

## January 2023 Spokane Area Diversity/Cultural Events

### National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Following the start of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, with the help of non-government organizations, National Human Trafficking Day began and is observed annually on January 11<sup>th</sup>, <https://nationaltoday.com/national-human-trafficking-awareness-day/>.

Per the Washington Anti-trafficking Response Network (WARN - <http://warn-trafficking.org/>), Human Trafficking is the use of force, fraud, coercion to compel a person into any form of labor against their will. This can occur in any industry. Human Trafficking is also described a modern-day slavery or involuntary servitude. For more information, visit the website listed above, and Lutheran Community Services (<https://lcsnw.org/office/spokane/>) for local information and resources.

### National Mentoring Month

Acknowledging mentoring and the positive impact it can have on young lives is the goal of this month-long celebration. First observed in 2002, spearheaded by the Harvard Mentoring Project and the MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership (<http://www.nationalmentoringmonth.org/>). This celebration draws national attention to the need for mentors, as well as how individuals, business, government agencies, schools, faith communities, and nonprofits can work together to ensure healthy and productive lives for young people. Also visit <http://www.mentoring.org/> for more information.

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#### **Democracy Now**

##### **Day: Monday-Friday**

Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am & 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

A national, daily, independent, award-winning news program hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez. Pioneering the largest public media collaboration in the U.S. Link <https://www.democracynow.org/>. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

#### **Democracy Now! Headlines in Spanish**

##### **Date: Saturday**

Time: 7:00 am – 8:00 am

*Democracy Now!* is a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program hosted by journalists Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: [www.kyrs.org](http://www.kyrs.org) or [www.democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org).

#### **Dragonflies on Thin Air**

##### **Day: Sunday**

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

One of the few elementary age children’s radio shows produced by kids for kids in the country. The program is fun and educational for children and adults, and includes a mix of jokes, music, guests, stories, poetry, trivia and more. includes Alice, Elenor C., Lily, Rowan, Sicely, Finn, Eleanor M., Sophia, Aleric and Amara. They all go to Spokane Public Montessori elementary school. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Earth Matters Now!****Date: Tuesday**

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

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

**Generational Warfare****Day: Saturday**

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Join host Ry the Y as he battles with his Gen Z co-hosts, Zakris and Ezekiel. The three friends, alongside guests from the community, grapple with generational divides — both the silly and the seemingly irreconcilable. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Irish Music on Tap****Day: Wednesday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Music from Ireland, Scotland and England as well as Celtic Brittany and Canada. Hosted by Don and Rick, on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**KYRS Community Radio: Page Turner Show**

Discussions with various folks.

**Date: Fridays**

Time: 1:00 pm

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

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

**Latin Lounge****Day: Monday**

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

A wide spectrum of Latin music. Hosted by “Corazon” on KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website:

<http://www.kyrs.org>.

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

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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

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

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

Time: 4:00 pm – 4:55 pm

Consists of a variety of LGBTQ, local news, locally produced, music and public Affairs. Host and producer Maeve Griffith. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Queens of Noise****Day: Wednesday**

Time: 8:00 pm-10:00 pm

You will hear best in female vocalist/musicians. Hosted by Luscious Duchess, KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website:

<http://www.kyrs.org>.

**The Science of Poverty**

**Day: Saturday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Explores the topic of poverty. Hosted by Jesse Quintana, official Facebook site. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM.

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

**The Spanish Hour**

**Day: Monday**

Time: 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

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

**Spokane Public Radio, KPBX 91.1, An NPR Member Station**

Various programs and news throughout the day.

Listen at 91.1. KPBX

For more information on programs, visit <https://www.spokanepublicradio.org/all-shows>.

**Sounds of Science**

**Day: Sunday**

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Lively discussion of what’s happening in the world of science, from how it is affecting our lives to the ways we are shaping it. Hosted by Blake, Amaya and Adam. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>,

**Welcome Home**

**Day: Thursday**

Time: 10:00 am – noon

A multi-genre roots based folk show. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Women’s Media Center Live**

**Day: Wednesday**

Time: noon – 1:00 pm

*WMC Live with Robin Morgan* tackles today’s hottest topics; whether it be sex, politics, art, humor, religion, culture, or news stories that go unreported, each is engaged regularly, insightfully, and intelligently. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

**Workin’ Woman Blues**

**Day: Sunday**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tunes to help you shake the blues out of your hair with a mix of Funk, R&B, Soul and Blues. Hosted by Jukebox Jennie. KYRS 92.3 FM or 88.1 FM. Website: <http://www.kyrs.org>.

