

MARCH 2018 DIVERSITY/CULTURAL EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Women's History Month

National Women's History Month began as a single week and as a local event. In 1978, Sonoma County, California, sponsored a women's history week to promote the teaching of women's history. The week of March 8 was selected to include "International Women's Day." This day is rooted in such ideas and events as a woman's right to vote and a woman's right to work, women's strikes for bread, women's strikes for peace at the end of World War I, and the U.N. Charter declaration of gender equality at the end of World War II. This day is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. In 1981, Congress passed a resolution making the week a national celebration, and in 1987 expanded it to the full month of March. The 2018 theme is **Nevertheless, She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women**. For more information visit <http://www.nwhp.org/>.

Irish American Heritage Month

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

Re-Sisters: Books & BroadSides Art Exhibit

Since 2008, Chandler O'Leary and Jessica Spring have collaborated on the Dead Feminists series featuring quotes by historical feminists tied to current political and social issues. In that time, they've produced 26 limited-edition letterpress broadsides, and published Dead Feminists: Historic Heroines in Living Color with Sasquatch Books.

Date: February 6, 2018 to March 23, 2018. Exhibit opening reception and lecture will be on February 6, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Time: 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Monday-Friday, and 10am-2pm on Saturdays (closed official university holidays)

Location: Lied Center for the Visual Arts Bryan Oliver Gallery, Whitworth University

Cost: Free

For more information contact Stacey Moo, call 509.777.3258 or visit their website at <http://www.whitworth.edu/cms/academics/art/bryan-oliver-gallery/>.

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition

Visitors will be drawn back in time to April 1912, when the Ship embarked on its maiden voyage. They'll receive a replica boarding pass, assume the role of a passenger and follow a chronological journey through life on Titanic – from the Ship's construction to life on board, the famous sinking, and the modern-day efforts to recover and conserve the wreckage for future generations.

Dates: October 21, 2017 through May 20, 2018.

Time: Mondays-Saturdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

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

Cost: \$18.00 adult, \$15.00 seniors, \$10 children ages 6-17, \$13.00 college students with ID.

For more information visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/exhibits/current-exhibits/titanic.cfm> 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 October, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm November through March, (closed holidays)

Location: Old Mission State Park, Cataldo, ID (exit 39)

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

For more information visit their website at <http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/coeur-d-alenes-old-mission>.

Around the World with Michael Moon Bear

Day: Thursday

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

You will music from around the world. Hosted by Michael Moon Bear on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.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>.

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>.

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 – 7:00 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>.

Latin Waves**Day: Monday**

Time: 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Building community across borders, positive social change has only come through communities of interest working together. 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 including but not limited to: hip hop, reggae, indie, metal, folk, pop, electronic, oriental jazz and some of the greatest classics to come out of the Arab World. Hosted by Rabab, Rahmi and Moustapha on 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>.

Queens of Noise**Day: Wednesday**

Time: 8:00 pm-9:00 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" and Chris, 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 Science of Poverty**Day: Saturday**

Time: 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Explore the topic of poverty with Jesse Quintana, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

Free English Classes for Adults**Dates: February 10 & 27, March 3, 10, 17, 24, April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 2018.**

Location: Rosauer Center, Room 130, Gonzaga University, on Cincinnati Center

Cost: Free

For more information call Sarah at 410.533.8382

Inland Empire Blues Society

This annual event raises money for 3 charities who help our local children: The Women and Children's Free Restaurant, The Vanessa-Behan Crisis Nursery; and Crosswalk of Spokane. In between music sets, we will have silent and live auctions, with 100% of the money collected, minus expenses, going to 3 charities who serve our local kids and 100% of the donated canned food and donated food money going to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Date: Thursday, March 1, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm-9:00 pm – 1:2:30 pm- Lonesome Lyle Morse, 3:00-4:40 pm – The High-Risk Group, 6:5:00-5:3- pm Steve Livingston & Triple Shot, 7:00-9:00 pm Junk Belly

Location: The Roadhouse, 20 N Raymond Rd, Spokane Valley

Cost: \$5.00

For more information call 509.413.1894 or visit their website at <http://www.spokaneroadhouse.com/>.

The Celtic Aires

Women's vocal ensemble specializing in Celtic music.

Date: Friday, March 2, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Location: Spokane Public Library, 906 W Main Ave

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.444.5300 or visit their website at <http://spokanelibrary.org>.

Jewish, Israeli, or Middle Eastern? Dilemmas of Israeli Identity and its Place in the Middle East

Speaker: Dr. Brent E. Sasley, associate professor of political science at the University of Texas, Arlington. As the Middle East struggles with multiple wars alongside a changing understanding of state-society relations, these questions become important not just for Israel's internal politics but for its future relationships with other states in the Middle East.

Date: Monday, March 5, 2018

Time: 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Location: Wolff Auditorium, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.313.4729 or email johnsont3@gonzaga.edu. Sponsored by the Center for Global Engagement, Faculty Speakers Committee, International Studies Department, Political Science Department and Religious Studies Department.

