

MAY 2018 SPOKANE DIVERSITY/CULTURAL EVENTS

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – USA and Canada

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.

Spokane Police Department Survey

Please take their Community Perception survey. Your responses will help them to know how they are doing with communicating about the Spokane Police Department and how they can better serve the community. Your responses are anonymous. The survey will take about 5 minutes to fill out. Open to all who live and/or work in the City of Spokane. Deadline May 31, 2018. They greatly appreciate your input. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPD-community-survey-2018>

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](#), 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>.

Life and Limb: The Toll of the Civil War Exhibit

Explores the experiences of injured soldiers during the conflict and the years afterwards, April 9-May 19. A presentation and Q&A session led by members of the Washington Civil Air Association will be held May 3 at 7 p.m.

Date: April 19 – May 19, 2018

Time: Monday-Thursday: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm, Friday-Saturday, 10:00 am- 6:00 pm and Sunday, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Location: North Spokane Library, 44 E. Hawthorne Road

For more information visit their website at

<https://scldevanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=49275&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2018/05/01>.

Spokane Women Together Exhibit

Photographic portraits and stories of diverse women of Spokane; included are portraits of high school students, university professors, Holocaust survivors, Bosnian refugees, doctors, janitors and musicians, by Rick Singer and Hilary Hart. Hours are, Mondays-Saturdays, and,

Date: April 26, 2018 - May 25, 2018

Time: Mondays-Saturdays, 10:00 am-6:00 pm, open until 8:00 pm on Wednesdays

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

Cost: Free

For more information visit <http://www.spokanelibrary.org> or visit rick@ricksingerphotography.com.

EWU Pride Week – “20-Gay-Teen” (#20GAYTEEN)

Visit their website for events: Are Gay Bards Safe in Spaces, Eagle Pride Talent Show, Clothing Swap, and 4th Annual Student Drag Show – *Vida Amore Divas Show*.

Dates: Monday-Friday, April 30-May 4, 2018

Location: EWU, Cheney, WA

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

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

The World War II Experiences of Spokane’s Japanese Americans Exhibit

Exhibition in relation to the Omoide project on the local Japanese American history

Dates: May 1-May 31, 2018

Location: JFK Library, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free and open to the public

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

Exhibition in relation to the Omoide project on the local Japanese American history

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Month Kick-Off

Celebrate the AAPI Heritage Month at EWU and find out more about the events during the month.

Dates: Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Multicultural Center, Showalter Room 300, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, contact Pui-Yan Lam at plam@ewu.edu or call 509.359.7933. Refreshments will be served.

May Day March

Fighting for Equality - #HereToStay | #UnitedWeStand

Dates: Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Riverfront Park Clock tower

For more information contact MEChA de EWU at mecha@ewu.edu.

SFCC International Film Festival - *The Danish Girl* (UK/USA/Germany/Denmark/Belgium, 2015), Rated R, 119 minutes

Based on a true story, this biographical film is about the first sexual reassignment surgery that was attempted in the 1920s. Although Einar and his wife Gerda are a happily married couple, they recognize that on the inside, Einar is female. After attempting cures, the voyage of self-discovery leads to Einar undergoing the first ever sex-change operation.

Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2017

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.

Everyday People: Building Beyond the Moment - PJALS Benefit Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2018

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 www.pjals.org/2018luncheon. or to register to attend, visit

What Price Culture? Destruction and Cultural Preservation in Afghanistan since 2001

Dr. Laura Tedesco discusses the deculturization of Afghanistan, best known in our time from the Taliban's devastation to the Buddhas of Bamiyan, which has continued uninterrupted since 2001 through a sophisticated network of illegal excavations, the lucrative traffic in antiquities, urban development and general neglect of the nation's heritage. Since 2002, the United States has contributed more than \$25 million towards cultural preservation activities in Afghanistan through documentation of intangible heritage traditions in poetry, music and artistic traditions in calligraphy and woodworking.,

Dates: Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm

Cost: free

Location: Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, 2316 W. First Ave.

