February 2022 Spokane Area Diversity/Cultural Events

Black History Month (African American History Month)

Prior to 1925, little information could be found in the U.S. about African American history. A widely held belief existed that African Americans had made little contribution to U.S. society. In 1926, Carter G. Woodson spearheaded the first Negro History Week to raise awareness. Fifty years later, the week was expanded to a month. February was selected because of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas, two individuals who dramatically affected the lives of African Americans. The 2022 Black History Month theme is "Black Health and Wellness". This theme acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well.

Visit http://www.asalh.org (Association for the Study of African American Life and History) for more information.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

Gonzaga University Journal of Hate Studies – Call for Papers

The *Journal of Hate Studies* is an international scholarly journal promoting the sharing of interdisciplinary ideas and research relating to the study of what hate is, where it comes from, and how to combat it. It presents cutting-edge essays, theory, and research that deepen the understanding of the development and expression of hate. Call for papers: Volume 18, <u>Justice and Equity: Challenging Hate and Inspiring Hope.</u> If you are involved with research and writing about issues relating to challenging hate and inspiring hope, we invite you to submit your work to this call for papers.

Date: Deadline is March 15, 2022

For more information, visit https://jhs.press.gonzaga.edu/.

Spokane Queer Art Walk

Open to all queer artists and performers of all medias and mediums to participate in this year's Spokane Queer Art Walk on Jun3 3, 2022. There will be exhibits and events hosted citywide, and more information will be available closer to the event.

Date: Deadline is March 31, 2022

For more information, https://spokanearts.org/opportunities/add-yourself-to-the-artist-roster/, or email mika@spokanearts.org.

2022 Black History Month Virtual Festival Presented by ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History)

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History hosts its second annual virtual Black History Month Festival. The opening session will describe the month-long celebration of the 2022 Black History theme, Black Health and Wellness, and will invite viewers to join with ASALH in acknowledging the legacy of Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, and other ways of knowing throughout the African Diaspora.

Date: Monday, February 1, 2022

Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm PST | 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm EST

Location: Go to https://asalh.org/calendar/black-history-month-festival-opening/, click on box.

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information visit https://asalh.org/festival/.

Health Equity Listening Sessions

Department of Health is leading conversations for anyone who may have experienced health inequities or racism in the health care system to participate in listening sessions. Hosted via Microsoft Teams, for more information

Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: hosted via Microsoft Teams

Cost: Free

For more information contact <u>healthequityimplementation@doh.wa.gov</u>.

An Appetite for Film: Food in the Movies

A film can build tension through editing, just like a simmering stew builds flavor through a slow dance between ingredients. Putting food and film together, however, opens movie lovers up to a slew of wonderful experiences and shared memories. Food can help us to identify with characters who bond over meals, explore ideas about identity and belonging, or make a romantic tale more seductive.

Join film historian John Trafton to explore the complex relationship between food and film throughout history, and how this relationship continues to impact our cultural landscape. Take a deep dive into how movies from *The Gold Rush* and *Get Out* to *Parasite* and *Pan's Labyrinth* use food to reveal hidden messages and enhance our experience. John Trafton (he/him) teaches film and media history at Seattle University and for the Seattle International Film Festival's Education program. Trafton lives in Seattle.

Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022

Time: 12:00 pm Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/online-an-appetite-for-film-food-in-the-movies-4/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Wallingford Community Senior Center.

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.

Dates: Thursday, February 3, 2022

Times: 12:00 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-10/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Seattle Central College Library.

KYRS Community Radio: Page Turner Show

Janet Newton, local author discusses her book Llangynog Murder series.

Date: Friday, February 4, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm Location: Virtual Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at www.kyrs.org. To listen, go to 88.1, 92.3 or at www.kyrs.org.

Home: Imagining the Irrevocable

Black History Month Group Show. Guest Curated by Oliva Evans and Tracy Poindexter-Canton. Artists exhibits of various disciplines: Tracy Poindexter-Canton, Oliva Evans, Stephen Pitters, Whitney Evans, Bob Lloyd, Art Jacobs, Deekon Jones, and Carl Richardson. Masks required.

Dates: Friday/Saturday, February 4, 2022 - February 26, 2022 with opening reception on February 4, 2022.

Time: Friday – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Saturday – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Gonzaga University Urban Arts Center (GUUAC), 125 S Stevens Street

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information visit bit.ly/3tVGNF9 or email art@gonzaga.edu.

Black Business Expo

Date: Friday/Saturday, February 4-5, 2022

Time: Friday-4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Saturday 11:00 am-6:00 pm

Location: Wonder Building, 835 N Post

Cost: Free

For more information visit https://www.carlmaxeycenter.org/.

Rosa Park's 109th Birthday Party Celebration – Drive Through Party

Donate gifts for Rosa that will go to Spokane MLK Family Center. See below for items of need.

Date: Friday, February 4, 2022

Location: Veradale United Church of Christ, 611 N Progress Rd, Spokane Valley

Time: Drop off items from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Cost: Items for MLK Family Center and Pantry: Kids sneakers and socks; **Winter Care Package**: put toothpaste, toothbrush, one pair adult socks, hat, gloves, disposable face masks, and a protein bar in a Ziplock bag; **Pantry**

items: whole grain rice, noodles, whole wheat bread, sugar, brown sugar, butter, flour (all purpose), Cheerios, paper plates, paper bowls, paper cups, plastic spoons and/or make a **donation** to the center at https://secure.givelively.org/donate/martin-luther-king-jr-family-outreach-center.

Hosted by Veradale UCC and Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience.

Cooking Class – A Taste of Thai

The class will be learning how to make a classic Thai meal including pork tenderloin, shrimp spring rolls and sauces

Date: Friday, February 4, 2022 Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Wanderlust Delicato, 421 W Main Ave

Cost: \$85.00

For more information visit their website at https://wanderlustdelicato.com/.

