

## October 2022 Spokane Area Diversity/Cultural Events Calendar

**National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).** Public Law 176, enacted by the Congress in 1945, designated the first week in October each year as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." President Harry S. Truman designated the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities to carry out the Act. In 1962, the word "physically" was removed from the week's name to acknowledge the employment needs of all Americans with disabilities. Congress expanded the week to a month in 1988 and changed its name to "National Disability Awareness Month," which eventually evolved to its current name. The Labor Department's Office of Disability Employment Policy took over responsibility for National Disability Employment Awareness Month in 2001.

The 2022 theme is "**Disability: Part of the Equity Equation.**" reflects the recognition of the important role people with disabilities play in a diverse and inclusive American workforce. For more information visit <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam>.

The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates about the value of a workforce inclusive of their skills and talents. Held annually, National Disability Employment Awareness Month is led by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, but its true spirit lies in the many observances held at the grassroots level across the nation every year. Employers of all sizes and in all industries are encouraged to participate in NDEAM.

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month** promotes the teaching of LGBT history. First celebrated in 1994, October was selected, as the first and second Marches on Washington for lesbian and gay rights were held in October in 1979 and 1987. For more information visit <http://www.glbthistorymonth.com>.

**National Italian American Heritage Month** recognizes the achievements of Americans of Italian descent as well as Italians in American. This month was chosen to coincide with Columbus Day. Visit <http://www.italianheritagemonth.com/> for more information.

**German American Heritage Month** recognizes the achievements of German-Americans. German-American Day was originally proclaimed by President Regan in 1983. About one in four persons in the United States claims German ancestry. Visit <https://nationaltoday.com/german-american-heritage-month/> for more information.

**Polish American Heritage Month** celebrates Polish history, culture, and pride of Polish Americans. The first Polish settlers arrived at Jamestown, VA in 1608. Visit [www.polishamericancenter.com](http://www.polishamericancenter.com) or <http://www.polishamericancenter.org/heritmo.htm>.

**National Hispanic Heritage Month** – In 1968, Congress first designated the week including September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week to celebrate the cultural, heritage, and contributions of the diverse cultures within the Hispanic community. This week was chosen because of two historical events: independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15, 1821 and Mexico's Independence Day, which was the beginning of the struggle against the Spanish on September 16, 1810. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a full 31-day period from September 15 to October 15. This year's theme "**Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation**". Visit <https://nationalcouncilhepm.org/>.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month** - The color purple signifies Domestic Violence Awareness Month. One in four women in Spokane will experience domestic violence at some point during her lifetime. Spokane County has the second highest rate of domestic violence in the State of Washington. In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year the first national toll-free hotline began.

The YWCA invites Spokane businesses and individuals to wear purple, shine purple lights at your home and business, and display DVAM materials (free stickers, buttons, and flyers provided by YWCA Spokane). Email [dvam@ywcaspokane.org](mailto:dvam@ywcaspokane.org) to receive free items to display this October. For more information visit <https://ywcaspokane.org/dvam/>.

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**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](http://www.kyrs.org) or [www.democracynow.org](http://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>.

**Earth Matters Now!**

**Date: Tuesday**

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Providing a unique perspective on environmental news, issues and science to inform, educate, enable and create a platform for positive environmental action. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Generational Warfare**

**Day: Saturday**

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Join host Ry the Y as he battles with his Gen Z co-hosts, Zakris and Ezekiel. The three friends, alongside guests from the community, grapple with generational divides — both the silly and the seemingly irreconcilable. 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>.

**KYRS Community Radio: Page Turner Show**

Discussions with various folks.

**Date: Fridays**

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Listen on 88.1, 92.3 or at [kyrs.org](http://kyrs.org)

For more information visit <https://kyrs.org/>.

**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>.

**Nacho Celtic Hour****Day: Sunday**

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Caridwen Irvine-Spatz is the host of the Nacho Celtic Hour, a program that explores acoustic music from many traditions but mainly focused on music from the Celtic diaspora- especially if it has a local connection. Lately the show has been featuring music from Ukraine. Listen on KPBX at 91.1, visit website

<https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/kpbx-91-1-radio-schedule#weekly>.

