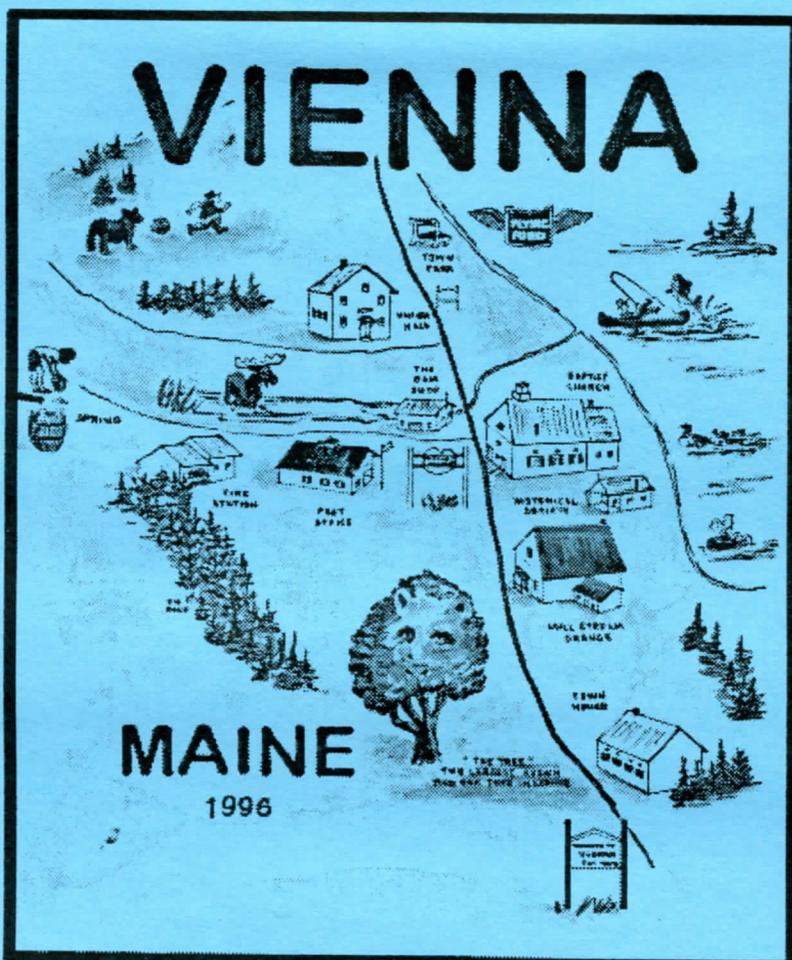


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Black Flies at Play



Imagine this sketch of Vienna done in greens and blues.....

It is now available in prints and postcards at The Dam Shop. T-shirts in 3 colors will be arriving in early June. Come get a little piece of Vienna for yourself, your friends and your family.

If you haven't been in recently, we have a lot of new items to see...or just stop in for coffee or a cold drink and a homemade "goodie."

The artist is Jeanette Daly, from Vienna.

To Swap, Sell or Give away.....

Did you hear about the fellow who had a house for sale? "Does it have a full basement?" asked a prospective buyer. "Yes," said the seller, "but I promise it will be cleaned out before you move in."

Some one suggested we start a "swap column". If you have anything—in your basement or elsewhere—that you'd like to swap, sell or give away — and if you've already contributed to the Union Hall Auction — let us know and we'll put it in the next issue of *Voices*. Since we only publish four or five times a year, you shouldn't expect instantaneous results, but on the other hand you'll have a lot of time for dickering!

Be sure to provide a good description of your items, a name and a phone number where you can be contacted. The following is our first listing....

For sale: Eight (8) all metal sliding windows with double-glass panes and removable screen panels. Rough opening 23" x 35" \$200.00 for all eight, or \$35.00 each. May be seen by appointment. Call Ed Hinckley at 293-2051

Vienna Historical Society Annual Plays

Three original plays by Beverly Wight Smith will be performed this summer. *All Sales Are Final* brings back Burton Gilman and his grandson, Conrad, along with Beverly Smith and Tim Smith, to mention a few of the cast.

Aunt Myra Leaves Uncle Ira features Judy Dunn, director of both plays, and husband, Val Dunn. *Barney's Lady Friend*, a two-act play about mistaken identity, is directed by Deb Parry and Libby Harville, with Burton and Beverly, Pam Bean and Debbie Byrnes in starring roles.

Don't miss this night of local talent and good

PLAYS

Friday, July 26th, Mt. Vernon School
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 27th, Union Hall
2:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$4.00 Adults

VARIETY SHOW PLAYS TO CAPACITY CROWD

On May 4th, the Union Hall was again the scene of a show that was notable for its enthusiasm as well as its variety.