For more information visit their website at <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/calendar/all-events.cfm/event/aia-lecture-what-price-culture-destruction-and-cultural-preservation-in-afghanistan-since-2001>.

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 3.0.

Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:30 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.

Civil War Medicine, 1861-1865: Immediate and Long-Lasting Effects on Victims

Observe Union Army personnel in a brigade field hospital with the Army of the Potomac. They discuss what has been seen and learned about medicine since the spring of 1861, their experiences dealing with battlefield medicine, the assistance of the civilian community and the prognoses for the quality of life after the war of the wounded and sick. The presentation and a Q&A session are led by members of the Washington Civil War Association.

Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: North Spokane Library, 44 E. Hawthorne Road

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.895.8350 or email sstewart@sclld.org.

9th Annual Lavender Graduation

Graduates from Spokane area colleges, universities, and high schools (along with their guests) are welcome to participate.

Date: Friday, May 4 2018

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Hargreaves Reading Room 201, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free, must register at <https://orgsync.com/97010/forms/296900> by Monday, April 30, 2018.

For more information visit <https://sites.ewu.edu/pridecenter/lavender-graduation-2018/>.

4th Annual Golden Eagle's Dollar Auction - Salish School Fundraiser

Prize package themes include: Summer Fun, Camping, Road Trip, Dining Out. Family Time, Night Out, and more. It only takes a dollar to win! All proceeds benefit Salish School of Spokane.

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018

Time: noon-3:00 pm

Location: The Philanthropy Center, 1020 W Riverside

Cost: \$10.00, includes lunch and \$5.00 for bid tokens. \$5 for children 6 to 12 (no bid tokens). Children 5 and under eat free.

For information call 509.325.2018, email info@salishschoolofspokane.org, or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SalishSchoolofSpokane/>

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

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

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018

Time: noon – 8:00 pm

Location: De Leon Foods, 102 East Francis Ave and 15530 E Sprague Ave

Cost: Free

For more information call De Leon's at 483.3033 or 926.5009 or visit <http://www.deleonfoods.net/>.

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration!

The Asian Pacific Islander Coalition is presenting cultural performances from Cambodia, Bhutan, and other countries.

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018

Time: 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Location: Downtown Spokane Library, 3rd floor stage

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2>

Spirituality, Serpents and Social Media

Journalist Julia Duin discusses her book, "In the House of the Serpent Handler: A Story of Faith and Fleeting Fame in the Age of Social Media."

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Hemmingson Center, Room 314, Gonzaga

Cost: \$10.00/general admission, free for students

For information email tracysimmons@spokanefav.com or call 509.313.6942 or visit their website at <https://spokanefav.com/events/spirituality-serpents-and-social-media-why-do-20-something-pentecostals-in-appalachia-still-handle-snakes-in-church-in-the-21st-century/>.

42nd Lilac Bloomsday Run (12 kilometers/7.46 miles)

Date: Sunday, May 6, 2018

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Downtown Spokane

Cost: \$20.00 fee through April 22nd, April 23rd-29th, \$40.00 on-line.

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

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

Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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.

Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Informational Night

Interested in fostering Refugee youth. The Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program will allow for youth to be placed in foster homes around the Spokane Area. Learn about the options available for fostering.

Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Lutheran Community Services NW, 210 W Sprague Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <http://lcsnw.org> or call 509.343.5018.

SFCC International Film Festival – *Youth (from China, 2017)* in Mandarin, 138 minutes

This is a period drama that spans the turbulent time of the Cultural Revolution through China's involvement in the Vietnam War. The film focuses on doomed lovers, a hard-luck dancer, and a square-jawed soldier, who live through these extraordinary times.

Because of the film's pessimistic portrayal of Chinese society, the Chinese Government Film Bureau blocked its release for a period of time. As a sign of changing times in Chinese cinema, banned songs of Taiwanese pop star Teresa Teng flare up in the film.

Date: Tuesday – May 8, 2018

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://sfcc.spokane.edu/College/Diversity/FilmSchedule.aspx>. Sponsored by the International Club.