**Out and About****Day: Tuesday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 4:55 pm

Consists of a variety of LGBTQ, local news, locally produced, music and public Affairs. Host and producer Maeve Griffith. 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>.

**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>.

**The Spanish Hour****Day: Monday**

Time: 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Candice Agree invites everyone who has an interest in, a fascination of, and a love for the cultural life of Spain and the Spanish-speaking world to tune in to this unique classical music program. Listen on KPBX at 91.1, visit website

<https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/kpbx-91-1-radio-schedule#weekly>.

**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>,

**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>.

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### **Americans and the Holocaust Exhibit**

Americans and the Holocaust, originally scheduled at Gonzaga in March of 2020, and postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

This exhibition challenges the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded. Drawing on a remarkable collection of primary sources from the 1930s and '40s, the exhibition focuses on the stories of individuals and groups of Americans who took action in response to Nazism.

**Dates: August 23, 2022- October 7, 2022**

Time: Please check this link for hours as they vary during the exhibit's dates <https://www.gonzaga.edu/foley-library/about/news-events/americans-and-the-holocaust/exhibit-hours-and-tours>.

Location: Foley Library, Cowles Rare Reading Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

For more information, visit <https://www.gonzaga.edu/foley-library/about/news-events/americans-and-the-holocaust/exhibit-location-and-parking>. A series of related special events will be presented by the Gonzaga Center for the Study of Hate, the Seattle Holocaust Center for Humanity, and supported by the Gonzaga University Jewish Bulldogs and the Spokane County Human Rights Task Force.

### **Voices, Vibrance, Vision**

Local artists Shantell Jackson and Tracy Poindexter-Canton have joined creative forces once again to offer an exhibition of new works inspired by contemporary Black literature.

**Dates: September 2-October 29, 2022**

Time: Sunday 11:00 am – 6:00 pm; Monday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm; and Friday-Saturday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm.

Location: Liberty Gallery, above Aunties Bookstore at 402 W. Main Ave

For more information visit <https://www.potteryplaceplus.com/liberty-gallery>.

### **Dancing with Life: Mexican Masks**

These masks are a fascinating window into Mexican culture, they are saintly, colorful, grotesque, and humorous looking. With a regional focus in Michoacan, Mexico, this exhibit features more than 50 dance masks with roots in the celebration of religious holidays, as well as dance costumes and videos featuring the artists and dancers. Across Mexico, mask-making is a vibrant and playful art form, depicting everything from animals, devils and holy figures, to celebrities from contemporary politics and culture.

**Dates: September 3, 2022 – April 16, 2023**

Time: Tuesday- Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Location: NW Museum of Arts and Culture, 2316 West First Avenue

Cost: \$7.00 - \$12.00

For more information visit <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/>.

**Rangoli Art Contest**

Through a city-wide Rangoli contest, we plan to celebrate the vibrant and iconic traditions of Diwali. Spokane United We Stand & The Vedic Cultural Center are offering cash prizes totaling \$2000. The contest is open to any interested person of all ages. Entries will be judged based on originality, creativity, and must be a resident within a 50-mile radius of Spokane.

**Date: October 22, 2022 for judging and awards ceremony.**

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: River Park Square, 808 W Main Ave, second floor.

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information on art submission visit <https://www.spokaneunitedwestand.org/>, email [Charitydoyl@yahoo.com](mailto:Charitydoyl@yahoo.com) or call 509.928.9664.

**Help the YWCA Celebrate Amazing Women in Spokane. YWCA Spokane is asking for 2023 Women of Achievement Award Nominations.**

YWCA Spokane’s Woman of Achievement awards luncheon to be held March 2023, provides an opportunity to honor and celebrate the outstanding contributions of women in our community who demonstrate leadership through their professional work or service to the community.