23rd Annual Spokane International Film Festival – In-person and Online

Opening night kick-off event for the Spokane International Film Festival. Featuring eight films made in the Pacific Northwest and followed by a Q&A with filmmakers. Local and global shorts, feature, documentary and animated films. See below for link to view schedule.

Dates: Monday-Tuesday, February 4, 2022 – February 15, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Bing Crosby Theater, 901 W Sprague Ave and Virtually

Cost: \$13.02/adults; \$10.48/seniors; \$8.78/students; \$129/all-access pass; \$99/virtual pass For a full schedule of films, tickets and more information, visit www.spokanefilmfestival.org.

2022 Black History Month Virtual Festival Presented by ASALH - Urban African American Communities

The Manhattan Branch will host a panel discussion on health care disparities in urban African American communities. The panel will explore ways in which race has shaped African American health throughout American history and how it paralleled, reinforced or contradicted the ways in which racialized conceptions of Blacks have shaped healthcare opportunities and/other discourses.

Date: Saturday, February 5, 2022

Time: 9:00 am - 10:00 am PST | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EST

Location: Go to https://asalh.org/calendar/manhattan-branch-race-and-health-disparities-in-urban-african-american-communities/ to click on button to view this event.

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information visit https://asalh.org/festival/.

Spokane Lunar New Year Celebration – Year of the Tiger

Live performances, vendors, food trucks, demos and craft stations with fireworks at 7:00 pm.

Date: Saturday, February 5, 2022

Time:1:00 pm – 7:00 pm Location: Riverfront Park

Cost: Free

For more information email vinatrn@gmail.com or call 509.263.7488.

Spokane Buddhist Temple Services

The weekly Shin Buddhist Service, hosted by Reverend Melissa Opel and Minister Assistant Chad Donoho and Eric Kerkove. Available through Zoom and in-person.

Dates: Sundays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2022

Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Location: In-person at Spokane Buddhist Temple, 927 S Perry St or Virtual email

<u>SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com</u> for the Zoom link.

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at https://spokanebuddhisttemple.org

Whiskey and Wiretaps: The Northwest's Rumrunning King

On Thanksgiving Day, 1925, Roy Olmstead was trapped by federal prohibition agents and their Tommy guns on a lonely Puget Sound dock. His reign as the Northwest's most prolific bootlegger had ended. But big questions—political, cultural, and legal—remained.

Why did Olmstead, the youngest lieutenant in Seattle Police Department history, form a secret gang to take over Prohibition bootlegging in the Northwest? What can we learn today from "The Good Bootlegger's" story of whiskey-driven politics, culture wars, criminalization of popular social behavior, illegal surveillance, spies, sensational trials, and Constitution-bending trips to the Supreme Court?

Using photographs, documents, newspapers, and court cases, Steve Edmiston breathes life into Olmstead's story by exploring historical context, his entrepreneurial brilliance, his code of conduct, and the profound impact of his legal battles today.

Steve Edmiston (he/him) is a business and entertainment lawyer with Bracepoint Law, an indie film screenwriter and producer, founder of Quadrant45, and co-founder of The Good Bootlegger's Guild. Edmiston lives in Des Moines, near the site of Olmstead's final arrest.

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 | Thursday, February 17, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm | 1:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/in-person-whiskey-and-wiretaps-the-northwests-rumrunning-king-6/ | https://www.humanities.org/event/online-whiskey-and-wiretaps-the-northwests-rumrunning-king-3/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Heron's Key Lifelong Learning | Sno-King School Retirees.

2022 Black History Month Virtual Festival Presented by ASALH - Author's Book Talk

Author's: Mary L. Romney-Schaab, An Afro-Caribbean in the Nazi Era: From Papiamentu to German; Rackelle Wilkinson-Alston, Culturally Competent Nursing: An Evaluation Plan; Robin Brooks, Class Interruptions: Inequality and Division in African Diasporic Women's Fiction; Dr. Eve Taylor, The Torn Fabric of America: The Racial; Divide Black and White; and Anita D. Russell, I Wanna See Laney's House: A Sibling Story.

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:15 pm PST | 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm EST

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information visit https://asalh.org/festival/.

Malcolm X Movie

A biographical epic of the controversial and influential Black Nationalist leader, from his early life and career as a small-time gangster, to his ministry as a member of the Nation of Islam. Directed by Spike Lee. Rated PG-13. 202 minutes.

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Time: 7:05 pm

Location: Garland Theater, 824 W Garland Ave

Cost: \$5.00

For more information visit http://garlandtheater.com/.

Humanity in Print: Literature and Human Rights

We don't extend human rights to people we don't see as fully human. So how do we develop empathy for those we view as alien or inhuman? One way is through literature, which takes us inside the lives and actions of others. By instilling empathy, and by giving voice to cries for justice, literature forms the foundation for human rights. Professor Richard Middleton-Kaplan shares stories about human rights activists he has encountered throughout his academic career. What these activists endured was shocking, yet they found meaning and beauty in literature, and

In this talk, audiences will discuss literary works that illuminate how to respond to those around us who have suffered human rights violations, and those who have committed incomprehensible acts. These works can even help us to make sense of the wrongs that we ourselves have endured.

Richard Middleton-Kaplan (he/him) is the dean of arts and sciences at Walla Community College. In 2011, he spent a sabbatical at the Centre for Applied Human Rights at University of York, helping to develop a course on literature and human rights. Middleton-Kaplan lives in Walla Walla.

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/online-humanity-in-print-literature-and-human-rights-2/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Walla Walla Community College Library.