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**Dancing with Life: Mexican Masks**

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

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

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

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

Cost: \$7.00 - \$12.00

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

**Savages and Princesses: The Persistence of Native American Stereotypes**

*Savages and Princesses* brings together twelve contemporary Native American visual artists who reclaim their identities by replacing stereotypical images that fill the pop culture landscape. Using humor, subtlety, and irony, the telling is always honest and unequivocal. Images and styles are created from traditional, contemporary, and mass culture forms.

**Dates: November 10, 2022 – March 19, 2023**

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

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

Cost: \$7.00 - \$12.00, children 5 and under are free

For more information visit <https://www.northwestmuseum.org/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/savages-and-princesses-the-persistence-of-native-american-stereotypes/>.

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**Northwest Winterfest, A Celebration of Holiday Traditions**

Features life size lights displays in the form of traditional Chinese Lanterns, lantern Christmas trees hand painted by regional artists, art and crafts, food and entertainment, culture and education.

**Dates: Friday, December 2, 2022 – Sunday, January 1, 2023; Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays (except Christmas Day).**

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Fridays; 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Saturdays, and 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm on Sundays

Location: Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, 404 N Havana

Cost: \$9.90 - \$12.90 with \$2.10 fee. Purchase tickets at <https://northwestwinterfest.ticketspice.com/spokane-2022>.

For more information visit their website at <https://northwestwinterfest.com/> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NorthwestWinterfest>.

**Cultura y Lenguaje**

Mujeres in Action (MiA) brings “The Three Wise Men” to Spokane in a cultural exchange between community members and decision makers from within the different Spokane systems. The Three Wise Men will be giving gifts to the first 50 children that come to visit, there will be photo opportunities, food boxes sponsored by HBPA for the first 50 families, lunch catered by a Puerto Rican chef, arts and crafts, vendors and resources available.

**Date: Friday, January 7, 2022**

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt St

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://en.miaspokane.org/support-us>.

### **Introduction to Illustrations for Graphic Novels with Elise Warren**

Learn the basics of visual storytelling. Students will spend afternoons learning the basic rules of design, panel flow, and story movement and will have the chance to participate in critique and work towards producing their own short comic. For high school students and adults.

**Dates: Mondays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6 and 13, 2023.**

Time: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Spokane Art School, 811 W Garland Ave

Cost: \$135.00

For more information and to register, <http://www.SpokaneArtSchool.net/> or call 509.325.1500.

### **2023 Human Trafficking Awareness Month Training & Reception**

**Human Trafficking 101** (Events Room B) - LCS Northwest Certified Crime Victim Advocates will help answer important questions about human trafficking and what is being done in our community to combat and prevent it. LCSNW will address What is human trafficking, why is this happening in Spokane; legalities of Human Trafficking: Act, Means, Purpose; red flags; and The Inland Northwest Human Trafficking Task Force: who are they and what do they do. Bring questions for a Q&A session following the presentation!

After the training, join Lutheran Community Services Northwest for light refreshments on the third floor (next to yetk Hall) of the Central Library overlooking the beautiful Spokane River falls. There will be a Candlelit moment of silence for survivors of human trafficking; sharing of local successes in addressing and preventing human trafficking- If you'd like to share, please see an event organizer before 4:30, or email our team at [adougherty@lcsnw.org](mailto:adougherty@lcsnw.org), group photo, visual storytelling - Silhouette Project (\*not appropriate for young children to read through); and art Created by Refugee Trafficking Survivors

**Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

Time: 3:00 pm Training, 4:30 pm Reception

Location: Spokane Public Library - Central (906 W. Main Ave.)

Free registration at <https://bit.ly/2023HTAMreception>. For more information visit <https://lcsnw.org/>.

### **Hispanic Business / Professional Association (HBPA) Monthly Meeting**

Speaker (Sabes Que): TBA

**Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: TBA

Cost:

For more information visit their website at [www.hbpaofspokane.org](http://www.hbpaofspokane.org).

### **The Art of Rebellion: Social Justice and Chicana/Chicano Visual Arts**

How has art been used to mobilize communities and disseminate messages of social justice? Is art just a commodity that is only accessible to the elite? How has the idea of "art for the people" shifted the way we look at art?

