

GREETINGS — AND FAREWELL!

It is with sadness and regret that the team of Harville and Hinckley edit and publish (respectively) this last issue of *Vienna Voices*. It has been six years since we sent out the first issue; other projects and responsibilities are taking up more of our time and we feel we can no longer continue. If any one (or two) else would like to pick up where we're leaving off, technical assistance and advice to the new editor(s) and/or publisher(s) will be freely given if requested.

We hope you have enjoyed the publication — laughed at its (occasional) sense of humor and appreciated its news and information. At this time, the *Voice* has a balance of \$577.55. The only expenses have been postage and copying, and occasional purchases of mailing labels. Any persons desiring a *pro rata* refund of their unfulfilled subscription should call or write Libby (207/293-2362 – P.O. Box 35, Vienna, ME 04360) and she will gladly grant your request. **Any balance remaining as of July 22nd will be donated to the Vienna Bicentennial Committee** at its meeting on that date (7:00 p.m. at the Town House) based on the results of a reader's poll, reported in Volume 4, Number 1 (March 1995).

We would like to thank the many contributors of articles, reports and announcements, all of our advertisers, large and small, and most particularly our loyal readers and subscribers without whose interest and support the publication would not have existed.

LANDMARK FALLS



The Mill Stream Poultry barn, long (for more than 100 years) a notable Vienna landmark on Route 41, literally bit the dust this spring, at Dorothy Waugh's direction. Additional picture on page 3
(Photos by Siegler)



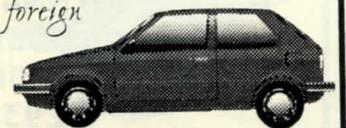
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SHORELINE CONCERNS

by Creston Gaither

I serve as secretary of the Vienna Planning Board, but am not speaking for the Board in this article.

The Vienna Planning Board will hold a public hearing in July to discuss some possible changes to the Town's Shoreline Zoning Ordinance (SZO). This ordinance regulates land use within 250 feet of ponds larger than 10 acres in size, McGurdy Stream, and some other wet areas.

Of immediate concern is the current requirement that structures be set back 50 feet from road right-of-way limits (this could mean a distance of 83 feet or more from road centerline). This has posed difficulties for some, and in one case a proposed garage required the Board of Appeals to issue a variance.

The Board would like some public input in this matter. Is the 50 foot setback requirement too restrictive? We would especially like to hear from shorefront property owners.

We've also discovered that a long portion of the frontage along Lane Brooks (in the southerly part of town, near Parker Pond) lies in Vienna. It had previously been thought to lie entirely within Chesterville. Should the Vienna side of Lane Brook be protected by the SZO?

This hearing would also be a good opportunity to raise any other concerns you may have about shorefront land use regulations. We are holding it in July in part because we hope to hear from as many shorefront property owners as possible.

The meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday night, July 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town House on Route 41. This could change, but we'll post a notice as the date approaches.

If you can't be there, send comments in writing to the Board in care of me at RFD 1, Box 630, Vienna, ME 04360.

VIENNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Polly Hughes

Once again, summer is upon us and that means the Vienna Historical Society is preparing for the annual plays written by Beverly Wight Smith.

One is brand new: "Mortimer and Percival Come Visiting" and the other,

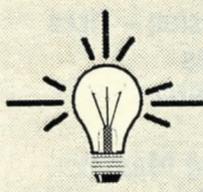
"Miracle for Mickey," was presented several years ago and was extremely popular at that time. The show will be held on July 24 at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School and on July 25 there will be two performances at the Union Hall. These plays are always a mid-summer hit.

Incidentally, Beverly Smith's book, "Turning Back," is available for sale at The Dam Shop.

The VHS now owns the spring on Kimball Pond Road. The location will be cleaned up and maintained on a regular basis. Access will be limited to the area behind the spring in order to keep the vicinity as clean as possible, and water testing will be done regularly to maintain quality. Members of the VHS are indebted to Jim Gajarski for the work he did in arranging the transfer of ownership.

