

MAY 2018 SPOKANE DIVERSITY/CULTURAL EVENTS

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Asian Pacific Americans, a term that encompasses many ethnic groups, worked tirelessly to build a national railroad infrastructure, paving the way for western expansion. The first Asian Pacific Heritage Week was celebrated in 1979, in response to little or no recognition of this population in the 1976 bicentennial celebrations. By 1990, the celebration was a month long and then made official in 1992. For more information visit <http://apaics.org/apa-heritage-month/> and the WA State Commission for Asian Pacific American Affairs <https://capaa.wa.gov/>.

Jewish American Heritage Month

In 2006, President George W. Bush designated May as the month to teach about Jewish history and culture and to recognize the important contributions of Jewish Americans to U.S. history. For more information visit <https://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov>. In addition, visit the Washington State Jewish Historical Society at <http://www.wsjhs.org/> for information about Jewish people in WA State.

Older American's Month - USA

It was established by Presidential Proclamation in 1963. The entire nation is encouraged to pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. It is celebrated across the country through ceremonies and events.

History of Asian American Film Display

Featuring books on the History of Asian American Film

Dates: May 1 through May 31, 2019

Time Open during JFK library hours

Location: Alcove Area, JFK Library, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information, contact Dr. Pui-Yan Lam at plam@ewu.edu or call 509.359.7933. This event is one of EWU's events celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

Asian/Pacific American Portraits Exhibition

This exhibit of portraits of prominent Asian/Pacific Americans.

Dates: May 1 through May 31, 2019

Time Open during library hours

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W. Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2>. This event is one of Spokane Public Libraries events celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

As Grandmother Taught: Women, Tradition and Plateau Art

Coiled and twined basketry and beaded hats, pouches, bags, dolls, horse regalia, baby boards, and dresses alongside vintage photos of Plateau women wearing or alongside their traditional, handmade clothing and objects, with works by Leanne Campbell, HollyAnna CougarTracks DeCoteau Littlebull and Bernadine Phillips.

Dates: August 2018 through December 2019

Time: Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Location: [Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture](https://www.northwestmuseum.org), 2316 W. First Ave

Cost: \$10.00 adult, \$8.00 seniors, \$5.00 children ages 6-17, \$8.00 college students with ID.

For more information visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org> or call 509.456.3931.

“Inuit Art of Povungnituk”

The artists in Povungnituk, located in Arctic Quebec, have been recognized for over a quarter of a century for the quality of their print making and their distinctive style. The Povungnituk sculptures and prints present a cross section of tribal life and chronicle the history and legends of a people. They are occasionally humorous, often joyous and sometimes tragic. Characterized by crisp images of native animals and human figures set against stark backgrounds, many of the artworks reveal the rituals that have allowed the Inuit people to survive.

Dates: February 16 through May 12, 2019

Time: Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Location: [Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture](#), 2316 W. First Ave

Cost: \$10.00 adult, \$8.00 seniors, \$5.00 children ages 6-17, \$8.00 college students with ID.

For more information visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/exhibits/upcoming-exhibits/inuit-art-of-povungnituk> or call 509.456.3931.

“Sacred Encounters: Father De Smet and the Indians of the Rocky Mountain West” Exhibit

The exhibit tells the story of how Jesuit missionaries (Father De Smet) came to the interior Northwest at the invitation of the Coeur d' Alene and Salish tribes and the profound effects this sacred encounter had on both cultures.

Date: Open, no end date at this time

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily April through September, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm October through March, (closed holidays)

Location: Old Mission State Park, Cataldo, ID (I-90, exit 39 – 60 miles east of Spokane)

Cost: \$5.00 park entrance fee, exhibit \$5.00 per person/\$10.00 per family.

For more information visit their website at

<https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/coeur-d-alenes-old-mission>.

Can You Queer Me Now?

Day: Tuesday

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Hear voices directly from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, and Questioning community right here in the Inland Northwest. You will hear more about current events, local groups, and perspectives directly from the queer youth community. Hosted by Ian Sullivan on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Democracy Now

Day: Monday-Friday

Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am & 5:00 pm-5:00 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.

Detention

Day: Monday

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Variety music/talk show for teens by teens. This show is produced by the students of West Valley City School.

Hosted by Kade, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.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.

Hosted by [Trevor, Zoe, Eva and Selena](#), 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. Hosted by Don and Rick, on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website:

<http://www.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>.

Layali Arabia

Day: Saturday

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Arabic songs from a multitude of different genres to come out of the Arab World. Hosted by Rahmi 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 “Queen of Mean” and “Luscious Duchess”, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

QueerSounds

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

QueerSounds is radio show dedicated to playing music by and for LGBTQ people. Music, interviews, community events and forums. Hosted by bob, KYRS FM 92.3 or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>. Join the hosts on Facebook at www.facebook.com/qsounds, or email them at queersounds@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>.

10th Annual EWU Pride Week

Visit their website for events.

Dates: Monday-Friday, April 29-May 4, 2019

Location: EWU, Cheney, WA

For more information on the specific events (dates/time/location) visit their website at

<https://sites.ewu.edu/pridecenter/>.

May Day March & Rally

Spokane Immigrant Rights Coalition

Dates: Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Riverfront Park Clock tower

For more information visit their MEChA de EWU Facebook at mecha@ewu.edu. They encourage everyone to wear a RED SHIRT/Bandana to stand in Solidarity with May Day.

