

Spring Schedule - January to June 2012

as of 8 June 2012

Day	Date	Time	Title	Description
Wed	4 Jan 12	10:00-12:00	Brainiacs and Brawlers: Fredericksburg's Nineteenth Century Newspapers and their Colorful, Petulant Editors Presenter: John Hennessy Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	A look at newspapers, journalism, and journalists as they were practiced in mid-19th Century Fredericksburg, as the community and nation sped toward dissolution. Much as we rail against biased reporting today, it pales in comparison to what it was then, when newspapers had avowed political positions to uphold--not just for social ends, but as a means of securing a market niche. Some of the region's most colorful and important personalities wielded the community's printing presses, and their work constitutes a vivid window on a society in both peace and crisis.
Thu	12 Jan 12	13:00-15:00	Book Group► Nemesis by Philip Roth Discussion: Phill Hall Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Nemesis is the story of a terrifying wartime polio epidemic in the summer of 1944 and the effect it has on a closely knit, family-oriented Newark, New Jersey, community and its children. Roth is a Pulitzer-prize winning author.
Tue	17 Jan 12	13:00-15:00	"Such Is War": The Origins and Development of a Hard War Strategy in the Civil War Presenter: Beth Parnicza Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	The Civil War began as a conflict to restore the Union while treating opponents as fellow-countrymen. It soon became apparent to both sides that a short war, fought primarily on battlefields and respecting private property, was not to be. How did the contest devolve into the bitter struggle culminating in places like Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, or even Columbia, South Carolina? How could the average soldier confront and justify actions to an audience separated from the carnage of the battlefield? All one man could simply say was, "Such is War."
Tue	17 Jan 12		UMW Classes Begin After Christmas Break	
Thu	19 Jan 12	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.
Tue	24 Jan 12	13:30-15:00	Spring UMW Gallery Tour I Presenter: Justine Geiger Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Note unusual start time. The tour begins in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery with Mid-Atlantic New Painting 2012 and continues in the duPont Gallery with Crowded Spaces: Allison Long Hardy.

Day	Date	Time	Title	Description
Wed	25 Jan 12	10:00-12:00	Moral Dilemmas: Utilitarianism Presenter: Stew Engel Sponsor: Stew Engel	According to the principle of utility, an action is right insofar as it tends to increase happiness and wrong insofar as it tends to decrease happiness. In other words, the principle tells us that the right thing to do is always whatever will produce the greatest amount of happiness and whatever is necessary to prevent the greatest amount of unhappiness. But how are we supposed to figure out what to do in a particular, real-life situation? Suppose that we have to choose between building a new sports stadium and building a new hospital. If building the stadium would produce a greater balance of pleasure, then should we build the stadium?
Thu	26 Jan 12	10:00-12:00	The Art and Craft of Biography Presenter: Charles Shields Sponsor: Margaret Rose	Biographers are snoops, and yet gossip is not the heart of biography. In this presentation, Charles J. Shields, associate director of the Great Lives Series at the University of Mary Washington, and vice-president of Biographers International Organization (BIO) will talk about the ways biographers attempt to present a fair and accurate description of a person's life, and furthermore, how to make that life seem vivid and real again. Mr. Shields will also talk about the two biographies he has written on Harper Lee and Kurt Vonnegut and will solicit input from us about the Great Lives Series.
Tue	31 Jan 12	10:00-12:00	Who Doesn't Love a Party? Magic and Mayhem in the Operatic Party Scene Presenter: David Winn Sponsor: Janet Wishner	From fun to frantic, joyous to tragic, operatic parties never bore. Throughout its history, opera has employed the party scene as expression of celebratory joy, as backdrop for sinister intrigue, and as counterpoint to the inner turmoil or external calamities of a central character. And who doesn't love a party? As we explore party scenes from Giuseppe Verdi to Samuel Barber, we'll discover how festive can be deceptive as well as fun. This lecture will be illustrated by examples, both audio and visual, from selected operas.
Wed	1 Feb 12	10:00-12:00	Once Dumb, Twice Crazy, Third Time Wise: A Tale of Buddhist Pilgrimage Presenter: David Ambuel Sponsor: Janet Wishner	We will show a 94-minute film following a group of Thai pilgrims, made up of monks and lay followers, on a pilgrimage to the sites of Buddhism's roots in India and Nepal. It observes their practices and examines their goals and aspirations in undertaking the pilgrimage, as they retrace the Buddha's life from his birthplace in Lumbini, to the place of enlightenment at Bodhgaya, his first teaching at Sarnath, and his death at Kushinagar, while staying at local temples along the way.
Thu	2 Feb 12	10:00-12:00	The 2012 Nomination Campaign So Far Presenter: Stephen Farnsworth Sponsor: Phil Hall	This popular speaker returns to give us his professional up to date "take" on the run for the White House.
Tue	7 Feb 12	10:00-12:00	From Bat Poop to Bombs Presenter: Janet Asper Sponsor: Dave Hill	There are many strange connections between chemistry and war. Did you know that a Jew developed the first chemical weapons? That the quest for bat poop led to slavery on the same islands where we tested the H-bomb? Come with me on a strange walk through unexpected connections.