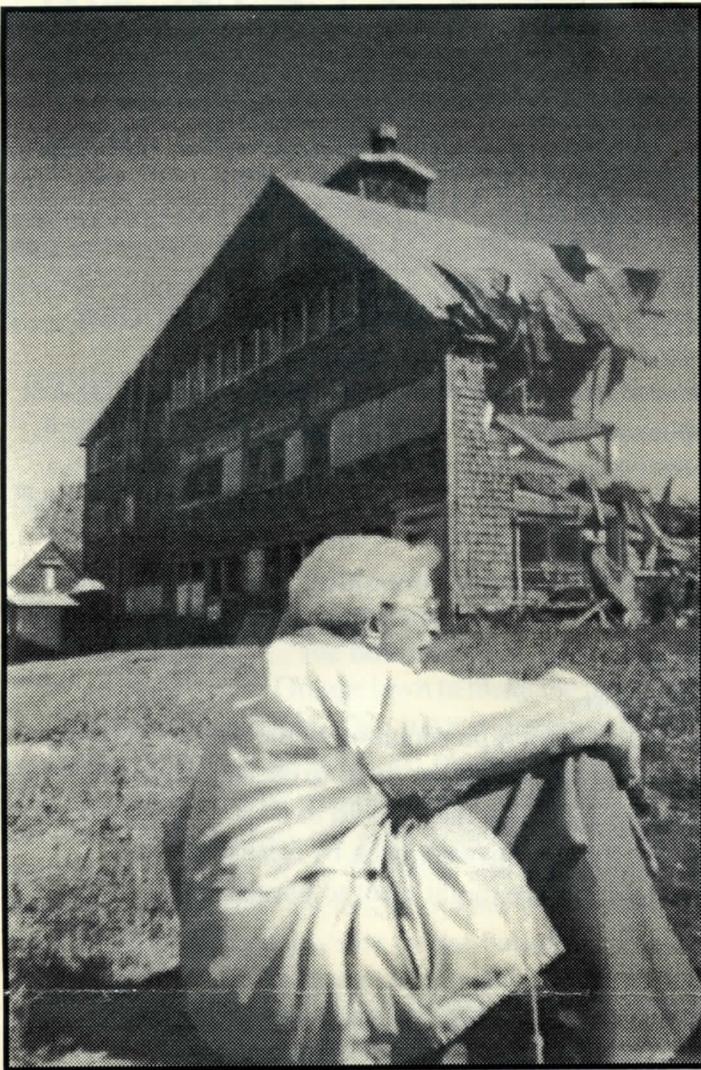
Vienna is now on the Internet thanks to the work of Dale Clark of the Readfield Historical Society who maintains a World Wide Web page. Information about Vienna and the work of the VHS will be included and updated from time to time. If anyone has genealogical or other information about Vienna, contact a member of the VHS and we will see that it is posted at the Web site. The address is:

www.rootsweb.com/~mecreadf/rdfldrhs.htm



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Selectmen's Notes

by Dodi Thompson, Selectwoman

The Town of Vienna has received the gift of a boat (donated anonymously) to be used by the Harbor Master. The boat has already been used on Flying Pond to rescue a boat and dock that had come loose during recent storms.

Plans are still being worked on for the addition to the Fire Station. The challenge is to have adequate space for certain community functions (i.e. Town Meeting) while maintaining the integrity and security of the Fire Department's equipment, trucks, etc. A loan for \$40,000 from Rural Development has been approved; the money will be available later this year.

The town has taken out a \$65,000 Tax Anticipation Note from People's Heritage Bank at a rate of 3.94%.

There will be a complete report from Town Meeting, appropriations, school budget portion, etc. in our next mailer coming out soon. Best wishes for a wonderful summer.



**GREAT TRUTHS
ABOUT LIFE
THAT LITTLE
CHILDREN
HAVE
LEARNED**

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
Reading what people write on desks can teach you a lot.
Don't sneeze when some one is cutting your hair.
Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a TicTac.
Never hold a Dustbuster and a cat at the same time.
School lunches stick to the wall.
You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
The best place to be when you're sad is in Grandma's lap.

CRAFT / FLEA Saturday, August 22nd, 9:00 - 2:00 MARKET

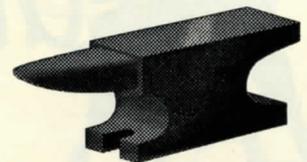
The Mt. Vernon-Vienna Extension is holding a Craft and Flea Market on Saturday, August 22nd at the Mill Stream Grange Hall. Route 41, Vienna.

Luncheon sandwich plates will be sold by the Mill Stream Grange and the Extension will be selling a "take home" bean supper.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

There is a \$5.00 charge for a space outside; if you can furnish your own table, please do so, as we have a limited supply.

To reserve space, please call: Barbara Gilman (293-2271), Charlene Lockwood (293-3150), Helen Wilkey (293-2351) or Dodi Thompson (293-2670).





Bicentennial Meeting

Wednesday, July 22nd, 7:00 P.M. at the Town House

It's only three years away! We need to start coordinating activities and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please come help us plan a celebration every one will enjoy. Below is a time schedule developed at our last meeting.

SUMMER 1998

1. Must have more involvement on the planning committee. 3 - 5 people cannot successfully plan a year-long event.
2. Have the next meeting in August 1998
3. Advertise the August meeting more.
4. Ask each organization in town to send a representation to the August meeting.
5. At meeting, write a letter to organizations asking them to each sponsor an event for the celebration, what the event would be and when they would do it. Send along a list of ideas the committee has thought of. Ask for answers back by Spring 1999.
6. Begin to look at "souvenir" ideas that we might want to purchase.

SUMMER 1999

1. Begin decisions on which events to plan and when.
2. Firm up what organizations will do which events.
3. Firm up specific people to be in charge of events other than those organizations will do.
4. Decide if we will print a calendar and, if so, begin collecting dates and other information.
5. More discussion on "souvenir" items to be purchased or printed. Have some one in charge of this if we decide to pursue it.