How to Stay in Your Lane While Still Being Intersectional: Feminism, Race, Power and Pop Culture

Speaker Lisa Factora-Borchers discusses the U.S feminist movements that has been described as waves even though the buzzword "intersectional" has to do with being at the converging point of multiple lanes. This talk takes on the ways we have learned about the "waves" of feminism and how that has brought us to the mandate of intersectionality and looks at specific cases of feminism's entrance into mainstream media and how the continued rise of marketplace feminism and white feminism illustrates we still have a long way to go before the waves can recede.

Date: Monday, March 5, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Whitworth University

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.777.3253 or email kbsoma@whitworth.edu.

Lead Like A G.I.R.L. Luncheon

Keynote: Lucy Hawking, novelist and journalist. Celebrate the power Girl Scouts has unleashed in G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leadership)[™] in every girl.

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Spokane Convention Center

Cost: \$100.00

For more information, visit www.gsewni.org or call 509.747.8091.

Project Joy – Grandpas’ Sound

Featuring Barbershops. Vocal Ensemble, and favorite songs

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Location: Hennessey Valley Gathering Center, 1315 North Pines Rd, Spokane Valley

Cost: Free

For more information and/or to RSVP by March 5, 2018, call 509.926.2423. Refreshments served.

Immigration Forum

Learn the latest changes in the designation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, they will provide information on how to apply for political asylum for the Venezuelan community.

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Location: World Relief Spokane, 1522 N Washington St, Ste 204

For more information contact Word Relief at 509.484.9829. Forum presented by attorneys from World Relief Spokane and administrators of the Latinos group in Spokane. Sponsored by World Relief Spokane, Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane, and administrators of the Latinos group in Spokane

2018 Deepening Our Roots - Fig Tree Benefit Lunch

Date: Friday, March 9, 2018

Time: 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Location: Cataldo Hall, Gonzaga University

Cost: Lunch is complimentary, guests will be invited to donate to Support the Fig tree

For more information and to rsvp, call 509.4112 or 509.535.1813

PBX Kids’ Concert: Celtic Dance Party with Floating Crowbar

Dance to authentic Gaelic music from one of Spokane’s most celebrated Irish bands.

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Riverside Place, 1108 W Riverside Ave (formerly the Masonic Center)

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.328.5729 or visit their website at <http://www.kpbx.org>.

International Women’s Day

Featuring Sandra Williams, activist and creator/editor of The Black Lens along with workshops, resources and more.

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Spokane Women’s Club, 1428 W 9th Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information call 509.789.9290 or email nicofer@ywcaspokane.org

2018 Deepening Our Roots - Fig Tree Benefit Breakfast

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Time: 7:00 am-8:30 am

Location: Cataldo Hall, Gonzaga University

Cost: Breakfast is complimentary, guests will be invited to donate to Support the Fig tree

For more information and to rsvp, call 509.4112 or 509.535.1813

Hispanic Business Professional Association

Sabes Que - TBA

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Time: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm social/networking & lunch, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm speaker/program

Location: Perkins Restaurant, Division/Olive.

Cost: Around \$10.00--\$15.00 if you order lunch.

For more information regarding the luncheon contact Larry Valadez at hbpaspokane@gmail.com, HBPA President or visit their website at www.hbpaspokane.net.

Inland Northwest Business Alliance (INBA) monthly luncheon

Presentation: Fair Housing Basics with Nicole Tedrow, Chief Legal Counsel for Associated Industries

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Time: 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Glover Mansion, 321 W 8th Ave

Cost: \$30.00

For more information regarding the luncheon, visit their website at <http://inbachamber.org>.

47th Annual Luau

Presentation: "More Clients, Less Marketing" with Mary Cravets

Date: Friday, March 16, 2018

Time: 5:00 pm. 6:00 Reception, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Dinner

Location: Fieldhouse Gym, Hixson Building (HUB) Dining Hall and Crow's Nest, Whitworth University

Cost: \$12.00/students, \$22.00 general admission

For more information contact Tynell Ornellas at 509.777.9549.

Inland NW Blues Music Association Music Showcase

Dates: Saturday, March 17, 2018 (3rd Saturday of each month from October-May)

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Trent Elementary School, 3303 N Pines Rd

Cost: \$7.00

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

40th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Date: Saturday, March 17, 2018

Time: Noon

Location: Downtown Spokane

Cost: Free to the public

For more information visit their website at <http://www.friendlysonsofstpatrick.com/> or email parade@friendlysonsofstpatrick.com.

***Instead of Red Face* with Mary Kathryn Nagle**

Playwright Mary Kathryn Nagle (Cherokee) will do a program on #InsteadofRedFace. Her work and use of the hash-tag focuses on the importance of Native voices directly represented in all levels of storytelling. Native playwrights and actors have been using this hash tag for more than a year; it's a specific indicator of who is writing/performing Native stories.

