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Old Colonial Days Weekend

Our Festival at the Colburn House on August 21st & 22nd turned out to be fun and a great success ! About 300 people attended, the weather was perfect, and we netted \$ 830.65 for the Restoration Fund.

Peter Cain's working blacksmith forge was a center of attraction, as was Jack & Joan Dwyer's Dearborn Company tent camp on the front lawn. Mabelle Haynes' raffle table was popular, and Connie Warren's hamburger stand on the back lawn was a lifesaver.

Fred Gowen, Paul & Mark Daiute were in authentic Colonial clothing with a tent pitched behind the barn. On Sunday, Captain Bill Siebert of The McCobb Company, family, and other members added greatly to the period atmosphere.

Director Steve Sanders brought his collection of ancient unusual tools, and explained them to perplexed visitors.

Unexpected star appearances were made on Sunday by Mike & Ed, two modest gentle Holstein steers owned by Greg & Sue Baker of East Pittston.

While not full grown, they easily pulled a sledge bearing two bateaux down the hill to the Kennebec, and later on, back up again.

Down Arnold Road, Danny Warren Jr. and the Pittston Literary & Historical Society greeted visitors to the refurbished old Colburn School.

Thanks to all who helped ! and special thanks to the Friends of the Colburn House and the Pittston Historical Society.

Colburn House Restoration Fund

We have reached the \$ 5000 mark in our effort to raise \$ 20,000 for foundation and sill repairs. A big boost was given with the donation of \$ 1562.74 by the Colburn Militia, which is disbanding. Many thanks for this generous expression of confidence in our goal!

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Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10th, at the Dresden Inn, Rt. 27, Dresden Mills, Maine. 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 Mrs. Jannice Baker, tel. 1 - 207 - 582 -3648 , before Oct. 6th. Featured Speaker will be Mr. Lee Cranmer, Archaeologist with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. He will present a slide show on the dig at Fort Halifax.

People

The flagpole in front of the Colburn House now sports a beautiful gold leafed ball right at the very top. Made and donated by David Holmes, Captain of the McCobb Company during the Bicentennial Years, it was installed in July. Dave also carved the large wooden Colburn House sign in front of the House on Arnold Road. Famous for his wood carvings, a recent article in the Bangor Daily News tells of his current interest in stone carving. He feels that stone sculpture, although more difficult, is a much more permanent medium. He recently exhibited at the Maine Arts Festival at Thomas Point Beach in Brunswick.

Our own Cecil Pierce is presently appearing in a Maine Yankee Television ad, urging people to visit their tourist center in Wiscasset. His book on wooden plane construction has been a great success, so what will be his next triumph ?

Mahogany Sea Chest

Cecil has donated a magnificent hand made mahogany sea chest to the Society, for use as a raffle prize. 14" high, 14½" wide, and 35" in length, the chest sells for a retail price of over \$500. We are offering chances at \$ 1 apiece, or a book of 6 for \$ 5. The drawing will be made just before Christmas. If the lucky winner is not present, the chest will be shipped to him prepaid.

If you would like to participate, send a check for \$ 5 or more made out to the Colburn House Restoration Fund to Mrs. Jannice Baker, RFD # 4, Box 7730, Gardiner, ME 04345. She will send your tickets by return mail.

Kindest regards,



Robert A. Cunningham , Pres.
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