MARCH 2021 DIVERSITY/CULTURAL EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Women’s History Month

National Women’s History Month began as a single week and as a local event. In 1978, Sonoma County, California, sponsored a women’s history week to promote the teaching of women’s history. The week of March 8 was selected to include “International Women’s Day.” This day is rooted in such ideas and events as a woman’s right to vote and a woman’s right to work, women’s strikes for bread, women’s strikes for peace at the end of World War I, and the U.N. Charter declaration of gender equality at the end of World War II. This day is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. In 1981, Congress passed a resolution making the week a national celebration, and in 1987 expanded it to the full month of March. The 2021 theme is Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced continues to celebrate the Suffrage Centennial” celebrates the women who have fought for woman’s right to vote in the United States. For more information visit http://www.nwhp.org/.

Irish American Heritage Month

A month to honor the contributions of over 44 million Americans who trace their roots to Ireland. Celebrations include celebrating St. Patrick’s Day (March 17th) with parades, family gathering, masses, dances, etc. Due to COVID-19, many of these events have been cancelled. For more information visit the Irish-American Heritage Month website at http://irish-american.org/.

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Art Hour
Day: Tuesday
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Program includes in-depth interviews with local artists, cultural commentary, and announcements for the creative community and their fans. Hosted by Mike and Eric. On KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Can You Queer Me Now?
Day: Tuesday
Time: 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Hear voices directly from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, and Questioning community right here in the Inland Northwest. You will hear more about current events, local groups, and perspectives directly from the queer youth community. Hosted by Ian Sullivan on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Democracy Now
Day: Monday-Friday
Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am & 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez. Pioneering the largest public media collaboration in the U.S. Link https://www.democracynow.org/.
KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Democracy Now! Headlines in Spanish
Date: Saturday
Time: 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Democracy Now! is a national, daily, independent, award winning news program hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: www.kyrs.org or www.democracynow.org.
Dragonflies on Thin Air
Day: Sunday
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
One of the few elementary age children’s radio shows produced by kids for kids in the country. The program is fun and educational for children and adults, and includes a mix of jokes, music, guests, stories, poetry, trivia and more. Includes Alice, Elenor C., Lily, Rowan, Sicely, Finn, Eleanor M., Sophia, Aleric and Amara. They all go to Spokane Public Montessori elementary school. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Irish Music on Tap
Day: Wednesday
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Music from Ireland, Scotland and England as well as Celtic Brittany and Canada. Hosted by Don and Rick, on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

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Spanish language station. Oz 95.7.

Latin Lounge
Day: Monday
Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
A wide spectrum of Latin music. Hosted by “Corazon” on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Layali Arabia
Day: Monday
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Arabic songs from a multitude of different genres to come out of the Arab World. Hosted by Rachel on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Queens of Noise
Day: Wednesday
Time: 8:00 pm-10:00 pm
You will hear best in female vocalist/musicians. Hosted by Luscious Duchess, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

QueerSounds
Day: Thursday
Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
QueerSounds is radio show dedicated to playing music by and for LGBTQ people. Music, interviews, community events and forums. KYRS FM 92.3 or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

The Persian Hour
Day: Saturday
Time: noon – 1:00 pm
The Persian Hour’s consists of a variety of Iranian music from hip hop to traditional, Jazz, blues, rock and roll and the usual. Also, they will share stories, recipes, and interviews. Hosted by Shahrokh, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Raise Your Voice
Day: Friday
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
A teenage-run music and current events program. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.
The Science of Poverty
Day: Saturday
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Explores the topic of poverty. Hosted by Jesse Quintana, official Facebook site. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM.
Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

SOS-Spokane
Day: Thursday
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
The show addresses critical issues facing the Inland Northwest via research, in-depth news, information, analysis, and reasoned opinion. Hosted by Paul Potocky. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Sounds of Science
Day: Sunday
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Lively discussion of what’s happening in the world of science, from how it is affecting our lives to the ways we are shaping it. Hosted by Blake, Amaya and Adam. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Two Brown Ladies and a Microphone
Day: Sunday
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Soul conversations. Life advice. Things that make us think, reflect, cope and ultimately stay the course. Hosted by Duncan & Brown. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Welcome Home
Day: Thursday
Time: 10:00 am – noon
A multi-genre roots based folk show. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Women’s Media Center Live
Day: Wednesday
Time: noon – 1:00 pm
WMC Live with Robin Morgan tackles today’s hottest topics; whether it be sex, politics, art, humor, religion, culture, or news stories that go unreported, each is engaged regularly, insightfully, and intelligently. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Workin’ Woman Blues
Day: Sunday
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Tunes to help you shake the blues out of your hair with a mix of Funk, R&B, Soul and Blues. Hosted by Jukebox Jennie. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: http://www.kyrs.org.

