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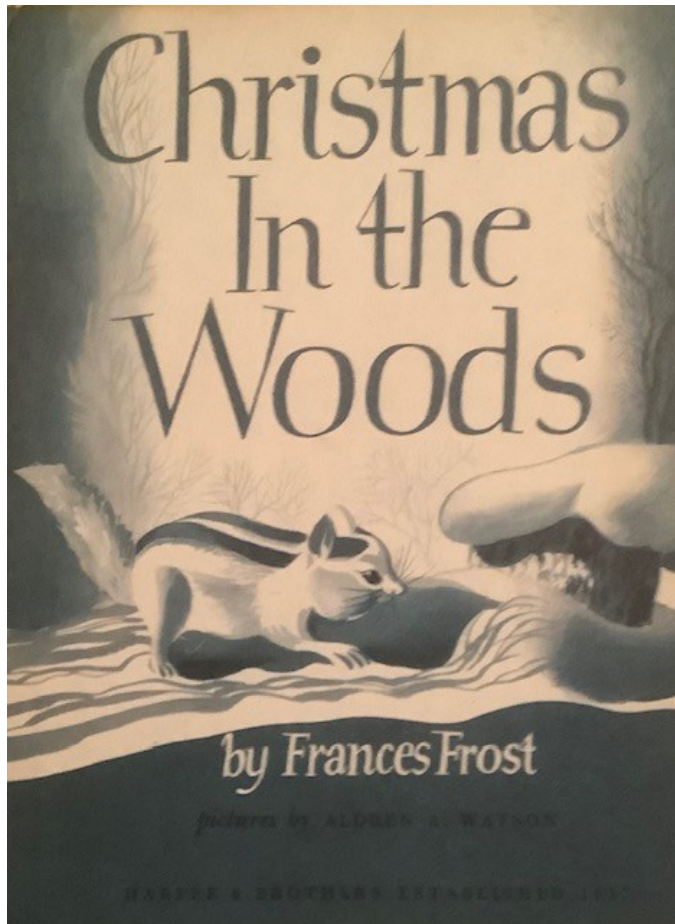
## VERMONT WRITING

BY MARGARET EDWARDS

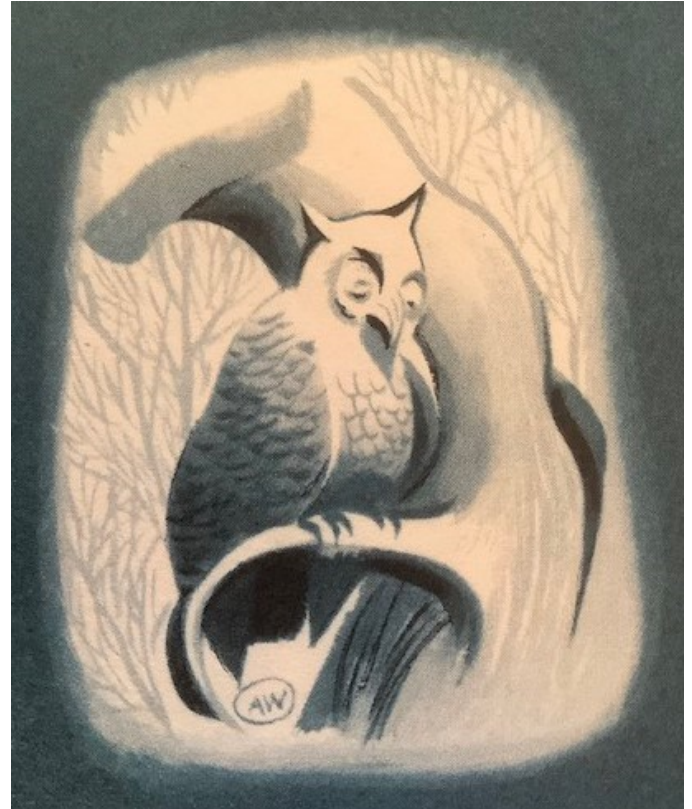
This column, usually called A VERMONT WRITER, is an offering of the Danforth Library in Barnard. Its original purpose has been to introduce Vermont writers deserving wider renown by profiling them. However, this month's offering celebrates the Christmas season by reprinting in its entirety a children's poem by Vermonter Frances Frost (no relation to Robert Frost). Her profile appeared in the Barnard Bulletin's June issue of 2020. The illustrator of Frost's "Christmas In the Woods," Aldren A. Watson (1917 – 2013), was also a woodworker. He lived a life of remarkable creativity in Vermont and New Hampshire until his death at 96.