Date: Monday, March 19, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Wolff Auditorium, Jepson Center, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free, open to the public

For more information contact Laurie Arnold at arnoldl@gonzaga.edu or call 509.313.5947.

NAACP General Membership Meeting “Bites & Rights”

The March Spokane NAACP General meeting, a collaborative “Bites & Rights” event. The meeting will feature a performance by Power 2 the Poetry and a panel discussion on the topic of “Mass Incarceration and its Impact on Communities of Color.”

Date: Monday, March 19, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Hemmingson Center, 702 E Desmet Ave, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone, a light dinner will be provided.

For more information contact spokanenaacp@gmail.com or visit their website at <http://spokanenaacp.com/>.

Meeting is presented in partnership with the ACLU of WA, Gonzaga Black Student Union, Power 2 the Poetry, I Did the Time and the Spokane Coalition of Color (Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition of Spokane, the Hispanic Business/Professional Association, and NAACP).

Breakfast with the Chief

Join the Spokane Police Foundation for their inaugural event. Breakfast with the Chief is your chance to hear directly from Chief Meidl on the state of the department and learn more about the programs supported by the Spokane Police Foundation.

Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018

Time: 7:30 am

Location: Grand Pennington Ballroom, Davenport Hotel

Cost: \$50.00 per individual

For more information and/or to register visit www.spokanepolicefoundation.org. Sponsored by the Spokane Police Foundation.

“Fearless” 2018 Women’s Conference

This conference will teach women that they can be a part of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ despite the limitations they feel they have. Free parking and childcare will be available.

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Southside Christian Church, 2934 E. 27th Ave., Spokane, WA

Cost: \$25.00 – includes lunch and materials

For more information email; Ashley Possin at ashleyp@southsidespokane.org, to register for tickets at www.southsidespokane.org.

Spanish Nights with the Spokane Symphony

Eckart Peru, Conductor, Aleksey Semenenko, violin and guest artist. The Music – *España* by Emmanuel Chabrier; *Symphonie espagnole* by Edouard Lalo; *Danzas Espagnoles, No. 4 and 5* by Enrique Granados; and *Images pour orchestra No. 2: Ibéria* by Claude Debussy

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, 2018

Time: 8:00 pm-March 24th, 3:00 pm-March 25th

Location: Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox, 1001 W Sprague

Cost: \$17.00-\$60.00

For more information and or to purchase tickets, call 509.624.1200, or visit their website at <http://foxtheaterspokane.org/events/spokane-symphony%20spokane-symphony-classics-spanish-nights/>.

SAVE THE DATE**Citizenship Clinic**

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Time: 9:00 am 5:00 pm

Location: School of Law Courtroom, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free

For more information and/or register visit <https://worldreliefspokane.org/citizenship-clinic>

14th Annual YWCA Spring Fling

Champagne Bruch and Silent Auction

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Anthony's at the Falls, 510 N Lincoln Street

Cost: \$60:00

For more information call Kate at 509.789.9307 or visit their website at <http://ywcaspokane.org/how-to-help/events/spring-fling/>

22nd Annual African American Graduation

A Cultural Salute for Outstanding Academic Achievement for K-12 schools and colleges/universities.

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Hixson Building, Whitworth University

Cost: Free

Citizens Academy – Spokane Police Department

Participants are introduced to police training (hands-on and virtual), operations and investigative procedures, special police units like SWAT and KS, Internal Affairs, the Police Ombudsman, body cameras, use of force, etc. This is an excellent opportunity to know your police department.

Dates: April 25, 2018, May 2, May 9, May 16, 2018, and May 23, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: SPD Academy, 2302 N Waterworks St.

Cost: Free

For more information, call the Academy at 509.742.8100. To register, visit

<https://my.spokanecity.org/police/citizen/training>.

Native American Graduation

Native American students in the Spokane area completing high school, GED, undergraduate, graduate, technical, or professional programs are encouraged to register and invite their family and friends to the celebration.

Date: April 27, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Cataldo Hall, Gonzaga University

Cost: Free

For more information, email Emma at emma.noyes@wsu.edu. Graduates must register by April 16th to have their name appear in the printed program.

23rd Annual Hispanic/Latino Graduate and Young Scholar Recognition Ceremony

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

Date: May 3, 2018

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Lair, Spokane Community College, 1810 Greene Street

Cost: Free

For more information email hbpacceremony@gmail.com, visit their website at www.hbpaspokane.net or call Yvonne at 509.979.8590. Graduates and Young Scholars must register by April 27, 2018 to be included in the program.

Other Diversity Information

Hispanic Business/Professional Association (HBPA) Foundation is accepting applications for their scholarships for graduating high school seniors and college/university undergraduates for the 2018/2019 year. Visit www.hbpaspokane.net for information and scholarship letter/application, deadline April 7, 2018. For more information call Guillermo Espinosa at 509.533.7032 or email hbpasholars@gmail.com.

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 other events, visit www.visitspokane.com or <http://www.spokane7.com/>.