Have a library card, check out Spokane County District Library at (www.scll.org). They have large digital resources including eBooks/audio books with Overdrive/Libby. With Flipster browse, download and read digital magazines and with hoopla stream popular movies, music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics and tv shows along, with many other online services. They offer curb side pickup and yes, you can still request a library card. As of March 8, 2021, the libraries are open with COVID-19 precautions from noon-6:00 pm Monday-Saturday.
If you have a library card to Spokane Public Library (http://www.spokanelibrary.org/), they also have a large digital Library resources including eBooks/audio books with Overdrive/Libby. Along with hoopla, Kanopy (movies and tv) and RBDigital (magazines) and other online resources. They also offer curb side pickup and yes, you can still request a library card. Starting March 2, 2021, we will open for limited computer access by appointment.

Winterfest: Lighted Holiday
Winter Wonderland includes a Dragon, lots of Panda’s, Kung Fu Panda, Reindeer, Rudolph, and lots of hand painted cultural trees, along with a few lighted lantern trees.
Date: Friday, November 14, 2020 – Saturday, March 21, 2021.
Location: Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center, 1100 N Sullivan Rd, Spokane Valley, WA
Cost: Free, open to the public.
For more information to visit this event, go to https://northwestwinterfest.com/.

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She Traveled Solo: Strong Women in the Early 20th Century
During a 5,000-mile solo bicycle ride from southern California to Maine, Tessa Hulls heard the same thing daily: that a woman can’t travel alone. She began researching other women who traveled solo in different ways, and became fascinated with many in stories from the early 20th century: explorers, mountaineers, and even a circus performer—women who defied expectations and embarked on unprecedented journeys, but whose stories have remained largely untold.
Using historical photographs, primary documents, and hand-drawn illustrations, Hulls takes participants into the lives of intrepid female adventurers who lived through the turn of the 20th century—before the right to vote or the right to own property. In sharing these stories and her own, Hulls illuminates the power of history in today’s world and demonstrates why female role models are vital in affecting social change. Tessa Hulls is a multidisciplinary artist, writer, and outdoorswoman who focuses on women’s stories, and her writing has appeared in the Washington Post and Atlas Obscura’s Kickass Women series.
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: On-line
Cost: Free, must register
Hosted by NCW Libraires.

Tangled: Why Your Hair Matters to Society
Hair is simply a collection of protein filaments that sprout from our scalp, yet it carries great meaning for us and our society. From twists and tapers to braids and buns, what’s on top of our head and how it is received by others often reflects society’s standards of beauty and desirability. Using song, video, poetry, and imagery, this interactive presentation encourages us to examine our cultural conceptions of gender, class, and race. Why, for example, is one kind of hair or hair style understood as “better” than another? Who says so? What are the consequences of sporting an unruly doo, and how has that changed over the years?
Join professor Anu Taranath to untangle the meaning of hair, and better understand the stories we tell about beauty, bias, and belonging. Anu Taranath is a professor at the University of Washington specializing in global literature, identity, race, and equity. She is the author of the book, Beyond Guilt Trips: Mindful Travel in an Unequal World, as well as a consultant for schools, colleges, libraries, community organizations and government agencies on social justice and global issues.
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Time: 10:30 am
Location: On-line
Cost: Free, must register

Is Truth Really Dead in America?
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Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: On-line
Cost: Free, must register.

Let It Not Happen Again: Lessons of the Japanese American Exclusion
In March of 1942, 227 Japanese Americans were forcibly removed from their homes on Bainbridge Island by the US Army. Starting with this small community, a national strategy began, with more than 120,000 Japanese American men, women, and children forcibly removed and incarcerated during World War II. Clarence Moriwaki shares the story of Bainbridge Island—the origin point of the Japanese American exclusion—to provide a human, historical account of this national tragedy, and to ask the question: Are there parallels to what’s happening in America now? Moriwaki is the president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community and a founder and former president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial Association.

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Time: 2:30 pm
Location: On-line
Cost: Free, must register

Tangled: Why Your Hair Matters to Society
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Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: On-line
Cost: Free, must register

Spokane Jewish Cultural Film Festival
Featuring Breaking Bread, Crescendo, The Crossing. Incitement, My Name is Sara, Reawakening, Space Torah. They Ain’t Ready for Me and Those Who Remained

Dates: Saturday/Sunday. March 3-12, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual
Cost: $5.00 each film, visit https://watch.eventive.org/sjcff for film purchase and information
For more information visit their website at http://sjfs.org/our-programs/sjcff/.
**The Country that Fiction Built**

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**Date:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** On-line  
**Cost:** Free, must register, click on “buy a ticket”  
For more information and to register, visit [https://www.humanities.org/event/online-the-country-that-fiction-built-3/](https://www.humanities.org/event/online-the-country-that-fiction-built-3/). Sponsored by humanities Washington, [https://www.humanities.org/](https://www.humanities.org/). Hosted by Bainbridge (Island Branch of the Kitsap Regional Library.