Frances Frost

1905 – 1959



The small chapbook of her poem *Christmas In the Woods* was published by Harper and Brothers in 1942. The book was dedicated to her daughter, Jean Blackburn, from whom she was sadly estranged. In some volumes, the author's hand-written inscription makes clear that the book was a Christmas gift she gave to friends. Charming in its subject and clarity, well-served by its accompanying illustrations, the little book was published for general sale, but its rarity in the present makes clear that it never gained widespread popularity.



*Tonight when the hoar frost falls on the wood,  
And the rabbit cowers, and the squirrel is cold,  
And the horned owl huddles against a star,  
And the drifts are deep, and the year is old,  
All shy creatures will think of Him.  
The shivering mouse, the hare, the wild young fox,  
The doe with the startled fawn,  
Will dream of gentleness and a Child:  
The buck with budding horns will turn  
His starry eyes to a silver hill tonight,  
The chipmunk will awake and stir  
And leave his burrow for the chill, dark midnight,  
And all timid things will pause  
and sigh, and sighing, bless  
That Child who loves the trembling hearts,  
The shy hearts of the wilderness.*

The work of native Vermonter Frances Frost, educated at Middlebury College and the University of Vermont, is saturated with the imagery and philosophy of our state. Yet she lived most of her life in New York City, where she died at the age of fifty-three. Her poetry (published in seven volumes over the course of her life) was her source of identity and acclaim as a writer, but she supported herself by writing children's books. The setting for most of them is Vermont, and the characters are usually Vermonters.

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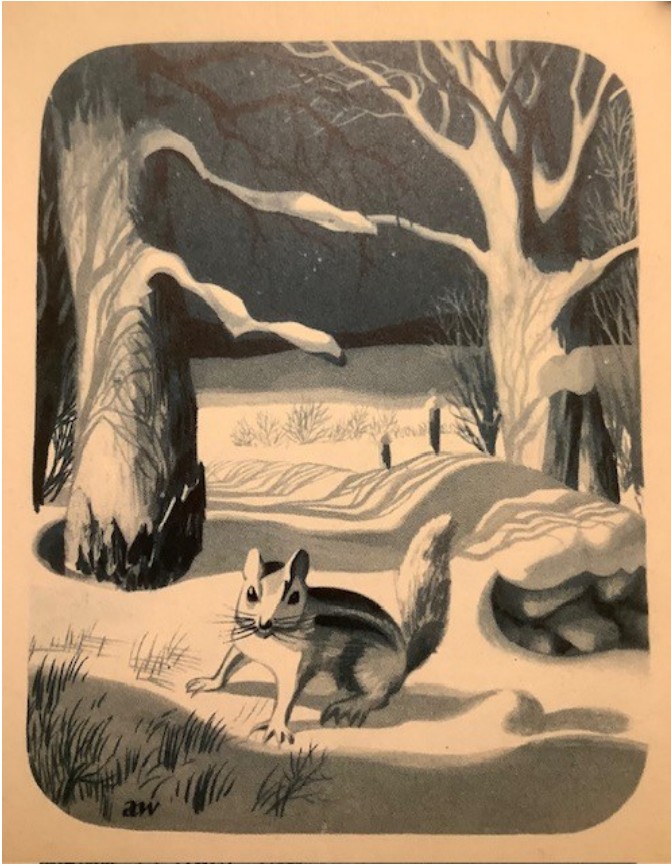
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The trustees of Barnard’s Charles Danforth Library wish to everyone reading this issue of *The Barnard Bulletin* a very merry holiday season. The Library has on loan through the month of December 2024 a rare copy of Frances Frost’s *Christmas In the Woods*. It is available for viewing but not for general circulation.

**CHARLES B. DANFORTH LIBRARY**  
**This Fall at the Barnard Danforth Library**

**Sunday, December 1, 2024, 4 pm**  
**Danny Dover,**  
**Vermont poet**

Bethel’s own Danny Dover will read from his third collection, “Flamingo Nation: New & Selected Poems”. From Kathmandu to Ireland and back, all in a single afternoon....

