

Welcome

Welcome to the 2022 Oz Club National Convention celebrating the Arts and Crafts of Oz! We've finally crossed the deadly COVID desert and made it to East Aurora, NY. It's been three years of hoping and planning. And it's taken the help of faithful friends and donors; we appreciate your generous support.

Friendly East Aurora was the home of the Roycrofters' Arts & Crafts community, where W. W. Denslow worked before creating his history-making illustrations for L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. This year's convention honors the Royal Illustrators of Oz—and not only features visual art, but Ozzy poetry and music as well. There are even hands-on unique opportunities to feed your own internal artist!

I hope you'll enjoy the many presentations, tours, and classes filling the weekend agenda, find treasures for your collection in the auction, and take time to visit nearby museums and businesses as well.

And perhaps the best activity of all? Enjoying in-person fellowship with Oz friends, old and new!

Cynthia H. Ragni
Cindy Ragni
Convention Chair

Thursday

9 am-5 pm The International Wizard of Oz Club Board of Directors will meet in the Roycroft Chapel.

Thursday Evening

4:30 pm Pre-Registration; Roycroft Inn Lobby

5:30 pm Dedication of Denslow Stone Marker on the Appian Way and Reception for preregistered participants; Roycroft Inn

7 pm Dinner on your own. Reservations are required to dine at the Roycroft Inn's restaurant or lounge.

9 pm Optional table-top games led by Susan Hall; Hampton Inn Lobby Area

Friday Morning

8 am Registration; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm

8 am Dealer Setup; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm

9 am Announcements; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm

9:10 am *T-Shirts of Oz: A slideshow tour*, Dee Michel; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm

10 am *In Search of Snow White: L. Frank Baum's Unrealized Collaboration with Maxfield Parrish*; Scott Cummings; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm

10:30 am *Oz Around the World: International Pop Culture Oz*, Jane Albright; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm

11 am *The Russian Wizard: Featuring Leonid Vladimirovsky* (video), Jane Albright; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm

11:30 am Auction Preview, Dealers Open; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm

Friday Afternoon

- 12:30 pm Bag Lunch; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
1:30 pm *Oz Club Fundraising Auction*, Bill Thompson Auctioneer; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
2 pm *Jory Neill Mason Small Group Painting Class* for Preregistered & paid participants; Hampton Inn Breakfast Rm

Friday Evening

- 4:30 pm Auction Wrap-up, Dealers Open; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
5 pm Auction Payment; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
5 pm *Jory Neill Mason Small Group Painting Class* for Pre-registered & paid participants; Hampton Inn Breakfast Rm
6 pm Buffet dinner; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
7 pm Break; Walk or drive to Baker Memorial Church
7:30 pm *Robert Lamont presents Songs From Oz: Stage, Screen and Radio*; Baker Memorial Church
9 pm Optional table-top games; Hampton Inn Lobby Area

Saturday Morning

- 8 am Registration; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
9 am Announcements; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
9:05 am *John R. Neill Tribute*, Jory Neill Mason; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
9:50 am Po-Ozetry reading, Ryan Bunch & Co.; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
10:50 am Break



Saturday Afternoon

- 11 am *The Modern Set: Oz Illustrators After John R. Neill*, Atticus Gannaway; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
- 12 noon *Roycroft and the American Arts & Crafts Movement*, Robert Rust; Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
- 1 pm Break for lunch & tourism



Lunch is on your own; choose a local restaurant. Visit East Aurora sites such as the Elbert Hubbard Roycroft Museum or Vidler's 5 & 10 store. Reconvene at the Roycroft Campus and visit the Roycroft/Denslow museum display (a must-see), the Copper Shop, Roycroft Campus Antiques, or see the Elbert Hubbard movie.

