

AHS63 November 2022 Newsletter

Not your Grandmother's Thanksgiving Edition

Northern Outpost, November 1st, 46°, lotsa lovely fog. Sitting here in the early morning with the laptop balanced on one knee, and the (still) somewhat offended foot up on the kitchen table, I hear a familiar voice. About 50 yards across the stonewall and through the trees Lefty is crowing for all he's worth—which is about two bits at the moment. I'm trying to think and write. I used to wonder about roosters. My grandmother would go out in the yard and catch a chicken and wring it's neck and fry it up, and I wondered aloud one day why she didn't fry up the noisy bully in the barnyard ... and that's when she 'splained that it's the rooster crowing what scares the eggs outta th' chickens. Huh.

I reckoned then that roosters were just part of life and would never change. However, pretty much everything else since childhood changed beyond all reckoning. Right this hot second, I am typing away on a thin metal thing that magically sends words off into newsletter etherland. Amazing. And we're the generation that took the world from slide rules to smart phones. However, also somewhat astonishingly, for being so smart, our generation has wound up as a threat to our own democracy. I don't think we saw this rumble coming when we were sitting in civics class back in 1963. And I'm feeling a double dose of it this week. Who woulda thunk that Whiskeysit, officially "the prettiest village in Maine," would *also* be headlined as "[the most divided town in Maine](#)"? Yikes. So now we're the poster child for Bipolar Voters of America? Surely not. So off I went to read up on a little history—Mrs. Mayhall would be proud. Turns out, this democracy maelstrom has happened more than once—in fact, the last scary time was [in the '30s](#) ... and democracy survived, got stronger even. And it looks like this is our generation's moment to sort out what we believe, all over again, community by community ... it's certainly one heckuva time to be on the Whiskeysit town council, you think? Tricky, that. We'll see what good comes from all of the crowing and clucking around on Election Day next Tuesday—a sanity-defying barnyard brawl. Y'all go vote and hope for the best, whatever you determine that to be. Meanwhile, Thanksgiving can't come soon enough. Maybe I'll devil up the two dozen blue and pink and green eggs in the fridge ... Lefty is doing a bangup job lately, scarin' bejeezus out of some very fancy chickens. ~Queenie

Speaking of Pilgrims ...



Jimmy Raup came to Whiskeysit just to see if the town even existed other than in my fertile imagination. I think he liked what he saw, and there's no doubt the weather was trying to impress him. There was a line about 2 hours long at Red's Eats so we went across the street to the pier and got some lobster rolls at Sprague's, which is the local's favorite lobster roll place anyway. Jimmy and his son Mark also sampled umptyump craft beer places all up and down the MidCoast, and spent time with his cousin Jeff Davis and wife Theresa in Camden.

Turns out, this is a very small world—Theresa knows Lucy Ross from the local garden club, where Theresa was president a few years back. It was great having Jimmy sitting here on the front porch like home folk, and, of course, since he's a man of few words and I'm kinda quiet myself, we didn't have much to say. Heh.



Calling all authors...

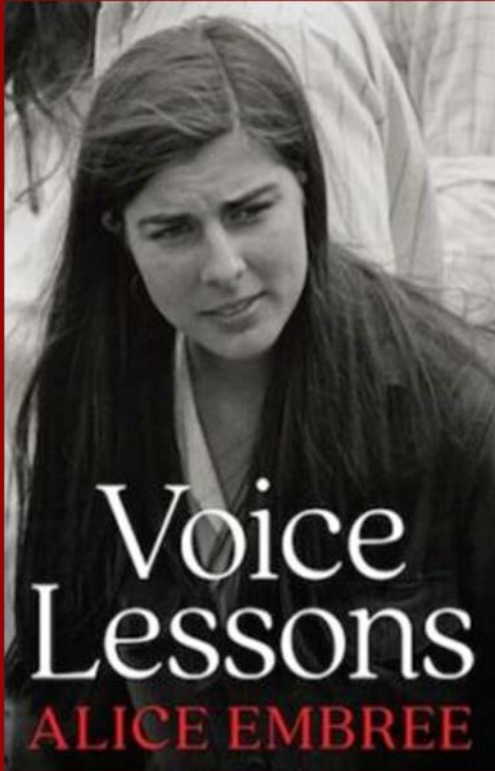
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classmates' books for
Christmas sale, and I just
love that whole idea. [So click here and send me your book blurb
and links!](#) But waitwait—maybe you built a nuclear-powered
mousetrap, or whittle whistles, or knit for kittens.

