

Vienna Union Hall News

Third Annual Winter Revels

The word "solstice" is derived from the Latin words for "sun" and "to stand still." At high-noon on Winter Solstice the sun is directly overhead but this is the shortest and darkest day of the year.

As the days grow darker and the Winter Solstice approaches, the folks at the **Vienna Union Hall** are busily preparing for the third annual *Winter Revels*. Revels, an occasions of "boisterous merrymaking and festivity" is exactly what is planned! In the Mt. Vernon/Vienna community the Revels is a long standing tradition to lighten the winter darkness. It has been enjoyed by residents far and wide over the years since the mid 70's and for the third time is to be held in Vienna.

Revels includes welcoming winter, community connections and the joys of the Christmas holiday. The sparkling lights of the season offer warmth, cheer and hope in this time of darkness. Decorated for the occasion, the historic hall is a welcoming refuge for this evening of music and fun. Delicious food and warm drinks enhance the feeling of camaraderie and warmth that is forever present during this time of year at the Revels.

This year's Revels features music from some of our most gifted local musicians, Don Petersen and Laura Grams. This is also a wonderful opportunity to hear the Belgrade Children Fiddlers, students of Ellen Gawler accompanied on guitar by Silas Rogers. A short playlet about the solstice written and directed by Pat Onion also features local children. To complete the evening, Maine comedian Randy Judkins offers an evening of fun and humor to lift the spirits of young and old.

"Randy Judkins has become recognized throughout the United States as a popular

vaudeville variety performing artist, an entertaining motivational speaker, master teacher and performance consultant. - Randy began his career in 1975 with the goal of performing in every town in the beautiful state of Maine. However, word of his playful, engaging performances spread beyond his home state and he was soon performing in the greater New England area and beyond. While he still travels outside of New England for

events and presentations, Randy is still fully committed to his original goal of performing in every town in 'Vacationland'."

Randy is the originator and one of the three founding members of the *Maine Hysterical Society* often called 'the best variety comedy act in New

England'. He and has taught, among other things, at Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey's Clown College in Florida, Juilliard School of Drama in New York, and held a visiting artist position at Stephens College in Missouri teaching circus arts, mime and comedy. He is sure to leave the audience with a spring in the step and joy in the heart.

Join us at the Vienna Union Hall on Saturday, December 19 at 7:00 PM for this night of fun



and community. Admission is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 10 and under and babes in arms are free. Get your tickets early since the show has sold out each year. For advance tickets call Marianne 293-2674, Libby 293-2362 or Dodi 293-2670 or email viennaunionhall@gmail.com. opportunity give us a call at 293-2674 or email us at viennaunionhall@gmail.com.



Beginnings of the new outbuilding and ramp.

Lovely T's

We now have stunning Union Hall T-shirts... There are a couple for sale at the hall. Check them out when you attend one of the shows



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Compost Toilet House Update

This fall was a busy time for work on the new composting toilet house.

Once work began on the new building and the old ramp was torn down, volunteers were greeted with a totally new job but one that could not be postponed. A large section of the sill was rotted, so the building had to be jacked and sill replaced before work could begin on the new ramp and outbuilding.

Volunteers worked on the sill, handicap door, ramp and outbuilding for 5 straight weeks this fall. The new handicap accessible door was installed, ramp built, outbuilding roughed in, roofed and wrapped for winter. The wiring was roughed in and the septic field and earthwork was also done. The remainder of the work will have to happen next spring.

Thank-you to our wonderful volunteers including: John Archard, Roger Reville, Alan Williams, Alan Harville, John Whitney, Jim Anderberg, Rodney Porter, Steve Linder, and Malcolm Hardy.

Also thanks to Libby Harville, Carol Bassett, Marti Gross, Dodi Thompson, Wendy Huish and Marianne Archard for supporting the men by bringing wonderful lunches to the crew.

This was a truly working community effort that would not even have begun without all the support of the members of the wider community who have generously supported the project with financial donations.

Unfortunately the building will not be ready for use for this third annual Revels but will be finished for some of the summer shows coming up in 2016!

Thanks again everyone for all of your support.