- 3 & 4 pm Roycroft Campus Tours led by Robert Rust, former owner of the Roycroft Inn (Pre-registered participants only); Roycroft Campus

Open Throughout the Day

- *Denslow and Hubbard: A Collaboration of Immortals* curated by Bill Thompson; Roycroft Campus Museum Print Shop (12:30-5:30pm)
- *Elbert Hubbard, An American Original*. Film will be streamed continuously throughout the day; Roycroft Campus Visitor's Center (11am-4pm)

Saturday Evening

- 5:30 pm Banquet Buffet; Hubbard Hall
- 6:30 pm Awards, Announcements; Hubbard Hall
- 6:45 pm *W. W. Denslow*, Michael Gessel; Hubbard Hall
- 7:45 pm *Lost Art of Oz*, Brady Schwind; Hubbard Hall
- 9 pm *The Supernatural Roycroft: Myth, Magic, Mystery at East Aurora's Arts & Crafts Movement Campus*, walking tour with Mason Winfield (Preregistered participants only); Depart outside Roycroft's Craftsman Lounge

Sunday

- 9 am *Collector's Ask, Show & Tell* (panel: Albright, Hanff, Ragni, Schwind, Thompson); Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm
- 10 am Break: Walk or Drive to Roycroft Campus
- 10:30 am *Printmaking Class* (Pre-registered & paid participants only); Roycroft Campus Print Shop
- 10:30 am *Book Arts Class* (Preregistered & paid participants only); Roycroft Campus Assembly Room (Power House, 1st Floor)
- 12 noon *Fournier House Lunch Tour* (preregistered & paid participants only); Fournier House
- 1:30 pm *Printmaking Class* (Pre-registered & paid participants only) Roycroft Campus Print Shop
- 1:30 pm *Book Arts Class*: (Preregistered & paid participants only); Roycroft Campus Assembly Room (Power House, 1st Floor)
- 3 pm *Fournier House Tour and Reception* (Pre-registered & paid participants only); Fournier House

T-Shirts of Oz

Enjoy a slideshow tour of Oz t-shirts, with special attention to Denslow, Neill and other artists. Conventions and characters and quotes, oh my! Dee Michel presents, Friday 9:10 am, Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm.

In Search of Snow White:

L. Frank Baum's Unrealized Collaboration with Maxfield Parrish

In 1916, plans for L. Frank Baum and Maxfield Parrish to collaborate on a new Snow White stage show and accompanying children's book formed but quickly fizzled. Let's awaken this forgotten project by exploring correspondence, news reports, and surviving artwork. Scott Cummings presents Friday 10am, Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm.

Oz Around the World

Oz appears worldwide in pop culture—theatrical productions, films, fashions, toys, and even graffiti! Jane Albright presents, Friday 10:30 am, Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm.

The Russian Wizard

An educational television program for Soviet children, "From What and Why?", featured well-known figures in the field of culture. We'll watch an episode in which illustrator Leonid Vladimirovsky discusses *The Wizard of the Emerald City* and its origins in Baum's Oz. (Shown with English subtitles.) Friday 11 am, Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm.

John R. Neill Tribute

Learn about the life of master artist John R. Neill and his relationship with the Land of Oz from the personal standpoint of his granddaughter, Jory Mason. Jory Neill Mason presents, Saturday 9:05 am, Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm.

The Modern Set: Oz Illustrators After John R. Neill

John R. Neill's art defined Oz visually for most of us, but the illustrators who came after him have also left unique imprints on readers' imaginations. Learn more about Frank Kramer, Dirk Gringhuis, Dick Martin, and other post-Neill Oz artists. Atticus Gannaway presents, Saturday 11 am, Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm.

Roycroft and the American Arts & Crafts Movement

Explore the history of the Roycroft community, its charismatic founder Elbert Hubbard, and the craftsmen and artists involved, including original *Wonderful Wizard of Oz* illustrator W. W. Denslow. Robert Rust presents, Saturday 12 noon, Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm.



W. W. Denslow

Life-long Oz and Denslow collector Michael Gessel will discuss the first illustrator of Oz, W. W. Denslow, his collaborations with L. Frank Baum, his art, and his connections with the Roycroft community. Michael Gessel presents, Saturday 6:45 pm, Roycroft Inn, Hubbard Hall.

