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Life Forces

My work is a celebration of life and our journey through it," says Wayne Louis Werner. And when he speaks of life, Werner is talking about everything — not only the processes that create physical life, but also the awareness of life, the consciousness that drives humankind forward. "The purpose is to show micro and macro forces that affect the everyday life of the being," he explains. "The internal forces of love and sex as well as the external forces driving mankind into space exploration and divine enlightenment." Fascinated by alchemy and evolution, Werner creates pieces that embrace

themes of conception, genetics, and gestation, the primal forces of the natural world. Shown here is *Midnight Thunderstorm* brooch, of 18-karat gold, boulder opal, diamond, Ceylon sapphire, and black pearl.