**2021 Deepening Our Roots - Fig Tree Benefit Lunch**

The Fig Tree's Annual Benefit Lunch is an opportunity to celebrate The Fig Tree monthly newspaper and Annual Resource Directory as they connect people and inspire action. Hosts and sponsors cover the cost of the lunch and invite guests to come, hear The Fig Tree story and donate to support the work that spreads hope and improves lives. The Fig Tree media promotes media literacy, media responsibility and freedom of the press.

**Date:** Friday, March 5, 2021  
**Time:** Groups 11:40 am, Slides 11:50 am, Program at noon to 12:30 pm  
**Location:** Virtual via Zoom  
**Cost:** Guests will be invited to donate to support The Fig Tree  
For more information and to rsvp, call 509.4112 or 509.535.1813

**KPBX Kid’s Concert - Floating Crowbar**

Don’t miss this great Kids’ Concert that will get you and the whole family dancing. Warm up in these winter weeks with some wonderful Celtic music from Floating Crowbar. Performers include James Hunter, Morgan Andersen, Rick Ruben, and Don Thomsen.

**Date:** Saturday, March 6, 2021  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** On KPBX 91.1. And you can also stream the concert online, on your phone, or through your smart speaker.  
**Cost:** Free and open to the public  
For more information, visit [https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/topic/spr-events](https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/topic/spr-events).

**Spokane Buddhist Temple Services**

The weekly Shin Buddhist Service, hosted by Reverend Melissa Opel and Minister Assistant Chad Donoho is followed by either a Sangha hangout or a Dharma discussion breakout room.

**Dates:** Sundays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2021  
**Time:** 10:30 am – 11:30 am  
**Location:** Virtual, email SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com for the Zoom link.  
**Cost:** Free  
For more information visit their website at [https://spokanebuddhisttemple.org](https://spokanebuddhisttemple.org)
Women Lead Virtual Conference 2021 – Gonzaga University
Join us for our Spring 2021 virtual conference! Whether you are a woman in leadership, working your way to becoming a leader, or simply want to support women's right to equality in the workplace, we hope you join us for a day of inspirational speakers, skill-building workshops and empowering discussions.

**Date: Monday, March 8, 2021**
Time: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Location: Virtual via Zoom  
Cost: $179.00 includes all speakers and workshops  
For more information and to register, email womenlead@gonzaga.edu.

She Traveled Solo: Strong Women in the Early 20th Century
See description at the Tuesday, March 2, 2021 event at 4:00 pm.

**Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021**
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: On-line  
Cost: Free, must register  
Hosted by Puyallup Public Library.

2021 Deepening Our Roots - Fig Tree Benefit Breakfast

**Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021**
Time: Groups 7:40, Slides 7:50 am, program 8:00 am-8:30 am 7:00, program is 7:30 am to 8:30 am  
Location: Virtual via Zoom  
Cost: Guests will be invited to donate to support The Fig Tree  
For more information and to RSVP, call 509.4112 or 509.535.1813

SCC Hagan Center Diversity Series

**Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021**
Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Location: Watch at scc.spokane.edu/live.  
Cost: Free and open to the public  
For more information visit https://scc.spokane.edu/News-Events/Live-Events.

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**Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021**
Time: 5:30 pm
Hispanic Business / Professional Association (HBPA) Monthly Meeting
Speaker (Sabes Que): TBA
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85346163890?pwd=SmhyQitiVHF1MUZrVENCOTkvTJmUT09
Cost: Free
For more information visit their website at www.hbpaofspokane.org.

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Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: On-line
Cost: Free, must register

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Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: On-line
Cost: Free, must register.
For more information and to register, visit https://www.humanities.org/events/list/?tribe_event_display=list&tribe_paged=2. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Online Speakers Bureau Event, Gig Harbor.

Comic-Book Reality: Superheros and the Power of Representation
Since their debut in the 1930s, comic books have been a regular part of our pop-culture landscape. While often dismissed as escapist entertainment, these pulp treasures also provide a fascinating lens through which to view our nation’s past, present and potential future. In this interactive presentation, journalist and educator T. Andrew Wahl explores how everything from social movements to business concerns to changing demographics have shaped the reality seen in the pages of comics. Drawing from comics including Black Panther, Wonder Woman, Captain America, and others, Wahl shows how four-color heroes aren’t merely confined to paper—they shape the world we live in. T. Andrew Wahl is a journalist who has worked as an editor and editorial cartoonist. Wahl is a lifelong comic book aficionado, focusing on the Bronze Age (1975-85) of the American comic book. Wahl studied comic-books as a part of his MA in the humanities at Fort Hays State University. He currently teaches journalism at Everett Community College.
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021
Time: 1:30 pm
Location: On-line, an email with the Zoom link will be sent to registered participants on the date of the event, March 11th.
Cost: Free, must register.