MARCH 2018 NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

March 1

Martenitsa – Bulgaria, Romania

Bulgarians celebrate spring by exchanging red-and-white yarn designs to symbolize health. They wear the yarn designs on their clothing until they see a stork or a blossoming tree. They then either put the martenitsa on a tree branch to bring on spring or hide it under a rock to represent the wish that the evil spirits in nature (and humankind) will go to sleep.

St. David's Day – Wales

Celebrates Saint David, or known as Dewi Sant in Welsh, the patron saint of Wales who died on this day.

Chalanda Marz - Switzerland

Children go from door to door singing and receive sweets in return.

Independence Day - Bosnia & Hetzegovina

Yearly celebration of their independence from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1992.

Purim – Jewish

Known as the Feast of Lots, which celebrates the deliverance of Jews in Persia from the machinations of Haman. Jews dress in costumes and give gifts of food to each other.

March 2

Alá (19 day Fast begins thru Mar 20) - Baha'i

The nineteenth and final month in the Baha'i calendar and the time of the 19-day fast in preparation of their new year, Nowruz. The English translation of Ala (Arabic) is loftiness.

World Day of Prayer - International

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

- March 2** **Butter Lamp Festival – Tibet**
To celebrate Shakyamuni's victory over non-Buddhist opponents in 1409, Lord Neu Dzong, a noted patron of Tsongkapa, illuminated numerous butter lamps. The tradition has since flourished.
- March 3** **2018 World Wildlife Day – Big Cats: predators under threat – UN**
To help raise awareness to help ensure the survival of the world's big Cats.
- Holi Sikh – Hindu**
According to myth, a tyrannical king's son, Prahlad, refused to worship his father as God and was condemned to death by burning. However, the boy's aunt, named Holika, transferred her own immunity from fire to Prahlad, and burned to death in his place. This festival of colour celebrates Spring, where people play with liquid and powdered colors, light bonfires and blow horns to celebrate the destruction of Holika.
- March 6** **Independence Day - Ghana**
Commemorates the date in 1957 when the Gold Coast became an independent member of the British Commonwealth.
- March 8** **International Women's Day - UN**
Marks the 1857 revolt of women in New York City protesting conditions in the U.S. textile and garment industries. It acknowledges the contributions made by working women. The theme for International Women's Day, 8 March, is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives".
- March 11** **Daylight Savings Time begins – USA**
- Mothering Sunday – UK**
The UK celebrates motherhood and takes place the fourth Sunday of Lent. Traditionally, children bring gifts of flowers and chocolates to their mothers. It originated with the Victorian practice of allowing servants to return home to visit their mothers on this day.
- March 12** **Girl Scout Day – USA, Canada**
Juliette 'Daisy' Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually - with the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community.
- National Day – Mauritius**
Celebrates the day of independence from the UK in 1968.
- March 14** **Hola Mohalla (Bikarami) – Sikh**
Mock battles are fought and martial arts displayed in honor of Guru Gobind Singh, who took to armed struggle against tyranny.
- March 15** **Memorial Day - Hungary**
Commemorates the 1848 day of movement toward independence from the Austrian Empire.
- March 16** **Gahambar Hamaspathmaedem (March 16-20) - Zoroastrian**
This day celebrates the creation of human beings.

- March 17** **St. Patrick's Day – N. Ireland/Ireland/USA**
Commemorates the patron saint of Ireland, who converted the island to Christianity in 432 AD. Tradition says that St. Patrick died on this date in 461 AD. He used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Christian idea of the Holy Trinity, thus the idea of wearing a shamrock.
- March 18** **National Anthem and Flag Day - Aruba**
The flag of Aruba was officially adopted on March 18, 1976, along with the official anthem.
- Ugadi – India, Mauritius, Nepal**
Marks the beginning of the new Hindu lunar calendar. It is celebrated mainly in the southern states of India. People awake before the break of day, bathe and decorate the entrance of their homes with mango leaves. They eat bitter Neem leaves with sweet jiggery to signify the bitter and sweet of life.
- March 19** **St. Joseph's Day – Christian**
Celebrated throughout most of Italy and by the Italian communities in North America. He was the foster father of Jesus and is the universal patron of the Catholic Church.
- March 20** **Spring Equinox – International**
In the Northern Hemisphere, spring begins today with the vernal equinox. In the Southern Hemisphere, today is the beginning of autumn. The daylight length is virtually the same everywhere today – 12 hours, 8 minutes.
- International Earth Day**
Initiated to make people aware of their responsibility to care for the planet.
- Independence Day - Tunisia**
Celebrates the day in 1956 when the country was formally recognized as independent from France.
- International Day of the Francophone**
Celebrates the French language and Francophone culture.
- March 21** **Nowruz (New Year) – Iran**
The traditional celebration of the ancient Persian New Year.
- Nowruz (New Year) – Afghanistan, Baha'i, Islam Ismaili, Zoroastrian**
Nowruz means "New Day" and is the traditional celebration of the ancient Persian New Year. Originally a Zoroastrian festival, it is also a holy day for Sufi, Ismaili, the Baha'i faiths. Persians (Iranians, Afghans and Tajiks) and other Indo-Iranian groups (Kurds, Armenians, Azarbaijanis and Balochs) start preparing for the Nowruz with a major spring cleaning of their houses and the purchase of new clothes to wear for the new year. They visit elders of their family, then the rest of their family, and finally their friends.
- Ostara (Spring Equinox) - Wicca**
A fertility festival celebrating the birth of spring. The word Easter is derived from the Maiden Goddess. Celebrations including lighting fires at sunrise, ringing bells, and decorating hard-boiled eggs, an ancient Pagan custom associated with the Goddess.
- Shunki-Sorei-Sai- Shinto**
Ancestors are given reverence at home altars and considered active members of the living family. Gravesites are cleaned and purified.