Want to sell it to the class? [Tell me about it!](#)

A special shopping issue will come out
some time in the next two weeks...
we'll scoop Black Friday for sure!



Speaking of new AUTHORS: Some super
news from Alice Embree ...



Terry,

My book, *Voice Lessons*, will be featured at the Texas Book Festival, Saturday, November 5, 3:00-3:45 in the Texas Monthly tent, in case anyone is interested. Here is more about the panel.

Happy Halloween to you!
Alice Embree

Wow. Happy All Saints Day backatcha and thanks so much for the note—Kudos, Alice!! Article on the Texas Book Festival panel below. T

Thorne Dreyer, author of *Making Waves: The Rag Radio*

Interviews and Alice Embree, who wrote the feminist memoir, *Voice Lessons*, will give a presentation at the Texas Book Festival on **Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 3-3:45 p.m.** at the *Texas Monthly* tent on Colorado and 11th near the Texas Capitol Building. [It was previously announced as 2-2:45 p.m.] The talk, titled “*The Rag*: Activism, Resistance, and the Underground in 1960s Austin,” will be moderated by *Texas Monthly*’s Emily McCullar and will be followed by an autograph session.

Making Waves and *Voice Lessons* are both selections of the 2022 Texas Book Festival which takes place November 4-5, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Capitol Building and immediate vicinity. The Texas Book Festival is one of the largest and most prestigious literary festivals in the country. Almost 300 national and Texas authors will be featured and an

estimated 40,000 visitors will attend. Here is the [full schedule](#) for this year's Texas Book Festival and here are the festival's [authors and speakers](#).


Thorne Dreyer is the host of Rag Radio at KOOP-FM in Austin and editor of *The Rag Blog*. He was a founding editor of *The Rag*, Austin's legendary underground newspaper. Alice Embree, who is a frequent contributor to both Rag Radio and *The Rag Blog*, is an Austin-based activist and writer. *Making Waves* and *Voice Lessons* were both published by the Briscoe Center for American History and are distributed by the University of Texas Press.

Thanks also to Linda Burk Kemp for seeing the notice on Alice's book and sending up a flare. I hope all y'all turn out for Alice's book debut this Saturday, and wish I could be there! Send pictures! T.



*Save the Date
60th Year Reunion
Sunday
April 30th, 2023*

*Invitations to arrive by email
at a later date.*





November Birthday Kids

- 02 JoAnn Morris Matthews (44)
- 03 Glynda Hodges Pickens (45)
- 03 Dottie Plummer Blacklock (44)
- 05 Kay Bartlett Threadgill (45)
- 10 Brooks Peterson (45)
- 11 Terry Marlatt (44)
- 14 Bob Bodoïn (45)
- 15 Margaret "Margie" Cowan (45)
- 19 Linda Kreisle Littlefield (45)
- 20 Joe Dike (44)
- 21 Steve Hackerman (45)
- 23 Tom Moore (44)
- 23 Marianne Mexia Robinette (44)
- 24 Doris Rhoades Sadler (45)

And just a word about this birthday list—we don't make it up, but if you don't remember your birthdate just drop us a line and we'll be happy to fill in the blanks! It's a special service for seniors who would rather be part of the fun but aren't sure how to do it. You like that? OTHERWISE, hit reply and send us your birthday/year and you'll make the big time right here. Guaranteed. Queenie.



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