Narrating Queer AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islanders) Art

Join EWU's Pride Center & Multicultural Center is supporting queer Asian American and Pacific Islanders artists.

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2019

Time: noon– 1:00 pm

Location: Pride Center, PUB 336, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information, contact Dr. Pui-Yan Lam at plam@ewu.edu or call 509.359.7933.

24th Annual Hispanic/Latino Graduate and Young Scholar Recognition Ceremony

All Hispanic/Latino(a) graduating students from Spokane County high schools and colleges/universities are invited to attend with family members. In addition, Young Scholars, in grades 8-11 with a gpa of 3.00.

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Gym, Spokane Community College, 1810 Greene Street

Cost: Free

For more information email hbpacereemony@gmail.com, visit their website at www.hbpaspokane.net.

Diverse Voices Writing Group

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>.

Love is Not Enough: Growing Up Black While Living with a White Family

Explores the importance of understanding culture and race when fostering a black child in a predominantly white area in America. Participants will leave with an understanding on what it takes to raise a child of color in the Foster Care System.

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=5>. Eastern Washington University Africana Studies Program presents Community Connections Series: Reclaiming Black Excellence at the South Hill Library on May 2, May 9, and May 16, 2019.

Olé! Mexican Authentic Cooking

Enjoy a margarita while you learn from Davenport Chef Eric Nelson on how to make authentic tortillas, enchiladas and tamales.

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2019

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Spokane Community College. Bldg 1, Main Room 144

Cost: \$59.00

For more information call 509.279.6030 or visit their website at

<https://www.campusce.net/spokane/course/course.aspx?catId=31>.

10th Annual Lavender Graduation

Lavender Graduation is a cultural celebration of LGBTQ+ and ally graduates from high schools, community colleges, and universities across the Inland Northwest. All graduates receive a lavender stole and rainbow tassel.

Date: Friday, May 3 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Hargreaves Reading Room 201, 717 6th Street, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free, graduates need to register, visit their website

For more information visit <https://sites.ewu.edu/pridecenter/>. Community members and non-graduates are welcomed to attend.

Japanese Children's Day Celebration

"Children's Day" is a Japanese national holiday which takes place annually on May 5th. Its purpose is to celebrate children's happiness and respect their personalities. In this hands-on presentation, we will make a Kabuto (warrior helmet), Koinobori (the carp-shaped flags), and Tako (Japanese style kite).

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2019

Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W Wellesly Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit the website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> or call 509.444.5300.

A Night of Courageous Conversations: The School to Prison Pipeline & Mass Incarceration

An examination of what the statistics are telling us and how it is impacting future generations. Discussion on what we need to do as a community to address the issue of mass incarceration little effort devoted to rehabilitation.

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2019

Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt St

Cost: Free

To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/courageous-conversations-the-school-to-prison-pipeline-mass-incarceration-tickets-59938136580?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>. Reception from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Wiburn & Associates, LLC.

Traditional Chinese Folk Dancing

The Spokane Chinese Association Dance group will perform three pieces. The first is "The Misunderstanding of the Kite". The second piece is Qi Pao dance "Shanghai Nights". The third performance is "Moon Watching".

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 am

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W Wellesly Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> or call 509.444.5300.

43rd Lilac Bloomsday Run (12 kilometers/7.46 miles)

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2019

Time: 9:00 am, course closes at 1:30 pm

Location: Downtown Spokane

Cost: \$22.00 fee through April 22nd, April 21st-29th, \$45.00 on-May 3rd and 4th.

For more information visit their website at <http://www.bloomsdayrun.org/>.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

DJ and live music (Mariachi band), food, piñata breaking, etc.

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2019

Time: noon- – 8:00 pm

Location: De Leon Foods, 15530 E Sprague Ave

Cost: Free

For more information call De Leon's at 509.926.5009 or visit <http://www.deleonfoods.net/>.

Advocacy in AAPI Communities

President Dialogue on Diversity featuring Sina Sam, an Asian American Community organizer to talk about her activism and advocacy work.

Date: Monday, May 6, 2019

Time: noon- 1:00 pm

Location: Hargreaves 201, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information, contact Dr. Pui-Yan Lam at plam@ewu.edu or call 509.359.7933.

Traveling to China: A Chinese-American's Perspectives on Running Home

China boasts a wide range of geographic terrains, climates and demographics, which presents visitors with a variety of cultures, foods and customs. Born and raised in China, educated and living in America for nearly two decades, Sam Song will share with you his experiences of traveling back to China from an American's perspective. Bring your questions if you are planning a trip to China, because Sam's presentation will make your upcoming trip much more prepared and enjoyable.

Date: Monday, May 6, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> or call 509.444.5300.

Unity in the Community Committee Meeting Theme: "Collaborate. Connect. Celebrate"

Date: Tuesday, May 7 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Emmanuel Family Life Center, 631 S Richard Allen Ct

Cost: Free and open to all who have an interest in making this event happen on August 18, 2018

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

Census 2020 Workshop

Fernanda Mazcot and Larry Valadez will facilitate this workshop which will include: What is the Census"? What is it important? And how we can increase the number of people of color being counted, as POC have been historically undercounted.

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Marandos Bar & Restaurant, 11420 East Sprague Ave.

Cost: Free

Register to attend at <https://bit.ly/2KPdmQx>, Eventbrite WA Census Alliance Eastern conference.