In this talk, Chicano artist Jake Prendez traces the history of social justice art, from the rise of Mexican muralism to its influence on American artwork from the civil rights era and the modern era. Explore how the means of production and new technologies made art accessible worldwide, and join Prendez as he deconstructs his own artwork to show how it relates to this greater narrative.

Jake Prende (he/him) is a renowned Chicano artist, and the owner and co-director of the Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery in Seattle. His work is an amalgamation of his life experiences—a representation of his Chicano background and a reflection of his time living in both Seattle and Los Angeles.

**Date: Thursday, January 12, 2023**

Time: 12:00 pm/noon

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-the-art-of-rebellion-social-justice-and-chicana-chicano-visual-arts-6/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Seattle Central College.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Free Book Fair! Page 42 Bookstore**

Over 10,000 free books from every genre, in hardback and paper book.

**Dates: Thursday-Saturday, January 12 – 14, 2023**

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (Thursday-Friday), 9:00 am – 1:30 pm (Saturday)

Location: old Hillyard Library, 4005 N Cook

Cost: Free

For more information visit their website at <https://www.page42bookstore.com/>.

### **2023 Lunar New Year Celebration – Ringing in the Year of the Rabbit**

Lunar New Year Storytime and Activities (10 am); Dragon Dance (11 am); dumpling cooking demonstration (noon); how to make Sushi on a budget (1 pm)

**Date: Saturday, January 14, 2023**

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Spokane Public Library - Shadle Park Library, 2111 W Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/shadle/>.

### **Make Your Own Pendleton Moccasins**

Authentic Native American footwear. This workshop is hands on that is guided by Coeur d'Alene Tribal members. All materials are provided. At the end of this course, you will have a completed pair of moccasins.

**Date: Sunday, January 15, 2023**

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Coeur d'Alene Casino, 37914 S. Nukwalqw St, Worley, ID

Cost: \$150.00

For more information visit their website at <http://www.cdacasino.com/>. Receive \$10 extra play cash and a \$10 meal voucher

### **Lunar New Year Celebration – Year of the Rabbit**

Lunar New Year Celebration by Spokane Chinese Association with free admission to the culture fair (Chinese calligraphy & painting, Lunar New Year photo booth, cuisine sampling, and many cultural booths.) and ticketed performances (folk dances, Chinese Choir, Peking Opera, Lion Dance, Chinese music and instruments and more). Don't miss the drawings of Chinese red envelopes with gift cards inside from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

**Date: Sunday, January 15, 2023**

Time: 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm

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

Cost: Free admission to the culture fair (1:00 pm – 4:00 pm), must purchase tickets (\$15.00 - \$23.00) for performances (5:00 pm).

For more information visit <http://www.martinwoldsontheater.com/> or [www.spokanechinese.org](http://www.spokanechinese.org).

### **MLK Commemorative Celebration**

**Date: Sunday, January 15, 2023**

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Holy Temple Church of God in Christ, 806 W Indiana Ave

Cost: Free

For more information contact [the](http://www.mlkcenter.org) MLK Center at 509.868.0856.

### **MLK Day Annual Unity Rally, March and Resource Fair**

**Day On, Not a Day Off**

**Date: Monday, January 16, 2023**

Time: Rally at 10:00 am, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, March to follow, 11:30 – 2:00 pm - Resource Fair after the March

Location: Spokane Convention Center, Ballrooms 111 ABC. 334 W Spokane Falls Blvd

Cost: Free

For more information contact [the](http://www.mlkcenter.org) MLK Center at 509.868.0856.

### **NAACP Monthly Membership Meeting**

**Date: Monday, January 16, 2023**

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, meeting open to everyone

For more information contact [spkncpbr@gmail.com](mailto:spkncpbr@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/spokane.naacp/>.

### **Humanity in Print: Literature and Human Rights**

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

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

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

**Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-humanity-in-print-literature-and-human-rights-4/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Central Washington University Studies Program.

### **Whiskey and Wiretaps: The Northwest's Rumrunning King**

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

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

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

**Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-whiskey-and-wiretaps-the-northwests-rumrunning-king-7/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by White River Valley Museum.

### **“What Really Happened to Chief Spokane Garry”**

Spokane Preservation Advocates presents “What really happened to Chief Spokane Garry,” a lecture by Dr. David Beine, professor emeritus of Great Northern University in Spokane. Dr. Beine will be speaking on the life of Spokane’s Chief Garry, who died in 1892 under unfortunate circumstances. Beine has long been interested in and written about the mysteries surrounding Chief Garry.

**Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023**

Time: 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Liberty Park Library, 402 S Pittsburgh

Cost: \$10.00

For more information visit, <https://www.spokanepreservation.org/events/event/what-really-happened-to-chief-spokane-garry-lecture/>.

### **The Ancient Art of Madhubani Painting**

For generations, women of a small region in Northeast India have been using Madhubani painting to tell the stories of their lives. Depicting mythological and social scenes, every painting reflects the belief systems, cultural practices, and social arrangements of a specific era in history. After centuries of being limited to its region of origin, the art form is now being discovered by the urban populace worldwide and is fast emerging as a commercial art form.

Having practiced this style of art since childhood, artist Deepti Agrawal explores the changing forms, trends, and mediums of Madhubani painting over time, while also exploring the hidden tales behind some of its most popular artworks from the early 1900s. Agrawal provides a demo and a work-along session where participants practice the Madhubani style and learn more about its rich heritage.

**Deepti Agrawal** (she/her) currently runs her signature art label, Deepti Designs, under which she designs and creates unique and experimental art pieces. She also provides art education and has been instrumental in the Indian art movement in Washington State. Agrawal lives in Bothell

**Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-the-ancient-art-of-madhubani-painting-4/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Friends of the Mid-Columbias Libraries.

### **Eastern Washington Legislative Conference**

Feature speaker: Gen Heywood, pastor of Veradale United Church of Christ (UCC) and convener for Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience (FLLC), addressing the theme Caring for Our Common Earth Now and Forever.

**Date: Saturday, January 21, 2023**

Time: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Spokane Valley United Methodist Church, 115 N Raymond and on-line

Cost: \$32.00 in-person with lunch or 20.00 on-line

For more information and/or to register call 509.535.4112 or email [event@thefigtree.org](mailto:event@thefigtree.org). Register by January 13, 2023.

### **2023 Chinese New Year**

Traditional Lion Dance at 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Special menu, please make reservations.

**Date: Sunday, January 21, 2023**

Time: 11:00 am

Location: East Pan Asian Cuisine, Northern Quest Casino, 100 N Hayford Rd, Airway Heights

Cost: Cost of meal, otherwise can remain outside of restaurant for free

For more information visit <https://www.northernquest.com/promotions/chinese-new-year-2023-celebration>.



### ***The Abortion Talks* - A Documentary Screening – Including Virtual Q & A with the Filmmakers**

*The Abortion Talks* follows the murder trial of John Salvi – and the story of six women – 3 supporting the pro-life movement and 3 supporting the pro-choice movement – who sought to ensure that it would never happen.

**Date: Sunday, January 22, 2023**

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Location: Central Library, nx?yx?yetk? Hall, 906 West Main Ave

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information visit <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/central/>. More on the film, visit <https://whatisessential.org/the-abortion-talks>.

### **Authentic Indian Yoga**

Devika Gates will be leading an authentic Indian Yoga practice. Wear loose clothing, bring a yoga mat and come prepared for gentle exercise.

**Date: Sunday, January 22, 2023**

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Location: Shadle Park Library, 2111 W Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information visit, <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/>. To request accommodations, call the library at (509) 444-5308.

### **All the Rage: How American Politics Boiled Over**

Name-calling, shouting matches, cutting off relatives, and even violence born of intense disagreements—there is bipartisan agreement that the current state of politics in the United States is troubling. How did we get here, and what can we, as a society and as individuals, do about it?

Professor Stehr investigates the roots and consequences of the dysfunction that characterizes the current state of politics in America. Stehr leads a conversation that asks, how did our political spaces become war zones? To what extent is the lack of civility and policy gridlock driven by long-term trends in American society? Is contemporary America somehow different than the way it was in the past? Was there ever a “golden age” of bipartisanship and civility in the United States?

Using historical examples and contemporary cases, Stehr shows audiences how the erosion of civil discourse harms democracy, and what can be done to combat it.

Steven Stehr (he/him) is the Sam Reed Distinguished Professor in Civic Education and Public Civility at Washington State University. He lives in Moscow, Idaho.

**Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-all-the-rage-how-american-politics-boiled-over/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by Sno\_Isle Libraries.

