

VIENNA UNION HALL NEWS

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Heat it up!

KEEPING UP TO DATE

Work at the hall this early summer is focusing on the old benches. They are being repaired and painted while the seat cushions are being crafted by Scharoun Custom Sewing.

The contractor will soon be repairing the front step and resetting the front foundation stone. Big piles of fill were spread thanks to AO Harville. We now have clear title to the back corner of the Hall and the ramp thanks to a generous donation from A. Gibbs. Thank-you also to the Mill Stream Grange for their donation to the Hall.

The May 10th show with Knupple and Davis was a great success. The music was outstanding, the audience enthusiastic and we were able to clear close to \$500.00 to put towards more hall improvements.

COMING THIS JUNE: PAN FRIED STEEL

Pan Fried Steel a community steel band based in Yarmouth, Maine will play at the Union Hall on June 21 at 7:00PM. The director, Ian Ramsay, is chair of the Arts Department at North Yarmouth Academy, musician, teacher, writer, and Pied Piper of music. The band started more than 15 years ago and draws members from southern and midcoast Maine.

Steeldrums, also known as steelpans or pans, are musical instruments originating from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the steel drum musicians are called pannists. French planters, their slaves, West Africans and Creoles established themselves on Trinidad and Tobago during the French Revolution. After years of oppression where stick fighting and percussion music was finally banned in 1880 the music went underground until around 1937 when an orchestra comprised of frying pans, lids, and oil drums once again popularized the lively music. The pan is now the national instrument of Trinidad and Tobago.

The modern pan is a chromatically pitched percussion instrument made from 55 gallon drums that formerly contained oil etc. with one end beaten down and divided by grooves into sections to give different notes. Some modern toy instruments may be tuned diatonically. The pans are now played using rubber tipped drum sticks. Since Pythagoras calculated the formula for the musical cycle of fourths and fifths, Steel Pans are the only instruments made to follow this configuration.



Upcoming Events

June 21 - Pan Fried Steel - Steel drum band - music and movement
July 8 - Village Harmony
July 24-26 - Historical Society Plays
August 2 - "South of the Border" Bearnstow dancers
August 16 - South Strong Road Crew
August 29 - Bearnstow Dancers - end of year performance
September 26 - Ellen & John Gawler music with Molly Gawler solo dance
October 25 - Theater at Monmouth play - Macbeth
December 20 - Winter Revels 2014

Pan Fried Steel play a diverse repertoire including calypso, jazz, reggae, soca, Latin, swing, pop and even a Pete Seeger original. They cover music from Charlie Parker and Jimmy Buffett to the Beach Boys.

They have played at venues which include the Boothbay Opera House, Saco River Theater, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Beach to Beacon parties, and the Portland Ovations auction.

Tickets are on sale now. They are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. For advance tickets email us at viennaunionhall@gmail.com or call Dodi - 293-2670
Libby - 293-2362 or Marianne 293-2674.

VOLUNTEERS

As always, we are in need of new volunteers , Please come to a meeting or contact us through

email or call Marianne at 293-2674 if you are willing to donate some time.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 - 700PM at the Vienna Community Center

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