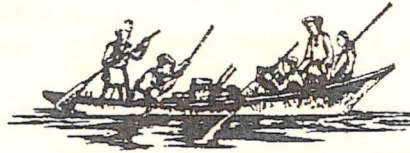


# EXPEDITION MESSENGER

## NEWSLETTER OF THE ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY



May 2017



### President's Spring Message

#### Archeological Study

We will be looking forward to a busy year! The archeological survey is on track for the coming season, but dates have not yet been determined. This will be conducted in the Chain of Ponds country along the old Height of Land Portage Trail. It will be managed and overseen by the Maine Historical Preservation Commission. It is planned to have key members of the AEHS to assist the professional people. For more specific information about this exciting project, contact our secretary or president. Remember that as of the publication of the *Messenger*, no dates are known. The study is being funded by a combination of generous bequests from the Mabel Haynes family and the Jean Lockyer bequest.

#### HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE

- President's Spring Message
- Feature Story, The Hospital and a Shattered Kettle
- A Winter Trip to Middle Carry
- Obit of Taisto Maki
- Honoring Bob Cunningham

### Land Protection Along The Arnold Trail

The land next to the Nichols Cabin along with other land around Middle Carry Pond came onto the market last fall. The AEHS is exploring the possibility of acquiring this important shore lot next to the cabin. This would act as a buffer and provide more space for members to use as well as protect the portage trail from future development.

In order to fund this possibility, we are also investigating the sale of the four plus acres the AEHS owns on the SE shore of East Carry Pond.

These transactions are currently in the hands of a local realtor. These are complicated transactions and will take time.

### Fort Halifax Park Calibration

A Calibration will be held at the Fort Halifax Park, named Fort Day. This is in Winslow at the beautiful confluence of the Kennebec and Sebasticook Rivers. It will be held on Saturday, June 24 from 10 to 4 PM. The AEHS will have a table to display material to the public. We will need a few members to work the table during the afternoon. This will provide us another opportunity to explain the AEHS and hopefully acquire new members. Tours of the nearby 1754 blockhouse will be a part of the Calibration. (Cont. on Page 2)

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### **Trail Clearing in the Carry Ponds Area**

Again this year will be conducting a portage trail clearing trip to the Carry Ponds country, on the Great Carrying Place. This will be held on Saturday, May 20, and will begin at 8:30 AM. It will mostly be a walk through with chain saws to clear out winter blowdowns. In order to coordinate our work and tackle both ends of the route, contact Fred Clark at (207) 872-9471.

### **Colburn House Clean-Up Day**

This will be held on Saturday, June 3 and will begin at 8:30 AM. The facility is located on Route 17 in the town of Pittston.

Last year the AEHS made good progress on cleaning up the grounds around the Colburn House. Many old tree "leaners" and broken limbs were removed. There is still much to do on the grounds. We will also tackle the river trail if time allows. This will involve both chain saw and normal grounds work. It is also a time to calibrate the continuation of the wonderful history of the facility dating back to 1763,

We will need help with both the trail clearing work and clean up at the Colburn House again this year. Chain saws and loppers will be needed for both work days. To answer any questions about the activity or to obtain directions for new comers, call Fred Clark at (207) 872-9471.

See you there for a fun and fulfilling day!

### **Directors Meeting To Be Held**

On Saturday, June 17 our summer directors meeting will be held at the Colburn House Barn in Pittston. This will begin at 9:30 AM. Bring your own bag lunch as well.

All AEHS members and friends are invited to attend. We will be covering a wide range of Society business and welcome member's input.

### **Fall Meeting**

The AEHS Annual Meeting will be held at the Colburn House Barn on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. The agenda and the featured speaker will be announced in the upcoming early September *Messenger*.

A directors meeting will also be held that morning beginning at 9:30 AM.

### **2017 Schedule of Activities**

May 20, Carry Ponds Trail Clearing  
June 3, Colburn House Clean Up  
June 17, Directors Meeting  
June 25, Ft. Halifax Celebration  
Aug. 4-8, Appalachian Trail Conference, Colby College  
Sept. 16, AEHS Annual Meeting.