### **East Asian Tea and Wellbeing**

Dr. Gloria (I-Ling) Chien introduces the principles of the Japanese tea culture and demonstrate Taiwanese kung-fu tea. Then she leads a contemplation tea drinking activity combined with resiliency skills to promote wellness.

**Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

Time: 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: Shadle Park Library, 2111 W Wellesley Ave

Cost: Free

For more information visit, <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/> or call 509.444.5390.

### **After the Blast: Mount St. Helens 40 Years Later**

On May 18, 1980, the world watched in awe as Mount St. Helens erupted, killing 57 people and causing hundreds of square miles of destruction. Everyone thought it would take ages for life to return to the mountain, but scientists who visited soon after were stunned to find plants sprouting up through the ash and animals skittering around downed trees.

Ecologists have since spent decades studying life's resilience in the face of seemingly total devastation. Through their work, the eruption of Mount St. Helens has become known as the greatest natural experiment in Pacific Northwest history. In this talk, Eric Wagner takes you on a journey through the blast zone. He explores not just the surprising ways plants and animals survived the eruption, but also the complex roles that people have played, all while showing how fascinating Mount St. Helens still is 40 years after the blast.

Eric Wagner (he/him) is a writer and biologist. He holds a PhD in biology from the University of Washington, where he studied penguins. He is the author of three books, including *After the Blast: The Ecological Recovery of Mount St. Helens*. Wagner lives in Seattle.

**Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: On-line

Cost: Free, must register, see below

For more information and to register, <https://www.humanities.org/event/online-after-the-blast-mount-st-helens-40-years-later-10/>. Sponsored by humanities Washington, <https://www.humanities.org/>. Hosted by NCW Libraries.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spokane's Lunar New Year**

And Asian, Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (ANHPI) Business EXPO

**Date: Saturday, January 28, 2023**

Time: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm, fireworks start at 7:00 pm

Location: Spokane Convention Center

Cost: Free

For more information visit [www.spokaneunitedwestand.org](http://www.spokaneunitedwestand.org).

### **Robert Burns Night**

For all people of Scottish heritage, experience the romance of Scotland with Robert Burns poetry, bagpipes, highland dancing, tartans & kilts, haggis, and whisky & shortbread, along with social dancing and dinner.

**Date: Saturday, January 28, 2023**

Time: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Location: Mukogawa Ft. Wright Institute, 4000 W Randolph Rd

Cost: \$62.00 for adults, \$47.00 for children 12 and under, purchase tickets at

<https://www.inlandnwscots.org/tickets.html>.

For more information, email the Society at [spokanescots@gmail.com](mailto:spokanescots@gmail.com) or visit

<https://www.inlandnwscots.org/calendar.html>.

### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spokane Jewish Cultural Film Festival**

Showing "Charlotte" on Jan. 28, 7-9 p.m. "Kinderland and The Narrow Bridge" on Jan. 29, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. "Tiger Within" on Jan. 29, 7-9 p.m. "White Eye and Women of Valor" on Jan. 30, 7-9 p.m. The films will also be featured online, Jan 28-Feb. 5., prior to the in-person screening.

**Dates: January 28-30, 2023 in person, January 29, 2023 - February 5, 2023 on-line.**

Time: 7:00pm – see above

Location: Jepson Center, Wolff Auditorium, Gonzaga University, 502 E Boone Ave

Cost: \$10.00 general admission, \$7.00 students and seniors. To purchase tickets, visit [bit.ly/3138R0t](http://bit.ly/3138R0t) or the Jepson Center

For more information about the specific films visit <https://sjcff2023.eventive.org/welcome>.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Viva Vino & Brew (Scholarship Fundraiser)**

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

**Date: Saturday, February, 18, 2023**

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

Time: 6:00 pm

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

For more information visit [www.hbpaofspokane.com](http://www.hbpaofspokane.com).

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gonzaga International Conference on Hate Studies – Theme: Challenges of Hate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

In this time of political divisiveness, racial inequity, extremism, and climate injustice, the importance of understanding how the processes of dehumanization and othering harm communities and the world in which we live is as critical as ever.

**Dates: Thursday-Saturday. April 20-22, 2023**

**Location:** Spokane Community College, 1819 N Greene St. This is an in-person event. Hybrid options may be available.

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm on Thursday, 9:00 am on 6:00 pm - Friday, and 9:00 am – 4:30 pm on Saturday.

