



Heroes and Rogues

(FIFTH SERIES)

Presented by: Laurie Guitteau, Ted Anagnoson,
Jane and David DeSelm, and Sue Mellor

Three Mondays: March 11, 18, and 25, 2024
9:30 a.m. – noon

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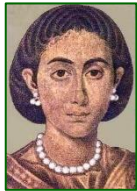
This is our fifth series of “Heroes and Rogues” – our look at interesting characters who have influenced history, for good or ill. Not surprisingly, none of these diverse individuals have been either absolutely perfect or perfectly awful. Like us, they embody some good points as well as some not-so-good ones. But they all have unusual stories to tell. Join us for a new series and meet four more unique characters!

March 11 – Laurie Guitteau will introduce us to **Josephine Baker**, a most complicated personality. She was born into abject poverty, seduced Paris in the early 1920s with her brazen sexuality, became one of the richest entertainers in the world, played an important role in the French Resistance during WWII, and died a pauper. Sex, intrigue, betrayals—a sordid and fascinating story.



March 18 – Ted Anagnoson’s subject is **J. Edgar Hoover**, the director of the FBI for almost 50 years. Hoover streamlined the FBI into an effective crime-fighting body, but at a huge cost, where the agency embodied the excess of the Cold War and where Hoover used his power to harass and intimidate personal enemies. We will look at both sides of this autocrat in this presentation.

March 25 – Jane and David DeSelm will take us to ancient Rome with a presentation on **Hannibal**, the statesman and general who commanded the forces of Carthage in their battle against the



Roman Republic during the Second Punic War, perhaps most famous for crossing the Alps with a large group of North African war elephants. Lastly, Sue Mellor will outline the remarkable life of the 5th-century Roman matron **Galla Placidia**, the daughter of one emperor, wife of another, and mother to a third. She was also queen consort to the King of the Visigoths and acted for a time as the regent of the entire Western Roman Empire.



----- Preferred registration deadline*: March 4, 2024 -----

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: *Heroes and Rogues (Fifth Series)*

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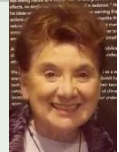
Laurie Guitteau came to Santa Barbara as a UCSB student and married a local native, which enabled her to make Santa Barbara her home. She taught English for 20 years, then became a sales rep for another 15. A committed Francophone, she knows France well and divides her time between Santa Barbara and Paris.

Ted Anagnoson taught political science at Cal State LA and UCSB for 40+ years. In retirement, he edits the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association quarterly newsletter and teaches courses for VISTAS Lifelong Learning.



Since first meeting as Peace Corps volunteers in Tunisia, **Jane and David DeSelm** have shared an interest in international affairs throughout their entire careers, as a teacher and educational administrator (Jane) and architect and urban designer (David).

Sue Mellor is a longtime Santa Barbara resident and a former president of VISTAS. She was employed as a paralegal before her retirement and has been a Courthouse docent since 1983. She has been a presenter or co-presenter of many memorable VISTAS classes on a wide variety of subjects.



IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees and their families are of utmost importance to us. **Accordingly, we are limiting attendance to those who are fully vaccinated.** Proof of vaccinations and boosters (digital Covid-19 Vaccination Card or a photo of your printed card) must be sent to our business manager via email (vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org) or text (805-967-6030). This needs to be done only once—your proof of vaccination will remain valid for all VISTAS events. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



VISTAS Winter/Spring 2024 Calendar

SUBJECT TO CHANGE; for up-to-date information, visit our website (VistasLifelongLearning.org) frequently!

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
VISTAS Winter Social	NOTE NEW DATE! Sun. March 3	1:30 pm	The Music Academy
Fiction Book Club	3rd Thursday monthly	10:00 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Monday Nonfiction Book Club	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
The SB Civil Grand Jury: The Public's Watchdog	Mon. Jan. 8 and 15	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Not Just a Pretty Place: Science at SB Botanic Garden	Tues. Jan. 9	1:00 pm	SB Botanic Garden
Legendary Lovers in Opera	Tues. Jan. 23, 30, Wed. Feb. 7	9:30 am	The Music Academy
The Hapsburgs	Thurs. Jan. 25 and Feb. 1	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Five Good Emperors	Mon. Feb. 5	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Whose Land Is It, Anyway?	Tues. Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5	9:30 am	The Music Academy
The Climate Crisis: Where We Are, What We Can Do	Weds. Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>The Lafayette Escadrille</i> and <i>The Millionaires' Unit</i>	Thurs. Feb. 29, Mar. 7	1:00 pm	Valle Verde Theater
Conserving the Gaviota Coast, in Pictures and Stories	Mon. March 4	9:30 am	Bethany Cong. Church
Heroes & Rogues, Series 5	Mon. Mar. 11, 18, 25	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
American Folk Music Revival of the 20th Century	Mon. April 1, 8, 15, 22	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
String Quartets in the Vienna in Beethoven's Time	Wed. April 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	The Music Academy
Will China (Still) Eat Our Lunch?	Thurs. April 4	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>Sinkable: Adventures with Shipwrecks</i>	Wed. April 24	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Golden Age of the Broadway Musical	Fri. May 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	The Music Academy
Artistic Renderings of Human Body / Women Artists	Mon. May 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Short Story Discussion Grp., Sect. 1	NOTE NEW DATES! Tues. May 7, 14, 28, Fri. May 24	1:00 pm	Valle Verde
Short Story Discussion Grp., Sect. 2	NOTE NEW DATES! Thurs. May 9, 16, 23, 30	1:00 pm	Montecito Covenant Church
Celebrating 100 Yrs. of the Granada	NOTE NEW DATE! Tues. May 14	1:00 pm	Granada Theatre
The Magic Behind TV Music	Wed. May 8	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
13,000 Years of Local Maritime History / Whales	Mon. May 13	9:30 am	SB Maritime Museum
The Immigration Conundrum	Wed. May 15, 23	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church