Lost Art of Oz

For the better part of a century, most of the original artwork used to create the illustrations in the "Famous 40" Oz book series has been missing. Join Brady Schwind on his journey to chronicle where the art has gone and the people who have helped preserve it along the way. Brady Schwind presents, 7:45 pm, Roycroft Inn, Hubbard Hall.

Performances

Songs From Oz: Stage, Screen and Radio

Enjoy an Oz-themed piano and voice concert in a local church famed for its original Louis C. Tiffany stained-glass windows. Robert Lamont performs Oz songs that range from rare and unusual to popular favorites. Friday 7:30 pm, Baker Memorial Church.

Po-Ozetry

Some of our favorite Oz friends present poems and verses about Oz, as well as poetry written by Oz authors or illustrated by Oz artists. Ryan Bunch & Co present, Saturday 9:50 am, Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm.

Tours

Roycroft Campus Tour

Experience an insider's look at the Roycrofters on this walking tour of campus with a former owner of the Roycroft Inn. (Pre-registered participants only) Robert Rust leads, Saturday 3 & 4 pm, Roycroft Campus.

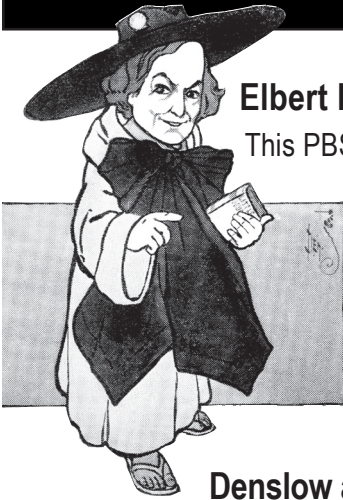
The Supernatural Roycroft: Myth, Magic, Mystery at East Aurora's Arts & Crafts Movement Campus

Author/storyteller Mason Winfield leads guests on a short walking tour of the Roycroft Campus focused on the famous personalities, occult architecture, mystical art, archaeo-geometry, and of course, Campus ghosts. (Preregistered participants only.) Mason Winfield leads, Saturday 9 pm. Depart outside the Roycroft's Craftsman Lounge.

Fournier House Lunch and Reception Tours

Join host and collector extraordinaire Boice Lydell to tour the home of Roycroft artist Alexis Fournier, a contemporary of Denslow's. Sunday afternoon enjoy rare books and art from Boice's collection as well as a light lunch (12 noon) or a champagne reception (3 pm). (Preregistered & paid participants only) Fournier House.

Film



Elbert Hubbard, An American Original

This PBS film celebrates Roycroft's role in the Arts & Crafts Movement. Streams continuously from 11am-4 pm in the Roycroft Visitors Center (Power House).

Exhibit

Denslow and Hubbard: A Collaboration of Immortals

An exhibit of books and other printed matter that emerged from a collaboration born of the friendship between W. W. Denslow and Elbert Hubbard, the self-proclaimed leader of the American Academy of Immortals: the Roycrofters of East Aurora, New York, and a host of adherents. Bill Thompson, Curator, Roycroft Campus Museum (Print Shop) (Open 12:30-5:30 pm.)



Activities

Table-Top Oz Games

Join your fellow Ozians to play a variety of Oz board and card games both vintage and new. Gather both Thursday and Friday nights at 9 pm in the Lobby area of the Hampton Inn. Games led by Susan Hall.

Collector's Ask, Show & Tell Panel

Bring a treasured Oz heirloom or even just an oddity to ask our experts about it, or to show and tell the group yourself! Panelists Hanff, Albright, Schwind, Thompson & Ragni lead, Sunday, 9 am, Hampton Inn Oakwood Rm.

Small Group Painting Class

(Preregistered & paid participants only) Jory Neill Mason teaches Friday at 2 and 5 pm, Hampton Inn Breakfast Rm.



Printmaking Class

Create your own souvenir print using an original Oz book printing plate and the antique Roycroft printing press. (Pre-registered & paid participants only.) Sunday 10:30 am & 1:30 pm, Roycroft Campus Print Shop.