**We encourage submissions in the following categories:**

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| Arts & Culture                       | Business & Industry           |
| Carl Maxey Racial & Social Justice   | Community Enhancement         |
| Education                            | Government and Public Service |
| Science, Technology, and Environment | Young Woman of Achievement    |

The nomination form and details about each category may be found at [ywcaspokane.org/woaform](http://ywcaspokane.org/woaform) and may be completed and submitted online, via email to [woa@ywcaspokane.org](mailto:woa@ywcaspokane.org), or by mail to 930 N Monroe St, Spokane, WA 99201, Attention: Women of Achievement Awards. The deadline for submissions is October 31, 2022. Visit <https://ywcaspokane.org/how-to-help/events/women-of-achievement/woaform/> for more information.

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**Fall Fest**

Wide range of activities: sing aligns, magic shows, roaming dancers, petting zoo, kids carnival, urban pumpkin patch, food trucks, and interaction fun.

**Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022**

Time: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: River Park Square, Wala Street (between Main and Spokane Falls Blvd). Riverfront Park

Cost: \$10.00

For more information visit <https://downtownspokane.org/event/48701/2022-10-01/>. Sponsored by WSECU in partnership with Downtown Spokane Partnership.

**Oktoberfest Celebration**

Join live entertainment, beer, wine, bratwurst and kartoffelsalat

**Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022**

Time: doors open at 4.00 pm

Location: Deutsches Haus, 25 W Third Ave

Cost: \$10.00

For more information visit [www.germanamericansociety-spokane.org](http://www.germanamericansociety-spokane.org). Sponsored by the German American Society.

### **Rangoli Art Workshop**

Let good luck, peace, prosperity, and happiness shower on your family and friends with our Rangoli making workshop. This Diwali, you have the chance to learn an ancient art in which intricate designs are created on the floors and entryways of houses and temples. For families with children 6+, parents/guardians must take part with their children. Limited to the first 100 attendees.

**Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022**

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Spokane Central Public Library, 906 W Main

Cost: Free and open to the public. Materials will be provided and you are welcome to bring your own materials. For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/central/>, click on events.

### **Community Connect Resource Fair**

Resource fair with agencies and programs that offer support for housing, employment, mental and behavioral health, medical health, addiction recovery, food and nutrition. Second Harvest will be on site with their mobile market, operating from 10 to 11 AM.

**Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: The Warehouse Athletic Facility, 800 N Hamilton St

Cost: Free, open to the public.

For more information visit <http://www.warehouseathletics.com/>.

### **Lt. Colonel Olga Custodio, USAF (Ret) – An Evening with America’s First Latina Military Pilot**

The first Latina to complete U.S. Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training with a fighter qualification to fly the T-38 as an instructor pilot, Olga E. Custodio will share essential life insights and perspectives that have allowed her to achieve many firsts during her career. Olga has a valuable message for everyone working to fulfill their dreams.

**Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm

Location: myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free, open to the public. Register for a free ticket [here](#).

For more information visit <https://www.gonzaga.edu/about/president-leadership/presidential-speaker-series>.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Transitions People Who Care Fundraiser – Growth and Wholeness**

**Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022**

Times: noon – 1:00 pm

Location: The Centennial Hotel, 303 West River Drive

Cost: Free with lunch provided, you will be asked to donate to the fundraiser.

For more information and to register visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/people-who-care-2022-tickets-387213073727>.

### **Terrain 2022 Preview Night**

Want a more intimate Terrain experience? Preview Night allows you to skip the lines, beat the crowds, meet the artists, buy art first, and support Terrain.

**Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022**

Times: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Jensen Byrd 2.0, 314 W Riverside Ave

Cost: \$25.00

For more information visit <https://www.terrainspokane.com/terrain>.

**First Annual Friday Soiree - Come Meet the Artists!**

Enjoy an evening meeting the artists taking part in Spokane Valley Arts Council's 15<sup>th</sup> annual Art Auction. Talk with the artists and learn their process and get a preview of Saturday's festivities with an option to start your bidding a day early.

**Date: Friday, October 7, 2022**

Times: 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Centerplace Regional Event Center

Cost: Free

For more information and to purchase a ticket for Saturday visit <https://www.spokanevalleyarts.org/>.

