

VIENNA UNION HALL NEWS

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“If music be the food of love,
play on...” (1.1.1 *Twelfth Night*)



THEATER AT MONMOUTH RETURNS TO UNION HALL

Once again the Vienna Union Hall Association will host the Theater at Monmouth actors as they present the most recent “Shakespeare in Maine Communities” play, *Twelfth Night*. Since 2005, TAM has taken the Bard on the road through 60 to 90-minute versions of Shakespeare with 5 to 8 actors. The theater company has provided literature-based education programs in schools and community centers since the Theater's founding. Education Tours make adaptations of classic literature accessible to a geographically and economically diverse audiences. Plays are fully designed, rehearsed, and tour for a month to schools and community centers.

This is the second year in a row that the traveling theater group has made the Union Hall come alive with their stirring, professional performances. Last year they presented Shakespeare's *Hamlet* to a sold out house and an incredibly enthusiastic audience.

Twelfth Night is Shakespeare's rollicking tale of wild infatuation and mistaken identities. It is set at Illyria University where Orsino pines for the love of Olivia. At sister school, Illyria College for Women, Olivia mourns her late brother and rejects all suitors under the watchful eye of her stern headmaster, Malvolio. When shipwrecked and

In Other News

The planned “Dine and Dance” event in September was cancelled due to poor scheduling and low projected attendance. Hopefully it will be rescheduled for next year.

Thanks to Alan Williams and the donation of the stone by Michael Montgomery the long piece of granite for the new front steps to the hall has been delivered free of charge. Many Thanks to both!

We are still waiting for the foundation work to be done and the steps put in place. If this is completed this fall we can move on the landscaping in the spring.

Over the summer we have continued to negotiate for an extension to our western property line. Our abutting neighbor, Ann Gibbs, has graciously offered to donate the needed five feet to the hall. We are waiting for the pins to be set so we can move forward with a new deed.

Our next project will be repair and painting of the benches including new padded seats!

Good news concerning the status of the 501(c) 3 tax free application. We still have a few hoops to jump through but it looks like it may be a “go”!

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Upcoming Events

October



20th - Talk and Discussion on *Twelfth Night* led by Dr Misty Beck - 6:00 PM - free and open to the public.

26th - Theater at Monmouth Players present - *Twelfth Night*.
7:00 PM - \$12.00 in advance \$15.00 at the Door

Coming December 21- A Winter's Revels featuring: *Michael Cooper, The Loons, Our Brass Band and Babushka, a child's play.*

separated twins, Viola and Sebastian arrive on the scene, mayhem and misadventure ensue!

The play has been adapted & directed by James Noel Hoban associate artistic director at TAM. Coincidentally, Hoban is in his twelfth season at Monmouth. He appeared last year as Tartuffe in *Tartuffe* and Worcester in *Henry IV, Part I*. His regional credits include productions with the Public Theater, Portland Stage Company, Commonwealth Shakespeare, Good Theater, Dramatic Repertory Company, Mad Horse Theatre, and American Renaissance Theatre. James is a graduate of SUNY Purchase and studied at the National Theatre of Great Britain.

As a special bonus the Union Hall is also offering a **free talk** and discussion about *Twelfth Night* on Sunday, October 20 at 6:00 PM, just six days before the show. The discussion will be led by Dr. Misty Beck, Lecturer in Environmental Studies and Writing Specialist in Humanities and Social Sciences at Bates College. She is a Lecturer

and former Visiting Assistant Professor of British Lit at University of Maine Farmington. After graduating summa cum laude from Northern Illinois University, Beck attended graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis where she earned a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), English Literature in 2002. She then worked as a lecturer at Wash U from 2002-2006. This talk and discussion is free and open to the public.

Don't miss this opportunity to see some quality live Shakespeare as it was meant to be performed on Saturday, October 26 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are now on sale. Ticket prices are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. There is a discount for children under 12. *Seating is limited - get your ticket soon!*

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**Next meeting: Wednesday October 9,
2013. Vienna Union Hall. 7:00 PM**