14th Annual SFCC International Film Festival – *Handsome Devil*, Ireland, 2017, Rated R, 95 minutes

Two underclassmen roommates at an all-boys boarding school, one a social outcast and the other a star rugby player, eventually and unexpectedly bond. With a new English teacher challenging students to find their own voices, the boys' friendship is tested by the rugby-obsessed expectations of others after one is found to be gay. **Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

Time: 7:15 pm

Cost: \$5.00, free for all CCS/SFCC/SCC students and employees with I.D.

Location: The Garland Theater, 924 W Garland Ave

For more information visit <http://www.spokanefalls.edu/College/Diversity/FilmSchedule.aspx>. Sponsored by the Alliance Club.

Rising Up Strong A Culture of Love and Belonging - PJALS Benefit Luncheon

Keynote Speaker: Mandy Manning, 2018 Washington State Teacher of the Year

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Spokane Valley Event Center, 10514 E Sprague Ave

Cost: This is a no-cost event with an opportunity to give

For more information email pjals@pjals.org or visit their website at www.pjals.org. To register to attend or to host a table visit <http://pjals.org/2019/03/2019luncheon/> or to register to attend.

Delano Manongs: Forgotten Heroes of the United Farm Workers Documentary

Screening of this important documentary, telling the story of the Filipino American farm workers who instigated one of the farm labor movement's finest hours – The Delano Grape Strike of 1965 that brought about the creation of the United Farm Workers Union. Rowena Pineda of the Asian Pacific Islander Coalition will introduce the film and lead the discussion.

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Spokane Downtown Library, 906 W Main Ave.

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> or call 509.444.5300.

Diverse Voices Writing Group

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>.

Understand the Speech Gap: Saying Hell to Ebonics

A historical and cultural look at the use of language in African American communities and its misunderstood necessity for communication.

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=5>. Eastern Washington University Africana Studies Program presents Community Connections Series: Reclaiming Black Excellence at the South Hill Library on May 2, May 9, and May 16, 2019.

The Great Folk Scare: American Folk Music Revival

Explore the folk singers and songwriters of the late '50s and '60s. Brad Keeler and Linda Parman perform music celebrating this moment in American history.

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Airway Heights Library, 1213 S. Lundstrom St, Airway Heights

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, call 509.893.8250 or visit their website at

<http://sclid.evanced.info/signup/list?df=list&nd=150&kw=great+folk+scare>.

"A Walk Though Poverty"

"A Walk Through Poverty" and accompanying art exhibit by artist Cameron Day explores the plight and complexity of poverty in the Inland Northwest. Film to be shown on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Dates: May 10, 2019 through May 24, 2019

Time: Library Hours

Location: North Spokane library, 44 E Hawthorne Rd

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.893.8350 or visit their website at

<http://sclid.evanced.info/signup/list?df=list&nd=150&kw=a+walk+through+poverty>.

68th Junior Lilac Parade

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Downtown Spokane

Cost: Free

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.spokanelilacfestival.org/> or email info@spokaneilp.com.

9th Annual Family Fun Fair

Featuring carnival games, bounce houses, giant slides, petting zoos, camel rides, arts and crafts, pet adoption drive, photos with Boomer the Bear, Spokane Indians' Otto and Doris and Christian Youth Theater's Royal Court, and parenting resources for summer camps and activities.

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019

Time: Riverfront Park 9 a.m.-4 p.m. River Park Square Mall 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: Riverfront Park and River Park Square

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information email charity@thefamilyguide.org or call 509.928.9664.

Tunisian Culture: 3000 years of Civilization – Plus Tourism, Food, and Current Events

Tunisian students Imen Letaief, Chaima Cherbib, and Chady Bhouel from Spokane Community College will give a presentation about their fascinating native country.

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> or call 509.444.5300.

Chinese Inclusion in Telling Western Stories

This presentation by Dr. Liping Zhu will give a brief overview of the contributions made by Chinese immigrants to the development of the American West in the second half of the nineteenth century. Born in Shanghai, China, Dr. Zhu received a PhD in Western history from the University of New Mexico in 1994. Specializing in the history of Chinese immigrants in the nineteenth-century American West and the author of three books, he teaches at EWU, where he is the current Chair of the History Department.

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> or call 509.444.5300.

Aretha Franklin – Amazing Grace – Black Lens Movi Screening

A private screening and discussion of the documentary *Amazing Grace*. This documentary presents the live recording of Aretha Franklin's album *Amazing Grace* in Watts, Los Angeles in 1972.

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Magic Lantern Theatre, 25 W Main Ave.

Cost: \$10.00, proceeds benefit the Black Lens. Seating is limited.

For more information email sandy@blacklensnews.com or call 509.795.1964.

Understanding Omotenashi: Japanese Hospitality

Omotenashi is the Japanese concept of offering the best service possible with no expectation of reward. Saki Katayama will explain how the needs of a guest are anticipated to the smallest detail: "the customer is god." See how new employees are taught to smile and bow; watch a bullet train car completely cleaned in seven minutes; and learn the proper way to ride an escalator!

Date: Monday, May 13, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 am

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W Wellesly Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> or call 509.444.5300.

Japanese Culture Activities

Students from Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute will demonstrate their culture with origami, language exercises, shodo (Japanese calligraphy) and more! Please join us for these hands-on activities.