The Omoide Project: History in the Words of Spokane's Japanese Americans

Date: Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Time: noon - 1:00 am

Location: JFK Library, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free and open to the public

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

Not Forgotten: A Benefit Concert for Refugee Resettlement

Features the Neema Youth Choir, St. John's Cathedral Choir, Pilgrim Orchestra, and many other performers. Come to watch and sing along with the performers as well as hear stories from refugees about their past homes and new life in Spokane.

Date: Friday – May 11, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm, performance begins at 6:00 pm with a silent auction and free dessert follow

Location: St. John's Cathedral

Cost: Suggested donation is \$20 per adult, which will benefit World Relief Spokane

RSVP for the event at their Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/189692301651117/>

67th Junior Lilac Parade

Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Downtown Spokane

Cost: Free

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

8th Annual Family Fund Fair Expo Celebrating Parenthood

Resource Table on Mental Health for Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities

Features 100+ vendors with parenting resources, local mascots & costumed characters, non-profits, pet adoption drive, petting zoo, giant slides, interactive activities, arts & crafts, performing arts, sports, after-school activities, summer fun, scholarship opportunities, educational programs & more.

Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: River Park Square and Red Wagon Meadow at Riverfront Park

Cost: Free

For more information call 509.928.9664 or visit their website at email <http://www.thefamilyguide.org/>.

SFCC International Film Festival – *Esteban* (from Cuba) Rated PG, 90 minutes, in Spanish

An eight-year-old boy in Havana, Cuba pursues his dream of playing the piano. With a strong sense of realism and emotion, the harsh side of the current situation in Cuba is revealed. The music in the film pays tribute to the great Cuban piano godfather, Chucho Valdes.

Date: Tuesday – May 15, 2018

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.

Let Freedom Ring – 62nd 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 17, 2018

Time: 7:00 am, program at 7:30 am

Location: Davenport Hotel, 10 S Post St

Cost: \$35.00 with military pricing available

For more information visit <https://greaterSpokane.org/events/2880/>.

The *Slants* Live – Asian American Rock Band

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

Location: Campus Mall, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free and open to the public

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

Project Joy, Senior Entertainers of Spokane

The Hillyard Belles and Trainmen are a group of about 30 seniors who perform with music, dance, and attire representing the 20's and Railroad era.

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm -2:00 pm

Location: Hennessey Valley Funeral Home, 1315 N Pines Rd.

Cost: Free and open to the public

Refreshments provided.

Conversation with Simon Tam of *Slants*

Asian American Rock Band *Slants* was involved in a highly publicized Supreme Court case regarding their rights to use its controversial name. You can find out more from [this NPR story](#).

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: Showalter Auditorium, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free and open to the public

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

Baha'i Fireside Discussions

Discussions about topics of interest and the Baha'i faith will take place.

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018 (3rd Thursday of each month)

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Spokane Valley Library, Small conference room, 12004 E Main Street

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit <http://www.sclld.org/locations/spokane-valley/>

Spirit of the Eagle Pow Wow – Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the American Indian Studies program

Dates: Friday-Saturday, May 18 -19, 2018

Time: Friday, Grand Entry 7:00 pm, Saturday, Grand Entry 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Location: Reese Court Pavilion, 1136 Washington St, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information email Alicia Finch at aliciafinch95@gmail.com. Sponsored by EWU N.A.S.A. and Spokane Falls Community College Red Nations

Asian American & Pacific Islander Parents' Forum on Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018

Time: 10:00 am - noon

Location: Shadle Branch Public Library, 2111 W. Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

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

Holistic Festival

50 booths, free lectures, healing technologies, natural products, etc.

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Location: CenterPlace at Mirabeau Park

Cost: \$6.00

For more information visit www.holisticfestivals.com

80th Spokane Lilac and Armed Forces Torchlight Parade – “Swing into Spokane”

Date: Saturday, May 19 2018

Time: 7:45pm

Location: Downtown Spokane

Cost: Free and open to the public.

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

NAACP General Membership Meeting

Date: Monday, May 21, 2018

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/>.