She Traveled Solo: Strong Women in the Early 20th Century
See description at the Tuesday, March 2, 2021 event at 4:00 pm.
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: On-line
Cost: Free, must register at https://events.spokanelibrary.org/event/4883846

Considering Matthew Shepard: Pre-concert Conversation
Join us for a pre-concert conversation with Joshua Shank (Spectrum Singers former conductor) and Bobby Kizer (Spectrum Singers Board President) on Gonzaga’s Chamber Chorus’ presentation of the moving story about Matthew Shepard, told in a new staged musical production by Craig Hella Johnson.
Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: On-line via Zoom Webinar, must register at https://гонзага.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C2UdykbmSPCmqOcqTwk_Kg.
Cost: Free and open to the public
For more information email music@gonzaga.edu.

NAACP General Membership Meeting
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: On-line via Zoom
Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone.
For more information visit their Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naaccp/ or visit their website at http://spokanenaaccp.com/.

How to Start a New Business (en español) | Principios Básicos Para Empezar
Taxes, insurance, accounting, a business plan, and loans are all things to consider for a successful start to your company. Are you ready? This workshop will help you with these considerations and more.
Pasó por paso de consideraciones legales, impuestos, seguros, contabilidad, plan de negocio, obtención de préstamos que necesitan considerar para un exitoso inicio de su empresa. ¿Están Listos? Este taller lo ayudará con estas consideraciones y más.
Presented by SCORE Business mentor Victor Vera
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021
Time: noon – 1:30 pm
Location: On-line via Zoom
Cost: Free, registration is required, and you’ll need to provide email to receive login information. Es necesario registrarse y necesitará un correo electrónico para recibir la información de inicio de sesión.
To register, go to https://scld.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=74052&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2021/03/01.
Creating Meaning from this Moment
Presentation by Grace Hope, the PNW Regional organizer with 350.org. What does it mean to be an organizer for climate justice during a pandemic, the uprising for black lives, unprecedented wildfire smoke, and political crises? Global climate chaos is a threat multiplier deeply linked to systems of racial violence and oppression, and calls on each of us to step into meaningful action today.
**Date:** Friday, March 19, 2021  
**Time:** 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Via Zoom, register at [https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/events/2021/3/19/creating-meaning-from-this-moment](https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/events/2021/3/19/creating-meaning-from-this-moment)  
**Cost:** Free  
For more information visit the above website. Hosted by Gonzaga University Environmental Studies.

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**Date:** Thursday, March 19, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00 pm  
**Location:** On-line, visit side for Zoom link.  
**Cost:** Free, must register at [https://events.spokanelibrary.org/event/4883846](https://events.spokanelibrary.org/event/4883846)  

Heating Up: The Ethics of Climate Change
What if we could tell ourselves a new story about climate change -- and, in doing so, alter our relationship to our planet? Ethicist Brian G. Henning discusses how global warming itself is not the only problem—it’s a symptom of a larger issue concerning how we conceive of ourselves and our relationship to the natural world. Brian G. Henning is a professor of Philosophy and Environmental Studies at Gonzaga University and has earned a PhD in philosophy.  
**Dates:** Saturday, March 20 2021  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Location:** On-line registration at [https://gonzaga.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwocOmpqDsiHdlo9CLhdfS9FtrQe8QO7B3](https://gonzaga.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwocOmpqDsiHdlo9CLhdfS9FtrQe8QO7B3)  
**Cost:** Free  

What’s Age Got To with It?
“Your look good for your age.” “You’re too young to understand.”
In employment decisions, family discussions, medical care, and even in birthday cards, assumptions about being “over the hill” or “a lazy kid” are common. What do you wish society would stop saying about your generation? How can we talk about age and aging in a more positive, affirming way? In this interactive and fun talk, Dori Gillam welcomes individuals from every generation to explore how we can begin valuing all ages—including our own. Dori Gillam has researched and spoken on ageism and aging for over 30 years.  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 2021  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** On-line  
**Cost:** Free, registration info to come  
**Considering Matthew Shepard:** Preformed by Gonzaga Chamber Chorus  
Gonzaga’s Chamber Chorus presents this moving story about Matthew Shepard, told in a new staged musical production by Craig Hella Johnson.  
*Considering Matthew Shepard takes* us on a journey of Matt’s story with music ranging from Bach to musical theatre, from country to soul. The music invites us to come together as a community and to increase our empathy for one another.  
**Date:** Sunday, March 21, 2021  
**Time:** 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
**Location:** Live-streamed from the Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center  
https://gonzaga.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C2UdykbmSPCmqOcqTwk_Kg.  
**Cost:** Free and open to the public, donations accepted.  
For more information visit https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/events/2021/3/21/considering-matthew-shepard or email music@gonzaga.edu.  