Cost: Check website for cost to attend, early registration through March 15 \$250 which includes the banquet; March 16, cost \$300, includes banquet.

For more information, visit <https://www.gonzaga.edu/academics/centers-institutes/institute-for-hate-studies/international-conference-on-hate-studies>.

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

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**January 2023 International/National Cultural Celebrations Calendar**

**January 1 New Year’s Day – International**

The first day of the New Year according to the Gregorian calendar is probably the most widely observed event in the world, marked by most nations, religions, and cultures.

**Gantan-Sai – Japan, Shinto**

Gantan-sai, also referred to as Shogatu, is the Shinto New Year holiday. The faithful visit shrines, often at midnight, praying for renewal of heart, health, and prosperity. During the seven-day holiday, people wear their best clothing and visit the homes of friends and family to express their wishes for the coming year.

**St. Basil’s Day - Greece**

The Greeks call New Year, St. Basil’s Day. Traditionally, gifts are exchanged.

**Independence Day- Haiti**

Haiti gained its independence from France in 1804. Haiti made history by being the first Black Country to gain its independence. According to Haitian custom, whatever happens to someone on New Year’s Day is indicative of what will happen during the coming year, thereby motivating people to put on new clothes, visit friends, and exchange gifts in the hope that these efforts will be rewarded.

- January 1**      **Independence Day – Sudan**  
Egypt and Britain signed a treaty guaranteeing Sudanese independence in 1956.
- January 2**      **Berchtold’s Day - Switzerland**  
This day honors Duke Berchtold V, who founded Bern, the capital of Switzerland. He promised to name the city after the first animal he killed on a hunt. The bear (bern in German) then provided the city’s name.
- January 4**      **Independence Day – Myanmar (Burma)**  
Commemorates independence from Great Britain in 1948.
- January 5**      **Guru Gobind Singh’s Birthday – Sikh**  
He was the 10<sup>th</sup> and last living Guru of the Sikh faith. He founded the “Khalsa” brotherhood where the initiated adopted the five ‘K’s: Kangha (wooden comb), Kara (steel bracelets), Kipan (sword), Kaccha (pair of shorts), and Keah (long hair).
- January 6**      **Christmas - Armenia Christian**  
Armenian Christmas is celebrated on January 6th around the world (except in Jerusalem) placing more emphasis on the Epiphany.
- Epiphany - Christian**  
In the Western church, this day celebrates the journey of the three Wise Men to Bethlehem to offer gifts to the infant Jesus. In the Eastern Church it is associated with the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. On this day as well, the Armenians celebrate Christmas.
- Three Kings’ Day - Christian**  
In South America, Latin America and parts of Europe, the end of the Christmas season is a traditional time for gift giving.
- January 7**      **Christmas - Christian- Coptic and Eastern Orthodox**  
On this day, some Eastern churches celebrate the birth of Jesus according to the Julian calendar, which is currently 13 days behind the Gregorian and Western calendar.
- January 9**      **Seijin No Hi - Japan**  
This day celebrates Coming-of-Age of the youth of Japan who are twenty years old. They wear traditional clothes and visit the shrines where the family announces their adulthood to the spirits. This is a national holiday.
- January 11**      **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day**  
Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Following the start of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, with the help of non-government organizations, National Human Trafficking Day began and is observed annually on January 11.
- January 13**      **Lohri – Hindu - Sikh**  
Bonfires are lit to mark the change from the decrease to the increase of the sun.
- St. Knut’s Day- Finland, Sweden**  
King Knut who ruled Sweden from 1080-1086 is honored as a saint for his virtue and generosity. He had declared that Christmas should be celebrated for twenty days, officially ending the season on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The days between Christmas and Saint Knut’s Day are filled with parties for children and adults. After this day, trees are taken down to mark the official close of the season.