26th Annual Women Helping Women Fund Benefit Luncheon

Speaker: Dr. Tereral Trent is a symbol; of hope for children around the world. Her book *The Awakened Woman* is based on her story of perseverance. Dr. Trent grew up in rural Zimbabwe and was married with three children by the time she was 18. Dr. Trent determinedly taught herself to read and write using her brother's school books. Dr. Trent has become a world-renowned scholar, humanitarian, motivational speaker, education, mentor and inspiration.

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2018, registration deadline is May 12, 2017.

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.

5th Annual KHQ/WorkSource Job Fair**Date: Thursday, May 24, 2018**

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 visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5th-annual-khqworksource-job-fair-tickets-45109039351>.***The Problem with Apu* Documentary Film**

This documentary film by Asian American comedian Hari Kondabolu examines the impacts of stereotypes in popular culture on the South Asian population, the trailer can be seen at [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGzvEqBvkP8) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGzvEqBvkP8>).

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

Location: Monroe Hall, Room 207 (Women and Gender Studies Education Center), EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, contact Pui-Yan Lam at plam@ewu.edu or call 509.359.7933.**1st Annual Native Youth Culture Day**

Salish School of Spokane is hosting a Native Youth Culture Day. Activities will include: Hide Scraping, Beading, Drumming, Stick Game, Salish Language Session, breakfast, lunch, and a salmon dinner will be provided. All students grade 7-12 interested in Native Culture are invited to attend this event hosted by the Salish School of Spokane ILEAD Youth class.

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Time: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Location: Salish School of Spokane, 425 N Maple St

Cost Free – need to register for ticket at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HRL2DZX>. Open to the first 45 registrants.For more information visit their Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SalishSchoolofSpokane/>.**Spokane Tribal Series**

Learn about Spokane Tribal History and Science with guests from the Spokane Tribe.

Date: Saturday, May 26, 2018 (every 4th Saturday through July)

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Mobius Science Center, 332 N Post Street

Cost: \$8.00 adult/child, \$7.00 senior

For more information visit <http://mobiusspokane.org> or call 509.321.7123.**Celtic Woman**

Traditional Irish music.

Dates: Wednesday -Thursday, May 30-31, 2018

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Northern Quest Resort & Casino. 100 N Hayford, Airway Heights

Cost: \$45.00 - \$75.00

For more information visit their website at www.northernquest.com or call 509.481.2800.**AAPI Graduation**

An event to recognize the achievements of EWU Asian American and Pacific Islander students

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Monroe Hall, Room 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.

Salish Language & Culture

Program of Salish history and culture with drumming, singing, and storytelling. Staff and students from Salish School of Spokane share the history and geography of Salish people, teach Salish words and phrases, and drum and sing in Salish. The program is appropriate for school-aged children and adults of any age.

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Spokane Valley Library, 12004 E Main Ave

Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information visit their Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SalishSchoolofSpokane/> or www.sclld.org.

Sponsors include Inland Northwest Community Foundation, Spokane County Library District, and Salish School of Spokane.

Up Coming Events

33rd 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, June 1— Sunday, June 3 2018

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

Cost: Free

For more information, contact MAC at 509.456.3931 or visit their website at www.northwestmuseum.org or email artfest@northwestmuseum.org.

Pride Cruise

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2018

Location: Lake Coeur d' Alene

Time: 2:00 pm

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

27th Annual Pride Parade - Theme: *Pride, Now More Than Ever* and Rainbow Festival

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2018

Location: Downtown Spokane

Time: noon

Cost: Free

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

4th Annual SEA-TRI-KAN - Ride with Refugees

Route starts at the World Relief's office in Kent, WA, passes through Tri-Cities and finishes with a celebration dinner in Spokane.

Dates: Wednesday-Sunday, June 20-24, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Hargreaves Reading Room 201, EWU, Cheney, WA

Cost: \$360.00, 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. In addition for registration fee, must raise a minimum of \$1,850 by May 31, 2018.

Registration is open until April 13, 2018 or until the ride is filled. For more information, contact Sarah Smith at smsmith@wr.org or 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 2018 INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL DIVERSITY/CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

May 1

International Labor (or workers) Day - International

Observed in more than 140 countries 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.