**Women Activists and the Legacy of Progressivism**  
A lecture by Veta Schlimgen, Department of History, Gonzaga University. This lecture is part of 19th & Counting: From Suffrage to Solidarity, Gonzaga’s celebration of the 19th Amendment’s centennial – a chance to reflect on what it took for women to get the right to vote and to advance additional work toward equity for all.  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Wolff Auditorium, Jepson Center at Gonzaga University  
**Cost:** Free and open to the public  

**The Country that Fiction Built**  
For description, see Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 7:00 pm.  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** On-line  
**Cost:** Free, must register at https://www.anacorteswa.gov/FormCenter/Library-13/March-Event-Registration-183  

**Storm Warning Historic Weather in the Evergreen State**  
Local broadcaster and historian Feliks Banel explores our region’s darkest weather days and most infamous storms. With archival photos, radio, and TV clips, Banel takes us back in time to hear stories of those who survived some of the worst Pacific Northwest weather in recorded history.  
Further, Banel explores how these storms can revive our shared humanity. Frightening weather can bind communities together to share resources, commiserate, and protect each other. Participants are encouraged to share their own memories of how they survive being snowed in, washed out, or left without power in the wake of a big storm—and why we remember those moments for the rest of our lives. Feliks Banel is a writer and producer, and serves as editor of COLUMBIA, the quarterly magazine of the Washington State Historical Society.  
**Date:** Thursday, March 25, 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** On-line  
**Cost:** Free, must register  
Tangled: Why Your Hair Matters to Society
See description at the Wednesday, March 3, 2021 event, 10:30 am.
**Date:** Sunday, March 28, 2021  
**Time:** 12:00 pm  
**Location:** On-line  
**Cost:** Free, must register  

**SAVE THE DATE**

**15th Annual Viva Vino & Brew (Scholarship Fundraiser)**  
**Date:** Saturday, April 17, 2021  
**Location:** Virtual Event  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Cost:** $45.00 HBPA member, $50.00 non-member  
For more information email vvb.hbpa@gmail.com. Visit website for sponsor or purchase table at www.hbpaofspokane.org.

**26th Annual Hispanic/Latino Graduate and Young Scholar Recognition Ceremony**  
All Hispanic/Latino(a) graduating students from Spokane County high schools and colleges/universities are invited to attend with family members. In addition, Young Scholars, in grades 8-11 with a gpa of 3.00.  
**Date:** May 13, 2021  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Location:** On-line  
**Cost:** Free  
For more information email hbpaceremony@gmail.com, visit their website at www hbpaofspokane.org.

If you know of diversity/cultural event open to the public that you would like added to the monthly calendar, please email Yvonne C. Montoya Zamora at yvonnecmz04@gmail.com with event details. For other events, visit www.visitspokane.com or http://www.spokane7.com/.

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**March 2021 National/International Cultural Celebrations**

**March 1**  
**Martenitza – Bulgaria, Romania**  
Bulgarians celebrate spring by exchanging red-and-white yarn designs to symbolize health. They wear the yarn designs on their clothing until they see a stork or a blossoming tree. They wear the yarn designs on their clothing until they see a stork or a blossoming tree.

**St. David’s Day – Wales**  
Celebrates Saint David, or known as Dewi Sant in Welsh, the patron saint of Wales who died on this day.

**Chalanda Marz - Switzerland**  
Children go from door to door singing and receive sweets in return.

**Independence Day - Bosnia & Herzegovina**  
19-day fast begins through March 19. The nineteenth and final month in the Bahá’í calendar and the time of the 19-day fast in preparation of their new year, Now Ruz. The English translation of Alá (Arabic) is loftiness.

**World Day of Prayer - International**
Held on the first Friday of March, the World Day of Prayer is a movement of Christian women of many traditions who came together in 1927 to observe a common day of prayer each year. A movement initiated and carried out in more than 170 countries and regions bringing together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

**Independence Day - Ghana**
Commemorates the date in 1957 when the Gold Coast became an independent member of the British Commonwealth.

**Waitangi Day – New Zealand**
This day commemorates the signing of a treaty at Waitangi on 6th February 1840 by a group of Maori chiefs and the British Government. It honors the rights of the British Crown and also the rights of the Maori people which are now in the process of being reclaimed.

**International Women’s Day - UN**
Marks the 1857 revolt of women in New York City protesting conditions in the U.S. textile and garment industries. It acknowledges the contributions made by working women. The theme for 2021 International Women’s Day, is “Choose to Challenge”
[https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Theme](https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Theme).

**Shivrati - Hindu**
On Shiva’s night, the Hindu deity Lord Shiva performed the Tandav, the cosmic dance of creation and destruction. A 24-hour fast is kept and devotees make pilgrimages to major shrines for worship.

**Girl Scout Day – USA, Canada**
Juliette ‘Daisy’ Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually - with the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community.

**National Day – Mauritius**
Celebrates the day of independence from the UK in 1968.

**Daylight Savings Time Begins -USA**
The practice of advancing clocks in 48 of the USA states during summer months (mid-March-early November) so that evening daylight lasts longer. This act does sacrifice normal sunrise times.