Professionally "m-ceed" by John Hodgens, the talent revealed included music (both instrumental and vocal), poetry, dance, humor and drama.

In alphabetical order, the performers were as follows (several appeared in several manifestations):

Michael Anderberg, John Archard, the "Breaking Ground Dance Group," Maisie Broome, Thomas Broome, Emily Chaisson, Burton Gilman, Carol Gregory,

Allan Harville, Mark Hedden, Kari Hodgens, Stephen Hodgens, Timothy Hodgens, Jamie Meader, Alissa Neal, Airi Siegler, the Northfield Singers, Dale Perkins, Louise Perkins, Roger Reville, Steve Richardson, Elizabeth Short, Evan Smith, the Space Drummers Out, the Vienna Girls Choir, Zach Weingarten, Hannah Whitney and John Whitney.



SCHOOL BUDGET REPORT

by Anne Dodd-Collins

On May 7, 1996, the SAD #9 Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt a budget of \$15,517,773 for the 1996-1997 school year. Residents of the nine SAD #9 towns will have the opportunity to vote on this budget on Tuesday, June 11.

The proposed budget is a 2.76% increase over the present year's budget. Although some parts of the budget, such as the Foster Applied Technology Center and Adult Education, show a decrease, other parts of the budget, such as Special Education, show a substantial increase.

When you vote this year, the budget ballot will look substantially different because we have gone to a line item budget. There will be 15 items for you to vote on. Each resident of SAD #9 will receive a budget book in the mail about a week before the vote. If you do not receive a budget book, please call me (293-3175) and I will see that you get one.

Most of the line items are fairly clear. "Elementary Instruction and Administration" covers expenses for the K-8 schools in the district, and "Transportation" includes all costs associated with student transportation. But "Instructional Support Services" could be any number of

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Selectmen's Highlights

March - May 1996

- Appointments for the various Town Boards have been completed.
- A Tax Anticipation Note has been issued to the Town in the amount of \$150,000.
- As of April 2nd, there was just over \$84,000 left to be collected on the 1995 taxes.
- Lenny Meader will use subcontractors to close the dump in either June or July.
- Maine Equalization will be doing the assessing pick-up work and the Sales Ratio Study for the Town.
- The Selectmen are organizing a Future Planning Committee to study the need for a municipal building. This is something the Town requested be done at the Spring Town Meeting.
- An E-911 Committee is also being organized in anticipation of this service being available to Vienna in 1997. Please contact Laura Reville at 293-3156 if you are interested in serving on this committee.
- Proposals are being accepted for the Snowplow Contract for the 1996-1997 season. Please call a Selectman if you're interested.
- The Selectmen would like to thank Jim Meader for his years of service as Fire Chief. It was a pleasure to work with you Jimmy! We also welcome the opportunity to work with the new chief, Steve Lilley.

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things. In the SAD #9 budget, it includes Special Education, Differentiated Curriculum (sometimes called Gifted and Talented), costs relating to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and technology (computers).

As most of you know, six of the nine articles on the SAD #9 bond referendum passed on April 29. One of the failed articles was the football bleachers. The Board put that article in the referendum because the football

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bleachers were in poor condition and we knew they needed to be inspected. We did NOT know that they were going to be condemned. Plans are now being made for a community effort to repair the bleachers. If you are interested in helping, call Lillian Lake at 645-2839 or Richard Marble at 778-6968.

Please vote on June 11. Our children need your support. Again, if you do not get a budget book, call me. If you want more information about the budget than is included in the budget book, remember that the town office has a copy of the complete budget and so do I. Don't hesitate to call me for more information.

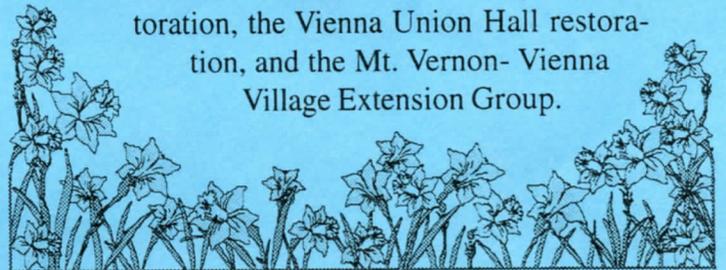
1996 Home and Garden Tour

Mt. Vernon-Vienna Village Extension Group

The Mt. Vernon-Vienna Village Extension Homemakers are presenting a Home and Garden Tour on Saturday, June 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A \$10.00 fee covers the entire tour, with a sandwich luncheon available for \$2.75 at the Vienna Baptist Church. Tickets will be available in advance from committee members and on the day of the tour at the church. If you have any questions, call any one of the following: Charlene (293-3150), Kathy (293-2799), Dodi (293-2670), Sherene (293-2388).