Date: Sunday, May 14, 2019

Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W Wellesly Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> or call 509.444.5300.

The Great Folk Scare: American Folk Music Revival

Explore the folk singers and songwriters of the late '50s and '60s. Brad Keeler and Linda Parman perform music celebrating this moment in American history.

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Deer Park Library, 208 S. Forest Ave, Deer park

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, call 509.893.8300 or visit their website at <http://scl.d.evanced.info/signup/list?df=list&nd=150&kw=great+folk+scare>.

SFCC International Film Festival – *The Motorcycle Diaries* (from Argentina), Rated R, 126 minutes, in Spanish, Quechua, Mapudengubn

Riding an old 1939 battered motorcycle, Che Guevara and his friend Ernesto travel on a four-month 8,000 km trip from Argentina to Peru. The film is an epic road movie with everything you'd want from such a film: laughs, kicks, adventures, pathos, poetry and natural beauty. The Motorcycle Diaries captures, with startling clarity and delicacy, Che's youthful idealism and the gradual turning of his passion toward an unspecified form of radical commitment. Che Guevara is sadly best known today as a mysterious icon of guerilla warfare, a killer in a beret who became a Cuban revolutionist before being captured and executed by the U.S. CIA.

Date: Tuesday – May 14, 2019

Time: 7:15 pm

Location: The Garland Theater, 924 W Garland Ave

Cost: \$5.00, free for all CCS/SFCC/SCC students and employees with I.D.

For more information visit <http://www.spokanefalls.edu/College/Diversity/FilmSchedule.aspx>. Sponsored by the Spanish Club.

***Pass or Fail in Cambodia Town* Film Screening**

Film is about the education crisis affecting Cambodian-American students. Learn about the barriers Cambodian Americas face and what they are doing to combat it.

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Time: noon– 1:00 pm

Location: Multicultural Center, PUB 329, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free

For more information, contact Dr. Pui-Yan Lam at plam@ewu.edu or call 509.359.7933.

The Great Folk Scare: American Folk Music Revival

Explore the folk singers and songwriters of the late '50s and '60s. Brad Keeler and Linda Parman perform music celebrating this moment in American history.

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Moran Prairie Library, 6004 S. Regal St.

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, call 509.893.8340 or visit their website at <http://sclcd.evanced.info/signup/list?df=list&nd=150&kw=great+folk+scare>.

Diverse Voices Writing Group

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

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The Struggle is Real: Challenges Faced by African American Athletes

An exploration on how African American women, navigating the obstacles of race and gender, stereotype and burden, requires another layer of athleticism-an ability to have a briefcase of coping mechanisms to get themselves, body and soul, across the finish lines of competition and life. Despite great successes and modern adaptations, these challenges continue today.

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=5>. Eastern Washington University Africana Studies Program presents Community Connections Series: Reclaiming Black Excellence at the South Hill Library on May 2, May 9, and May 16, 2019.

Salute to Service Resource Fair

Local agencies, community partners and businesses offer information and assistance to veterans, active duty, guard, reserve personnel, families and caregivers.

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2019

Time: 1:00 pm, program at 6:30 pm

Location: Riverpark Square, 808 W Main Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information email charity@thefamilyguide.org or call 509.928.9664.

The Story of Silk

Find out from Shadle Library's Juan Juan everything about this luxurious fabric, once history's most jealously and zealously guarded trade secret. Complete with hands-on experiment.

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 am

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W Wellesly Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit thier website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> or call 509.444.5300.

Annual Lu'au

Hui 'O Hawai'i club to learn about Hawaiian culture with food and entertainment,

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: TBA

Cost: Free

For more information, contact Dr. Pui-Yan Lam at plam@ewu.edu or call 509.359.7933. Hosted by Hui 'O Hawai'i.

Let Freedom Ring – 63rd Anniversary of the Armed Forces Person of the Year Celebration

Celebrates the military by honoring local active duty, guard, and reserve members of the armed forces. In addition, will honor local police and firefighters for their service in our region.

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019

Time: 7:30 am – 9:30 am

Location: Davenport Hotel, Grand Pennington Room, 10 S Post St

Cost: \$35.00 with military pricing available. On-line registration ends May 15, 2019.

For more information and/or register, visit <https://greaterspokane.org/events/3064/>.

81st Spokane Lilac and Armed Forces Torchlight Parade –

Date: Saturday, May 18 2019

Time: 7:45 pm

Location: Downtown Spokane

Cost: Free and open to the public.

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.spokanelilacfestival.org/>.

“Basketball ‘Is’ My Culture.” Contemporary Asian American Communities and Sport

Sport is a vibrant feature of many contemporary Asian American communities. Through the example of Japanese American basketball leagues in California, local sociologist Dr. Nicole Willms explains the community dynamics and larger social forces that bind ethnic community and sport. She will also discuss how Asian American women have played a prominent role in the Japanese American leagues, as featured in her book *When Women Rule the Court: Gender, Race, and Japanese American Basketball*.

Date: Sunday, May 19, 2019

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=5>.

NAACP General Membership Meeting**Date: Monday, May 20, 2019**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Location: Community Building, 35 W Main Ave

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone

For more information contact spokanenaacp@gmail.com or visit their website at <http://spokanenaacp.com/>.**27th Annual Women Helping Women Fund Benefit Luncheon**

Speaker: Victor Rivas Rivers is an actor, an author and an advocate. A childhood survivor of domestic violence, Victor was able to break the cycle of violence and now serves as a regular speaker and spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Victor's memoir, *A Private Family Matter*, chronicles how, through the help of his community, Victor was able to move from being a rage filled gang member to class president and eventually a champion for all those impacted by domestic violence.

Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2018, registration deadline is May 12, 2019.

Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Location: Spokane Convention Center

Cost: Minimum donation requested: \$125.00

For more information and/or to register, visit their website at www.whwfspokane.org or call 509.3977.**Crazy Rich Asians Film**

The story follows Rachel, an American-born Chinese professor, who travels to her boyfriend Nick's hometown of Singapore for his best friend's wedding. Before long, his secret is out: Nick is from a family that is impossibly wealthy, and he's perhaps the most eligible bachelor in Asia. Rated PG-13; 120 minutes.

Eastern Washington University's Steve Bingo will introduce the film and discuss the groundbreaking Asian American ensemble casting, and the context surrounding the film.

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Time: 5:45 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Spokane Downtown Library, 3rd floor, 906 W Main Ave.

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> or call 509.444.5300.**Japanese Cherry Blossom Art**

Bring your creativity, they will provide the paint supplies.

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2019

Time: 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Eastside Library, 524 S. Stone St

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.444.5300 or visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=9>.**Diverse Voices Writing Group****Date: Thursday, May 23, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>

“A Walk Though Poverty” Film

A Walk Through Poverty” and accompanying art exhibit by artist Cameron Day explores the plight and complexity of poverty in the Inland Northwest. Film to be shown on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Dates: Thursday May 23, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: North Spokane library, 44 E Hawthorne Rd

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.893.8350 or visit their website at

<http://sclد.evanced.info/signup/list?df=list&nd=150&kw=a+walk+through+poverty>.

5th Annual KHQ/WorkSource Job Fair

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2019

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Spokane Convention Center, Ballroom 100ABC (old Convention Center)

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information and to register visit <https://spokaneworkforce.org/khq-job-fair/>.

World Travels: South Africa

In celebration of its 25th year of post-apartheid democracy, international scholar Lance Rhoades will take us on a virtual tour through this richly diverse nation, from Cape Town to Kruger National Park.

Date: May 25, 2019

Time: 11am - noon

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St.

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=4> or call 509.444.5300

K-pop! The Korean Pop Music Phenomenon

K-pop has grown into a global phenomenon, amassing enormous numbers of teenage and young adult fans. Generally "popular music" within South Korea, the term is often used more narrowly to describe a contemporary form of pop music that is influenced by styles and genres from around the world.

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 am

Location: Shadle Library, 2111 W Wellesly Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> or call 509.444.5300.

Diverse Voices Writing Group

Date: Thursday, May 30, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Spark Central, 1214 W Summit Parkway

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.279.0299 or visit their website at <http://www.sparkwestcentral.org/>

AAPI Graduation (Asian American and Pacific Islanders)

An event to recognize the accomplishments of graduating AAPI students. Islander students

Date: Thursday, May 30, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Monroe Hall, R00m 205, (2nd floor lounge), EWU, Cheney, WA

EWU student will be sent an invitation to participate in the AAPI Graduation. For more information, contact Pui-Yan Lam at plam@ewu.edu or call 509.359.7933.

35th Annual ArtFest

Three-day art festival in Coeur d'Alene Park in historic Browne's Addition. Over 150 artisans, food booths, live music, wine and beer garden, art-making tent for kids of all ages.

Dates: Friday, May 31– Sunday, June 2 2019

Time: May 31: noon to 7:00 pm, June 1: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, June 2: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Coeur d'Alene Park in Brown's Addition, between Chestnut & Spruce (2nd & 4th)

Cost: Free

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/support/artfest..>

Up Coming Events

The Muslim World and Muslims in Spokane

Did you know that a significant number of Muslims living in Spokane are refugees? The first refugees arrived in Spokane in the 1980s fleeing war in Bosnia & Herzegovina - victims of genocide. Currently Spokane is also home to refugees from Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Come learn about their fascinating story and their faith.

Date: June 1, 2019

Time: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: South Hill Library, 3324 S Perry St.

Cost: Free

From more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=4> or call 509.444.5300

Citizens Academy: Spokane Police Dept.

Dates: June 1-2, 2019

Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm on June 1 and 9:00 am-5:00 pm on June 2, 2019

Location: SPD Academy, 2302 N Waterworks Street

Cost: Free

From more information go to <https://my.spokanecity.org/police/citizen/training>. To register, email Alaina Gump at agump@spokanepolice.org.

5th Annual Pride in the Park

Family friendly celebration of LGBT diversity.

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2019

Location: Coeur d' Alene City Park Band shell, Coeur d' Alene, ID (west or resort, NW Blvd & Mullen Ave)

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: Free

Sponsored by North Idaho Pride Alliance.

22nd Annual Pride Cruise

Date: Saturday, June 2 2019

Location: Lake Coeur d' Alene

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Cost: On-line \$25.00, \$45 for couple tickets, \$30.00 day of

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

28th Annual Pride Parade - Theme: *To Thrive, Not Just Survive*

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019

Location: Downtown Spokane

Time: noon

Cost: Free

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

World Refugee Day – Honoring Refugee Women

There will be a naturalization ceremony, awards ceremony, international potluck, fashion show, children’s activities, cultural marketplace and community resource fair.