**Mothering Sunday – UK, Ireland**
The UK celebrates motherhood and takes place the fourth Sunday of Lent. Traditionally, children bring gifts of flowers and chocolates to their mothers. It originated with the Victorian practice of allowing servants to return home to visit their mothers on this day.
March 15  Memorial Day - Hungary
Commemorates the 1848 day of movement toward independence from the Austrian Empire.

Clean Monday (Great Lent Begins) - Christian-Coptic, Eastern Orthodox
It is the beginning of the forty-day fast when Christians imitate Jesus’ withdrawal into the wilderness before his crucifixion.

March 16  Gahambar Hamaspathmaedem (March 16-20) - Zoroastrian
This day celebrates the creation of human beings.

March 17  St. Patrick’s Day – N. Ireland/Ireland/USA
Commemorates the patron saint of Ireland, who converted the island to Christianity in 432 AD.
Tradition says that St. Patrick died on this date in 461 AD. He used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Christian idea of the Holy Trinity, thus the idea of wearing a shamrock.

March 18  Flag Day - Aruba
The flag of Aruba was officially adopted on March 18, 1976, along with the official anthem.

March 19  St. Joseph’s Day – Christian
Celebrated throughout most of Italy and by the Italian communities in North America. He was the foster father of Jesus and is the universal patron of the Catholic Church. According to legend, when a severe drought struck western Sicily in the Middle Ages, the people of that area prayed to St. Joseph, asking him to intercede for them and send rain. Their prayers were granted and since then they honor St. Joseph by helping the needy in their community.

March 20  Spring Equinox – International
In the Northern Hemisphere, spring begins today with the vernal equinox. In the Southern Hemisphere, today is the beginning of autumn. The daylight length is virtually the same everywhere today – 12 hours, 8 minutes.

Eostre – Wicca
A fertility festival celebrating the birth of Spring. The word Easter is derived from the maiden goddess. Celebrations including lighting fires at sunrise, ringing bells, and decorating hard-boiled eggs, an ancient Pagan custom associated with the goddess.

Shunki-Sorei-Sai – Shinto
Ancestors are given reverence at home altars and considered active members of the living family. Gravesites are cleaned and purified.

Shunbun no Hi - Japan
During the time of the Spring Equinox, Buddhists meditate on the harmony in the universe.

Poutuerangi - Aboriginal/Maori, New Zealand
From Aboriginal roots of the Maori in New Zealand Poutuerangi is celebrated. This is Fall season and Autumn Equinox in the Maori calendar when they harvest crops. Great feasting and celebrating go on this time of year.

Independence Day - Tunisia
Celebrates the day in 1956 when the country was formally recognized as independent from France.

Day of the Francophone
Celebrates the French language and Francophone culture.
March 21  
**International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – UN**  
A day to promote efforts to eradicate racial discrimination worldwide and also to remember the killing of 69 protesters against injustice in Sharpeville, South Africa in 1960.

**Harmony Day - Australia**  
Harmony Day, which began in 1999, occurs on 21 March each year and celebrates Australia’s success as a diverse society united by a common set of values.

**Now Ruz (New Year) – Afghanistan, Iran, Bahá’í, Islam, Ismaili, Zoroastrian**  
Nowruz means “New Day” and is the traditional celebration of the ancient Persian New Year. Persians (Iranians, Afghans and Tajiks) and other Indo-Iranian groups (Kurds, Armenians, Azarbaijanis and Balochs) start preparing for the Nowruz with a major spring-cleaning of their house and the purchase of new clothes to wear for the new year. They visit the elders of their family, then the rest of their family and finally their friends. On the thirteenth day families leave their homes and picnic outdoors.

March 22  
**Emancipation Day – Puerto Rico**  
Commemorates the abolition of slavery in 1873.

**World Water Day - UN**  
Each year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of fresh water. It provides an important opportunity to consolidate and build upon previous World Water Days to highlight the two-way relationship between water and the work agenda in the quest for sustainable development.

March 23  
**World Meteorological Day – UN**  
Commemorates the 1950 day of the convention that created the World Meteorological Organization.

March 25  
**Feast of the Annunciation - Christian**  
Nine months before Christmas, The Archangel Gabriel came to Mary of Nazareth and told her she would bear the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

**Evangelismou - Greece**  
The Greeks combined the national Independence Day with the Annunciation and what was earlier believed to be the spring equinox. Greeks wear traditional clothes and celebrate with speeches and folk dancing.

March 26  
**Birth of Prophet Zarathustra (Fasli) - Zoroastrian**  
Zarathushtra (Zoroaster in Greek; Zarhosht in India and Persia) is the founder of the Zoroastrian religion dating back to sometime between 1500 and 1000 BC. He lived in Persia, modern day Iran.