Hispanic Business / Professional Association (HBPA) Monthly Meeting

Speaker (Sabes Que): Kiantha Duncan, Spokane NAACP President

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89115424734?pwd=bno0K0dsMi9odzR3VTd5TXNNMnR3UT09

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at www.hbpaofspokane.org.

Life After Prison: The Prison-to-School Pipeline

You may have heard stories about tragic outcomes related to the "school-to-prison pipeline." In this discussion, Omari Amili introduces new possibilities and challenges fear-based narratives through his exploration of a potential new pipeline that runs from prison to college.

While sharing his story and exploring the history of mass incarceration, especially in Washington State, Omari explores how society as a whole benefit when people pursue higher education after incarceration.

Omari Amili (he/him) is an author, speaker, and community organizer. Since his release from prison in 2008, he earned a master's degree from the University of Washington Tacoma, where his research focused on the benefits of college education for formerly incarcerated people. Amili lives in Spanaway.

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 | Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm | 12:00 pm (noon)

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/online-life-after-prison-the-prison-to-school-pipeline-2/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Everett Public Library | WA State Department of Enterprises Services.

SCC Hagan Center Diversity Series Speaker – LaToya Ruby Frazier

Visual artist and professor of photography at the School of Art Institute of Chicago, LaToya Ruby Frazier discusses how she uses photography to fight injustice, poverty, healthcare and gender inequality, environmental contamination, racism and more. Followed by an interview session with SCC Dean of Arts and Sciences Gwendolyn Cash-James and an audience Q&A.

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Watch live at http://www.scc.spokane.edu/live. Cost: Free, must register at https://scc.spokane.edu/LaToya.

For more information visit https://scc.spokane.edu/News-Events/Live-Events.

2022 Black History Month Virtual Festival Presented by ASALH – Author's Book Talk

Authors: Lahnice McFall Hollister, Resisting Jim Crow: The Autobiography of Dr. John A. McFall; Vailes Shepperd, A Good Ending for Bad Memories; Tanya Leake, Get A GGRipp: The Health and Wellness Movement Rooted in Black Cultural Traditions; Latanya Michell Brooks, These Shoulders I Stand On: A Historical Journey from Sojourner Truth to Kamala Harris; Yunxiang Gao, Arise Africa, Roar China

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022

Time: 3:00 pm - 5:15 pm PST | 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm EST

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information visit https://asalh.org/festival/.

Nick Estes: Moving Forward Together Towards Climate Justice, Gonzaga University

This talk will explore the connection between capitalism, colonialism, and Indigenous resistance. Nick Estes is a citizen of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and the author of *Our History Is the Future*.

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Hemmingson Ballroom and virtually, community members are invited to participate virtually

Cost: Free, must register at

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=BzSjK8xcQEm9Fq4VTwTDyjxu1YuMrcBDpptfD2fBONFUQIN MR0ZBVVpJT0ZWREY0NDc0UFpSTVM2Ui4u. For more informationhttps://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/events/2022/2/10/moving-forward-together-towards-climate-justice. This event is hosted by GSBA, Office of Tribal Relations, Fossil Free Gonzaga, and Gonzaga Environmental Organization.

Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, Gonzaga University

Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company will be performing a dance in celebration of the Lunar New Year of the Water Tiger, the show is a combination of Asian heritage, multi-media performance, and American dance.

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center, 211 E Desmet Ave

Cost: \$26.00-\$36.00/adult, \$21.00-\$31.00/Seniors, \$16.50/student, \$21.00-\$31.00/GU Faculty and StaffFor more information https://www.gonzaga.edu/myrtle-woldson-performing-arts-center.

ZUZU African Acrobats

Hailing from Tanzania, ZUZU African Acrobats celebrate the two-thousand-year-old Bantu culture of East Africa.

Date: Friday, February 11, 2022

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: Lair Auditorium, Building 6, Room 115, Spokane Community College

Cost: Free

For more information visit https://scc.spokane.edu/ Sponsored by the SCC Center for Inclusion and Diversity, Black Student Union and Student Activities.

KYRS Community Radio: Page Turner Show

Discussion with Maria Gaines, publisher and editor of La Prensa Bilingue. Interview will be in both English and Spanish.

Date: Friday, February 11, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm Location: Virtual Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at www.kyrs.org. To listen, go to 88.1, 92.3 or at www.kyrs.org.

ASALH Black Bodies, Part I: Exploitation in Medicine

The first session will examine the history of medicine, clinical practice, and policies that have impacted African American health and contributed to disparities. Discussion will include the origins of American gynecology, Henrietta Lacks HeLa cells, and the Lyles Station radiation experiments.

It features Ms. Lisa Villarosa as Moderator; and as panelists Dr. Deirdre Cooper Owens, author of Medical Bondage; Wilbert Smith, Author and Film Producer; Dr. Roland Pattillo, Vice President of the Henrietta Lacks Foundation; and Dr. Clyde Yancy, also with the Henrietta Lacks Foundation.

Date: Saturday, February 12, 2022

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am PST | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST

Location: Virtual, must register at go to https://asalh.org/calendar/black-bodies-part-i-exploitation-in-medicine/.

Cost: \$65.00 for Sessions I and II

For more information visit https://asalh.org/festival/.

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Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Location: hosted via Microsoft Teams

Cost: Free

For more information contact <u>healthequityimplementation@doh.wa.gov</u>.

Double Crossed: The American Missionary Spies of World War II

What made a good missionary also made a good spy, or so thought American intelligence agencies in World War II. These religious men and women carried out covert operations, bombings, and assassinations—confident that their nefarious deeds would eventually help them achieve their mission by expanding the kingdom of God. Historian Matthew Avery Sutton tells the extraordinary story of these missionaries, priests, and rabbis who played an outsized role in leading the United States to victory in World War II. This talk is an untold story of wartime spy craft and a profound account of the compromises and doubts that war forces on those who wage it. Matthew Avery Sutton (he/him) is the Berry Family Distinguished Professor in Liberal Arts and the chair of the Department of History at Washington State University. He has authored several books, the most recent of which is *Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War* (2019). Sutton lives in Pullman.

