

# Lousie Dickinson Rich: A Conversation with her Biographer, Alice Arlen



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Public Invited



Special Program: Biographer Alice Arlen will talk about the life of legendary Maine author **Louise Dickinson Rich**, author of **We Took to the Woods**, and the influence her early writing had on the Maine tourist industry during the sporting camp era. Rich met her future husband on a Maine canoe trip and they soon escaped city life by moving to a remote Maine riverbank home with no running water and inaccessible by road. It was there Rich experienced the self-reliant Maine life she later chronicled in over 20 best-selling books. Alice Arlen had access to LDR's family files and personal recollections in gathering a complete picture of what motivated LDR and her husband to craft a life in the Maine wilderness. Their home, Forest Lodge, is now on the National Register of Historic Places. **Alice Arlen**, a Registered Maine Guide and writer, collected original source material, much of it from Rich's own children, to craft a 2001 biography entitled **She Took to the Woods**. Alice Arlen will bring to life Louise Dickinson Rich and her Maine-centered life by relating stories about her as a young girl, wife, mother, woodswoman, and writer. Join Alice Arlen at the Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick, for a potluck dinner at 6pm and her talk at 7pm. A potluck dinner starts at 6pm and Arlen's talk at 7pm. Bring a potluck item to share and, if possible, your own dinnerware (plate, utensils etc.). Drinks will be available. The talk will begin at 7 and is free and open to the public. FMI email Education Chair John Mullens at [education@amcmaine.org](mailto:education@amcmaine.org)



Tuesday, June 11, 6pm potluck, 7pm program  
Curtis Memorial Library, 23 Pleasant St, Brunswick, ME 04011