**Terrain 2022 Main Event**

In addition to all the visual art you'll experience a full-musical line-up; literary, dance and other performances; food trucks, photo booth; thousands of your closest friends; and more!

**Date: Friday, October 7, 2022**

Times: 5:00 pm – 12:00 am

Location: Jensen Byrd 2.0, 314 W Riverside Ave

Cost: Free for all ages

For more information visit <https://www.terrainspokane.com/terrain>.

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Artist Showcase Art Auction**

Enjoy a meal, live music and a chance you take home your favorite piece. There is a silent and live auction.

**Date: Saturday, October 8, 2022**

Times: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, auction begins at 6:30 pm

Location: Centerplace Regional Event Center

Cost: \$65.00

For more information and to purchase a ticket visit <https://www.spokanevalleyarts.org/> or call Gail Bongiovanni at 509.922.4493.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual FIL-AM (Filipino-American) History Celebration**

Recognizing October 18, 1587 as the date when the first Filipino arrived in the United States. An evening of Philippine cultural performances, historical presentations, dancing, music, food, and fellowship.

**Date: Saturday, October 8, 2021**

Time: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Location: Spokane Public Library, downtown, 906 W Main, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Cost: Free, potluck – please bring a dish to share for 10 people. If your last name starts with A-F bring a main dish; G-L bring a side dish, M-R bring a dessert; S-Z bring drinks.

For more information, visit <http://www.fckbook.com/filamnw>. Filipino American Northwest Association will also provide food.

**World Homeless Day with Union Gospel Mission (UGM)**

In partnership with Hello for Good, UGM invites you to meet downtown on World Homeless Day. Walk the streets in guided groups, hand out warming bags and resource cards to those in need, spread the message that there are people who want to help.

**Date: Saturday, October 9, 2021**

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Location: Washington Trust Bank, 717 W Sprague Ave.

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.353.4204.

### ***According to Coyote* by John Kauffman**

A vibrant and entertaining anthology of tales featuring the legendary hero of American Indian mythology, *According to Coyote* is an encounter with the richness and vitality of Native American culture using age-old traditions of music, dance, and theatre. Directed by Kauffman's niece Josephine Keefe and performed by Nez Perce actor, Kellen Lewis.

**Date: Monday, October 10, 2022**

Times: 11:00 am and 6:30 pm

Location: Riverfront Park Pavilion

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://my.spokanecity.org/riverfrontspokane/calendar/2022/10/10/according-to-coyote/>. In partnership with One Heart Native Art and Film Festival and Red Eagle Soaring.

### **Hispanic Business / Professional Association Monthly Meeting**

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**Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Fiesta Mexicana, 1227 S Grand Blvd

Cost: Free, purchase food items \$5.00-\$20.0

For more information visit their website at <https://www.hbpaofspokane.org/>.

### **American Democracy's Indigenous Roots and Future**

History books teach us that the Founding Fathers birthed American democracy, but do not reveal the Indigenous sources of inspiration that guided their vision. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy's Great Law of Peace—uniting six Nations in an alliance that predates the American Constitution by centuries—served as a powerful example to men such as Benjamin Franklin, who benefited from the political guidance of Haudenosaunee leaders. Franklin directly cited the Law's influence on the Constitution.

But even Franklin did not comprehend the political and spiritual power held by the clan mothers of these matriarchal societies, who were instrumental to building and maintaining a peaceful union. Join storyteller Fern Renville as she shares stories both mythic and personal that reframe and highlight the history, present, and future of Indigenous female power and leadership in America. Such stories include the Seneca story of The Peacemaker and the Dakota story of White Buffalo Calf Woman.

Fern Naomi Renville (she/her) is a Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota, Omaha, and Seneca-Cayuga storyteller, theatre director, and playwright. She is the great-granddaughter of Melinda Cayuga, a Seneca matriarch who exemplified the loving strength of the clan mothers. Renville lives in Washougal.

**Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register at <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-american-democracys-indigenous-roots-and-future-11/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Southwest Seattle Historical Society.

### **Shanthi Ragas**

Indian Classical Music, new approach to an ancient tradition. Anjan Saha on sitar, Phil Scarff on saxophone and Arup Chattopadhyay on table.

**Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022**

Time: 6:50 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Unity Spiritual Center, 2900 S Bernard St

Cost: Free, will accept donations. Must register due to limited seating. Indian vegetarian dinner available for purchase stated at 5:15 pm.

For more information and to register due to limited seating call 509.467.5558 or email [sacaspokane@gmail.com](mailto:sacaspokane@gmail.com). Sponsored by South Asia Cultural Association (SACA) in association with the City of Spokane, Innovia Foundation and individual donors.



### **NAACP Monthly Membership Meeting**

**Date: Monday, October 17, 2022**

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Community Building, 35 W Main Ave or community venue, check their Facebook page

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone

For more information contact [spokanenaacp@gmail.com](mailto:spokanenaacp@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naacp/>. Note that this meeting may be virtual, please visit their Facebook for updates.

### **YWCA DVAM Pathways Forward: Centering Survivors**

Join YWCA Spokane during Week Without Violence as they engage the community with key Spokane experts and YWCA staff in a progress-minded conversation about how domestic violence survivors have been impacted by recent legislative changes. A virtual discussion between three local panelists focusing on your questions about recent legislative changes and how domestic violence survivors have been impacted.

**Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

Cost: Free, must register, link will be provided after registration

For more information visit <https://ywcaspokane.org/event/pathways-oct19-2022/> or call 509.789.9305.

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**Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-american-democracys-indigenous-roots-and-future-14/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Arts and Humanities Bainbridge..

### **Bedtime Stories – Humanities WA Fundraiser**

Northwest writers unveil original short stories created exclusively for the event proceeds go toward Humanities Washington's mission to open minds and bridge divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. This year, join *New York Times*-bestselling author Jess Walter, PEN/Hemingway Award finalist S.M. Hulse, and Washington State Poet Laureate Rena Priest for an evening of celebration and community.

**Date: Friday, October 21, 2022**

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Riverside Place, 1110 W Riverside Ave

Cost: \$150 individual ticket, \$1,500 table sponsorship. Nightstand Book Package - \$50.00 - A special package of three books: a selection from our featured authors--S.M. Hulse, Rena Priest, and Jess Walter--plus a mystery book!

For more information and/or to register for a ticket, visit <https://www.humanities.org/get-involved/bedtimestories-2/>. Nightstand Book Package - \$50.00 - A special package of three books: a selection from our featured authors--S.M. Hulse, Rena Priest, and Jess Walter--plus a mystery book!

### **Diwali Festival of Lights**

Vegetarian food festival, Rangoli art contest, cultural demos. Live performances, arts and crafts,

**Date: October 22, 2022**

Time: River Park Square 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm and Wall Street from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: River Park Square, 808 W Main Ave

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information visit <https://www.spokaneunitedwestand.org/>, email [Charitydoyl@yahoo.com](mailto:Charitydoyl@yahoo.com) or call 509.928.9664.

### **How Audio Technology Changes the World**

Although we live in a visual world, audio still has the power to create intimacy and spark the imagination like no other medium can. Veteran broadcaster Ross Reynolds explores the impact that audio transmission has had on society and storytelling, beginning with the first century of radio up to the modern age of audiobooks, internet streaming, podcasts, and smart speakers. How has audio transmission changed society, and what makes it such a still powerful form of communication?

Attendees will be encouraged to share stories of their formative audio experiences, and local radio broadcasters and podcasters will be invited to share their stories. Ross Reynolds (he/him) is KUOW's executive producer for community engagement, before which he was a program host for 16 years. Reynolds lives in Seattle.

**Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022**

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-how-audio-technology-changed-the-world-14/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/> Hosted by Wesley.

### **8th Annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)**

This is a Mexican holiday observed throughout Mexico and parts of the U.S. honoring those that have passed. Feel free to bring photos of family and friends that have passed for the altar. Ofrendas (altars), food, vendors, pinatas, mariachi, activities for the children and much more.

**Date: Sunday, October 30, 2022**

Time: 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home, 1306 N Pines Rd

Cost: Free and open to the public.

