

Vienna Union Hall News

Date Change for Village Harmony

Wonderful Harmonious Youth

The Vienna Union Hall is happy to present for the third year the wonderful a cappella voices of Village Harmony, a group of young people from around the world. The concert has been rescheduled from Sunday to **Tuesday, July 5 at 7:00 PM** at the Union Hall in Vienna due to conflicting events.



The 25 sparkling teen singers will present a program of traditional and composed music from Latin America, traditional songs from

Lithuania and

Corsica, American shape-note songs, sea chanties, lullabies and songs for social change, and Rowan's and Wilsons original compositions.

Village Harmony is an umbrella organization based in Vermont dedicated to the study and performance of ethnic singing traditions from around the world. Each summer they sponsor ten ensembles like this one, both in New England and in numerous foreign countries,

involving both teen and adult singers. Each group develops its own unique sound with a different international team of leaders, but all share common traits: a powerful, natural, unrestrained, vocal sound; a remarkable variety of vocal styles and timbres, as appropriate to the many varieties of ethnic and traditional music; and the visible, vibrant community among the singers and audience as they share in a joyous celebration of music.

Special guest Carlos Jurado, from Pasto, Colombia, returns for his second summer as a Village Harmony camp leader. He will lead a variety of works from different parts of Latin America, all featuring syncopated rhythms often accompanied by percussion. In his seventh year as a Village Harmony leader, Will Rowan is a fine composer and is presently in the masters program for choral conducting at Bard College. He tours internationally with the vocal quartet Windborne and has particular interest in traditional singing from Lithuania. Heidi Wilson is an inspirational singing leader with a passion for sharing songs inspired by and in service to community and the natural world.

Village Harmony's many recordings and songbooks will be available for sale at the concert. Other concerts in Maine are in Newcastle and Belfast.

Suggested donations at the door is on a sliding scale of \$5-\$15. We hope to generously support this wonderful camp and talented young people. For more information call 293-2674, (207) 495-2928 or email viennaunionhall@gmail.com.

Historical Society Offers Two Plays

Two locally written and produced plays will be presented by the Vienna Historical Society beginning on Thursday, July 28 and running through July 30. The plays are at 7:00 pm on Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29; and at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Saturday, July 30.

Since 1983, The Vienna Historical Society has presented the Annual Historical Plays which take us back to those bygone days. Each July at the Vienna Union Hall this tradition thrives on sell-out houses.

The first play “Elvi’s Tea Leaves,” is set in 1920s Vienna, was written by Beverly Wight Smith, who plays Hannah, the hostess for a big family reunion, with hilarious repercussions. Beverly has been writing plays since 1954 when she entered a drama called “Money for the Cattle” in a New York State Fair contest and shared 1st prize. One of her plays was performed at the Fair. Beverly has been writing two or three plays each year for the Vienna Historical Society since 1983.

The second play of the evening, “Lakeside Whodunit,” is adapted by Cheryl Herr-Rains from a 1919 play by Walter Ben Hare, and is co-directed by Dodi Thompson and Herr-Rains.

Admission is \$6 and refreshments will be provided by the Mill Stream Grange. Come early for good seats, and tour the Union Hall’s new and modernized outhouse.

Renovations Update

The paint job on the Union Hall and outbuilding is now complete. The handicap ramp is just about done and the tank is set for the composting toilet house. All that remains to be done before the new toilet house will be functional is the work on the interior of the building. It is hopeful that this work can be

completed by the time the Historical Society plays happen at the end of the month.

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The new paint job and the new outbuilding and ramp!

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	
July 5 - Village Harmony	August 27- Ruth Hill
July 28-30- Historical Society Plays	September 17 - The Maine Squeeze Accordion Ensemble
August 7 - Sunday Salad Supper	October 22 - Theater at Monmouth Presents - The Tempest
August 13 - Performing Dancers from Bearnstow a duet couple from Colima, Mexico - featuring Adriana León	November - Harvest Dinner Fundraiser
August 26 - Bearnstow Resident Concert.	December 17 - Winter Revels with Castlebay .