



LIFE TIMES

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November 2023

- 1st The Day the Music Died
PM I'll Have What She's Having
- 2nd Great Literature
PM Dark Side of Light Pollution
- 6th Gales of November
PM JFK Assassination
- 7th Russia, 1917-1921
PM A Novelists Christmas Carol:
The Life of Charles Dickens
(Change from catalog)
- 8th Battles For & Against Nature
- 9th Floating City at Sea
- 13th St. Anthony Park
Neighborhood
- 14th Margaret Mitchell and Gone
With the Wind
- 15th Nazi Hunter Fritz Bauer
- 16th Mount Rushmore
PM The French Alliance
- 17th LIFE Book Group
- 20th This Land is Their Land
PM New Orleans Jazz Funerals
- 28th The War That Changed You
World
- 29th King Author: Fact or Fiction
- 30th "A Woman's War, Too"



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A Time of Thanksgiving

The beginning of November is the calm before the winter weather hits us and we start preparing for the busy holidays. Many fall jobs are completed (except for the never-ending raking) in preparation for the winter months. Winter is definitely on its way and LIFE classes provide a break from the dreary November weather and the holiday preparations. Looking through the classes offered for November I find several that relate to the month: "The Gales of November" with Ric Mixter discussing autumn storms on Lake Superior and how they wreak havoc with the large freighters; an in-person class at the Heinz Center with Chad Israelson on "The Legacy of the JFK Assassination"; and David Silverman PhD discussing his new book "This Land Is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving." Many recognizable speakers are also returning this month: Paul Koeller, our rock and roll history enthusiast; Thomas Emmert PhD, a Smithsonian Historian; John Anfinson PhD, author, and River District Historian; Kristen Anderson PhD, professor of art at Augsburg University; Taylor Haygood PhD, professor of American Literature at Florida Atlantic University; and our local Virginia Wright-Peterson PhD, author. The list goes on with so many excellent choices. I personally know it will be hard to decide what classes to take and still have time to get ready for Thanksgiving!

Speaking of Thanksgiving, as much as we should be grateful for all our blessings daily, Thanksgiving is the designated time to reflect on the subject. I am grateful for the obvious; family, friends, health, etc., but also the LIFE program, led by our new director, Kerry Novotney, our steadfast Jamie Schroeder who keeps all on track, the board members, and RCTC staff. Without these hard-working members, we would not have the outstanding program we enjoy. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy the classes offered this month!

This Land is Their Land:

Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, Thanksgiving History

Monday, November 20, 10am—Noon Online via Zoom



David Silverman PhD

400+ years after the first Thanksgiving, a new look at the Plymouth colony's founding events, told for the first time with Wampanoag people at the heart of the story. This unsettling history reveals why some modern Native people hold a Day of Mourning on Thanksgiving, a holiday which celebrates a myth of colonialism and white proprietorship of the United States. "This Land is Their Land" shows that it is time to rethink how we, as a pluralistic nation, tell the history of Thanksgiving.



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