Charles B. Danforth Library,  
P.O. Box 204, Barnard, VT 05031  
6208 VT Route 12 Phone: 802-234-9408  
Email: [charlesdanforthlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:charlesdanforthlibrary@gmail.com)

Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/charlesdanforthlibrary/>  
Trustees: Berna Donlon, Margaret Edwards, Judy Maynes, Susan McNulty, and Susan Salter Reynolds

**LOCAL CRYPTOGRAM**

A cryptogram is a code in which one letter is substituted for another. For example, the word “Church” could be written BWMSBW. The letter B would be the letter C and would be so throughout the entire message. In this message O = S. The solution is found by trial and error. The CRYPTOGRAM answer is on the last page.

“JL UTHIRMO FTLRFROO UJMFY  
RVAG IMRR  
HJU ORREO V XRMLRAI XVMI;  
DRI RVAG JHR GFYO OWEERM’O  
ORAMRI  
YRRX YJUH UTIGTH TIO GRVMI.  
- AGVMFRO N. OIVIRM





**BARNARD 2024 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS**

For U.S. President and Vice President

CLAUDIA DE LA CRUZ & KARINA GARCIA	5
RACHELE FRUIT & DENNIS RICHTER	0
KAMALA D. HARRIS & TIM WATZ	455
ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR & NICOLE SHANAHAN	13
CHASE OLIVER & MIKE TER MAAT	7
DONALD J. TRUMP & JD VANCE	164
CORNEL WEST & MELINA ABDULLAH	12
Write-in	2
Blank	5

For US Senator

STEVE BERRY	2
MARK STEWART GREENSTEIN	3
MATT HILL	10
GERALD MALLOY	171
BERNIE SANDERS	438
JUSTIN SCHOVILLE	21
Write-in	2
Over	1
Blank	15

For Representative to Congress

BECCA BALINT	428
MARK COESTER	164
JILL "JESSY" DIAMONDSTONE	16
ADAM ORTIZ	18
Write-in	1
Over	1
Blank	35

For Governor

ESTHER CHARLESTIN	147
JUNE GOODBAND	13
KEVIN HOYT	9
ELI "POA" MUTINO	3
PHIL SCOTT	478
Write-in	0
Over	1
Blank	12

For Lieutenant Governor

IAN DIAMONDSTONE	26
JOHN S. RODGERS	269
DAVID ZUCKERMAN	333
Write-in	0
Blank	35

For State Treasurer

JOSHUA BECHHOEFER	214
MIKE PIECIAK	401
Write-in	0
Blank	48

For Secretary of State

SARAH COPELAND HANZAS	411
H. BROOKE PAIGE	201

Write-in	0
Blank	51

For Auditor of Accounts

DOUG HOFFER	402
H. BROOKE PAIGE	209
Write-in	52
Blank	0

For Attorney General

CHARITY R. CLARK	403
KEVIN GUSTAFSON	31
TURE NELSON	182
Write-in	1
Blank	46

For State Senator

ALISON H. CLARKSON	353
ANDREA MURRAY	201
JONATHAN GLEASON	171
JOE MAJOR	330
MARC NEMETH	84
REBECCA WHITE	339
JACK WILLIAMS	164
Write-in	1
Blank	346

For State Representative

HEATHER SURPRENANT	512
Write-in	23
Blank	128

For High Bailiff

Write-in	43
Blank	620

For Justice Of The Peace

PAUL DOTON	491
ELIZABETH R. FINLAYSON	374
PATRICIA HASSON	378
ELLEN MILES	361
Write-ins	
Kassie Hull	1
Lynne Tracy	1
Tom Morse	5
Caleb Barber	5
Stephen Plumb	1
Chris Campbell	1
Greyling VanAlystyne	1
Margaret Dembinski	1
Noah Kohan	1
Dwight Doten	1
Dan Leavitt	2
Heather Surprenant	1
Kurt Lessard	2
Mark Johnson	1
Jay Caruso	1
Bill Boardman	1
Blank	1685



THE PLANNING COMMISSION meets on the Monday prior to the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM in the Town Office.

BARNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION meets the first Monday of the month, 7:00pm, Town Hall.

BEES MEETINGS are held at 6:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the library at the school.

DANFORTH LIBRARY HOURS: Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00 – 5:00 PM; Saturdays 10:00 AM to Noon. Phone: 802-234-9408. ECFiber Wi-Fi. Email: [charlesdanforthlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:charlesdanforthlibrary@gmail.com).