Book Arts Class

Create and illuminate your very own limited-edition booklet honoring the early illustrators of Oz. (Pre-registered & paid participants only.) Sunday 10:30 am & 1:30 pm, Roycroft Campus Assembly Room (Power House, 1st Floor).

Presenters



Jane Albright is a life-long fan and book collector, focusing on Oz, Baum, Denslow, and international Oz. Her non-book Oz collection is also substantial. Jane has supported dozens of exhibits; she speaks regularly to Oz Club, school, and community groups. She currently serves as president of the International Wizard of Oz Club.

Jane will give us a glimpse at Oz in popular culture around the world, and share a video featuring Russian Oz illustrator Leonid Vladimiryky.

Scott Cummings has been an Oz Club member since 1979 and has given many memorable presentations at Club conventions. He has served as editor of *the Baum Bugle* and is a winner of the L Frank Baum Memorial Award.



This year Scott reports on L. Frank Baum's unrealized collaboration with Maxfield Parrish on a *Snow White* stage production.



Atticus Gannaway is the author of *The Silver Sorceress of Oz*, a former editor-in-chief of *The Baum Bugle*, and the *Bugle's* current review editor. He has served as the Club's webmaster and as a member of its board of directors. He is currently writing a collective biography of Oz publishers George M. Hill, Frank Reilly, Sumner Britton, and William F. Lee. He received the Oz Club's L. Frank Baum Memorial Award in 2012.

His presentation about post-Neill Oz illustrators expands on his published research about Frank Kramer and Dick Martin.

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Michael Gessel served as the editor-in-chief of *The Baum Bugle* from 1988 to 1992 and received the Oz Club's L. Frank Baum Memorial Award in 1999. In 1977 he organized the first exhibition of original drawings and books by Oz illustrator W. W. Denslow at the University of Pennsylvania. Michael assisted with the Library of Congress exhibit celebrating the centennial of the publication of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, and is also a member of the board of directors of the International Wizard of Oz Club.

Michael will be speaking about W. W. Denslow.

Robert Lamont is a New York City-based musical director, composer and entertainer. He is an expert on American musical theatre and was part of the team that recently achieved designation of five Tin Pan Alley buildings as landmarks by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission.

A proud member of the International Wizard of Oz Club since 1980, Robert will perform "Songs from Oz: Stage, Screen and Radio," a piano and vocal concert of Oz music over the years.



Jory Mason is an art director and award-winning painter exhibiting in Boston, New York, North Carolina, and New Mexico. She teaches painting and is an experienced juror of awards. Her work has been showcased in "Strokes of Genius 8: Exploring Texture!" by North Light Books.

Jory will lead small-group drawing classes and will present a tribute to her grandfather, Oz illustrator John R. Neill.

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Dee Michel authored *Friends of Dorothy: Why Gay Boys and Gay Men Love The Wizard of Oz* and has given many talks on the Oz–gay connection. He has been a contributing editor for *The Baum Bugle* and was briefly the editor of the International Wizard of Oz Club’s website. Dee has been collecting Oz books and related materials since he was a child, and has been a member of the Oz Club since 1998 as well as briefly when he was younger.

For our convention this year, his talk is about “The T-shirts of Oz.”

Cynthia Ragni collects material related to Oz illustrator W. W. Denslow, hence her interest in chairing a convention in the town where Denslow worked with Roycroft leader Elbert Hubbard. Cindy is also a scientist, has served on the board of the International Wizard of Oz Club, and is the proprietor of the antiquarian bookshop Wonderful-BooksofOz.com.



Cindy originally planned this convention for 2020. Her persistence through two postponements is appreciated — and sure to deliver a convention that shows tremendous thought and planning.



