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Arnold Expedition Historical Society

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New Mailing Address:

It will be easier to find the Colburn House and the Arnold Expedition Historical Society, now that we have a street address. Everyone that corresponds with the historical society should discard any old PO Box or rural route (RR) addresses. The new address is **Arnold Expedition Historical Society, 33 Arnold Road, Pittston, ME, 04345**. Our phone number is still 207-582-7080.

We are in the process of updating our web site, a much needed project that volunteer Tom Desjardin has described as very exciting. Tom will unveil his hard work at the annual meeting and again in a newsletter later this fall or early winter.

Invitation to the Annual Meeting

On Sunday, October 7th, 2007, we will meet at the Ground Round Restaurant, 110 Community Drive, Augusta, ME (access road for the Augusta Civic Center). From Highway 95, take the Augusta North, Exit 112, to Highway 27. You will want to head towards down town Augusta for a very short distance. Community Drive is just across from the Wal*Mart entrance road.

Registration begins at 11:00am, with a buffet luncheon of beef tips and baked stuff chicken which will be served at 12:00 noon. By 1:00pm we will have a brief business meeting, before we move on to our guest speaker.

Please call the Colburn House at 207-582-7080, no later than October 4th to make your reservations. Please leave your name and the number in your party. Payment can be made by mail or at the door. The total cost will be \$20.00 for members who pre-register, \$25 for non-members and those who arrive without pre-registration.

This year we will have Lee Cranmer, an archaeologist for the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, as our guest speaker. Lee's topic will be Fort Halifax in Winslow. He has studied the fort for many years and is preparing a book on the subject. Lee will also have actual artifacts from the fort on display. There will also be artifacts from Arnold's Expedition on display.

Fort Halifax, the nation's oldest blockhouse, built by the British Colonists in 1754, in Winslow, was a military post, and served as a storage depot for Benedict Arnold's Expedition to Quebec, later the home of Ephraim Ballard, whose wife Martha Ballard became the nation's most famous colonial midwife.

Exciting things along the trail

Earlier this spring, the initial planning session for long range trail work, map making and a possible trail history project was begun. Several interested parties met in Kingfield to discuss society