March 21	<p>Shunbun no Hi - Japan During the time of the Spring Equinox, Buddhists meditate on the harmony in the universe.</p>
	<p>Poututerangi - Aboriginal/Maori, New Zealand From Aboriginal roots of the Maori in New Zealand Poututerangi is celebrated. This is fall season and Autumn Equinox in the Maori calendar when they harvest crops. Great feasting and celebrating go on this time of year.</p>
	<p>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – UN A day to promote efforts to eradicate racial discrimination worldwide and also to remember the killing of 69 protesters against injustice in Sharpeville, South Africa in 1960.</p>
	<p>Harmony Day - Australia Harmony Day, which began in 1999, occurs on 21 March each year and celebrates Australia’s success as a diverse society united by a common set of values.</p>
March 22	<p>Emancipation Day – Puerto Rico Commemorates the abolition of slavery in 1873.</p>
	<p>World Water Day - UN Each year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of fresh water. It provides an important opportunity to consolidate and build upon previous World Water Days to highlight the two-way relationship between water and the work agenda in the quest for sustainable development.</p>
March 23	<p>World Meteorological Day – UN Commemorates the 1950 day of the convention that created the World Meteorological Organization.</p>
March 25	<p>Feast of the Annunciation - Christian Nine months before Christmas, The Archangel Gabriel came to Mary of Nazareth and told her she would bear the Son of God, Jesus Christ.</p>
	<p>Palm Sunday – Christian Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was cheered by crowds who strew palm branches in his path. It is observed by worship services and parades using palm branches.</p>
March 26	<p>Independence Day – Bangladesh Commemorates the independence of Bangladesh in 1971.</p>
	<p>Kuhio Day - Hawai’i Prince Kuhio Day is in honor of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana’ole’s birthday. Prince Kuhio was dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the Native Hawaiian culture.</p>
March 28	<p>Birth of Prophet Zarathustra (Fasli) - Zoroastrian Zarathushtra is the founder of the Zoroastrian religion dating back to sometime between 1500 and 1000 BC. He lived in Persia, modern day Iran.</p>
March 29	<p>Holy/Maundy Thursday – Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox On this day, Jesus ate the Last Supper and washed the feet of his disciples prior to his arrest and crucifixion.</p>

March 30

Holy/Good Friday – Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox

This day commemorates the passion and death by crucifixion of Jesus and is a solemn day. Italian Catholics have a procession called the Way of the Cross. Eastern Orthodox members fast on this day. Macedonians make a plashtanitsa or picture of the dead Jesus on a large cloth to be carried in a procession.

Pesach/Passover – Jewish

Begins previous sundown at 6pm. Pesach lasts for 8 days and commemorates the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. Begins with a ritual meal 'Seder' when no leavened bread is consumed and includes special prayers and symbolic foods.

Source: Diversity/Cultural Celebrations from Creative Cultural Communications 2018 Diversity Calendar.

Resources for Women

Spokane

Alexandria's House – Volunteers of America

Transitional living facility for pregnant and parenting teens.

Mail: 525 W 2nd Ave, Spokane, WA 99201

509.489.0349 | Fax 509.489.3863

Email: alexandriahouse@voaspokane.org

Website: <http://www.voaspokane.org/AlexandriasHouse>

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Since 1881, AAUW has been one of the nation's leading voices promoting education and equity for women and girls. Since its founding 127 years ago, AAUW has examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day-educational, social, economic, and political. AAUW's commitment to educational equity is reflected in its public policy advocacy, community programs, leadership development, conventions and conferences, national partnerships, and international connections.

Website: Spokane <https://spokane-wa.aauw.net/> | WA State www.aauw-wa.org | association www.aauw.org

Association for Women in Sciences (AWIS)

Inland Northwest-WSU Affiliate Group – WSU Spokane

AWIS is the largest multi-discipline organization for women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) dedicated to achieving equity and full participation of women in all disciplines and across all employment sectors.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/awis.inlandnw/>

Website: <https://www.awis.org/project/inland-northwest-wsu/>

Beta Sigma Phi

Women's Social Sorority

1800 W 91st Place, Kansas City. MO 64114

Call 816.444.6800 for a local chapter

Website: www.betasigmaphi.org

Christ Kitchen

Provides women the opportunity to learn job skills while creating a beautiful selection of delicious products.