May 3

World Press Freedom Day – UN, 25th 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.

National Day of Prayer – USA

Theme is Pray for America - UNITY, based upon Ephesians 4:3

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.

- May 5** **Kodomo-No-Hi (Children's Day) - Japan**
A national holiday that was once known as Boy's Day but since 1948 has been a day to honor both boys and girls. Some still practice the old custom of flying wind socks in the shape of carp (a symbol of strength, courage, and determination show in its upstream journey).
- Liberation Day – Netherlands**
Commemorates the celebration of freedom and the end of the Second World War for the Netherlands
- May 6** **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 8** **World Red Cross Day - International**
The American Red Cross is celebrating 150 years of humanitarian work and the local and global impact.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- Yom Yerushalayim – Israel**
Marks the anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.
- May 14** **Independence Day - Paraguay**
A two-day celebration of independence from Spain in 1811.
- May 15** **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 16** **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, 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 North America calendar is being observed. This calendar follows the North America date, which is a day later.

- 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.
- 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.
- Ascension – Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox**
Commemorates the ascension of Jesus into Heaven.
- 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.
- Armed Forces Day – USA**
Proclaimed in 1949 to pay tribute to those serving in all the US armed forces.
- Shavuot – Jewish**
Begins previous sundown at 6 p.m. It is called the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost which means 50 and therefore celebrated on the 50th day at the end of Passover. Shavuot celebrates the time when the Ten Commandments were given to Moses on Mount Sinai. This feast lasts 2 days.
- May 20** **National Day - Cameroon**
Commemorates the establishment of the Republic of Cameroon on this day in 1972.
- May 21** **Day of the Patriots-Quebec – Canada**
Commemorates the French patriots of 1837-1838 for their contributions to freedom and national recognition.
- 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.
- Victoria Day – Canada**
Queen Victoria’s birthday was declared a holiday in Canada in 1845. The UK celebrates her birthday in June.
- May 22** **Buddha’s Birthday – Hong Kong, China**
Buddhism, the fourth largest religion in the world, being exceeded in numbers only by Christianity, Islam and Hinduism, founded in Northern India by the first known Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama. In 535 BCE he attained enlightenment and assumed the title Lord Buddha (one who has awakened).

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.

Day of the Patriots – Quebec, Canada

Commemorates French patriots of 1837-1838 for their contribution to freedom and national recognition.

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 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.

May 24 Bermuda Day – Bermuda**May 25 Independence Day - Jordan**

Commemorates the 1946 treaty that established the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and independence from Great Britain.

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.

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.

May 27 Mother's Day – France, Sweden**May 28 Republic Day – Azerbaijan, Nepal**

Celebrates the founding of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan in 1918.

- May 28 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.
- Wesak – Buddhist**
The most important Buddhist festival, Wesak celebrates the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha as one event. Different cultures observe this day with different customs: Sri Lankans light lanterns, Vietnamese purchase captive animals and release them, and Koreans host a lantern parade.
- 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 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.

Source: Diversity/Cultural Celebrations from Creative Cultural Communications 2018 Diversity Calendar, <http://multicultural.com/>.

In celebration and honoring Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month (APIHM), below is a list of resources. Please contact me to correct, add or change a resource.

Resources for Asian / Pacific Islanders

Spokane Area

Amerasians without Borders

Helps reconnect Vietnamese Amerasians with family

Jimmy Miller, Phone: 509.263.7903

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

Asian Pacific Islanders

Spokane Community College

Contact: Susan Butler, 509.533.7236

Email: SButler@scc.spokane.edu

Website: <http://www.scc.spokane.edu/Resources/Clubs.aspx>

Asian Pacific Islander Law Caucus (APLC)

Gonzaga University

<https://www.law.gonzaga.edu/students/student-organizations/apilc/>

Chinese Culture House & ZW Tai Chi Studio

3803 N. Nevada St. Spokane, WA 99207

Email: <http://www.taichiculturehouse.com/>

Chinese Language and Culture Club

Spokane Falls Community College

Email: Kim.Jones@sfcc.spokane.edu

Phone number: 509.533.3338

Chinese Lantern Festival - Spokane

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

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

Far East Coast Club

Spokane Falls Community College

Phone number: 509.533.3338

Email: Kim.Jones@sfcc.spokane.edu

Website: <http://www.spokanefalls.edu/Resources/StudentLife/Clubs/FarEastCoast.aspx>