The proceeds from this tour will be divided evenly between the Mt. Vernon Community Center restoration, the Vienna Union Hall restoration, and the Mt. Vernon-Vienna Village Extension Group.

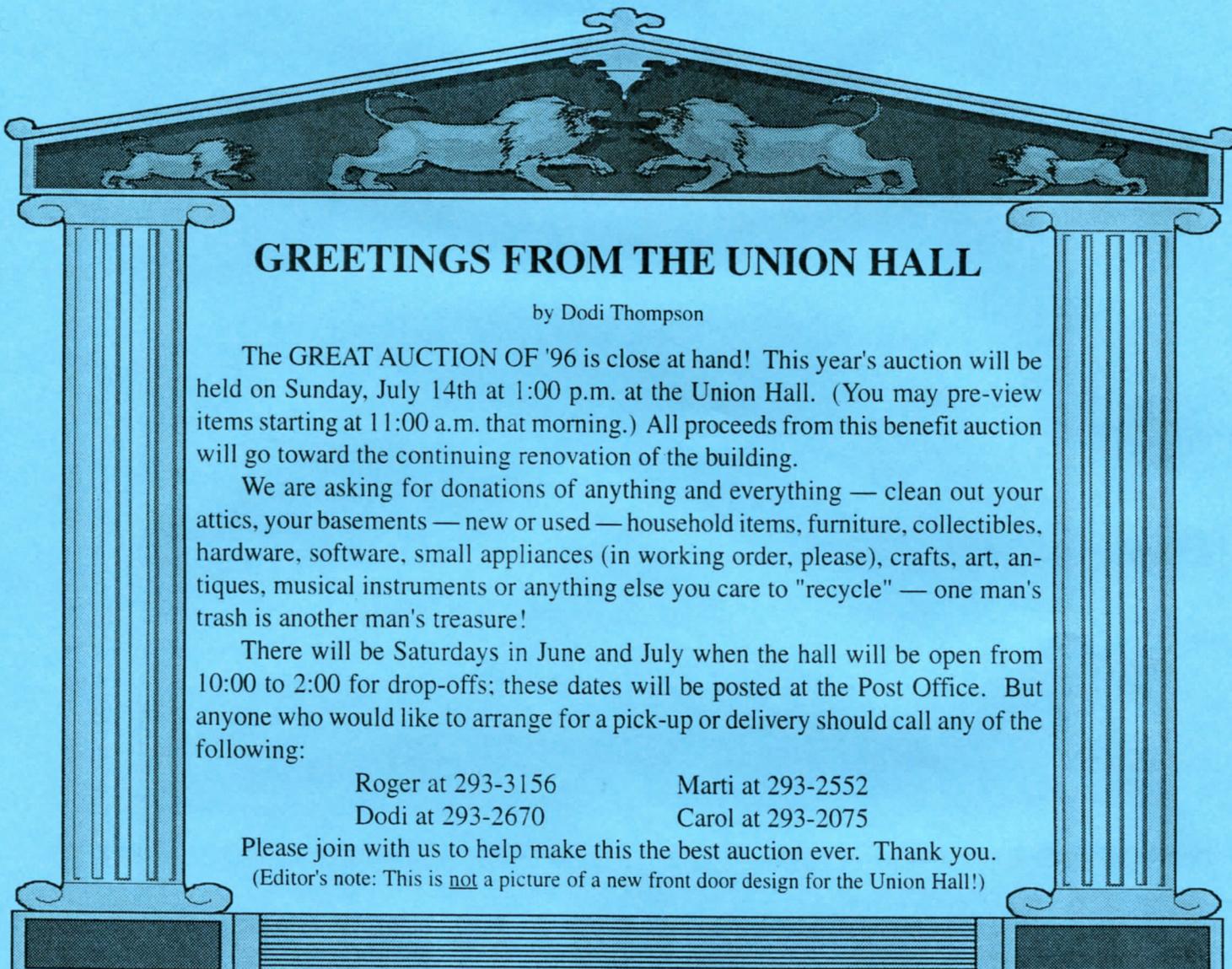


HOMES TO BE VIEWED

Bill and Cathy Brown - Mt. Vernon
Robert and Elaine Dillhoff - Mt. Vernon
Mark and Carol Hedden - Vienna
John and Marianne Archard - Vienna
Ellen Miller - Vienna
Ron and Charlene Lockwood - Mt. Vernon
Dick Watson and Kathy Booth - Mt. Vernon

GARDENS TO BE VIEWED

Charlene and Ron Lockwood - Mt. Vernon
Warren Doe - Vienna
Alice and Fred Bloom - Mt. Vernon
Kathy Booth and Dick Watson - Mt. Vernon



GREETINGS FROM THE UNION HALL

by Dodi Thompson

The GREAT AUCTION OF '96 is close at hand! This year's auction will be held on Sunday, July 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the Union Hall. (You may pre-view items starting at 11:00 a.m. that morning.) All proceeds from this benefit auction will go toward the continuing renovation of the building.