2410 N Monroe, Spokane, WA 99205

Phone: 509.325.4343

Website: www.christkitchen.org

Career Transitions

Spokane Community College - Institute for Extended Learning

2917 W Fort George Wright, Spokane, WA 99224-5228

Phone: 509.279.6065 | Fax: 509.279.6070

Website: <http://sccel.spokane.edu/Career-Transitions.aspx>

Childbirth & Parenting Assistance (CAPA) Program

Catholic Charities of Spokane

25 E 5th Ave, Spokane, WA 99202

Phone: 509.455.4986

Website: <http://www.catholiccharitiesspokane.org/capa-2>

Club de Latinas de Spokane

A nonprofit social group of Latinas. Their mission is to promote culture, involve themselves in civic and community actions, and support the social causes that benefit Latina women and their families.

Email: spokanelatinas@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LatinasdeSpokane>

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Spokane Alumnae Chapter

P O Box 3961, Spokane, WA 99202

Website: <http://www.deltasigmatheta.org/index.html>

Eastern Washington University

Women and Gender Studies

207 Monroe Hall, Cheney, WA 99004

Phone: 509.359.2847

E-mail: cmartin22@ewu.edu

Website: <https://www.ewu.edu/css/programs/womens-and-gender-studies>

Pride Center

103 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004

509.359.7870

E-mail: pride@ewu.edu

Website: <http://sites.ewu.edu/pridecenter>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/ewupridecenter>

Girl Scouts

1404 N Ash Street, Spokane. WA 99201

509.747.8091 | 1.800.827.9478

Website: <http://www.gsewni.org/>

Gonzaga University

Women and Gender Studies

Phone: 509.313.5845

Website: <https://www.gonzaga.edu/college-of-arts-sciences/departments/womens-gender-studies>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Gonzaga.WGST/>

Isabella House

New Horizon Care Center
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
2308 W 3rd Ave, Spokane, WA 99201
P O Box 4627, Spokane, WA 99220
Phone: 509.624.1244
Website: <http://www.nhccspokane.org/>

Junior League of Spokane

An organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.
1315 N Napa, Spokane, WA 99202
P O Box 4563, Spokane, WA 99220
Website: <http://jlsokane.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/juniorleagueofspokane/>

La Leche League

Spokane Northside – 509.484.0340
Spokane City - 509.484.0340
Spokane Valley – 716.512.5475
West Plains - 509.258.6850
Website: <http://www.llofwa.org/la-leche-league-spokane>

La Raza Latina

Gonzaga University
Email: larazalatina10@gmail.com
Website: <https://gonzaga.collegiatelink.net/organization/LARAZA>

League of Women Voters

2404 N Howard St., Spokane, WA 99205
Phone: 509.326.8026 | Fax 509.456.8794
Website: <http://www.lwv.org/> | <https://www.lwv.org/local-leagues/lwv-spokane-area>

The Links Inc.

P O Box 4686, Spokane, WA 99202
Email: spokane@linksinc.org
Website: www.walinks.org

Lutheran Community Services

Sexual Assault & Family Trauma (SAFET) Response Center, Child Welfare Programs and Violence Prevention and Intervention (serving all ages)
210 W Sprague Ave (Main Office), Spokane, WA 99201
Phone: 509.747.8224, Office
24-hour Sexual Assault Crisis Line 509.624.7273
Website: <http://www.lcsnw.org/spokane/>

National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)

NAWBO Inland Northwest Chapter
P O Box 1712, Spokane, WA 99210-1712
509.731.3309
Email: info@nawbonw.org
Website: <http://www.nawbonw.org/>

National Organization for Women (NOW)

Website: <https://now.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SpokaneNOW/>

NATIVE Project

1803 W Maxwell, Spokane, WA 99201

Phone: 509.325.5502

Website: <http://www.nativeproject.org/>

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane ((PJALS)

35 W Main Ste 129, Spokane, WA 99201

Phone: 509.838.7870

Website: www.Pjals.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/peacejusticeactionleague/>

P.E.O. International

Website: <http://www.peowashington.org/>

Planned Parenthood

123 E Indiana Ave, Spokane, WA 99207

12104 E Main Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99206

Phone: 509.207.3017

Website: <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-greater-washington-north-idaho>

Safe Passage (formerly North Idaho Violence Prevention Center)

850 North 4th Street, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Phone: 208.664.9303

Email: admin@safepassageid.org

Website: <https://www.safepassageid.org/>

Soroptimist International

P O Box 1742, Spokane, WA 99210-1742

Website: <http://www.soroptimistinternational.org/> | <http://www.soroptimistspokane.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/soroptimistsofspokane>

