

EXPEDITION MESSENGER

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ARNOLD EXPEDITION
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Report of Annual Meeting Oct. 12, 2005

Submitted by Dan Warren

The meeting was held at the Ground Round Restaurant in Augusta. A buffet lunch was enjoyed at noon and the business meeting began at 1:00 PM. Twenty seven people were in attendance.

The business meeting was called to order by president Dan Warren. He reviewed the activities of the Society over the past season. First were the trail reports.

Steve Clark reported that two trips had been made to work on the Carry Ponds trails. On the weekend of May 20-22 a group of five including Ron Curtis, Jay Leggett, Casey Clark, Jim Thomas and Steve worked on opening and marking the trail from Wyman Lake to Middle Carry Pond. One crew cleared the blowdowns and the second painted blazes on the trail using 2 X 6" orange blazes. Seven new laminated informational and directional signs were installed along the route. These were installed on heavy cedar posts supplied by Ron Gamage.

A second trip was made in mid September to complete the blazing by Steve and Sheni Clark. This was done so that the entire trail, 3.2 m. between Wyman Lake and East Carry Pond, and the 0.9 m. section between East Carry and Middle Carry are now complete and up to "standard."

Duluth Wing reported that the portage trail between the Chain of Ponds and Arnold Pond is open, but needs much work. Clearing was done on the trail in the vicinity of Horseshoe Pond. He said that there were two sections of trail which were boggy and will need bog bridging to make it fully passable. More work will be done on this next year.

President Warren then- described and read notes from a trip along the route of the expedition that was conducted by Steve Sheinkin, who was using a light weight boat. At last report, he had ascended the Kennebec and Dead Rivers as far as the Chain of Ponds. He is intending to go all the way to Quebec.

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President Warren also said that some work had been done at the Colburn House but that he would let Tom Desjardin, the Historic Site Specialist from the Bureau of Parks and Lands describe what may be done.

Tom Desjardin of the State Bureau of Parks and Lands was the main speaker. Tom said that there is a reasonable chance that up to \$ 100,000 may become available to paint the house, barn and carriage house. This will be determined later this fiscal year. He explained that the high cost was due to the special process of removing lead paint safely. The house will be painted white. He also said they would examine the sills of both the carriage house and barn. Some clapboard replacement will also be done. The barn floor will also be examined to determine if repairs to the support timbers will need to be done.

He said that the very old house on the river, called the Allen property will be tom down as it is too far gone. He also said that a foot trail running down from the Colburn House to the Allen property on the shore of the river would be highly desirable.

Tom also described a new book about the expedition he has written, which will be available around December.

Voting for new directors was conducted. Nominated for a three year term were Rusty Arsenault, Stephen Clark, Susan Hutchins, Gene Lockyer, and Taisto Maki. For a two year term Sherri Clark was nominated. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the secretary cast one vote-to accept the slate as submitted by the nominating committee.

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Officers nominated for one year terms were voted upon. For president, Stephen Clark; vice president, Jay Robbins; for secretary, Sherri Clark and for Treasurer, Dan Warren.

It was acknowledged by all present that Dan Warren having completed eleven years as president was thanked for these many years of devotion and all his accomplishments in behalf of the Society.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM. A short directors meeting was held by the new president, Steve Clark in which plans for the coming year were discussed. Thirteen of the fifteen directors were present (absent were Hutchins and Maki).

Meet Your New Officers

A full slate of officers were elected at the Annual Meeting. Two are long time key members of the Society; two are quite new to the Board. Below are brief biographies of the four.

President

New President Steve Clark is a native of the Waterville area for most of his life. His family owned for many years, the historic Rice House in Winslow on the banks of the Kennebec River, below Ticonic Falls and on the route of the Expedition. A graduate of Waterville High School, MCI and the U of Me, he has spent most of his life as an educator and coach at both Waterville High School and Kennebec Valley Community College.

He is past president of the Maine Appalachian Trail Club, a project he has been involved with for over fifty years. He has also served as vice chairman, New England for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. He has served on numerous other Maine environmental groups.

He was the editor of the Guide to the Appalachian Trail for 15 years and has authored *The Guide to Baxter Park and Katahdin*, in its fifth edition and more recently, a guide and history of the Expedition to Quebec, entitled *Following Their Footsteps*. He currently resides in Shapleigh, Maine with his wife Sherri.

Vice President

John (Jay Robbins Jr.)

Jay is a long time member of the AEHS and brings to this organization, an extensive background and experience in the understanding of history's role in our modern life. Among his many professional experiences, he operates Robbins Historical Research Inc. from his home in Richmond.

He is a graduate of Bowdoin College in the area of environmental studies and received his masters from the U of SM in New England and American Studies. He has had extensive experience in business and government at the local and regional level. He has served as town manager in Richmond (1999-2003) and has served on a variety of other town boards and commissions.

He currently is serving as both VP and the Executive of the Lincoln County Historical Ass. and on the Kennebec-Chaudiere Heritage Corridor Corp. as treasurer. He also serves on a significant number of area historical societies and related groups. He specializes in the history, archeology and landscapes of the Kennebec tidewater lands.

With this rich experience, Jay brings great strengths and experience to the AEHS.

Secretary

Sherri Clark

Hi there, my name is Sherri Clark and I am honored to be your new Arnold Expedition Historical Society secretary. I have been rather busy in my 34 years of living in Maine. My main interests have always been the homeless, the hungry, the handicapped and the elderly. Over the past years I have been instrumental in starting the meals-on-wheels program in Maine and the Maine Hospice program. I have also been the State Rep. for the National Shut-In Society, a member of a health clinic in my community, teaching residents about healthy diets and ways of living, including providing blood pressure clinics.

During this time I was voted as Maine's first "Woman of the Year" and also Sanford's first "Woman of the Year" I have also owned and operated The Oakwood Inn in Sanford with husband Steve Clark for 5 years. During all this time I have raised three children (two of whom are handicapped) and have owned and operated an assisted living facility for the elderly named the Spring Hill Farm, in Shapleigh, Maine for 34 years. I am also an avid photographer, providing many photos that were included in my husband's book, *Following Their Footsteps* about the Arnold Expedition.

Treasurer

Daniel H. Warren, Jr. 56, is a lifelong resident of Pittston, Maine. Son of Daniel & Betty Warren, also of Pittston. Attended Thomas College in Waterville, earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration. Principle Bank Examiner for the state of Maine, Bureau of Financial Institutions, Department of Professional & Financial Regulation.

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