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Wed	8 Feb 12	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion► Moon over Buffalo by Ken Ludwig Presenter: Gregg Stull Sponsors: Bob & Carole Hanus	Theatrical hijinks ensue in this uproarious farce. Fading stars George and Charlotte Hay are caught in repertory theatre purgatory, performing the unlikely duo of Cyrano de Bergerac and Private Lives in Buffalo. When news spreads that renowned movie mogul Frank Capra is coming to a matinee performance in hopes of signing leads for his upcoming feature film, mistaken identities, jangled nerves, and riotous misunderstandings escalate into a performance where anything that can go wrong does go wrong. Tickets go on sale February 8th. Show dates: February 16-18 and 23-25 at 8pm, February 19 and 26 at 2pm. ElderStudy members may bring non-member guests to this session.
Thu	9 Feb 12	13:00-15:00	Book Group► The River of Doubt by Candice Millard Discussion: Roger Bourdon Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	In 1913 ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, his son Kermit, and a Brazilian Army Colonel undertake a 1,000-mile exploration down Brazil's River of Doubt, then the most dangerous river on Earth.
Tue	14 Feb 12	13:30-15:00	Membership Committee Meeting Sponsor: Stew Engel	This committee handles publicity, the newsletter, maintaining the web site and planning social events. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings to help with what we do and bring new ideas.
Thu	16 Feb 12	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.
Tue	21 Feb 12	10:00-12:00	Elder Law and You: What It Is and How It Can Serve You Presenter: Elizabeth McMaster Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Elizabeth McMaster is a local attorney who focuses her practice on issues that affect the elderly and disabled. She will talk about Elder Law, Estate Planning, Disability Planning, Special Needs, Estate Administration, and other related topics. Bring your questions for this lady with so much expertise.
Wed	22 Feb 12	10:00-12:00	Epicurus Epicurus: The Tale of Philosophical School in Ancient Italy Presenter: Joe Romero Sponsor: Janet Wishner	In 1752, fortune hunters tunneled beneath the solidified ash of Mt. Vesuvius in Ercolano (Herculaneum) and unearthed a magnificent cache of books from ancient Rome. We now think these belonged to a prominent Roman and devotee of Epicurean philosophy, Lucius Calpurnius Piso. The Epicureans were dangerous thinkers in the ancient world, with their material view of the universe and denial of any significant role for the gods in human affairs—dangerous enough for Karl Marx to choose the Epicurean poet Lucretius to write his doctoral thesis about. In this talk, I will recount the discovery of this library and the mystery of who owned and used these books and what they can tell us about the role of philosophy in pre-imperial Rome.