Date: Saturday, February 12, 2022 | Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm | 7:00 pm Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/online-double-crossed-the-american-missionary-spies-of-world-war-ii/ | https://www.humanities.org/event/online-double-crossed-the-american-missionary-spies-of-world-war-ii-2/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by SILG | Spokane County Library District Department of Enterprises Services.

Telling Your Story: A Personal Essay Workshop

Our life stories are a means for connection—a tender offering in a troubled era. Part reportage and part reflection, personal essays can reveal hidden truths about ourselves, our families, and our societies.

In this interactive and generative writing workshop, Kristen Millares Young will help participants tell their own stories. Available in English and Spanish, each hourlong session will begin with a one-page reading to inspire group discussion, followed by timed prompts that guide individual writing sessions. With plans for a bilingual statewide anthology focused on marginalized voices. Young invites participants to submit what they've written in response to her teaching. By weaving together community narratives, we can craft a vision for our future that includes hope and the capacity for unexpected change.

Kristen Millares Young (she/her) is a prize-winning journalist, essayist, and teacher. Named a *Paris Review* staff pick, her novel *Subduction* was a finalist for Foreword Indies Book of the Year and two International Latino Book

Awards. The editor of *Seismic* and a former Prose Writer-in-Residence at Hugo House, Young was the *New York Times* researcher for "Snow Fall," which won a Pulitzer Prize. Young lives in Seattle.

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2022

Time: 12:00 pm Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/online-telling-your-story-a-personal-essay-workshop/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Lion Rock Visiting Writers Series, Central WA University.

Cooking Class – Vegan Italian Cooking Class

Learn to make gnocchi marinara, vegan meatballs, stuffed mushrooms and hazelnut truffles.

Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Wanderlust Delicato, 421 W Main Ave

Cost: \$85.00

For more information visit their website at https://wanderlustdelicato.com/.

Umoja (Unity): Sustaining African Cultural Arts

Explore the depth and significance of African culture, from its communal philosophies to its lively song and dance. In this interactive talk—part presentation and part performance—artist Afua Kouyaté shares pieces of African culture and folkloric traditions like the *Nguzo Saba*, or "seven principles," of Kwanzaa, which include values like *umoja* (unity), *ujima* (collective responsibility), and *nia* (*purpose*).

Using the seven principles as a framework, Kouyaté tells the story of her life and of Africa's rich culture to inspire you to root deeper through your own culture. In this talk, infused with cultural artifacts, music, and dance, Kouyaté brings people together through the sharing and celebration of cultural arts and traditions.

Afua Kouyaté (she/her) is a performing and teaching artist who specializes in cultural arts leadership with an emphasis on therapeutic engagement. She is the co-founder of Kouyaté Arts, an organization dedicated to the arts, music, dance, culture, and life of the people of West Africa. As the executive director of Adefua Cultural Education Workshop, she is dedicated to community and viewed as a leader in the cultural arts sector. Kouyaté lives in Seattle.

Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/online-umoja-unity-sustaining-african-cultural-arts-3/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Anacortes Public Library.

Spokane Black Stories Symposium

NAACO President Kiantha Duncan with TV producer Mandi Price about her experiences from Spokane to Hollywood, and Racial-Equity reporter Amber Dodd joins the panel to speak with selected high school students presenting their artistic perspectives on the Black experience today in Spokane.

Date: February 16, 2022 Time: 7:00 pm 8:00 pm

Location: Montvale Event Center. Must show proof of COVID vaccination to enter. Safety precautions/social

distancing rules will be in place.

Cost: \$6.00 at www.spokane7tickets.com.

For more information email spokaneblackstories@spokesman.com.

2022 ASALH Book Prize

The ASALH book prize for the best new book in African American history and culture. Finalists: At the Threshold of Liberty: Women, Slavery, and Shifting Identities in Washington, D. C. (Tamika Numley), Pushing Cool (Keith Wailoo), The Other Side of Terror: Black Women and the Culture of US Empire (Erica R. Edwards), The Bonds of Inequity: Debt and the Making of the American City (Destin Jenkins), The Young Crusaders (V.P. Franklin), The Ballard of Robert Charles (K. Stephen Prince), Fugitive Pedagogy (Jarvis R. Givens), and American on Fire (Elizabeth Hinton).

Date: Sunday, February 17, 2022

Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm PST | 6:30 - 7:30 pm EST

Location: Virtual, register at https://asalh.org/calendar/asalh-book-prize/.

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information visit https://asalh.org/festival/.

An Evening with the Robin Wall Kimmerer, Author of Braiding Sweetgrass

The book reframes the relationship between land and humans by exploring themes of reciprocity. *Braiding Sweetgrass* focuses on plants and botany as seen through Native American Traditions and Western scientific traditions. Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Virtually via Zoom, community members are invited to participate virtually

Cost: Free, and open to the public, register at https://gonzaga.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-

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C_73zI1U_Esg.1643874321535.19c41e0f0859266135f1fd83c039c2c5&_x_zm_rhtaid=588. For more informationhttps://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/events/2022/2/17/an-evening-with-robin-wall-kimmerer. This event is co-hosted by the Gonzaga Center for Climate, Society, and the Environment, the Gonzaga School of Leadership Studies, and the Gonzaga Native American Studies Department.

Hidden Histories: The South Vietnamese Side of the Vietnam War

The Vietnam War is seen by much of the Western world as being fought between the Americans and North Vietnamese Communists, with the South Vietnamese largely absent. Yet many Vietnamese refugees who came to America after the war served in the South Vietnamese military, and there is little recognition and understanding of their contributions and role in the war. In fact, in American and Vietnamese Communist histories, the South Vietnamese are painted as corrupt, apathetic sidekicks to the Americans.