Filipino American Association of the Inland Empire (FAAIE)

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

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

Filipino-American Student Union

Gonzaga University

Website: <http://gufasu.org/pages/main>

Hawaii Pacific Islander Club

Gonzaga University

Website: <https://projects.gonzagawill.com/campaigns/hawaii-pacific-islander-club>

Hui O'Hawaii

Eastern WA University

Advisor: Matt Loui, 509.953.9190

huiohawaii@hotmail.com

Japan American Citizens League – Spokane Chapter JACL

P O Box 2772, Spokane, WA 99220

President: Ben Furukawa

Email: info@spokanejacl.org

Website: www.spokanejacl.org

Japan Week

<http://www.japanweekspokane.com/>

Japanese Club

Spokane Falls Community College

Yasuka Huff, 509.533.3367

Email: yasukah@spokanefalls.edu

Website: <http://www.spokanefalls.edu/Resources/StudentLife/Clubs/JapaneseClub.aspx>

Japanese Cultural Center - Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute -

400 W Randolph Rd, Spokane, WA

Phone: 509.328.2971

Email: jcc@mfw.edu

Website: <http://www.mfw.edu/JCC/>

Korean Association of the Spokane Area

P O Box 1316, Spokane, WA 99210

Phone: 509.466.1444 / 509.570.4180

Na Pu'uwai O Hawai'i

Whitworth University

<http://www.whitworthclubs.com/hawaiian>

Northwest Hula Company

Phone: 509.768.5293

Email: nwhula@msn.com

Website: <http://northwesthula.com/>

Pacific Islanders Association

Nancy Peterson, secretary

Phone: 509.928.3525

Website: <http://barney.gonzaga.edu/~uahinui/pia/>

South Asia Cultural Association (SACA)

Mrs. Sreedharani Handagopal

Phone: 509.467.5558

E-mail sreedharani@hotmail.com

Spokane Asian-Pacific Islander Coalition (APIC)

Chair: Vang Xiong X. Toyed

Phone: 509.869.5660

Email: visazoo@aol.com

SpokaneCares

Community resources for ethnic communities

13713 E 41st Ave, Spokane, WA 99206

Email: spokanecares@gmail.com

Website: <http://spokanecares.org/>

Spokane Chinese Association

The Spokane Chinese Association is a nonprofit voluntary organization of people of Chinese cultural heritage residing in the Spokane area, registered in the State of Washington. The association strives to advance communication and friendship among its members and to enrich their lives and local culture by organizing activities related to Chinese culture or common interests.

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

Spokane Coalition of Color

Spokane Asian Pacific Islander Coalition, Hispanic Business/Professional Association of Spokane (HBPA) and National Association of the Advancement of Colored People, Spokane Chapter (NAACP)

Chair: Vang Xiong X. Toyed

Phone: 509.869.5660

Email: visazoo@aol.com

Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/Spokane-Coalition-of-Color-113480155995238>

Spokane Hmong Association for Pride and Equality

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

Website: <http://www.spokanehmongassociation.com/Community>

Spokane India Community

Shares Indian culture, traditions, and values for the Spokane area residents of Indian heritage.

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

Spokane International District

East Sprague Corridor

Website: <http://spokaneinternationaldistrict.com/>

Vietnamese-American Senior Association of Spokane

Promotes and educates on the Vietnamese-American culture

Email: VASA.Spokane@yahoo.com

State/National Websites**Asian American Health**

U.S. National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health

Website: <http://asianamericanhealth.nlm.nih.gov>

Asian American Journalists Association

5 Third St Suite 1108

San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: 415.346.2051 / Fax 415.346.6343

Email: national@aaja.org

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

Asian Bar Association of Washington

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

Asian Nation

Asian American History, Demographics & Issues

Website: <http://www.asian-nation.org/>

Asians in Higher Education - site for job seekers and employers to post positions

