Age Café

Ancestral Wisdom

"it was the kind of moon that I would want to send back to my ancestors and gift to my descendants

so they know that I too, have been bruised...by beauty."

- Sanober Khan, <u>Turquoise Silence</u>

Icebreaker: What is something hanging up in your house that you love? A picture, piece of art, a plant...or?

My Ancestor: Who is one of you favorite ancestors and why? Can you share a curious, humorous or interesting story about a grandmother, grandfather, or other relative in your family?

Question Prompts:

What kinds of difficulties and triumphs did your ancestors experience? How has this created trauma and/or resilience in yourself and your family line?

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Book Recommendation: Ancestral Medicine: Rituals for Personal and Family Healing by Daniel Foor, Ph.D. A practical guide to connecting with your ancestors for personal, family, and cultural healing Link: <u>https://www.amazon.com/Ancestral-Medicine-Rituals-Personal-</u> <u>Healing/dp/1591432693/</u>

Article Recommendation: Your Family Ancestry – Awareness of Trans-Generational Trauma Facilitates Resilience. We are all aware of the impact of stressful or traumatic events in our lives such as the death of a loved one, facing a lifethreatening illness, or unexpected job loss. Research on trans-generational healing suggests that attending to your family stories enhances emotional health and facilitates resilience in both adults and children. Link: https://drarielleschwartz.com/your-family-ancestry-awareness-of-transgenerational-trauma-facilitates-resilience/#.YKP_Yy9h1KM