How did the South Vietnamese military really experience the Vietnam War? Historian Julie Pham draws from interviews she conducted with 40 South Vietnamese military veterans in the United States, and illuminates how people can remember historical events differently.

Julie Pham (she/her) is the CEO of CuriosityBased, a consulting practice focused on fostering curiosity in the workplace. Her family owns *Northwest Vietnamese News*. She published *Their War: The Perspectives of the South Vietnamese Military in the Words of Veteran-Emigres* in 2019. She earned her PhD in history from the University of Cambridge as a Gates Cambridge Scholar. Pham lives in Seattle.

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/online-hidden-histories-the-south-vietnamese-side-of-the-vietnam-war-2/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Southwest Seattle Historical Society.

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18th Annual Spokane Jewish Cultural Film Festival

Featuring A Starry Sky Above the Roman Ghetto, Kiss Me Kosher with Eight Nights, American Birthright with A Jew Walks into a Bar, Wet Dog with Masel Tov Cocktail, High Maintenance: The Life and Work of Dani Karavan with Slight Steps and Neighbours. **Dates: Wednesday-Saturday, February 17-27, 2022.**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Hybrid format - Garland Theater, 924 W Garland Ave for opening night and On-line/virtual.

Cost: \$8/general admission, \$5/students and seniors; Festival passes: \$42/general admission; \$27/students and

seniors

For more information visit their website at http://sajfs.org.

A Nicer Kind of Murder: The Evolution of Crime Fiction

Murder isn't what it used to be. Explore the shifting role of the victim in detective novels, and how that shift reflects broader social changes.

From Poe and Sherlock Homes to British cozies and Hardboiled pulps, novelist Matthew Sullivan traces the many influences on the postwar and modern eras of the mystery genre and shows how empathy plays a unique role in contemporary crime novels—especially in today's literary mysteries.

What does the way crime victims are portrayed say about a society's culture? Join Sullivan to reflect on the special relationship between reading literature and experiencing empathy—on the page and in our daily lives.

Matthew Sullivan (he/him) is currently a writing teacher and is working on a crime novel set in Soap Lake. Sullivan lives in Anacortes.

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm Location: On-line Cost: Free, must register

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/in-person-a-nicer-kind-of-murder-the-evolution-of-crime-fiction-2/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Mid-Columbia Libraries.

Banff Mountain Film Festival

Featuring a selection of award-winning films and crowd favorites from the Banff Mountain Film Festival. Films: Follow the Light, Finally, Bear-Like, If You Give a Beach a Bottle, Dream Mountain. EM, My Midsummer Morning, Never the Way, Always Higher, A Foreign Native, Markus Eder's Ultimate Run, Izembek, and Reel Rock15: Deep Roots.

Dates: Friday/Saturday, February 18-19, 2022.

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Bing Crosby Theater, 901 W Sprague

Cost: \$24.00

For more information visit their website at http://www.bingcrosbytheater.com/,

ASALH - A Presidential Conversation: Black Health and Wellness in the Eye of the Storm

This year's Festival includes a moderated conversation with ASALH President W. Marvin Dulaney and Presidents of Black professional health organizations and institutions. The conversation will cover a broad landscape of topics addressing Black Health and Wellness, from the historical significance of the establishment of Black medical schools, professional organizations and institutions, to the scientific contributions of Black medical professionals, to contemporary issues related to health disparities, diversity, equity, and inclusion in the health professions, medical ethics, and public trust in medical practice.

Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022

Time: 11:00 pm - 1:00 am PST | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST

Location: Virtual, go to https://asalh.org/calendar/presidential-conversation/, click on box to view event.

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit https://asalh.org/festival/.

16th Annual Viva Vino & Brew (Scholarship Fundraiser)

Wine and beer tasting, dinner, music, silent and live auction to be followed by dancing,

Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Shriner's Event Center, 7217 W Westbow Blvd (Geiger Exit off I-90)

Cost: \$50.00 HBPA member, \$55.00 non-member

For more information email vvb.hbpa@gmail.com or www.hbpaofspokane.org.

NAACP General Membership Meeting

Date: Monday, February 21, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm Location: On-line

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone

For more information contact spkncpbr@gmail.com or visit their Facebook at

https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naacp/..

Spokane Comedy Film Festival

Short form comedy films by local comedians and filmmakers. Submissions accepted through February 8, 2022. Audience members receive a playbill with a unique QR code to vote for favorite short of the night, the winner receives \$100 cash.

Dates: Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Time: 7:00 pm- 10:00 pm

Location: Garland Theater, 924 W Garland Ave

Cost: \$10.00

For more information visit their website at http://garlandtheater.com/.

"The War that Destroyed America" featuring Dr. Benjamin D. Hopkins

Dr. Hopkins will discuss his latest project, *The War that Destroyed America*, which will detail the costs--not only financial, but also social and political--of America's war in Afghanistan.

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Jepson Center, Wolff Auditorium

Cost: Free, and open to the public, For more information https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-

<u>events/events/2022/2/22/the-war-that-destroyed-america</u>. This is Gonzaga University History Department annual William L. Davis, S.J. Lecture.

One Second of Hate: A Story of Forgiveness

"Where are you from?", his attacker asked before shooting Rais Bhuiyan during a killing spree in Texas shortly after 9/11. The attacker, a white supremacist, had been hunting for "Arabs" and perceived Muslims, though not one of his victims turned out to be from the Middle East. Despite being shot in the face, Bhuiyan survived, but two other victims did not.

