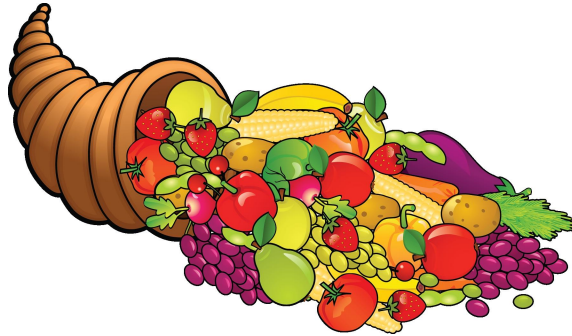


# **NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY**

**NOVEMBER 2023**



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## OCTOBER WRAP-UP

- In a collaboration with Age Well, the Haston hosted a Tai Chi class for seniors at the Town Hall, led by certified teacher Nilah Côté. The classes were well-attended, and word has it that the participants have become better-balanced and more flexible.
- The highlight of the month was Dinoman! We had over fifty people attend this fun and exciting program at the Town Hall. Jokes, magic tricks, fossils, and enormous, inflated dinosaurs made for a wild and unforgettable event for everyone who was there!



- We were also part of Trunk or Treat this year at Franklin Central School. The Wizard of Haston gave out around 125 books to all the little ghosts, goblins and witches who stopped by our trunk!

# VERMONT WOMEN & THE CIVIL WAR



While Vermont's remarkable Civil War battlefield record is well documented, little is known of how Vermont women sustained the home front. With nearly 35,000 of the state's able-bodied men at war, the monumental tasks of keeping Vermont's farms and businesses running became very much a female enterprise. Historian Howard Coffin tells the women's story in their own words, from letters and diaries that describe life during the Civil War in the Green Mountain State. Join us in the FELCO Room at the Franklin Homestead & Carriage House on Saturday, November 4th at 11 AM to hear this fascinating history.

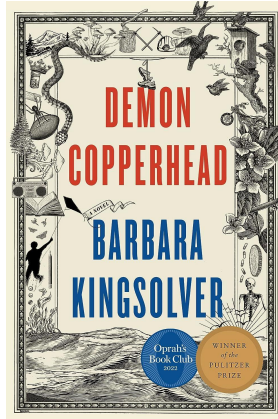
This talk is presented by the Haston Library and the Franklin Historical Society, in conjunction with Vermont Humanities. It is free and open to the public, and the venue is accessible to those with disabilities.

## THE BAFFO BOX SHOW



Modern Times Theater returns to the Town Hall on Sunday, November 12th at 3 PM for another round of merry madness! Performed in a one-of-a-kind wearable stage, this show packs classic hand puppetry, colorful scenery, and stand-up comedy into a cardboard box and delivers it live on stage! Meet the Baffos — two slapstick chaps who keep the sun, moon, and everything else running on schedule. From the moment the lid opens, audiences are captivated as the Baffos juggle and dance their way through the day's chores, despite the undeniable evidence that their world is changing. A daring work of puppetry and object manipulation, full of vintage vibes, junk music sonatas, and Modern Times Theater's unique brand of all-ages comedy.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book group will be meeting at the library on Tuesday, November 14th at 2:30 PM to discuss Demon Copperhead, by Barbara Kingsolver. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate.

## NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP



On Saturday, November 18th starting at 9:00 at the library, local crafting legend Carolyn Kittell will be leading a needle felting workshop. Come on down and learn how to make some soft, cuddly, and adorable little Christmas crafts! All materials will be provided. Space is limited--call 285-6505 or email the library at [librarian@franklinhastonlibraryvt.org](mailto:librarian@franklinhastonlibraryvt.org) to sign up!

## **IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER**

Here are some dates in November that everyone should know:

- November 2nd: Deviled Egg Day
- November 3rd: Cliché Day (Think outside the box!)
- November 6th: National Saxophone Day
- November 15th: I Love to Write Day
- November 19th: National Have a Bad Day Day
- November 20th: National Absurdity Day
- November 23rd: Fibonacci Day (it's in sequence)
- November 29th: National Square Dance Day

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