SUMMER 2000

1. Finalize events, dates and chairmen.
2. Finish calendar if we do one.
3. Home and Garden Tour by Extension to raise money and have people begin to think about it.
4. Order "souvenir" items.

SUMMER 2001

BEGIN CELEBRATION!!!

Note: The actual date of Vienna's incorporation was February 20, 1802. The celebration is planned to begin the summer preceding that date and culminate in an appropriate recognition ceremony on the actual anniversary,

SUMMER '98 IS HERE!

COME TO THE MEETING

Mill Stream Grange Memorial Garden

Have you noticed things look different around the Grange Hall in Vienna? The start of a five-year plan to landscape the Grange and thereby beautify the village was implemented last fall. Two perennial gardens with split rail fences were dug and planted, with the help of several Grange members and a generous donation of loam.

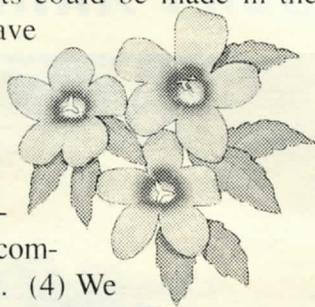


This spring, we have continued working on a granite retaining wall on the south side of the hall, with donations of granite, equipment and time to move it – and more loam to fill it.

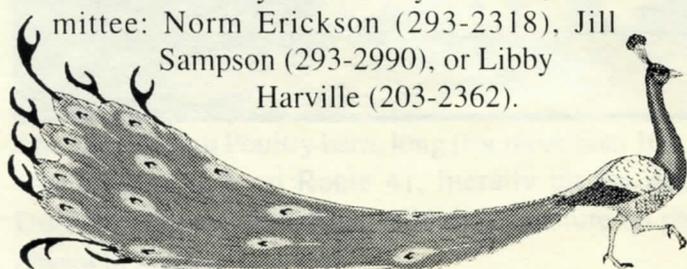
The next project to happen soon will be to level off the bottom end of the south side Grange lawn to make the land more usable. We have a donation of two

benches which will probably be placed in that area to take advantage of the magnificent view there. In the next two to three years we want to put in a ramp to the door, plant the front of the building, add an herb garden and patio outside the kitchen door, and eventually add some shrubs to the north side of the building. So far, everything that has been completed was due to generous donations from Grangers and other town people.

Our goals were four in number: (1) Being an agriculturally-based organization, we wanted to show that on the outside. (2) We wanted to create a memorial garden where donations of plants could be made in the names of past Grangers; to have a place to honor and remember them. (3) Because the Grange is a central building in Vienna, we wanted it to be a visual attraction to our "downtown," particularly with our upcoming Bicentennial approaching. (4) We hope the garden area we are creating will be used by the community, not only for Bicentennial events, but also for other events through the years.



The Grange Memorial Garden Committee would be happy to accept donations of time and/or money towards our effort. You may contact any member, or the committee: Norm Erickson (293-2318), Jill Sampson (293-2990), or Libby Harville (203-2362).



FUNNY BONES



If you're driving around the countryside and you spot a three-legged bovin, hopping around the field, chances are Val and Gerry Hoff have been there already.

Just kidding, of course, but they sure do covet those good looking beef bones. From that lowly leg bone they fashion literally hundreds of beautifully carved necklaces, earrings, bolo ties and other adornments, as well as small sculptures.

Heading off the bones before they reach the stew pot or the dog, they purify them and individually carve each piece. You may have seen the sign, "Maine Bone Carving" along Route 41 between Vienna and Mt. Vernon. At the end of that drive you'll find a small workshop where they "work their fingers to the bone," making jewelry.

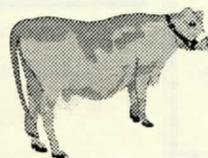
If you venture a bit further, you'll find an office/showroom where they sell samples of the work and discuss custom designs with customers. All this is after you've wended your way through piles of lumber and other building materials that are awaiting the foundation of a brand new and much larger facility getting underway in mid-July.

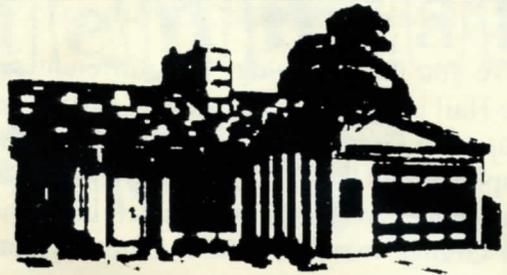
"This is a bare-bones business," Val says, "but we are heading toward being a *bone-a-fide* force in the jewelry business."

So, if you pass by the curious sign and decide you've wondered about it long enough, the Hoff's usually keep the shop open Monday through Thursday, from 10:00 to 4:00. Most folks who venture in are rather amazed at what they find, and make no bones about it.

The Hoff's are pretty flexible about accepting appointments if you just can't get there during shop hours. And for those of you who are too bone-weary to even make the short trip, you can reach them through E-mail at <mainebone@ctel.net> or by Fax at 293-3939.

Bone voyage!





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