Remarkably, not only did Bhuiyan forgive his attacker, but he also spent months trying to save him from death row. In the process, his attacker, a man named Mark Stroman, renounced his white supremacist beliefs and expressed deep regret for his fatal actions. In his final words before his execution in 2011, Stroman said, "One second of hate will cause a lifetime of pain."

Our stories have the power to connect, inspire, heal, and even save lives. As divisiveness continues to permeate our communities, Bhuiyan shares his story of resilience and reconciliation. Stories can help us replace ignorance with understanding, fear with acceptance, and hate with empathy—all pathways toward a more equitable, just, and peaceful society.

Rais Bhuiyan (he/him) is the founder of World Without Hate, a nonprofit focused on preventing and disrupting hate and violence and restoring peace and understanding through storytelling and empathy. His story is chronicled in *The True American: Murder & Mercy in Texas* by Anand Giridharadas. Bhuiyan lives in Seattle.

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm Location: On-line Cost: Free, must register

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/online-one-second-of-hate-a-story-of-forgiveness-4/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Walla Walla Community College Library.

ASALH - What You Don't Know about the Legacies of Slavery: Health and Wellness

This presentation will review social practices, beliefs, and psychological dispositions that are distinct continuities from slavery. People of African and European descendants are both impacted. These legacies continued and transformed into the present. Benjamin Bowser, a sociologist, will explore the social and cultural legacies; and George Woods, a Forensic Psychiatrist, will explore the psychological and psychiatric legacies. Regina Mason, a descendant of freedom seeker William Grimes, will discuss the impact of the surveillance and enforcement practices of slavery on her ancestor. The presentation will end with suggestions of what can be done to mitigate and heal the negative effects of these legacies on all Americans.

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 am PST | 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm EST

Location: Virtual, go to https://asalh.org/calendar/what-you-dont-know-about-the-legacies-of-slavery/, click on box to view event. must register at go to https://asalh.org/calendar/what-you-dont-know-about-the-legacies-of-slavery/, click on box to view event. must register at go to https://asalh.org/calendar/black-bodies-part-i-exploitation-in-medicine/.

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit https://asalh.org/festival/.

Laughing Matters: Asian Americans Comedy, and Inclusion

When we want to learn about the past, we turn to history books. When we want to learn how the past continues to live within us, we can turn to humor. While everyone finds different things funny, we all have experienced laughter as a signal of who belongs, and who does not. Who laughs, and who is laughed at, matters. For many Asian Americans, everyday laughter carries past laws and cultural practices aimed at excluding people of Asian descent into the present.

Using clips of comedians and cartoons, Professor Michelle Liu explores how Asian Americans have experimented with humor to change patterns of belonging that everyone living in the United States has inherited. Join Liu to better understand the ways laughter can help us connect with each other and share how humor has shaped your understanding of inclusion.

Michelle Liu (she/her) is a professor of English and the associate director of writing programs at the University of Washington. She specializes in writing and exploring ideas about identity, history, emotion, and storytelling. Liu lives in Seattle.

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm Location: On-line Cost: Free

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/online-laughing-matters-asian-americans-comedy-and-inclusion-4/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by the Hagan Center for the Humanities/Spokane Community College.

Health Equity Listening Sessions

Department of Health is leading conversations for anyone who may have experienced health inequities or racism in the health care system to participate in listening sessions. Hosted via Microsoft Teams, for more information

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Location: hosted via Microsoft Teams

Cost: Free

For more information contact <u>healthequityimplementation@doh.wa.gov</u>.

2022 Black History Month Virtual Festival Presented by ASALH - Author's Book Talk

Authors: Nik Ribianszky, Generations of Freedom: Gender, Movement, and Violence in Natchez 1779-1865; Kimberly A. Marrow; 8 Pearls of Wisdom; Maboula Soumahoro, Black is the Journey, Africana the Name; Leigh Ann Gardner, To Care for the Sick and Bury the Dead: African American Lodges and Cemeteries in Tennessee; Frederick V. Newsome, MD, MSC, An African American Philosophy of Medicine.

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022

Time: 3:00 pm - 5:15 pm PST | 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm EST

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information visit https://asalh.org/festival/.

Drag Culture: Beyond Entertainment

Typically held at bars and nightclubs, drag is a form of entertainment in which a performer uses clothing and makeup to impersonate a particular gender identity, usually of the opposite sex. Yet drag is so much more than nightclub entertainment—it provides community, instills self-confidence, and can even save lives.

Join drag king performer Ceasar Hart and explore the history of drag culture and why it is so important for many in the LGBTQ+ community. Discover the impact of this art form, and how it can be used not only to raise awareness and advocate for LGBTQ+ acceptance, but also as a powerful vehicle for individual self-expression.

Ceasar Hart (he/him) has been a drag king performer in the Pacific Northwest for over a decade. He has produced his own drag shows in Grays Harbor and co-hosted stages for both Seattle Pride and Seattle PrideFest. Hart lives in Grays Harbor.

Dates: Friday, February 25, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below.

For more information and to register, visit https://www.humanities.org/event/online-drag-culture-beyond-entertainment-4/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by Spokane Public Library.

This is the End: How Movies Prepared Us for the Apocalypse

Great city streets emptied of people; a population panicked; misinformation in the air. If some of our experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic seemed familiar, it might be because the movies already imagined them. Whether the cause is environmental factors (*The Day After Tomorrow, Snowpiercer, Contagion*), nuclear disaster (*On the Beach*), or unexplained doomsday (*Midnight Sky, Children of Men*), film has explored what it looks like when the "Big One" hits—and how we might react.