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019

Location: 800 E Joseph & Nevada

Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.209.2384 or email rsc@refugeeconnectionspokane.org.

5th Annual SEA-TRI-KAN - Ride for Refugee Resiliency

Route starts at the World Relief’s office in Kent, WA, passes through Tri-Cities and finishes in Spokane (about 400 miles).

Dates: Wednesday-Sunday, June 19-23, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$400.00, must register. Registration payment covers all expenses of the ride including meals and snacks, lodging, support vehicles, roadside bike maintenance/repair, transportation back to Seattle.

For more information, visit their website at <https://worldreliefseattle.org/stk>. Fundraiser for World Relief.

If you know of 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 with event details. For general Spokane events visit www.visitspokane.com or <http://www.spokane7.com/>.

MAY 2019 INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL DIVERSITY/CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

May 1

International Labor (or workers) Day - International

Observed in more than 140 counties under various names, this day is a celebration of the central contributions of workers to the economic life of their nation, and of worker solidarity. The day was designated by the international Socialist Congress of 1889, though it had been observed earlier, partly in commemoration of the Haymarket massacre in Chicago in 1886.

Vappu Day – Finland

Known as May Day around the world.

Beltane – Wicca

Greets the summer. It takes its name from the Celtic God Bel who mates with the Earth Goddess on this day. It was a midsummer fertility festival in Celtic paganism. Maypole dances are presently held.

Santa Cruzan Day – Philippines

Filipinos consider this the first day of spring. It commemorates the corresponding day in the 4th century A.D. when St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine of Rome found the holy cross on which Jesus was crucified.

May 2

Yom HaShoah – Israel, Jewish

Holocaust Memorial Day commemorates the death of 6-million Jews by the Nazi regime.

National Day of Prayer – USA

- May 3** **World Press Freedom Day – UN, 26th Celebration**
 A day to promote press freedom in the world and to remind the public that many journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news.
- Constitution Day - Japan**
 Commemorates the 1947 democratic constitution.
- Constitution Day - Poland**
 Commemorates ratification of the first constitution in 1791.
- May 4** **Midori-No-Hi – Japan**
 Previously known as Showa Day stemming from the celebration of the Emperor Showa’s birthday on April 29, this celebration was moved to May 4 in 2007 and renamed Greenery Day, acknowledging the emperor’s love of plants and to appreciate nature.
- Memorial Day - Netherlands**
 Celebrates the day on which Nazi forces were driven out of Holland by the Allies in 1945.
- May 5** **Cinco de Mayo – Mexico, USA**
 The 5th of May in Spanish. It marks the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Batalla de Puebla in 1862. Although the Mexican army was eventually defeated, it came to represent a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism. It is celebrated on a much larger scale in the US than in Mexico. People of Mexican descent in the US celebrate this significant day by having parades, mariachi music, folkloric dancing and other festive activities.
- Ramadan Begins – Islam**
 This is the holiest month in the Islamic year and begins at the sighting of the new moon. It commemorates the period during which Prophet Mohammad received divine revelations. Observing Muslims fast between the hours of sunrise and sunset. During the entire month, they also read the Qu’ran and worship in the mosque or at home. The dates vary by a day depending on whether the Saudi Arabia or the North American calendar dates which is a day later.
- Kodomo-No-Hi (Children’s Day) - Japan**
 A national holiday known as Boy’s Day. Kites in the shape brightly colored caps are flown. Carps are a symbol of longevity and strength.
- Liberation Day – Netherlands**
 Commemorates the celebration of freedom and the end of the Second World War for the Netherlands
- Mother’s Day (Día de la Madre or Día de las Madres)– Portugal and Spain**
 Honors mothers and mother figures in Spain on the first Sunday in May.
- May 6** **May Day Bank Holiday – N. Ireland, Scotland, UK**
- May 7** **Akshaya Tritiya - Jain**
 This day celebrates the day when Lord Rishabha broke his first year-long fast by drinking sugar cane juice. To begin anything new is considered very auspicious on this day.

- May 8** **World Red Cross Day - International**
The American Red Cross is celebrating 150 years of humanitarian work and the local and global impact.
- Yom haAtsma'out (Jour d l'Indépendance) – Israël**
This is Israel's Memorial Day honoring soldiers who died fighting for their country.
- Matsu Festival – China, Taiwan**
Matsu saved her brother from drowning and at the age of 28 ascended into heaven. She earned the title of Goddess of the Sea and is the patron of fisherman. There are rites and processions at Matsu temples.
- May 9** **Victory Day - Russia**
Commemorates the 1945 surrender of German forces in Eastern Europe and honors the 20 million Soviet people who died in World War II.
- Liberation Day – Channel Islands**
The Channel Islands were the only part of Britain to be occupied by German forces. The five-year occupation came to an end on May 9, 1945.
- May 12** **Mother's Day - USA, Canada, Australia, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Denmark**
In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson set aside the second Sunday in May as an official holiday in honor of mothers. Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia first suggested a day on which to honor mothers and motherhood.
- Buddha's Birthday – Hong Kong, Korea**
Buddhism, the fourth largest religion in the world, being exceeded in numbers by Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism was founded in Northern India by the first know Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama. In 535 BCE he attained enlightenment and assumed the title Lord Buddha (one who as awakened).
- May 13** **Our Lady of Fatima – Portugal**
On May 13, 1917 in Portugal, three shepherd children saw and conversed with the Virgin Mary in a vision. This occurred on the 13th day of the month for six months in a row.
- May 15** **Independence Day - Paraguay**
A two-day celebration of independence from Spain in 1811.
- International Day of Families – UN**
Proclaimed in 1993 and reflects the importance the international community attaches to families. Provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase the knowledge of the social, economic, and demographic processes affecting families.
- May 17** **Constitution Day – Norway**
The Constitution of Norway was signed on May 17, 1814 declaring it to be an independent nation. Referred to syttende mai (meaning May 17th).
- Ázamat (4th Month) – Bahá'í**
The first day of the fourth Bahá'í month. The English translation of Azamat (Arabic) is Grandeur.