Spokane Feminist Forum

Grass Roots Feminist Advocacy in Spokane

Email: spokanefeministforum@gmail.com

Website: www.facebook.com/spokanefeministforum

Spokane Area Metro Woman Magazine

Website: <http://www.metrowomanmag.com/spokane/>

Spokane Coeur d' Alene Woman Magazine

Website: <http://www.spokanecdawoman.com/>

Spokane Shrinking Society

Dedicated to Promoting Localism, Building Intentional Friendships, Affirming Sass & Independence, Nurturing Artistic Abundance, and Circulating Our Passion

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/shrinkingvioletsociety/>

St. Margaret's Shelter

12 E 5th Street, Spokane, WA 99202

Phone: 509.358.4250

Website: <http://www.catholiccharitiesspokane.org/st-margarets-shelter>

Transitions

3128 N Hemlock, Spokane, WA 99205

Phone: 509.328.6702 | Fax 509.325.9877

Email: info@help4women.org

Website: www.help4women.com

Miryam's House

509.747.9222

Women's Hearth

920 W 2nd Ave, Spokane, WA 99201

509.455.4249

Transitional Living Center

509.325.2959

New Leaf Bakery Café Job Training | Catering

3104 W Fort Georg Wright Dr

Phone: 509.496.0396

New Leaf Café

5th Ave & Division inside Catholic Charities

EducCare

3120 N Hemlock, Spokane, WA 99205

509.325.8632

Union Gospel Mission Administrative Offices

1224 E. Trent Ave., Spokane, WA, 99202

Phone: 509-535-8510

Website: www.ugmspokane.org

Anna Ogden Hall – Women's Recovery

2828 W Mallon Ave, Spokane, WA 99201

Phone: 509.327.7737

Crisis Shelter for Women & Children

1515 E Illinois Ave, Spokane, WA 99207

Phone: 509.535.0486

Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery

The Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery provides safety for children, strengthens families and creates a healthier community in an environment of unconditional love.

1004 E 8th Ave, Spokane, WA 99202

509.535.3155

Website: <http://www.vanessabehan.org/>

Washington State University

Gender Identify/Expression & Sexual Orientation Resource Center (GIESORC)

CUB 401 | P O Box 647204, Pullman, WA 99164

Phone: 509.335.8841

Email: hstanton@wsu.edu

Website: www.thecenter.wsu.edu

Women's Resource Center

Wilson-Short Hall, Ground Floor

P O Box 644005, Room 8, Pullman, WA 99164-4005

509.335.6849

Website: www.women.wsu.edu

Whitworth University

Women's & Gender Studies Programs

Westminster Hall, 300 W Hawthorne, Spokane, WA 99251

Phone: 509.777.3253

Email: wgs@whitworth.edu

Website: <http://www.whitworth.edu/academic/Department/WomensStudies/Index.htm>

Women and Children's Free Restaurant

Free Restaurant (check website for days/times) and community kitchen serving the community through programs designed to reduce the impact of food insecurity among women, children and families.

1408 N Washington, Spokane, WA 99201

Phone: 509.324.1995

Website: www.wcfrspokane.org

Women Helping Women

Dedicated to empowering women and children to create healthy families and vibrant communities.

1325 W 1st Ave, Ste 318, Spokane, WA 99201

Phone: 509.328.8285

Website: <http://www.whwfspokane.org/>

Women's Club of Spokane

1428 W 9th Ave, Spokane, WA 99204

Phone: 509.838.5667

Website: www.womansclubspokane.org

Women Veterans Programs

Cowgirls and Women Warriors

Website: <https://www.cowgirlsandwomenwarriors.org/>

Resources for Women Veterans

Julie.liss@va.gov

Phone: 509.434.7608

Website: <http://www.dva.wa.gov/women/resources-women-veterans>

Women Veterans Advisory Washington State Committee members

Website: <http://www.dva.wa.gov/women/women-veterans-advisory-committee-members>

Women Veterans Health Care

Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center

Website: <https://www.spokane.va.gov/services/women/index.asp>

YWCA – Spokane

930 N Monroe Street, Spokane, WA

509.326.1190 | Fax 509.326.1597

DV Helpline: 509.326.2255

Website: www.ywcaspokane.org

Alternatives to Domestic Violence Program

Phone: 509.789.9297

Website: <https://ywcaspokane.org/programs/help-with-domestic-violence/>

Shelter for Domestic Violence (DV) Survivors

Phone: 509.326-call (2266), 24-hour help line

Website: <https://ywcaspokane.org/programs/shelter-and-housing/>

Children and Youth Services

Website: <https://ywcaspokane.org/programs/children-and-youth/>

Women's Opportunity Center

Website: <https://ywcaspokane.org/programs/>

Our Sister's Closet

Phone: 509.789.9280

Website: <https://ywcaspokane.org/programs/clothing/>

Transformations Camp

Phone: 509.789.9303

<https://ywcaspokane.org/programs/transformations-camp/>

Women's Church Groups

Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Spokane

245 E 13th Ave, Spokane, WA 99202

Phone: 509.922.0180

Email: evita@krislock.com

Inland UMC Women

4525 N Gustavus, Spokane, WA 99205

Phone: 208.265.5964

Email: shrstovall@peoplepc.com

Northwest Regional Women's Retreat-UCC

Website: <http://nrwr.wordpress.com>

Presbyterian Women

Website: <http://presbyinw.org/presbyterian-women/>

Washington State/National

Casa Latina

317 17th Ave South Seattle, WA 98144

Phone: 206.956.0779

Website: <http://www.casa-latina.org/>

HerStory Scrapbook

Women's Suffrage Information, includes more than 900 articles, letters and editorials published by the New York Times from 1917-1920.