We are asking for donations of anything and everything — clean out your attics, your basements — new or used — household items, furniture, collectibles, hardware, software, small appliances (in working order, please), crafts, art, antiques, musical instruments or anything else you care to "recycle" — one man's trash is another man's treasure!

There will be Saturdays in June and July when the hall will be open from 10:00 to 2:00 for drop-offs; these dates will be posted at the Post Office. But anyone who would like to arrange for a pick-up or delivery should call any of the following:

Roger at 293-3156

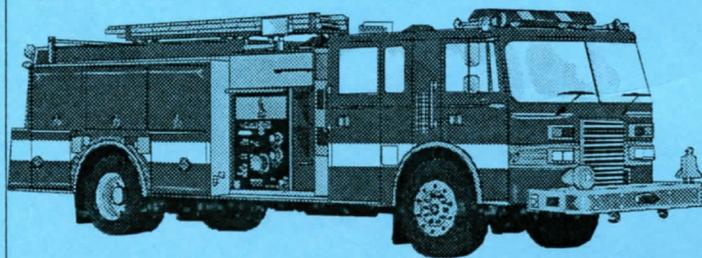
Marti at 293-2552

Dodi at 293-2670

Carol at 293-2075

Please join with us to help make this the best auction ever. Thank you.

(Editor's note: This is not a picture of a new front door design for the Union Hall!)



CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Lilley, the newly-elected Fire Chief.

A REMINDER that any burning of brush requires a fire permit. These may be obtained from:

Steve Lilley 293-9308

Jon Ljunggren 293-2570

Phil Pillsbury 293-2334

Jimmy Meader 293-2335

BY LAW, all burn barrels are illegal in Vienna because the town provides door-to-door trash pickup.

HAVE a fire safe summer.

Handwrought Ancestors

A "journey-man shoemaker" was one who had learned his trade as an apprentice, served his seven bound years, come to the age of release, been given a store suit and two or three dollars with which to start in the world of shoe wearers, and suddenly found himself his own master.

Those who were really masters at heart would in time open their own shop and become master workmen, probably passing through a period of doing day work as a "journey-man" until they had money to start their own business. A journey-man did not necessarily journey beyond a day's journey for a day's work, though those who were not masters at heart might become journey-men for life.

A itinerant or traveling shoemaker was a man of parts, who made regular trips through the country to his various patrons, spending a fortnight or month with each

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Vienna's Bicentennial

It's not too soon for some preliminary planning.

If you would like to be part of a Bicentennial Committee, please contact Jo-Ann Pillsbury (293-2334) or Libby Harville (293-2362).



We have planned an initial meeting for Wednesday, July 31, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall to share ideas. Come and join us!

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one, and shoeing the entire family. Naturally the shoemaker who owned a shop resented the traveling colleague who kept trade from his shop. He scorned his work as inferior, calling him a "cat whipper." This wide spread "whipping the cat" was, however, popular with the farmers and their families who welcomed visitors at all times and looked forward to the news sure to be forthcoming from other farms....

A New England boy wanted to be a shoemaker in his hill village, and so his people thought to send him to one of the shoe centers so that he might learn the trade thoroughly and come back a real workman rather than a pick-up-your-trade-at-home sort of chap. He entered one of the shoe factories and at the end of a few months came home again. In answer to the villagers' inquiries he said, sadly, "They've kept me making heels at one bench ever since I left home, and it came to me finally that I was in the one place where I never would learn to make shoes."....

About seventy-five years ago, at Turner, Maine, a farmer by the name of George A. Mitchell began to wonder how he was ever going to keep his many children in shoes with the toes scuffing out in the first few rounds of service, and decided to cover these vulnerable parts with sheets of copper. Finding the scheme to be a great success and adding a three-fold endurance to the shoes, he patented the idea and made his rights cover not only copper but other metals, including silver, for tips. (From *Handwrought Ancestors*, by Marion Nicholl Rawson, E.P.Dutton & Co., Inc., 1936)



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Fact: The number of last year's newsweekly magazine covers featuring women who are not princesses, murderers or models: **0** (From *Harpers Index*, June 1996)

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