- May 17** **International Day against Homophobia – LGBT**
 May 17 was chosen as the day of the event because homosexuality was removed from the International Classification of Diseases of the World Health Organization (WHO) on May 17, 1990. Idaho seeks to raise awareness of LGBTQ rights and violations.
- May 18** **Armed Forces Day – USA**
 Proclaimed in 1949 to pay tribute to those serving in all the US armed forces.
- Wesak – Buddhist**
 The most important Buddhist festival, Wesak celebrates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha as one event. Different cultures observe his day with different customs, for example, Sri Lankans light lanterns, Vietnamese purchase captive animals and release them, Koreans host a lantern parade.
- May 19** **Ataturk Commemoration and Youth and Sports Day - Turkey**
 Commemorates the landing at Samsun in 1919 of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and the beginning of a national movement for independence. On this day, young athletes carry torches to the sites of the athletic contests.
- May 20** **National Day - Cameroon**
 Commemorates the establishment of the Republic of Cameroon on this day in 1972.
- Day of the Patriots – Quebec, Canada**
 Commemorates French patriots of 1837-1838 for their contribution to freedom and national recognition.
- Victoria Day – Canada**
 Queen Victoria’s birthday was declared a holiday in Canada in 1845. The UK celebrates her birthday in June.
- May 21** **World Day for Cultural Diversity – UN**
 The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to live together better.
- Navy Day – Chile**
 Commemorates Battle of Iquique.
- Aboriginal Awareness Week – Aboriginal/Native Canadian**
 First introduced in 1992, held on the four days that follow the Victoria Day long weekend. It was designed to increase awareness of Aboriginal peoples among federal public service employees.
- May 22** **Unity/National Day – Yemen**
 Commemorates the unification of North Yemen and South Yemen, which took place on this date in 1990.
- International Day for Biological Diversity – UN**
 The goal is to raise awareness and promote the conservation of biodiversity on a local and global level. Biodiversity is a measure of the health of ecosystems on Earth.
- May 23** **Labour Day – Jamaica**
 This holiday is in commemoration of Alexander Bustamante who led a labour rebellion, leading Jamaica to independence on May 23, 1938, however it was not until 1961 that this day was officially celebrated as Labour Day.

- May 23** **African Liberation Day - International**
Anniversary of the 1963 formation of the Organization of African Unity by 30 African leaders. The day is marked by sports contests, political rallies, and tribal dances.
- May 24** **Independence Day - Eritrea**
Independence from Ethiopian rule in 1993 after a 30-year civil war.
- Declaration of Báb - Bahá'í**
The faith began in Persia (now Iran) on this day in 1844 by the prophet Báb, who announced his mission as the founder. The event is celebrated about two hours after sunset.
- Bermuda Day – Bermuda**
- May 25** **Independence Day - Jordan**
Commemorates the 1946 treaty that established the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and independence from Great Britain.
- Revolution Day - Argentina**
The anniversary of a revolution that took place in 1810 which led to Argentina's independence.
- May 26** **Independence Day - Guyana**
Independence from British rule in 1966.
- National Sorry Day – Australia**
Also known as Journey of Healing Day; commemorates the history of forcible removal of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children from their families and the painful repercussions of that action. In 1998, over half a million Australian people responded, signing Sorry Books and taking part in ceremonies on Sorry Day.
- Mother's Day – France, Sweden**
- May 27** **Republic Day – Azerbaijan, Nepal**
Celebrates the founding of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan in 1918.
- Memorial Day - USA**
A day of remembrance for those who died in service to their country. The 3rd U.S. Infantry places American flags at about 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery.
- May 29** **Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh - Bahá'í**
Commemorates the 1892 death near Haifa, Israel of the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í faith. The event is observed at his actual time of passing at 3 a.m.
- Peacekeepers Day – UN**
This pays tribute to the men and women who have served and continue to serve in UN peacekeeping operations and honors the memory of those who have lost their lives in this service.
- May 30** **Joan of Arc Day – France**
St. Joan of Arc is the patroness of soldiers and of France. A peasant girl who, believing that she was acting under divine guidance, led the French army in a momentous victory at Orleans. She was burned at the stake on May 30, 1431 at the age of nineteen.

May 30 **Ascension – Christian**
This day commemorates the ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

May 31 **World No-Tobacco Day - UN**
The global tobacco epidemic kills nearly 6 million people each year, of which more than 600,000 are non-smokers dying from breathing second-hand smoke.

Laylat al-Qadr – Islam
Night of Power, commemorates the revelation of the Qur’an to Prophet Muhammad in 620 CE.