In this talk illustrated with clips, Robert Horton looks at the eerie imagery of apocalyptic movies, and how these films foreshadowed our responses during the pandemic: the extremes of divisiveness and community-building, the loneliness of isolation, and the tantalizing possibility of starting over again—but maybe doing it better this time. Robert Horton (he/him), a member of the National Society of Film Critics, was the longtime film reviewer for the Seattle Weekly, Everett Herald, and KUOW. He has been a Fulbright specialist, a Smithsonian Journeys speaker, and an instructor at Seattle University and the Architectural Association in London. He now hosts the radio program, The Music and the Movies. Horton lives in Vashon.

Date: Saturday, February 26, 2022

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: On-line Cost: Free, must register

For more information and to register, https://www.humanities.org/event/online-this-is-the-end-how-movies-prepared-us-for-the-apocalypse-7/. Sponsored by humanities Washington, https://www.humanities.org/. Hosted by King County Library System.

ASALH Black Bodies, Part II: Race Norming in the NFL

The second session will focus on contemporary issues addressing health and well-being among Black athletes. It will feature a round table discussion among former NFL players and sports medicine professionals about issues of race norming, mental health and other relevant topics affecting the health and well-being of Black athletes. The panel will feature a round table discussion among former NFL players and sports medicine professionals including, Robert Moore, former Atlanta Falcon; Tim Watson, former Green Bay Packer; Roger Jackson, former Denver Bronco; and Ryan Heathcock, former Howard University Bison football player, will moderate this critical discussion on issues of race norming, injury, mental health, and other relevant topics affecting the health and well-being of Black athletes.

Date: Sunday, February 27, 2022

Time: 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm PST | 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm EST

Location: Virtual, must register at https://asalh.org/calendar/black-bodies-part-ii-race-norming-in-the-nfl/.

Cost: \$65.00 for Sessions I and II to register

For more information visit https://asalh.org/festival/.

A Conversation with Michelle Alexander – Gonzaga University

In her acclaimed best-seller, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, Ms. Alexander peels back the curtain on systemic racism in the American prison system, which the New York Review of Books described as "striking in the intelligence of her ideas, her powers of summary, and the force of her writing." With equal force and candor on stage, she breaks the silence about racial injustice in the modern legal system to reveal how mass incarceration has come to replace segregation. This event will include questions, answers, and conversation.

Date: Monday, February 28, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual, must register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-conversation-with-michelle-alexander-registration-241436411807.

Cost: Free

For more information visit https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/events/2022/2/28/a-conversation-with-michelle-alexander.

Save the Date

Mardi Bras Drive Through Party

Donations for Transitions (Women's Hearth) and Volunteers of America (Hope House) includes new bras, socks, underwear, tampons, and bus passes. Other items listed on their website (see below) from Amazon.

Date: Saturday, March 5, 2022

Location: Hope House, 318 South Adams

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Cost: Items purchases for Transitions and Volunteers of America

For addition dates and locations visit https://help4women.org/spokane-mardi-bras/ or Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/spokanemardibras/

KPBX Kids' Concert Special Encore Broadcast

Dance to the rollicking music of Floating Crowbar. Celtic fans and dancers of all ages can frolic to the sounds of western Ireland with music from Floating Crowbar. Relive the magic of years past with a medley of performances hosted by Verne Windham. Move the furniture and prepare to dance like a leprechaun or your favorite step dancer. Floating Crowbar plays authentic jigs, reels and horn pipes that serves as the soundtrack for this wicked annual dance party!

Date: Saturday. March 12, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Stream on-line at https://www.spokanepublicradio.org.

Cost: Free

For more information, visit https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/2022-01-25/kpbx-kids-concert-celtic-dance-

party-with-floating-crowbar-march-12-at-1-pm.

40th Annual 2022 Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon

Recipients of the 2022 Women of Achievement awards are celebrated at this luncheon which has evolved into YWCA Spokane's largest and most critical annual fundraising event. In addition to honoring amazing women and learning about the mission and impact of YWCA Spokane, we will be inspired by keynote Admiral Michelle Howard (retired). All proceeds raised support YWCA Spokane's critical services for domestic violence victims and their children, including emergency shelter, counseling, legal services, job readiness, child care, and Pre-K programs for low-income children.

Date: Thursday. March 24, 2022

Time: 11:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Location: The Davenport Grand, 333 W Spokane Falls Blvd

Cost: \$135 individual ticket, \$1250 Table Captain, \$2000 minimum for Corporate Table (see website for specific

details)

For more information, visit https://ywcaspokane.org/event/woa2022/?instance_id=537.

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

February 2022 International/National Cultural Celebrations Calendar

February 1 Chinese New Year – China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam

The year of the Tiger. This is the year 4720 in the Chinese Lunar calendar and the most important holiday. It is three-day holiday in China and Hong Kong. The Chinese clean and decorate their homes with the 5 lucky signs of happiness; new clothes are worn and even the poorest buy new shoes, for it is considered bad luck to step down on the ground into old shoes. The Vietnamese call it 'Tet' Festival.

Seollal - Korea

The Korean New Year lasts three days. During this time, many Koreans visit family, perform ancestral rites, eat traditional food, and play folk games. Additionally, children often receive money from their elders.

Abolition of Slavery- Mauritius

The struggle for freedom of the slaves in Mauritius during the Dutch period between 1638 and 1710 is remembered and honored.

Setsubun-sai – Japan

Setsubun-sai is known as Bean Throwing Night. Beans are thrown to protect against demons with shouts of 'Devil out, Good Fortune in.'

Anniversary Day - Auckland, New Zealand

February 2 Groundhog Day – USA/Canada

Folklore suggests that if the groundhog sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter.

February 2 Imbolc- Wicca

'Imbolg' comes from an archaic Gaelic expression 'in the belly', which signaled the first stirrings of life within the womb of mother earth. Corn dolls are burned as offerings to the sun to hasten his return.

February 4 Independence Day – Sri Lanka

Observes independence from Great Britain in 1948.