For more information contact email [www.hbpaspokane@gmail.com](mailto:www.hbpaspokane@gmail.com) or visit their website at

<https://www.hbpaofspokane.org/>. Sponsored by Hispanic Business/Professional Association (HBPA) and Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home.

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### **Save the Date**

#### **Annual Salish School of Spokane Salmon Tales and Celebration Fundraiser**

Will feature a salmon dinner and performances by Salish School students, as well as testimonials from families served by Salish School of Spokane. Guests will have the opportunity to make a donation or pledge of support for Salish School of Spokane.

**Date: Saturday, November 12, 2022**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Gonzaga Prep School

Cost: \$100 individual seat, table \$600 (6 seats per table)

For more information, visit <http://salishschoolofspokane.org/salmontales2022.html>.

If you know of a diversity/cultural event open to the public that you would like added to the monthly calendar, please e-mail Yvonne C. Montoya Zamora at [yvonnecmz04@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnecmz04@gmail.com) with event details.

For other general events in Spokane, visit [www.visitspokane.com](http://www.visitspokane.com) or [www.spokane7.com/](http://www.spokane7.com/).

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### October 2022 International/National Cultural Celebrations

**October 1 Independence Day – Cyprus, Nigeria**  
Independence from Britain in 1960.

**National Day – China**  
Commemorates the founding of the People’s Republic of China.

**International Day of Older Persons (the Elderly)**  
The 2022 theme for International Day of Older Persons is “**The Resilience and Contributions of Older Women**”. While older women continue to meaningfully contribute to their political, civil, economic, social and cultural lives; their contributions and experiences remain largely invisible and disregarded, limited by gendered disadvantages accumulated throughout the life course. The intersection between discrimination based on age and gender compounds new and existing inequalities, including negative stereotypes that combine ageism and sexism. For more information, visit <https://www.un.org/en/observances/older-persons-day>.

**October 2 International Day of Non-Violence - UN**  
Urges the world to follow Gandhi’s example of non-violence.

**Mehragan – Iran, Zoroastrian**  
The word “Mehr” in Persian means kindness, love and friendship. It was based on the concept that all farmers would take their harvest to the middle of the town square and split it evenly.

**October 3 Gandhi’s Birthday– India**  
Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948) is the National Father of India who adopted “non-violence” in fighting for freedom of the country, and is honored as a leader of Indian nationalism and Hindu religious beliefs.

**National Foundation Day (Gaecheonjeol) – Korea**  
Celebrates the central foundation myth of the ancient Korean kingdom of Gojoseon. The national holiday and the historical myth upon which it is based have long been an integral part of the Korean national identity.

**Day of German Unity – Germany**

**Durga Puja – Hindu**  
This day celebrates the divine creative force of the universe and honors the 10-armed goddess Durga, wife of Shiva, and the destroyer of demons.

- October 4**      **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – Italy**  
 St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, was born in 1182 at Assisi. He abandoned his dream of knighthood, donned the clothes of a poor farmhand and began caring for the sick. He founded the Franciscan Order. In remembrance of his love of animals, blessings of animals often take place on this date. He died October 3, 1226.
- Chung Yeung Festival – China, Hong Kong, Taiwan**  
 Families visit the graves of their ancestors. This tradition is over 2000 years old.
- October 5**      **World Habitat Day – UN**    2021 theme “Accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world.” The theme recognizes that cities are responsible for some 70 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions with transport, buildings, energy, and waste management accounting for the bulk of urban greenhouse gas emissions. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/habitat-day>.
- Republic Day – Portugal**  
 Commemorates the overthrow of the monarchy and establishment of a republic in 1910.
- World Teachers Day – UN (UNESCO)**  
 The 2022 World Teachers’ Day celebrations will address the commitments and calls for action made at the Transforming Education Summit, in September 2022, and analyze the implications they have for teachers and teaching. The 2022 theme is “**The transformation of education begins with teachers**”, <https://www.unesco.org/en/days/teachers>.
- Yom Kippur – Jewish**
- Dussehra – Hindu**  
 Dussehra means ‘the tenth’ and celebrates the triumph of Lord Ram over the demon Ravan who stole his wife Sita. The great Hindu epi poem, The Ramayana, is read and enacted, called Ram Lila. A big effigy of Ravan is burnt accompanied by fireworks.
- October 6**      **Armed Forces Day – Egypt**  
 Commemorates the day in 1973 when combined Egyptian and Syrian military forces launched a surprise attack on Israel and crossed into the Sinai Peninsula, which marked the beginning of the October (Yom Kippur).
- Constitution Day – Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico**
- October 8**      **Independence Day – Croatia**  
 Commemorates the nation’s official independence from the other Yugoslav republics.
- Day of Respect for Cultural Diversity - Argentina**
- October 9**      **Independence Day – Uganda**  
 Celebrates independence from British rule in 1962.
- World Post Day – UN**  
 The anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.
- Han-Gul Day – South Korea**  
 This day commemorates the creation of the Korean alphabet 29-phonetic symbols called han gul, between 1443 and 1446 under the direction of King Sejong of the Yi dynasty.