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Thu	23 Feb 12	10:00-12:00	George Washington: Young Adventurer Presenter: Dave Muraca Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Using artifacts recovered from the archaeological excavations of the Washington home at Ferry Farm in association with historical records, Director of Archaeology Dave Muraca will explore the early life of our most important founding father.
Tue	28 Feb 12	10:00-12:00	China's Rise: Threat or Opportunity? Presenter: Elizabeth Larus Sponsor: Mel Wright	This talk will cover China's growing economic, military and financial power, focusing on its increased military assertiveness. It will put China's rise in the context of its rapid economic growth, and then move on to the large increases in its military spending, the expansion of its navy, increased aggression in the East and South China seas, the Taiwan issue, and China's "going out" policy of seeking energy resources abroad. Then we will look at the U.S. response, such as the U.S.-Japan security alliance, increasing cooperation with Philippines, increasing the U.S. military footprint in Australia and Singapore, and other moves. Finally, we'll discuss China's growing clout in multilateral financial institutions and China as the largest foreign holder of U.S. debt and what these things mean for the U.S. and the West.
Tue	28 Feb 12	13:00-15:00	Administrative Committee Meeting Sponsor: John Thompson	This committee develops policies and plans for operating the organization. It reviews governing documents, updates the Procedures Manual, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes the annual budget and member fees. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings.
Thu	1 Mar 12	10:00-12:00	Sears Roebuck, Julius Rosenwald and the Creation of Black Schools in the South Presenter: Dennis Van Derlaske Sponsor: Anne McGrath	The story of Sears, Roebuck and Company and how Julius Rosenwald came to be its chief executive officer is told along with how he used his experience to facilitate the building of over 5000 schools for African Americans in the rural Jim Crow South. We will explore how the marketing of some of Sears' original product lines influenced Rosenwald to take a novel approach in designing and funding these schools. Rosenwald Schools that existed in the local area and in other portions of Virginia will be discussed.
Sat	3 Mar 12		UMW Spring Break Begins	
Tue	6 Mar 12	10:00-12:00	AARP	
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Wed	7 Mar 12	10:00-12:00	Board of Directors Meeting Sponsor: President Phil Hall	Board meetings are open to all ElderStudy members. Come and witness firsthand the decision-making process that ensures that ElderStudy is meeting its objectives. This is a chance for all members to suggest new ideas for the organization directly to the Board and to Committee Chairpersons.

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Thu	8 Mar 12	10:00-12:00	Creative Writing Presenter: Sid Hite Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Sid Hite is the author of twelve young adult novels, translated into seven languages. He will discuss his personal preparation for his career, the nature of the publishing business, and the future of electronic books.
Thu	8 Mar 12	13:00-15:00	Book Group► The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot Discussion: Chuck Watkins Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	A poor black woman, treated in Baltimore for cancer, signs a paper allowing the hospital to take samples of her cancer cells. These cells grow exponentially, and are used in research labs worldwide, leading to medical discoveries. The book describes her family's search for truth, and the impact on their lives.
Mon	12 Mar 12		UMW Spring Break Ends	
Tue	13 Mar 12	10:00-12:00	Art in Fredericksburg Over the Last 45 Years Presenter: Johnny Johnson Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Johnny Johnson is an artist and former art teacher for the Fredericksburg public schools. He will talk about changes in the Fredericksburg art scene, how they have paralleled the growth of Fredericksburg itself, and how the community has responded to them.
Thu	15 Mar 12	10:00-12:00	The Great American Road Trip Presenter: Dennis Van Derlaske Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	From its earliest days, the development of the U.S. required construction of roads, especially after the advent of the automobile. We will look at the explosion in road construction in the 20th century, highlighting figures such as Colonel Dwight Eisenhower and his 1919 transcontinental journey across dirt, mud, rock and sand; William Vanderbilt's parkway which doubled as a racetrack; and Duncan Hines' impact on road cuisine. This will be intertwined with the American literary genre of the "road trip" book from Theodore Dreiser to Jack Kerouac.
Thu	15 Mar 12	13:00-15:00	Elder Law and You: What It Is and How It Can Serve You REPEAT SESSION Presenter: Elizabeth McMaster Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Elizabeth McMaster is a local attorney who focuses her practice on issues that affect the elderly and disabled. She will talk about Elder Law, Estate Planning, Disability Planning, Special Needs, Estate Administration, and other related topics. Bring your questions for this lady with so much expertise.
Fri	16 Mar 12	10:00-12:00	General Membership Meeting Sponsor: President Phil Hall	This is the open forum designed to communicate directly with your fellow members, to better learn how ElderStudy works, to better understand the issues that are facing the organization, and to vote on those critical issues facing us. In addition, new members can meet and develop friendships with like-minded persons, and long-term members can renew old friendships. There is always a delicious table of drinks and goodies that makes the meeting even more enjoyable.