**Independence Day – Bangladesh**  
Commemorates the independence of Bangladesh in 1971.

**Kuhio Day - Hawai’i**  
A state holiday, it celebrates Prince Kuhio birthday in 1871. Prince Kuhio is remembered for actively promoting Hawaiian culture and getting Congress to pass the 1920 Hawaiian Homes Act, providing homesteads for native Hawaiians.
March 28  
**Holi Sikh – Hindu**
According to myth, a tyrannical king’s son, Prahlad, refused to worship his father as God and was condemned to death by burning. However, the boy’s aunt, named Holika, transferred her own immunity from fire to Prahlad, and burned to death in his place. This festival of color celebrates Spring, where people play with liquid and powdered colors, light bonfires and blow horns to celebrate the destruction of Holika.

**Pesach/Passover – Jewish**
Begins previous sundown at 6pm, Pesach lasts for eight years. This time commemorates the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. It begins with the ritual meal ‘Seder’ when no leavened bread is consumed with special prayers and symbolic foods.

**Palm Sunday - Christian**
Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was cheered by crowds who strew palm branches in his path. It is observed by worship services and parades using palm branches.

March 29  
**Hola Mohalla (Bikarami) - Sikh**
Mock battles are fought and martial arts are displayed in honor of Guru Gobind Sing, who took to armed struggle against tyranny.

Source: Diversity/Cultural Celebrations from Creative Cultural Communications 2021 Diversity Calendar.

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**Women History Month**

National Women’s History Month’s roots go back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women’s Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn’t until 1981 that Congress established National Women’s History Week during the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women’s History Month, and the president has issued a proclamation. Below are a few statistics from the Department of Labor’s website:

Women have been in the work force for more than 100 years, but in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Women’s Bureau, below are the top 10 occupations women have held in each decade since 1920. This data also includes the number of women in the labor force in each decade, and the percentage of women in the top 10 occupations.

The top ten occupations employing the largest number of women in 1920 are below. There were 8,179,017 women in the labor force comprising of 20.3% of the entire work force which comprised of 52.8% of women.

1. Other domestic and personal service – 669,491 employed women in this occupation
2. Teachers - 622,877
3. Stenographer and typists - 567,784
4. Clerks (n.e.c.) - 442,753
5. Farm Labors - 396,625
6. Launderers and laundresses - 384,083
7. Saleswomen - 350,552
8. Bookkeepers and cashiers - 337,418
9. Cooks - 266,801
10. Farmers, general farms - 240,385
The top ten occupations employing the largest number of women in 1930 are below. There were 10,500,803 women in the labor force comprising 21.9% of the entire labor force which comprised of 66.2% of women in these occupations.

1. Operatives (n.e.c.) - 1,386,515 employed women in this occupation
2. Other domestic and personal service - 1,056,567
3. Teachers - 834,686
4. Stenographer and typists - 720,533
5. Clerks (n.e.c.) - 623,131
6. Saleswomen - 494,337
7. Bookkeepers and cashiers - 435,255
8. Farmer laborers, unpaid family workers - 363,806
9. Cooks - 341,186
10. Launderers and laundresses - 330,241

The top ten occupations employing the largest number of women in 1940 are below. There were 12,812,181 women in the labor force comprising 24.4% of the entire labor force which comprised of 67.9% of women in these occupations.

1. Operatives (n.e.c.) – 1,848,824 employed women in this occupation
2. Private household workers (n.e.c.) - 1,430,286
3. Stenographer, typists and secretaries - 1,022,543
4. Teachers - 783,205
5. Clerks (n.e.c.) - 687,893
6. Saleswomen - 520,291
7. Bookkeepers, accountants, and cashiers - 443,570
8. Waitresses - 360,424
9. Proprietors, managers, and officials (n.e.c.) - 339,282
10. Housekeepers, private family - 330,497

The top ten occupations employing the largest number of women in 1950 are below. There were 16,663,485 women in the labor force comprising 27.4% of the entire labor force which comprised of 69.8% of women in these occupations.

1. Operatives (n.e.c.) – 2,461,939 employed women in this occupation
2. Stenographer, secretaries, and typists - 1,558,546
3. Clerks (n.e.c.) - 1,508,694
4. Saleswomen and sales clerks - 1,284,339
5. Private household workers (n.e.c.) - 1,140,029
6. Teachers - 867,229
7. Nurses - 604,329
8. Bookkeepers - 584,381
9. Waitresses - 568,036
10. Managers, officials and proprietors (n.e.c.) - 558,545
The top ten occupations employing the largest number of women in 1960 are below. There were 22,226,500 women in the labor force comprising 32.2% of the entire labor force which comprised of 56.1% of women in these occupations.