- October 9**      **Pavarana – Buddhist**  
Buddha went into intensive practice during the rainy season. This marks the end of the retreat.
- October 10**      **Thanksgiving Day – Canada**  
Early Canadian settlers gave thanks for good harvests by decorating their churches with fruits and vegetables and celebrated dinner with venison and waterfowl.
- Curacao Day – Curacao**  
Commemorates the original discovery of the island by Spanish explorer Alonso de Ojeda in 1499. After World War II, became the “capital island” of the five-island group called the Netherlands Antilles – which was a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands until the Netherlands Antilles was dissolved in 2010.
- Indigenous Peoples Day – USA**  
Many cities in the U.S.A are replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples’ Day. This day honors Native American heritage.
- Indigenous Day - Spokane City**  
The Spokane City Council voted 6-1 on August 29, 2016, to pass an ordinance changing the name of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples’ Day.
- Independence Day – Cuba**  
Commemorates the beginning of Cuba's struggle in 1868 to free itself from Spanish colonial power.
- World Mental Health Day - UN**  
The goal is to help raise mental health awareness which affects millions of lives.
- Double Tenth Day - Taiwan**  
Commemorates the start of the Wuchang Uprising of 10 October 1911 (10-10 or double ten), which led to the collapse of the Qing Dynasty and establishment of the Republic of China on January 1, 1912.
- Taiiku no hi – Japan**  
Known previously as Health Sports Day, now just Sports Day is a national holiday in Japan on the second Monday in October. It commemorates the opening of the 1964 Summer Olympics held in Tokyo, and exists to promote sports and an active lifestyle.
- Kathina – Buddhist**  
New robes and necessities given to ordained monks and nuns.
- Fiji Day – Fiji**
- October 11**      **National Coming Out Day – LGBT**  
The first National Coming Out Day was held on October 11, 1988. It is an international event which gives gay, lesbian and bisexual people the opportunity to “come out” to others about their sexuality. It also provides a means of increasing the visibility of LGBT people.
- International Day of the Girl - UN**  
2022 theme - “Our time is now – our rights, our future.”, <https://www.unicef.org/gender-equality/international-day-girl-2022>. .