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Wed	21 Mar 12	13:00-15:00	Hollywood and History: The Influence of Hollywood in Historical Fashion Perspectives Presenter: Kevin McCluskey Sponsor: Bill Wemmerus	During the golden age of Hollywood, its influence in shaping our visual understanding of historical time periods was unparalleled, and in fact, for many people, movies still visualize history, especially the clothes people wore: the movie Gone with the Wind sets the definition of civil war dress in the South. But is that really how people dressed in the 1860's? By looking at several seminal movies—and some television shows—this lecture investigates what Hollywood designated as historical accuracy, juxtaposed against what really was.
Thu	22 Mar 12	10:00-12:00	Behind the Scenes at a Primary Care Practice Presenter: Dr. Chris Lillis Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	We have all made appointments with our primary care doctor, are treated, provided a treatment plan, and, hopefully, leave the office as a happier and healthier person. But what goes on behind the scene at the doctor's office? Dr. Lillis will provide us "the rest of the story." He will discuss in detail the problems and issues involved in starting and managing a busy primary care office from setting up a facility, hiring staff, and interfacing with patients, hospitals, other physicians and specialists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical reps, the Board of Medicine, Board of Health, malpractice insurance carriers, politicians, etc, etc, etc.
Thu	22 Mar 12	13:00-15:00	Curriculum Committee Meeting Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Open to all interested members; help us plan the curriculum for the next semester.
Tue	27 Mar 12	13:00-15:00	How to Handle Conflicts Without Losing It or Yourself Presenter: Terry Diebold Sponsor: Rose Reif	Terry Diebold, life coach, mentor, and author, will present various techniques to deal with conflict and difficulties in communication with others in the the workplace and with friends and family. She will assist with personal scenarios that can be sent to her in advance (TerryDiebold@gmail.com or 308 Wolfe St., Fredericksburg 22401). Her book, "The Myth of Self Esteem; 50 Ways to Stop Sabotaging Yourself and Become the Confident Person You've Always Wanted to Be" was written in 2008.
Wed	28 Mar 12	10:00-12:00	Moral Dilemmas: Libertarianism Presenter: Janet Wishner Sponsor: Stew Engel	According to libertarians, the greatest threat to individual rights comes from the government. Libertarians think that many kinds of laws violate people's rights. Whenever the government prohibits a self-endangering activity—like driving without a seat belt—is it being unacceptably paternalist? Whenever the government taxes people for redistributive purposes, is it stealing from them and forcing them to work for the benefit of other people? Suppose everyone in the United States had the same amount of money, and we all gave 25 cents to Michael Jordan in exchange for the pleasure of watching him play basketball. Then Jordan would have much more money than everybody else, and there would no longer be a pattern of equality. To restore the pattern, the government would have to take the money we gave to Jordan and give it back to each of us. And to maintain the pattern, would the government have to permanently forbid us from doing what we want with the money we have?

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Wed	4 Apr 12	10:00-12:00	What Aging Does to the Body RESCHEDULED BACK FROM MAY 3 Presenter: Dr. Samuel Umesegeha Sponsor: Margaret Rose	Dr. Umesegeha, geriatric specialist at Senior Care Geriatric Center in Spotsylvania County, will describe the physiological changes that people experience as they age. The mission of his practice is to provide first-rate care and to treat patients and their caregivers with dignity, respect and compassion.
Thu	5 Apr 12	10:00-12:00	Behind the Curtain at Wikipedia: How it All Works RESTORED 11/2015 by AZ Presenter: William Warrick Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	Wikipedia is both loved and despised by many who meet the resource. Though it is used by millions each day for information, few people know how the project works. In this session you'll get a glimpse of one of the most ambitious - and successful - collaborative projects in the world. You'll get a look behind the scenes at the evolution of an article on Wikipedia and see how it is developed. You'll also learn how YOU can participate!
Tue	10 Apr 12	10:00-12:00	Mark Twain: Heretical Perspectives of a Literary Sainthood Presenter: Gaye Pinschmidt Sponsor: Chuck Johnson	Mark Twain, the same man who churned out reams of satire lampooning religion and The Bible, also wrote and researched serious biographies, citing THE PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF JOAN OF ARC as his finest work. This was an assessment shared by his wife and daughters. Yet few among today's broad spectrum of readers know this, and fewer still have ever read the book. Mark Twain's literary genesis and his persona present dichotomies which interest and entertain us as much in the present as at any point in the past. Gae explores and enlivens this controversy with her scholarly research and readings from little known works.
Tue	10 Apr 12	13:30-15:00	Spring UMW Gallery Tour II Presenter: Justine Geiger Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Note unusual start time. The tour begins in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery with Making an Impression: Prints from the Permanent Collection and continues in the duPont Gallery with the Annual Student Art Exhibition.
Wed	11 Apr 12	10:00-12:00	Play Discussion► Hedda Gabler, by Henrik Ibsen, adapted by Jon Robin Baitz Presenter: Helen Housley Sponsors: Bob & Carole Hanus	Returning from their honeymoon, George and Hedda Tesman begin to settle into their new life together. With the return of Eilert Lovborg, George's academic nemesis, the couple's relationship unravels amidst whispered secrets, professional disappointments, and a startling realization of what life truly holds for Hedda as George's wife. Passion and rivalries flare in this new adaptation by Jon Robin Baitz, who breathes new life into Ibsen's classic tale with an interpretation of Hedda unlike any other. Tickets available during/after class. Box Office 654-1124. Show dates: April 12-14 and April 19-21 at 8pm, April 15 and 22 at 2pm. Listening devices are available. ElderStudy members may bring non-member guests to this session.
Thu	12 Apr 12	10:00-12:00	Tour of the Wegner Gallery and Foundry Presenters: Stewart & Steven Wegner Sponsor: Peg Johnson	The Wegner Brothers do full-service bronze art casting. We will tour their gallery at 905 Caroline Street in downtown Fredericksburg. Then we will go to their foundry at 520 Wolfe Street, behind Roxbury Mills.

