video story of the AEQ-75 Reenactment is back in stock and available. Use coupon that follows.

" AEQ-75 Film Weekend " consists of the 1500 feet of color 16 mm movie film taken by Paul Fournier and Arthur Griffiths on the weekend of Sept. 24-25,1974 at Solon and Sandy River locations. Actors are members and reenactors in colonial dress playing scenes from the novel Arundel.

This is the original unedited, silent film transferred to VHS video. We sent the movie film to New York City to obtain the best transfer we could get, and the color is much better than in the " On To Quebec " video.

This film probably will be of most interest to the participants, although eventually it will be used to make an historical educational film for school children. An order coupon follows.

Kindest regards,

*Robert A. Cunningham*  
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President & Treasurer

"AEQ-75 FILM WEEKEND"

A 30 minute color VHS Video Film taken at Solon & Sandy River Maine on Sept. 24-25, 1974. This is silent and unedited film, but has good color. Please make check out to A.E.H.S. and mail to:

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