Source: Diversity/Cultural Celebrations from Creative Cultural Communications 2019 Diversity Calendar, <http://multicultural.com/>.

In celebration and to honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage month, below is information on Angel Island which was an immigration station that served Asians coming to the United States.

Angel Island, CA

Angel Island is located in the San Francisco Bay. It operated as an immigration station from 1910 to 1940, serving primarily Asians coming to the United States, Mexico, and Cuba. The majority of the Asians were from China coming to the United States. Angel Island was known as the Ellis Island of the West, however, the way Asian (specifically Chinese) immigrants were welcomed to the U.S. at Angel Island was very different than what occurred at Ellis Island. Angel Island was used as a detention center, housing thousands of Chinese, anywhere from two days to two years, unlike Ellis Island where new arrivals were welcomed to this country and left Ellis Island usually within two to three hours of hours of arriving.

Beginning with the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which lasted until 1943, a series of laws prohibited the immigration of Chinese. This was the only time the U.S. passed a law prohibiting a specific group of people (nationality) to immigrate to the U.S., specifically targeting laborers who had previously immigrated during the 1849 gold rush and in the 1860’s to build of the transcontinental railroad. The law was repealed in 1943, as China became an ally to the U.S. during World War II. Although all Asians came through Angel Island from 1910-1940, the greatest impact was on the Chinese. Only Chinese diplomats, merchants, teachers, and students were allowed to immigrate due to the Chinese Exclusion Act. In addition, dependents of U.S. Chinese citizens were also allowed to immigrate. However, proving that you were a dependent was very difficult, as China did not maintain birth and death records; adding to this problem was the 1906 San Francisco earthquake in which all records were lost in the many fires that occurred after the earthquake. Therefore, those without true fathers in the U.S. became "paper sons or daughters". They bought papers in China which identified them as children of Chinese American citizens. As the official records were not available due to the fires, immigration officials interrogated all Chinese immigrants to validate their claim. The Chinese immigrants purchased papers that included detailed family information which the "paper sons and daughters" studied in order to pass their interrogations. Those that did not pass were deported back to China. Questions included specific information of the immigrant's home (i.e. how many windows there were in the home) and village (how many houses in your row) as well as knowledge of their ancestors. Both actual sons and daughters (U.S. citizens) and "paper sons and daughters" could appeal if they "failed" the interrogation, if their appeal failed, they were deported back to China.

One of the significances of Angel Island as an immigrant station are the poems written by the Chinese while locked up in their barracks awaiting interrogation, appeals, or deportation. The poems were discovered by park ranger Alexander Weiss when the barracks were scheduled for destruction in 1970. When Weiss' supervisor did not share Weiss' enthusiasm for their significance, he contacted San Francisco State University, who with San Francisco photographer Mak Takahashi photographed almost every surface of the barrack's walls that had writing. Below is a small selection of the more than 135 poems recorded. Poems written by Chinese females were destroyed in a fire when the Administration Building which housed the females burnt to the ground so no record exists of their poems. The poems have been preserved in photographs and paper, a few can still be seen on the barracks walls that housed the males, which now serves as the Angel Island museum. The poems are taken from the book *Island Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island 1910-1940*. The majority of the poems were unsigned. The poems were translated by the authors of the book, all three are descendants of those that came through Angel Island.

Poem 5 (p. 36)

Four days before the Qiqiao Festival.
I boarded the steamship for American.
Time flew like a shooting arrow.
Already, a cool autumn has passed.
Counting on my fingers, several months have elapsed.
Still I am at the beginning of the road.
I have yet to be interrogated.
My heart is nervous with anticipation.

Poem 9 (p. 40)

I used to admire the land of the Flowery Flag as a county of abundance.
I immediately raised money and started my journey.
For over a month, I have experienced enough winds and waves.
Now on an extended sojourn in jail, I am subject to the ordeals of prison life.'
I look up and see Oakland so close by.
I wish to go back to my motherland to carry the farmer's hoe.
Discontent fills my belly and it is difficulty for me to sleep.
I just write these few lines to express what is on my mind.

Poem 22 (p. 58)

American has power, but not justice.
In prison, we were victimized as if we were guilty.
Given no opportunity to explain, it was really brutal.
I bow my head in reflection but here is nothing I can do.

Poem 32 (p. 68)

Imprisoned in the wooden building day after day,
My freedom withheld; how can I bear to talk about it?
I look to see who is happy but they only sit quietly.
I am anxious and depressed and cannot fall asleep.
The days are long and the bottle constantly empty; my sad mood, even so, is not dispelled.
Nights are long and the pillow cold; who can pity my loneliness?
After experiencing such loneliness and sorrow,
Why not just return home and learn to plow the fields?

Poem 61 (p. 126)

Barred from landing, I really am to be pitied.
My heart trembles at being deported back to China.
I cannot fact the elders east of the river.
I came to seek wealth but instead reaped poverty.

Poem 65 (p. 130)

Bidding farewell to the wooden building, I return to Hong Kong.
From hence forward, I will arouse my country and flaunt my aspirations.
I'll tell my compatriots to inform their fellow villages.
If they possess even a small surplus of food and clothing,
They should not drift across the ocean.

Poem 52 (p. 164)

Although I had read through four or five loads of poetry and history,
I had only one blue shirt when I became old.
The American woman asked what age I was,
Fifty years ago it was 23.

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