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Thu	12 Apr 12	13:00-15:00	Book Group► Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand Presenter: Peggy Verdine Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	In 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared--Louis Zamperini. Captured by the Japanese and driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve and humor.
Tue	17 Apr 12	10:00-12:00	An Hour With Jenny Lind: The Swedish Nightingale on the 125th Anniversary of Her Death, 1887-2012 Presenter: Art Candenquist Sponsor: Dennis Van Derlaske	In today's entertainment world, "superstars" are commonplace and come and go. We will learn about the first superstar to appear on American shores, Jenny Lind--"The Swedish Nightingale". This singer came on the scene in the 19th century. Jenny Lind's life and times both here and abroad will be presented along with the impact she had on our culture.
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Wed	18 Apr 12	10:30-12:00	Tour: The Germanna Colonies Presenter: Karen Quanbec Sponsor: Anne McGrath	Note unusual start time. Join us for a visit to the Germanna Foundation, just west of Fredericksburg. In 1714 Gov. Spotswood brought a group of German immigrants to settle in Virginia. These original families have preserved their heritage and created a foundation with a visitor center that enables descendants to trace their lineage. Karen Quanbec, Director of the Visitor Center, will speak to us, and there will be time to examine what the center has to offer. Because of space, we can only accommodate a group of 25. Sign up by e-mailing Anne McGrath (amcgrath08@gmail.com) or call her at 785-4664. The Germanna Foundation is adjacent to Germanna Community College at Locust Grove. Go straight out Route 3 West. Go 2.6 miles past the stoplight at Lake of the Woods. Turn left into the Community College, then take the first right. If you leave Fredericksburg at 10 a.m., you should arrive in plenty of time for the 10:30 presentation. IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL, NOTIFY ANNE SO SHE CAN LET SOMEONE ELSE GO.
Thu	19 Apr 12	13:00-15:00	The UMW Debate Team Sponsor: Dave Hill	The topic to be debated is "Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its democracy assistance for one or more of the following: Egypt, Libya, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen."
Tue	24 Apr 12	10:00-12:00	The Silk Road Presenter: Janet Wishner Sponsor: Janet Wishner	The Silk Road went from India or China through Central Asia to Egypt transporting spices, textiles, and gems. We'll talk about who went, what they traded, and how camels (said to be "ships of the desert") and their drivers navigated their way across the vast desert. Janet has traveled in Central Asia and will show slides to illustrate the talk.

