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While many of us have been honing our interest in reading during the pandemic, a number of our classmates have been writing. Abstract sculptor **David Stromeyer**'s *Art Making on the Land* provides a journey into his work and life on the 200 acres of northern Vermont farmland he purchased in 1970. **Roger A. Anderson** translated Rainer Maria Rilke's poems and **Eric Hatch** provided photographs in the new work, *The Voices*. (Hatch's photos come from his *Faces of Addiction* publication.) Also, **Tony Abruzzo**'s new *The Wing Man* features characters based on his experiences in Vietnam and his legal practice in Tucson, Arizona. **Bill Zarchy** hosted a Zoom audiobook launch for his high-concept novel, *Finding George Washington*, on the subject's recent birthday.

That same indefatigable arts patron Mr. Anderson recently commissioned a composition titled *The Vox Concerto*, which will be premiered by the Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra on March 19. Classmate **Ron Weiss** plays in the violin section.

Other creative activity you'll find enjoyable includes **Bob Thomas**' photography. If you use Facebook, perhaps as a member of the class of 1968 group, you'll find his beautiful images there.

The class committee is delighted to announce that **Woody Lee** has accepted the position of Alumni Council representative. He will succeed the very able **Tom Stonecipher**, whose three-year term ends this spring. Woody will also be a major presence in our activities in Hanover during the lively class meeting weekend of May 14, when the Frederick Douglass bust will be dedicated, and the 2022 Give a Rouse Award honorees will be feted at dinner. Also, the third Thursday class of 1968 luncheon at Jesse's will be moved to May 12 to accommodate attendees of the celebrations. The first luncheon took place on February 17 with **John Engelman**, **Ed Heald**, **Dan Hedges**, **Bill Vail**, **Linc** and Susan **Eldridge**, and **John** and Linde **MacNamara** joining. John E. has let us know that he's moving to Kendal at Hanover, a facility with a close relationship with the College, and he hopes other '68s may someday follow.

A mini reunion of sorts was held at Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, Vermont, on February 2. Skiers included **Dave Dibelius**, **Gerry Bell**, **Dave Gang**, **Peter Emmel**, and **Sam Swisher**. Gerry authoritatively informs me that, yes, one can ski again after knee replacement—as long as one does not fall down.

My wife's love for Asheville, North Carolina, led me to contact **Leckie Reves**, who's an agent in that area and whose photo appears with other alumni agents in the previous issue of this publication. Two changes apply, though: Leckie's changed brokerage affiliations and he's lost 85 pounds!

We're actively looking for someone to work with the always busy **Jim Lawrie** in his responsibilities as class treasurer and webmaster. I'll gladly pass your interest along to President **David Peck**.

Finally, a sad farewell to **Bruce Senn**, who passed recently and who served the College with volunteer work for a number of years as an alumnus.

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