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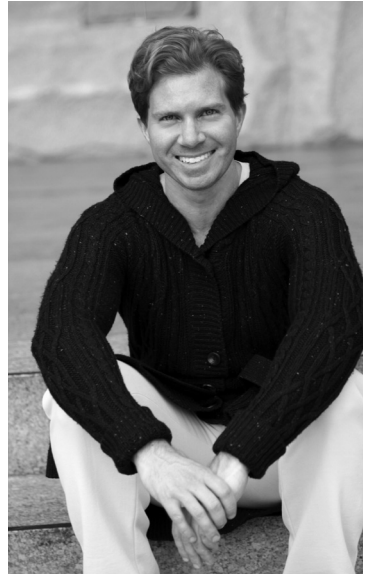


Robert Charles Rust has owned 2R Fine Arts Appraisals since 1988. He was the co-owner of the Roycroft Inn, the Roycroft Shops, and the 2R Fine Arts Gallery. He was a founding member and a past president of The Roycrofters -At-Large-Association and was the founding president of the Preservation Coalition of Erie County (New York). Robert has authored and co-authored books about the Arts and Crafts Movement. He also lectures and consults with museums and private collectors nationally.

He will speak about Roycroft and the Arts and Crafts movement, and lead walking tours of the Roycroft campus.

Brady Schwind is an award-winning writer, director, and theatrical producer whose works have been seen in New York, Los Angeles, and throughout the United States. He created The *Lost Art of Oz* project to definitively track and catalog the surviving original artwork created for the “Famous Forty” series. Of nearly 4,000 illustrations drawn for the Oz Books, less than 300 final drawings are known to survive. Brady’s work is focused on championing those artists whose works are a beloved part of the Oz legacy.

He shares his progress on our Saturday evening program.



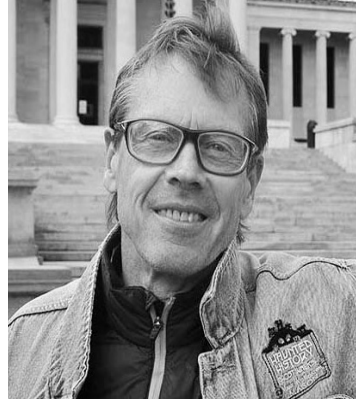
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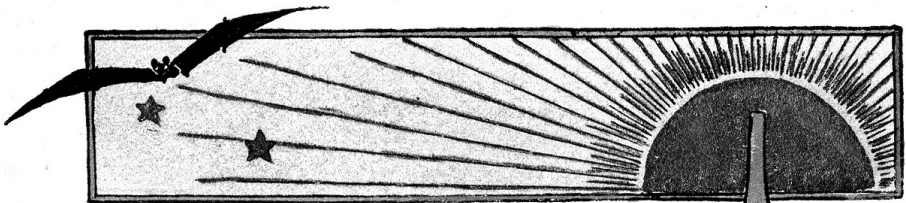
Bill Thompson is a software engineer working at Xerox in a suburb of Rochester, NY, where he lives with his books and his projects. He is a collector extraordinaire, authored *Bibliographia Baumiana*, and has been the Oz Club auctioneer since 2006.

This weekend, Bill will be wearing multiple hats including curating an exhibit of rare Denslow Roycroft material and leading the Oz Club auction.

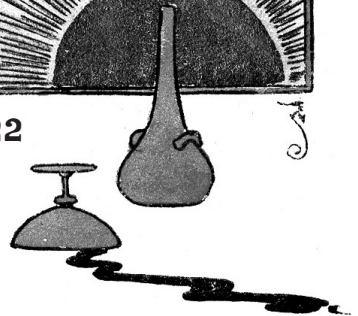
Mason Winfield is a researcher, storyteller, founder of a ghost walks company, and the author of fourteen books. A veteran media guest, Mason is upstate New York's "supernatural historian" and a specialist in the occult and supernatural material of the Roycroft Campus and community. Neither a psychic nor a ghost-hunter, Mason approaches paranormal subjects from the perspectives of a historian or folklorist.



He will be leading a Supernatural Roycroft walking tour, customized for the Oz Club, after the Saturday night Banquet.