World Cancer Day - UN

February 6 Waitangi Day – New Zealand

This day commemorates the signing of a treaty at Waitangi on the 6th of February 1840 by a group of Māori chiefs and the British Government. It honors the rights of the British Crown and that of the Māori people and on this, celebrates the Maori culture.

February 7 Mulk (18th month) – Baha'i

At sunset. The first day of the eighteenth Baha'i month. The English translation of Mulk (Arabic) is Dominion.

Independence Day – Grenada

Celebrates independence from the United Kingdom on February 7, 1974.

February 11 National Foundation Day – Japan

February 12 Lincoln's Birthday – USA

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, "Honest Abe", as he was commonly known, was born in Hardin Country, Kentucky on February 12, 1809.

February 14 Valentine's Day – USA/Canada/UK

One version states that a priest named Valentine was martyred on February 14, 269 AD in Rome for secretly marrying couples against the orders of the Roman Emperor, Claudius II. This was the night before a festival called Lupercalia associated with fertility. Probably both customs became associated with this day.

Kindness Awareness Week - International

Established in 1995, the movement inspires people to share kindness with one another as they discover for themselves what power it has to effect positive change as healthy relationships are created and community connections are nourished.

February 15 National Flag Day – Canada

Twenty-year old Joan O'Malley sewed Canada's first flag in 1964. The flag was raised for the first time on Parliament Hill in Ottawa at the stroke of noon on February 15, 1965.

National Day - Serbia

Commemorates the day in 1804 when the first uprising against the Ottoman Turks began. Independence was gained in 1829, and the constitution was signed in 1835.

February 16 Independence Day – Lithuania

Commemorates the 1918 declaration of independence from Russia. In 1990, the country again declared independence from the Soviet Union.

February 18 Independence Day – Gambia

Celebrates the anniversary of independence from Britain in 1965. A public vote in 1970 made the country a republic within the commonwealth.

February 21 Presidents Day Observed – USA

A U.S. federal holiday that celebrates the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, born February 12, 1809 and George Washington, born February 22, 1732.

International Mother Language Day - UN

The UN International Mother Language Day annually celebrates language diversity and variety worldwide on this date. It also remembers the killing of four students on February 21, 1952, because they campaigned to officially use their mother language, Bengali, in Bangladesh.

Family Day - Canada

Observed on the 3rd Monday of February. In the provinces of Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the holiday is instead termed Louis Riel Day, Nova Scotia Heritage Day and Islander Day respectively.

Louis Riel Day - Indigenous Peoples of Canada

The famous Metis leader who in 1885 led a rebellion and lost against the Canadian authorities because he feared more Metis land would be taken away by the settlers. Today his name is a symbol for Native independence.

February 22 Abu Simbel Festival – Egypt

Built by Ramses II, his temple is angled so that the inner sanctum lights up twice a year – once on the anniversary of his rise to the throne and on October 22, celebrating his birthday. Crowds pack in the temple before sunrise to watch the shafts of light illuminate the statues of Ramses, Ra, and Amon.

Washington's Birthday - USA

George Washington, first president of USA was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.

Girl Guides Thinking Day - Canada

This is the joint birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and his wife Olave who became the World Chief Guide.

Independence Day - Saint Lucia

Saint Lucia became an independent nation on February 22, 1979. On this date it became an independent member of the Commonwealth of Nations with the British queen as the head of the state.

February 23 Heisel Emperor's Birthday – Japan

This is the current Emperor's. His reign has been names Heisei (Succeed at Peace).

February 24 Independence Day – Estonia

Commemorates independence from the Soviet Union in 1918. Independence was brief. The country was again under Soviet control from 1940 until 1991.

February 25 National Day – Kuwait

Commemorates the 1978 accession of King Shaykh Sir 'abdullah Al-Salim al-Sabah.

People Power Day – Philippines

Commemorates the bloodless revolution in 1986 in which President Ferdinand Marcos was toppled from power.

February 25 Intercalary Days (thru March 1) – Baha'i

There are four or five days inserted into the calendar called Ayyam-i-ha adjusting the Baha'i year to the solar cycle. This precedes a month of fasting from March 2-20. Gifts are exchanged, parties and public meetings are held to share the faith.

February 26 Anti-Bullying Day – Canada

February 27 Independence Day - Dominican Republic

Encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying.

February 28 Kalevala Day- Finland

Elias Lonnrot, a country doctor, folklorist and philologist compiled the Kalevala. Finland's national epic in 1835. This day is observed country wide with lectures, parades and recitations to honor him.

Source: Diversity/Cultural Celebrations from Creative Cultural Communications 2022 Diversity Calendar.

African American Business Directory, Spokane, WA

Below is a list of a variety African American businesses in Spokane. This list can be found at The Black Lens website (http://blacklensnews.com/). The Black Lens News is on hiatus from February 2022 to January 2023.

AOD Painting - Art

Amber Hoit, (509) 435-3326 artamber90@gmail.com | https://www.facebook.com/AODpainting 2828 S Latawah St, Spokane, WA 99203

Allie & Austin Management LLC - Bookkeeping

Dorothy Hood, (509) 242-3324 dhood@allieaustin.com | https://allieaustin.com/ PO Box 142207, Spokane Valley, WA 99214

Andrews Care - Assisted Living Facility for Young Adults with Disabilities Ashley Andrews, (509) 939-7218 ashandrews@comcast.net PO Box 1629, Veradale, WA 99037

Art Jacobs' Designer Scarf Collection - Retail Clothing

Art Jacobs, (509) 979-7604 jacobsportraits@aol.com | https://shopvida.com/collections/art-jacobs 601 W Main Ave, Suite 202, Spokane, WA 99201

B&G Entertainment LLC - Entertainment

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