E-mail: info@asiansinhighered.com

Website: www.asiansinhighered.com

Asian American and Pacific Islander Coalition(APIC)

Website: <http://apicwa.org/>

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, State of Washington

P O Box 40925

Olympia, WA 98504-0925

Phone: 360.725.5667

Email: capaa@capaa.wa.gov

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

Federation of Indian Associations

P O Box 20369

Columbus, OH 43220

Phone: 877.342.6412

Email: info@fia-ohio.org

Website: <http://www.fia-ohio.org/>

Hmong Association of Washington (H.A.W)

P.O. BOX 14492, Seattle, WA 98114

Email: hello@hmongofwa.org

Website: <http://hmongofwa.org/>

IMDiversity – Asian American Village

http://www.imdiversity.com/villages/asian/village_asian_american.asp

Leadership Education for Asians Pacifics, Inc

327 E 2nd Street, Ste 226, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Phone 213.485.1422 / Fax 213.485.0050

Email leap@leap.org

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

Network of Indian Professionals

Seattle Chapter

Website: <http://www.seattleindian.com/seattle/businessDetail.asp?id=1159>

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

Northwest Asian Weekly

The only weekly English-edition newspaper serving Washington's Asian community.

412 Maynard Ave S, Seattle, WA 98104

P O Box 3468, Seattle, WA 98114

Phone: 208.223.5559 / Fax: 206.223.0626

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

Seattle Asian Art Museum

Volunteer Park

1400 East Prospect Street, Seattle, WA 98112-3303

Phone: 206.654.3100 / TTY 206.344.5267

Website: <http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/visit/asian-art-museum>

Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)

1628 16th Street NW, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 2009-3066
Phone 202.601.2960 / Fax: 202.667.6449
Email: searac@searac.org
Website: <http://www.searac.org/>

Spokane's Japanese Community History

Free On-line Encyclopedia of Washington State History
1411 4th Avenue, Suite 803
Seattle, WA 98101
Phone: 206.447.8140 / Fax: 206.447.8176
Website <http://www.historylink.org/File/8048>

Vietnamese-American Bar Association of Washington

Provides mentorship programs
Website: <https://www.vabaw.com/mentorship-program/>

Churches**Airway Heights Baptist**

Pastor Dale Jenkins
12322 W. Sunset Hwy, Airway Heights, WA 99001
Phone: 509.244.2474 Fax 509.244.9803
Email: ahoffice@comcast.net
Website: <http://www.ahbc.us/>

Korean Presbyterian Church of Spokane

1727 East Pacific Avenue, Spokane, WA 99202-3246
Phone: 509.534.5298
Website: <http://www.spokanechurch.com/>

Highland Park United Methodist Church

Over 107-year-old historically Japanese American congregation
611 South Garfield Street, Spokane. WA 99202
Phone: 509.535.2687
<http://www.hp-spokane.org>

New Life Hmong Alliance

6940 N Crestline St., Spokane, WA 99207
Phone: 509.951.1205
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nlhac/>

Spokane Buddhist Temple

927 S Perry Street, Spokane, WA 99203
Phone: 509.534.7954
Website: www.spokanebuddhisttemple.org/

Spokane Chin Church

c/o Spokane First Nazarene Church
9004 N County Homes Blvd. Spokane, WA 99218
Phone: 509.990.1646
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/spokanechinchristianfellowship/>

Spokane Chinese Baptist Church

2326 E Queen Ave, Spokane, WA 99217

Phone: 509.483.6272

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-Chinese-Baptist-Church/104938976215863

Spokane Chinese Christian Church

Sister Sulan Presley, 509.844.6433

Email: Sulanpong@gmail.com

Brother Ji. 509.368.7160

Email: Yqji2000@yahoo.com

Website: <http://spokanechinesechristian.weebly.com/>

Spokane Hmong Alliance

425 Olympic Ave, Spokane, WA 99223

Phone: 509.993.6027

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hmong-Alliance-Church/999338580112102>

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