

Tracing the Past: Scott and Stuart Gentling's Birds of Texas

- Showing: December 7, 2019-
March 8, 2020
- Are any of you interested?
- During the week?
- On a Saturday?
- On a Sunday afternoon?
- Dining together?
- Next Fall: Mythmakers: The
Art of Winslow Homer and
Frederic Remington



THE ART OF THANKS... GIVING

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks".--Unknown

DEFINE “THANKFUL”

- expressing gratitude and relief
 - “An earnest and thankful prayer”
- pleased and relieved
 - “They were thankful that the war was finally over”



Thanksgiving. Doris Lee, 1935.

Freedom from Want. Norman
Rockwell, 1943.

- Psalm 107:1, 8-9 -
- "Oh give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, for his
steadfast love endures
forever! Let them thank the
LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the
children of man! For he
satisfies the longing soul, and
the hungry soul he fills with
good things."



New Testament

- 2 Corinthians 4:15 - All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.
- 1 Timothy 4:4-5 - For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.
- Colossians 3:17 - And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Psalms

- Psalms 100:4 - Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- Psalms 28:7 - The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.
- Psalms: 69:30 - I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

The Doxology: A Hymn of Thanksgiving

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQUTvMtUhw4&list=PLIFn-tlpKlIUnpTXpQ7PSTzL_U5uhUJOr&index=1

The Turkeys. Claude Monet, 1876.



The Art of Thanksgiving

- Ephesians 5:20 - Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The soul who daily practices the 'Art of Thanksgiving', is a gracious, loving, soul who is richly blessed!

The art of thanksgiving is thanksgiving...Wilferd A Peterson

- 'In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life.'
Albert Schweitzer

Thanksgiving: Mother and Son Peeling Potatoes. Norman Rockwell, 1945.



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The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth. Jennie Augusta Brownscombe, 1914.

- The first Thanksgiving in North America was held in 1578 in what is now Newfoundland, Canada.
- It was 43 years before the first American [English] Thanksgiving which happened in 1621 at the site of Plymouth Plantation, in Massachusetts



The First Thanksgiving, El Paso [1598]

- 23 years before the Pilgrims and secular English settlers celebrated at Plymouth Juan de Onate and his expedition of 500 men, women and children celebrated their survival in traversing the Chihuahuan Desert.



The First Thanksgiving, El Paso. Jose Cisneros, 2014.

Relationship between Thanksgiving and Shopping!

- George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation for Thursday, November 26, 1789.
- In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed national Thanksgiving Day to be celebrated on the final Thursday of November.
- In 1939 President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the fourth (next-to-last) Thursday of November as Thanksgiving instead of the last, fifth one. The change of Thanksgiving's date was intended to extend the shopping season before Christmas and help bring the country out of The Great Depression.
- **A FUN FACT:** The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for plumbers and septic companies who call it "Brown Friday".

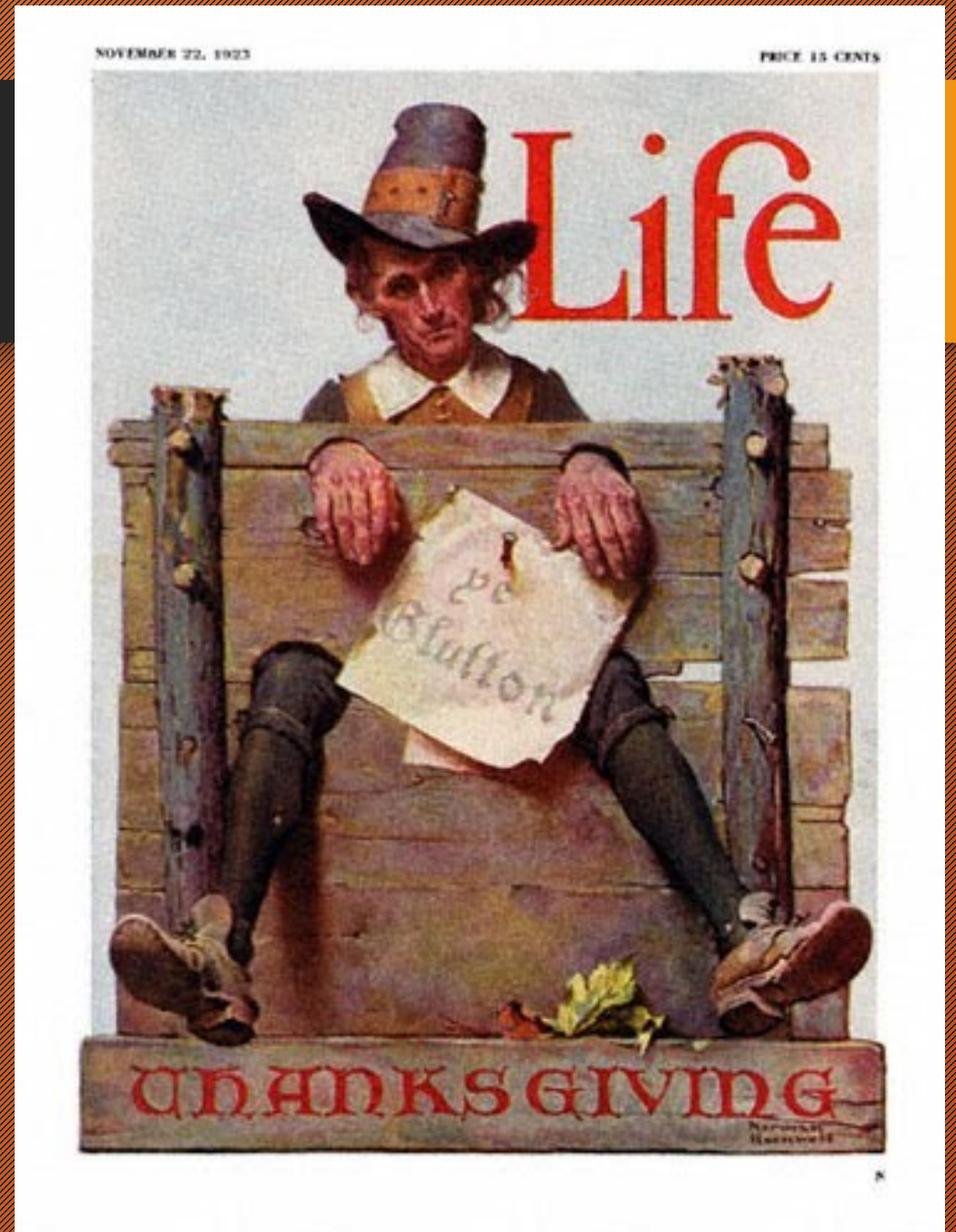
Saying Grace. Norman Rockwell, 1951.



Thanksgiving & Self-control

- Proverbs 25:16 - Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need, lest you be filled with it and vomit.
- Proverbs 23:2 - Put a knife to your throat if you are given to gluttony.
- 2 Peter 1:5-7 - For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

Ye Glutton. Norman Rockwell, 1923.



Psalm 118: The Thanksgiving Psalm

- PSALM 118:28-29 - You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. You are my God, I will exalt you. Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.

The Thankful Poor. Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1894.



Let us give thanks with joyful noise!

- Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
- Praise Him, all creatures here below;
- Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
- Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
- Amen.