

# Vienna Union Hall News

## Welcome Poet Carolyn Locke!

For the third season the Vienna Union Hall and the Dr. Shaw Memorial Library are pleased to offer a fine Maine author, poet Carolyn Locke, to read from her work on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 PM at the Union Hall.

Carolyn Locke is the author of three poetry collections: *Always This Falling*, *The Place We Become* and *Not One Thing: Following Matsuo Basho's Narrow Road to the Interior*.



photo by Najean Shedyak

A graduate of Bates College and the MFA in Creative Writing Program at Goddard College, she taught English, creative writing, and humanities classes at Mount View High School for many years. Highlights of her career there include being a semi-finalist for

Maine Teacher of the Year. She was also the recipient of several teacher travel grants, including a three-week Fulbright Memorial Fund trip to Japan, a six-week Fulbright-Hays Seminar in Morocco, two three-week Primary Source trips to China, and a four-week Fulbright-Hays Special Projects trip to Japan.

A presenter at the Belfast Poetry Festival in 2011 and 2014 and the selected poet for the 2015 Hugh Ogden Memorial Poetry Evening in Rangeley, she has published poems in a variety of publications, including Puckerbrush Review,

Off the Coast, Bangor Daily News, Aureorean, Kyoto Journal, and the *Take Heart anthology of poems from Maine* selected by Wesley McNair. For more information, see [www.carolynlocke.com](http://www.carolynlocke.com).

Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated. She will have books for sale and slides to go along with her talk.

## Work Progresses on the Hall

The Union Hall is getting ready for a well deserved facelift this year. With the grant from the Davis Family Foundation, the Hall will be painted, but first we needed to hire a carpenter to replace rotting clapboards on the front of the building. He has progressed very quickly and will soon begin work on the new composting toilet house to bring that building to completion sometime early this summer.



The work on the clapboards was more than expected so we will once again be fundraising to catch up on costs. Meanwhile the plaques naming the donors to our Indiegogo and composting toilet house project are finally done

and ready to be installed. Look for them on your next visit to the Hall.

## Latest Events at the Hall

The Mt. Vernon/Vienna Review at the Hall in March was a great success. The locals played to a full house and had a lot of fun doing so. This was strictly a fund raiser and was one of the most successful we have held in many years. Thank you to all who planned this event and to all who participated.

In April *Bad Little Falls* with Jan Schmidt and Dave Richardson kicked off our regular season for a very appreciative crowd.

Standing in on bass Dave Thibideau was extraordinary. All in all it was a wonderful evening sporting fine musicianship and great songs.

## Volunteers

We would be nowhere without our wonderful volunteers at the Union Hall. As always we are looking for new members. Please join us as a new member. If you have a bit of free time and are looking for a rewarding community service opportunity give us a call at 293-2674 or email us at [viennaunionhall@gmail.com](mailto:viennaunionhall@gmail.com). Visit us on [facebook](#) or check out our [website](#) to keep up on what is happening at the Hall.

## Upcoming Season at the Vienna Union Hall

May 18 (Wednesday) - [Carolyn Locke](#) - poet

June 10 - [Kyle Knupple](#) and [Matt Davis](#)

June 24 (Friday) - ["Poor Howard" Stith](#) and [Mike "Bullfrog" Rogers](#) - Bottleneck steel guitar blues and harmonica.

July 3 (Sunday) - Village Harmony

July 28-31- Historical Society Plays

August 13 (Saturday)- Performing Dancers from Bearnstow a duet couple from Colima, Mexico - [featuring Adriana León](#)

August 26 (Friday) - Bearnstow Resident Concert.

August 27 (Saturday) - [Ruth Hill](#)

September 17 (Saturday) - [The Maine Squeeze Accordion Ensemble](#)

October 22 (Saturday) - Theater at Monmouth Presents - *The Tempest*

November - Harvest Dinner Fundraiser

December 17 (Saturday) - Winter Revels