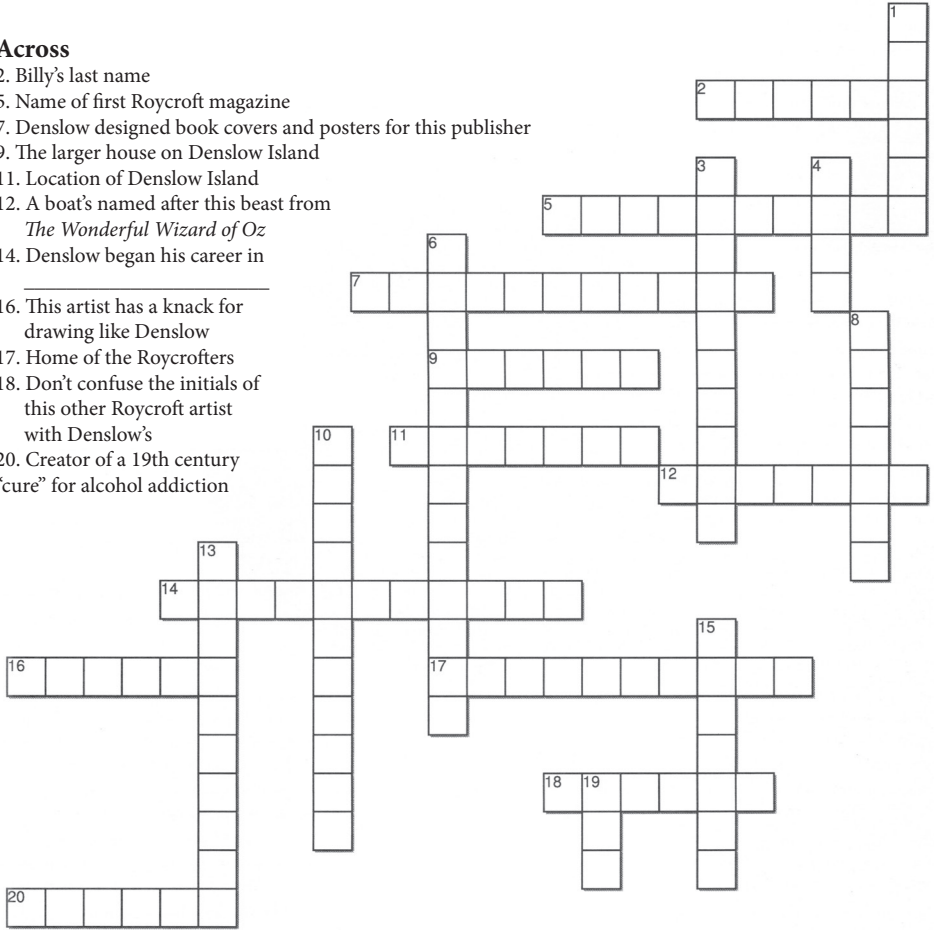
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W. W. Denslow Crossword Puzzle

Across

2. Billy's last name
 5. Name of first Roycroft magazine
 7. Denslow designed book covers and posters for this publisher
 9. The larger house on Denslow Island
 11. Location of Denslow Island
 12. A boat's named after this beast from *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*
 14. Denslow began his career in
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16. This artist has a knack for drawing like Denslow
 17. Home of the Roycrofters
 18. Don't confuse the initials of this other Roycroft artist with Denslow's
 20. Creator of a 19th century "cure" for alcohol addiction



Down

1. Hearn's coauthor of *W. W. Denslow*
3. Original publisher of Denslow's picture books
4. This magazine published *How Perfectly Absurd* on its cover
6. Denslow died in this Manhattan hospital
8. The Roycrofters' leader
10. Seahorse totem
13. The study and collection of postcards
15. Chéret, Hardy, Bradley, and Denslow all designed these
19. Denslow's second wife's first name

Down: 1. Greene 3. Dillingham 4. Life 6. Knickerbocker 8. Hubbard 10. hippocampus 13. deltiology 15. posters 19. Ann

Across: 2. Bounce 5. Philistine 7. Rand McNally 9. Castle 11. Bermuda 12. Kallah 14. periodicals 16. Abbott 17. East Aurora 18. Warner 20. Keeley

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