- October 12**      **Dia de la Raza (Day of the Race) - Mexico**  
Celebrates the Hispanic and Latino heritage in the Americas.
- Nossa Senhora De Aparecida (Our Lady of the Conception) – Brazil**  
In 1717, a group of Brazilian fishermen pulled up a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary, which was followed by an abundant catch after a fruitless fishing day. They enshrined the statue and in 1929 Brazil named Nossa Senhora De Aparecida the Patroness of Brazil. On October 12, 1980, Pope John Paul II on a visit to Brazil consecrated the Basilica of Aparecida do Norte.
- National Day (also known as Hispanic Day) – Spain**  
Commemorates the date Christopher Columbus sailed for the Americas.
- Discovery Day - Bahamas**
- Oct 12-16**      **Gahambar Ayathrem - Zoroastrian**  
Celebrates the creation of plant life.
- Oct 13**            **Karva Chauth – Hindu**  
A one-day fast kept by married Hindu women for the well-being and longevity of the husbands. The husbands feed the first bite to their wives only after they see the moon.
- October 14**      **International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction - UN**  
Promotes a global culture of disaster reduction, including disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness
- October 15**      **'Ilm' – Bahá'í**  
The first day of the twelfth Bahai month. The English translation of 'Ilm is knowledge.
- October 16**      **National Heroes Day - Jamaica**
- World Food Day –UN**  
Celebrates the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945.
- National Boss Day – USA and Canada**  
A day dedicated to appreciating our supervisors at work (as it lands on a weekend, it may be celebrated on Friday prior or on Monday after).
- October 17**      **International Day for Eradication of Poverty - UN**  
To promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries.
- Shemini Atzeret – Jewish**  
On the eighth day of Sukkot, special prayers for rain are offered.
- October 18**      **Independence Day – Azerbaijan**  
Independence from the Soviet Union when it ceased to exist in 1991.
- Birthday of The Báb – Bahá'í**  
Born Siyyid 'Ali Muhammed in Southwestern Iran in 1819. His title, in Arabic, means 'The Gate'. Work is suspended and Bahá'ís come together for prayer and festivities.

- October 18**      **Simchat Torah - Jewish**  
Rejoicing in the Torah is the beginning of the of the synagogue’s annual reading cycle. It begins the previous sundown.
- October 19**      **Birthday of Baha’u’llah – Bahá’í**  
Born Mirza Husayn ‘Ali into one of the leading noble families of Persia in 1817. His name is a title, in Arabic, meaning ‘The Glory of God’.
- October 22**      **Abu Simbel Festival – Egypt**  
Built by Ramses II, his temple is angled so that the inner sanctum lights up twice a year on the anniversary of his rise to the throne and once again on his birthday. Crowds pack the temple before sunrise to watch the shafts of light illuminate the statues of Ramses, Ra and Amon.
- October 23**      **Chulalongkorn Day – Thailand**  
Commemorates the birth of Rama V, a progressive ruler who lived in 1868-1910. Abolishing slavery in 1905 is considered to be his more important royal contribution during his reign.
- October 24**      **Diwali – Sikh, Hindu**  
It means ‘rows of lights’ and is the Hindu New Year. Lasts for five days.
- United Nations Day – UN**  
A day to commemorate the founding of the United Nations in 1945 and the effective date of the UN Charter.
- Mahavira Nirvana – Jain**  
This day celebrates the attainment of Moska by Lord Mahavira and is the ‘Festival of Lamps’.
- Suez Victory Day – Egypt**
- World Development Information Day – UN**
- Karva Chauth – Hindu**
- Bank Holiday - Ireland**
- October 25**      **Republic Day – Kazakhstan**
- October 26**      **National Day – Austria**  
The Austrian Parliament passed the constitutional law on permanent neutrality, which has been celebrated as the Austrian National day since 1965.
- October 27**      **Labour Day – New Zealand**
- October 28**      **National Day – Czech Republic**  
Independence Day and Creation of Czechoslovakia in 1918.
- National Day “Ochi” - Greece**  
Marks the anniversary of when the Prime Minister Metaxas said “no” (or “ochi” in Greek) to the invasion of Albania by the Italians, thereby entering Greece into the war.
- October 29**      **Republic Day – Turkey**  
Commemorates the Republic of Turkey in 1923.

**October 31**

**Halloween – USA, Canada**

This tradition dates back to the Celtic people 2000 years ago, who celebrated their New Year in late autumn and honored Samhain or Lord of the Dead. They put candles on windows and lit bonfires to scare off the disembodied spirits. They wore disguises so as not to be recognized and always carried a lantern. The Irish traditionally carved lanterns out of turnips or potatoes, but in North America they used pumpkins, which were more readily available.

**Samhain – Wicca**

Traditionally, animals were slaughtered for winter provisions and the spirits of those who have died in the last year are invited to a final celebration.

**Reformation Day - Chile**

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