1. Clerks (n.e.c.) – 1,725,420 employed women in this occupation
2. Saleswomen and sales clerks - 1,492,980
3. Secretaries - 1,423,660
4. Operatives (n.e.c.) - 1,323,320
5. Private household workers (n.e.c.) - 1,146,260
6. Teachers - 1,106,800
7. Nurses - 1,106,800
8. Bookkeepers - 766,040
9. Waitresses - 709,220
10. Mangers, officials and proprietors (n.e.c.) - 619,980

The top ten occupations employing the largest number of women in 1970 are below. There were 30,688,800 women in the labor force comprising 37.5% of the entire labor force which comprised of 42.1% of women in these occupations.

1. Secretaries - 2,625,600 employed women in this occupation
2. Teachers - 1,823,800
3. Sales clerks, retail - 1,446,900
4. Bookkeepers - 1,265,400
5. Nurses - 1,042,800
6. Waiters - 931,000
7. Typists - 915,800
8. Sewers and stitchers - 811,300
9. Cashiers - 667,800
10. Maids, private households - 660,500

The top ten occupations employing the largest number of women in 1980 are below. There were 44,649,840 women in the labor force comprising 42.2% of the entire labor force which comprised of 41.1% of women in these occupations.

1. Secretaries – 3,820,700 employed women in this occupation
2. Teachers - 2,398,240
3. Bookkeepers, accounting, and auditing clerks - 1,635,320
4. Nurses - 1,628,020
5. Cashiers - 1,426,940
6. Managers and administrators (n.e.c.) - 1,352,680
7. General office clerks - 1,350,780
8. Waiters and waitresses - 1,194,800
9. Sales workers (n.e.c.) - 1,150,240
10. Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants - 1,136,960
The top ten occupations employing the largest number of women in 1990 are below. There were 56,553,832 women in the labor force comprising 45.3% of the entire labor force which comprised of 36.3% of women in these occupations.

1. Secretaries – 3,823,250 employed women in this occupation
2. Teachers - 2,987,327
3. Nurses - 2,148,271
4. Cashiers - 1,993,017
5. Bookkeepers, accounting, and auditing clerks - 1,656,513
6. Managers and administrators (n.e.c.) - 1,615,184
7. Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants - 1,497,257
8. General office clerks - 1,158,162
9. Supervisors and proprietors, sales occupations - 1,157,845
10. Sales workers (n.e.c.) - 1,148,866

The top ten occupations employing the largest number of women in 2000 are below. There were 64,553,954 women in the labor force comprising 46.5% of the entire labor force which comprised of 33.6% of women in these occupations.

1. Secretaries and administrative assistants – 3,597,416 employed women in this occupation
2. Teachers - 3,466,434
3. Nurses - 2,602,376
4. Cashiers - 2,028,267
5. Retail salespersons - 1,780,975
6. Bookkeepers, accounting, and auditing clerks - 1,523,026
7. Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants – 1,465,386
8. Customer service representatives - 1,396,909
9. Childcare workers - 1,254,406
10. Waiters and waitresses - 1,235,786

The top ten occupations employing the largest number of women in 2010 are below. There were 74,279,640 women in the labor force comprising 47.3% of the entire labor force which comprised of 33.3% of women in these occupations.

1. Teachers - 3,984,836 employed women in this occupation
2. Secretaries - 3,139,854
3. Nurses – 3,926,489
4. Cashiers - 2,410,41
5. Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides - 1,926,489
6. Retail salespersons - 1,735,213
7. Customer service representatives - 1,504,923
8. Waiters and waitresses - 1,480,519
9. First-line supervisors of retail sales workers - 1,309,252
10. Maids and housekeeping cleaners - 1,269,181
The top ten occupations employing the largest number of women in 2018 are below. There were 78,607,961 women in the labor force comprising 47.3% of the entire labor force which comprised of 32.8% of women in these occupations.

1. Teachers – 4,239,366 employed women in this occupation
2. Nurses – 3,910,538
3. Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides – 2,965,314
4. Secretaries and administrative assistants – 2,745,575
5. Cashiers – 2,419,322
6. Customer service representatives – 2,083,533
7. Retail salesperson – 1,680,220
8. Waiters and waitresses – 1,571,530
9. First-line supervisors of retail sales workers – 1,468,669
10. Managers (n.e.c.) – 1,428,557

Notes: Occupation estimates include women ages 16 and over in the labor force (1920) and civilian employed women ages 16 and over (1930-2018). Labor force estimates include all women ages 16 and over who are employed or unemployed. The classification of occupations changes every 10 years. As a result, some occupations increase or decline in size as a result of being combined or split out from other occupations. Individual occupation categories are not strictly comparable over time. The occupations presented are the top 10 occupations in the decade they occurred. "Operatives, n.e.c." were primarily employed in manufacturing jobs. "n.e.c." means "not elsewhere classified".

Data: 1920-2000 Decennial Census and 2010 and 2018 American Community Survey public use microdata files

Downloaded on February 29, 2021 from https://www.dol.gov/agencies/wb/data/occupations-decades-100.