Website: <http://www.herstoryscrapbook.com>

The Hispanic Women's Network of Washington (Olympia, WA area)

5442 Foxglove Ct. SE, Lacey, WA 98513Olympia, WA 98502

Phone: 360-239-9897

Email hwnofwa@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.acstranslations.com/hwn.htm>

Interagency Committee of State Employed Women (ICSEW)

ICSEW is comprised of representatives from state agencies and institutions of higher education.

Website: <http://www.icsew.wa.gov/>

IMDiversity –Women's Village

Website: http://www.imdiversity.com/villages/woman/village_woman.asp

Lamaze International

Phone: 202.367.1128

Website: <http://www.lamaze.org/>

Las Comadres par las Americas – National Latina Book Club

3103 Loyola Lane

Austin, TX 78723

Phone: (512) 928-8780

Website: <http://www.lascomadres.org>

Legal Voice

A progressive feminist organization using the power of the law to make change in the Northwest.

907 Pine Street, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 981101

Phone: 206-682-9552

Website: <http://www.legalvoice.org/>

National Organization for Women (NOW)

1100 H Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005

Phone: (202) 628-8669 (628-8NOW)

Website: www.now.org

The National Women's History Project (NWHP)

P O Box 469, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Phone: 707.636.2888

E-mail: nwhp1980@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.nwhp.org/>

Society of Women Engineers

130 E Randolph St, Ste 3500, Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: 1.877.793.4636

Website: <http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org>

Susan G. Komen – Race for the Cure

Website: <https://ww5.komen.org/NationalResources/>

U.S. Department of Labor - Women's Bureau

200 Constitution Ave NW, Washington DC 20210

Phone: 1-800-827-5335

<http://www.dol.gov/wb/>

Veteran Feminist of America

The women and men of the Second Wave of Feminism in America, what they did and what they are doing today.

25 Thornhill Rd, Fairfield, CT 06824

Website: <http://www.veteranfeministsofamerica.org/>

Washington Women Lawyers

PO Box 46107, Seattle, WA 98146

Email: wwl@wwl.org

Website: www.wwl.org

WA State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises

Website: <http://www.omwbe.wa.gov/>

Museums**International Museum of Women (I.M.O.W.) - Online museum**

Phone: 415.248.4800

Email: imow@globalfundforwomen.org

Website: <http://exhibitions.globalfundforwomen.org/>

Maryland Women's Heritage Center

P O Box 719, Brooklandville, MD 21022-0719

Phone: 443.996.1788

Website: <http://www.mdwomensheritagecenter.org/>

National First Ladies' Library

Museum/Saxton McKinley House

331 S Market Ave, Canton, OH 44702

Education and Research Center

205 S Market Ave, Canton, OH 44702

Library Phone: 330.452.0876

Website: <http://www.firstladies.org/>

National Museum of Women in the Arts

(The Women's Museum)

1250 New York Ave, NW, Washington DC 20005-3970

Phone: 202.783.5000

Website: <http://www.nmwa.org/>

National Women's Hall of Fame

76 Fall Street, P O Box 335, Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Phone: 315.568.8060

Website: <https://www.womenofthehall.org/>

National Women's History Museum (NWHM)

Includes Museum Cyber Exhibits

Administrative Offices: 205 S Whiting St Ste 254, Alexandria, VA 22304

Phone: 703.461.1920

Email: info@nwhm.org

Website: <https://www.nwhm.org/>

San Diego Women's History and Educational Center

2323 Broadway Ste 107, San Diego, CA 92102

Phone: 619.233.7963

Email: info@whmec.org

Website: <http://www.whmec.org/>

Sewall-Belmont House & Museum

144 Constitution Ave NE, Washington DC 20002-5608

Phone: 202.546.1210

Website: <http://www.sewallbelmont.org/> | <http://nationalwomansparty.org/>

United States Army Women's Museum

2100 "A" Ave, Bldg 5219, Fort Lee, VA 23801

Phone: 804.734.4327

Website: <http://www.awm.lee.army.mil/>

Women in Military Service for American Memorial

Arlington National Cemetery

Dept 5620, Washington DC 20042-0560

Phone 730.533.1155 / 800.222.2294

Website: <http://www.womensmemorial.org/>

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