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Wed	25 Apr 12	10:00-12:00	America's Allies and War: Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq Presenter: Jason Davidson Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Drawing on his latest book, Professor Davidson will discuss British, French, and Italian decisions to provide or refuse military support for U.S.-led uses of force.
Thu	26 Apr 12	11:00-13:00	SESSION ADDED - UNUSUAL TIME Presenters: Leila Asadi, Shirin Afssous Sponsor: Janet Wishner	
Fri	27 Apr 12		UMW Classes End	
Tue	1 May 12	10:00-12:00	Global Warming Presenter: Kermit Woodcock Sponsor: Janet Wishner	Global warming is a subject of great interest and disagreement. To what extent is man contributing to climate change? A substantial body of information is being developed to improve our understanding of this issue, and this lecture will provide a broad perspective on some of the available data.
Wed	2 May 12	10:00-12:00	The Emperor of Ocean Park Presenter: Rose Wesson Sponsor: Rose Wesson	An extraordinary fiction debut--a large, stirring novel of suspense that is, at the same time, a work of brilliantly astute social observation. The book is set in two privileged worlds: the upper crust African-American society of the eastern seaboard--old families who summer on Martha's Vineyard--and the inner circle of an Ivy League law school. It tells the story of a complex family with a single, seductive link to the shadow lands of crime.
Tue	8 May 12	10:00-12:00	Amazing Africa Presenters: Anne McGrath, Joan Bitely, Chuck & Mary Johnson Sponsor: Margareta Williamson	Five members of ElderStudy traveled to Africa during the past year. Join us as they gather to share their experiences, impressions, photos and anecdotes. Presented by Chuck and Mary Johnson, Joan Bitely, and Anne McGrath.
Wed	9 May 12	10:00-12:00	The Kansas National Guard: From Pancho Villa to the Armistice in France. Presenter: Stew Engel Sponsor: Stew Engel	In the early twentieth century, National Guard units were posted to the Mexican border in the "Punitive Expedition" against Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa. Stew will discuss the Kansas Guard's mostly mundane experiences. Then he will tell us about the unit's World War I service as part of the 35th Division, which suffered the highest U. S. daily casualty rate in the Battle of Meuse-Argonne. This was the costliest battle in American history. Caustic editorial comments will be included in the talk.
Wed	9 May 12	13:00-15:00	Book Group ► Pearl Buck in China by Hilary Sparling Discussion: Carrie Allahut Sponsor: Roger Bourdon	Note change from usual day due to room unavailability. This well-edited 2010 Biography of Pearl Buck gives concise summaries of all her books and a comprehensive tale of her life.

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Tue	15 May 12	10:00-12:00	Gay Rights vs. Civil Rights Presenter: Gaye Adegbalola Sponsor: Peg Johnson	Gaye will compare the struggles for civil rights and gay rights, pointing out their similarities and differences.
Wed	16 May 12	11:30-14:00	End of Year Potluck Luncheon Sponsor: Eugenia Jones	Join your colleagues for our annual end of year potluck luncheon at the First Christian Church, 1501 Washington Avenue in Fredericksburg. Musical entertainment will be provided. Further details will be provided well before the date of this popular event.
Mon	21 May 12		UMW Summer Classes Begin	
Tue	22 May 12	10:00-12:00	Tour of Chatham Manor and Gardens Presenter: Jim Padgett Sponsor: Bill Toomey	Enjoy a guided tour of Chatham Manor and its grand gardens by historical interpreter and ElderStudy member Jim Padgett. Chatham is located at 120 Chatham Lane, just across the river from downtown Fredericksburg in Stafford County. Take the Chatham Bridge and turn left at the first light (Chatham Heights Road). Then soon turn left at the National Park Service sign (Chatham Lane). Meet in the parking lot.
Mon	28 May 12		Memorial Day	
Tue	29 May 12	10:00-12:00	Administrative Committee Meeting Sponsor: John Thompson	This committee develops policies and plans for operating the organization. It reviews governing documents, updates the Procedures Manual, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes an annual budget and annual fees. Members are always welcome to attend Committee meetings.
Wed	30 May 12	10:00-12:00	Great Artists: Leonardo da Vinci Presenter: Allen Reamer Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	High Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci is recognized as a genius, but his life was almost like a soap opera. We will follow his life from birth to death, learning about the historical context in which he worked and the characteristics of his works of art.
Wed	30 May 12	13:00-15:00	Great Artists: Vincent Van Gogh Presenter: Allen Reamer Sponsor: Alan Zirkle	The life of this Post-Impressionist painter was as unconventional as his art work. We will examine his life and his art work in detail each year of his life.
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