SELECTBOARD meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Town offices at 7:00pm.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, [selectboard@barnardvt.us](mailto:selectboard@barnardvt.us), 234-9211 x 2. By phone at any time, or by appointment. Office hours coming soon

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, [zoning@barnardvt.us](mailto:zoning@barnardvt.us), 234-9211 x 2. By phone at any time, or by appointment. Office hours coming soon.

TOWN CLERK office hours are Monday and Tuesday, 8:00am—3:30pm. Public access is restricted. Call 234-9211 for an appointment.

THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Barnard Town Hall as necessary.

THE BARNARD ENERGY COMMITTEE meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm at the Town Hall

BARNARD GENERAL STORE, Monday-Saturday: 7am-7pm, Sundays: 8am-6pm. <https://www.facebook.com/barnardgeneralstore>

BARNARD LISTSERV: to subscribe please send an email to: [barnard-subscribe@lists.vitalcommunities.org](mailto:barnard-subscribe@lists.vitalcommunities.org)

RECYCLING Click [here](#) for Hours and Regulations

THE BARNARD INN is running a "Feeding Neighbors & Sustaining Community" campaign. Purchase an e-Gift Card and in turn the chefs will feed neighbors. Whole chicken dinners (serves 4-6) and individual sized meals to help feed Vermonters in need. Thank you and please stay safe. E-Gift Cards are available at [www.barnardinn.com](http://www.barnardinn.com).

ECFIBER Governing Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm via. Zoom. Contact the clerk of the District. [secretary@ecfiber.net](mailto:secretary@ecfiber.net), for meeting information or visit <https://www.ecfiber.net/virtual-meetings/>

HISTORICAL SOCIETY Programs to be announced. Questions? Email: [historicalbarnard1761@gmail.com](mailto:historicalbarnard1761@gmail.com)

DELECTABLE MOUNTAIN QUILTERS (DMQ) meet the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Bethel Library from 1-3pm. Contact: Mary Croft 802-763-7074

## BARNARTS EVENTS

Come sing with us. Join the BarnArts Chorale!

Adult rehearsals for Winter Carols begin November 18, at Barnard's First Universalist Church (6211 Rt 12). All ages and experience levels are welcome to join as we grow together as singers with the support of Michael Zsoldos

Adult Rehearsals: Mondays from 6-8pm. Nov 18 & 25, Dec 2, 9 & 16, with the Dress rehearsal Thursday, December 19

Youth will rehearse Mondays from 5:15-6pm starting Nov. 25. Youth singing groups will be formed according to interests and skills. We hope to put a tween/teen quintet together this year!

BarnArts Chorale and Barnarts Youth Chorale performances are the main feature of Winter Carols to be held on Friday, December 20th - 7pm, at the First Universalist Church, Barnard

Please email us if you're interested in joining the chorale ([info@barnarts.org](mailto:info@barnarts.org)) or just show up. Youth join us at 5:15 on 11/25!

Karim Nagi is our Fall Global Music Residency Artist, he will be holding a workshop at the Barnard Academy, sharing his knowledge of Arab culture and skills as a musician & educator.

We hope you'll join us for his public performance on Saturday, November 23, 7:00PM at the North Chapel UU (7 Church St., Woodstock)

Join us for our cozy Wassail Weekend event! Enjoy local music, dinner, and dancing all while supporting BarnArts. The Holiday Cabaret will be on Saturday, December 14, 6:00 - 10:00PM, at the Barnard Town Hall.

Music and dancing by Speak Easy Prohibition Band

Bob Merrill, piano

Tim Gilmore, drums

Peter Concilio, bass

Dave Ellis, trumpet

Katie Runde Sanchez, saxophones

Grace Wallace, vocals

Cabaret performances by BarnArts actors under the musical direction of Carol Cronce! With Jill Clough, Killian White, Fergus Ryan, Taylor Herbel, Greg Pomeroy, Tommy Bauch & Evan Landon

Farm-to-table dinner & cash bar by Brownsville Butcher & Pantry. The 4-course farm-to-table buffet dinner highlights local fruit, veggies, meat, and cheese

### CRYPTOGRAM ANSWER

“Of winter`s lifeless world each tree  
Now seems a perfect part;  
Yet each one holds summer`s secret  
Deep down within its heart.”

- Charles G. Stater