

#### <u>June 2022</u>

**JUNE 2022** 

1-Topic Expert: Biden's Foreign Policy Agenda 2-Great Books

2-Ode to Beethoven – the Man behind the Music!

6-The Ongoing Crisis in American Democracy: Restoring Norms and Principles

7-DEEP SIX: TITANICS OF THE GREAT LAKES

7-Great Decisions 2022 Discussion Group Topic: Industrial Policy

7-Wise Guys: Animal Intelligence 8-Wolves of the Sea

8-I Closed Too Many Eyes: A World War II Medic Finally Talks

9-Lillian and Bird: Ladies of Daring 9-Louisville & Nashville Railroad (L&N) and the Kentucky Distillery Industry

13-Nevertheless She Persisted! Women Who Made a Difference on the Arizona Frontier

14-Alexander Hamilton Jewish?

14-The Antiquity of Irrigation in the Southwest

15-J.R. Willis: Postcard Artist and Old Town Arts Entrepreneur

16-British Medieval Life: Monaster-

ies and Masses

16-Museum of Flight

17-Book Group

20-Reconsidering the Most Hated Man in Kentucky

21-Great Decisions 2022 Discussion Group Topic: Drug Policy in Latin America

21-Take Me Home Country Roads: A Brief History of Almost Heaven 22-Sports in Minnesota: A History of Heartbreak

22-ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED: An Unlikely Journey from the Orphanage to the Boardroom 23-Treasures from the Farnsworth Art Museum: Louise Nevelson 27-Marine Mammal Center: Advancing Global Ocean Conservation 29-Generational Cycles – Learning the past, understanding the present, seeing the future.

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## LIFE: Cultivate Your Mind and Garden

Fellow LIFErs, May has been a rather fickle month when it comes to gardening. After temperatures of 90 the week before Mother's Day, I braved the crowds that weekend to purchase plants—feeling that I was already behind schedule. When the weather immediately turned chilly and rainy, my plants sat on the patio and then in the garage until conditions grew supportive and I was able to plant. Why did I think I needed to rush out and buy plants as soon as we had one day of real sunshine? Because I, like many of you, love flowers and after a LONG and I think rather dreary winter, couldn't wait to bring some color and joy into my life. What is more satisfying than placing a plant into rich black soil, tending to it carefully, and watching it bloom?

To me the LIFE program shares many of the same characteristics. Every quarter I impatiently wait for the next quarter's catalog and like my seed catalogs, I thumb through it imagining the satisfaction I'll get from attending a class, planting that seed of knowledge and watching it grow. To me attending a class is just the beginning—I then get to share what I've learned with the people around me (just like my neighbors enjoy my flowers). Some topics are so interesting that I need to do further research to increase my understanding (and growth).

LIFE's June calendar is full of ideas and knowledge to cultivate. I know that when the days are sunny and bright, attending a class on zoom for two hours may seem like a waste of sunshine but have you

thought about attending from your patio or deck where you can enjoy your flowers at the same time? Or what about inviting a friend over to share a class? Nature is all around us and I urge you to enjoy it. This month, I'm particularly looking forward to the return of Melonie Shipman (in person) as she shares her knowledge of orcas and bird intelligence. If you haven't "experienced" one of Melonie's presentations, you MUST plan to attend!



Hoping that you can appreciate this garden analogy, I urge all of you to "Bloom where You're Planted" during the coming months.

Jane Hallman LIFE Board Member

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### **Teacher Feature...**

Andrew Porwancher is the Wick Cary Associate Professor at the University of Oklahoma, where he teaches constitutional history. The Ernest May Fellow at Harvard this academic year, Andrew previously held the Horne Fellowship at Oxford and the Garwood Fellowship at Princeton. He also is the recipient of the Longmire Prize for innovative teaching. His newest book, "The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton" was published in 2021 by Princeton University Press. Coverage of the book has appeared in the Washington Post & Wall Street Journal.



Dr. Porwancher will be presenting on June 14th



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