- January 14**      **New Year - Eastern Orthodox Christian-Coptic and Eastern Orthodox**  
The Eastern Orthodox Christians include Bulgarian Orthodox, Georgian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Macedonian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Romanian Orthodox, and Serbian Orthodox.
- Makar Sankranti - India, Hindu**  
The transition of the Sun from Sagittarius to Capricorn during the winter solstice in the northern hemisphere is known as Makar Sankranti. The days gradually lengthen in the northern hemisphere.
- January 15**      **Kitchen God Celebrations – China**  
The custom is based on the traditional farewell ceremony for T'sao Wang, Prince of the Oven, before he leaves for his annual trip to heaven to report on families' good behavior during the year.
- January 16**      **Martin Luther King Jr. Day - USA**  
This day commemorates the leader of the 'Civil Rights' movement in USA. People of all races and religions have benefited from the sacrifices and accomplishments made by this great man. He was a Nobel Prize winner (Peace Prize 1964) and a prominent advocate of nonviolent protest. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.
- January 19**      **Sultan (17<sup>th</sup> Month) - Baha'i**  
Sunset - The first day of the seventeenth Baha'i month. The English translation of Sultan (Arabic) is Sovereignty.
- January 20**      **Martyrs' Memorial Day- Azerbaijan**  
Honors the citizens killed by Soviet troops on this day in 1990 as they fought for independence. Also called Black January. As the date falls on a weekend, it will be celebrated on January 22, 2018.
- Timkat/Theophany - Christian- Coptic & Eastern Orthodox**  
The Eastern Orthodox Church Associates' Theophany with the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.
- Anniversary Day- Wellington, New Zealand**  
Celebrate the founding of the province of Wellington in New Zealand.
- January 22**      **Chinese / Lunar New Year – Buddhist, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam**  
Year of the Rabbit. This is the year 4721 in the Chinese Lunar calendar and the most important holiday. It is a three-day holiday in China and Hon Kong. Vietnamese call it the 'Tet' Festival.
- Seollal – Korea**  
The Korean New Year last three days. During this time, many Koreans visit family, perform ancestral rites, eat traditional foods, and play folk games. Additionally, children often receive money from their elders.
- January 25**      **Robert Burns' Night - Scotland**  
Robert Burns Night honors Scotland's national poet, born in 1759. The night is celebrated by the Scots with a sit down 'Burns Supper' and with speeches, poetry and song.
- January 26**      **Australia Day - Australia**  
Commemorates the anniversary of the first Britain settlement in 1788, which was a penal colony established to help relieve overcrowding in British prisons.

**January 26 Republic Day - India**  
Marks India's severed ties from Great Britain in 1950.

**Basant Pancham – Hindu**

Basant Panchami in Northern India heralds the approach of spring and yellowed colored clothes are symbolically worn. The food is also colored yellow by using saffron. This festival honors Saraswati, the Goddess of Learning, Wisdom, and the Creative Arts.

**January 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day - UN**

**January 30 Sadeh – Iran, Zoroastrian**

Sadeh in Persian means "hundred" and refers to one hundred days and nights past the end of summer in ancient Persia/Iran. Sadeh is a mid-winter festival where bonfires are lit to honor fire and to defeat the forces of darkness, frost, and cold. People gather and pray, and then they will hold each other's hands, form a circle and dance around the fire.

**Education Day - Greece**

**January 31 St Brigid's Day – Ireland**

**Anniversary Day – Aucklan, New Zealand**

Source: The majority of the Diversity/Cultural Celebrations with permission are from Creative Cultural Communications *Multicultural Calendar 2023*.

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The following are various 2023 United States celebrations and holidays. I have also included a few obscure celebrations that I and probably you were not aware of so happy Read a Book Day. It appears that it is unknown how some of these obscure celebrations came about.

*January*

**January 1 - New Year's Day**

January 11 - National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

**January 16 –Martin Luther King Jr Day** (also known as Civil Rights Day)

January 25 – Opposite Day

*February – Black/African American History Month*

February 2 – Ground Hog Day

February 12 – Super Bowl Sunday

February 14 – Valentine's Day

**February 20 – President's Day** (Feb 12 – A. Lincoln, Feb 22-G. Washington)

February 21 – Mardi Gras

*March – Women's History Month*

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

March 20 – Spring Equinox

March 22 – First Day of Ramadan

*April – Multicultural Communication Month*

April 1 – April Fools' Day

April 6 – Passover

April 7 – Good Friday

April 9 – Easter Sunday

April 22 – Earth Day

April 28 – Arbor Day

*May – Asian, Pacific Islander Month | Jewish Heritage Month*

May 1 – May Day

May 14 – Mother’s Day

May 18 – No Dirty Dishes Day

May 21 – Armed Forces Day

**May 29 – Memorial Day**

*June – LGBT Pride Month | Caribbean American Heritage Month*

June 9 – National Donald Duck Day

June 18 – Father’s Day

**June 19 – Juneteenth**

June 20 – Summer Solstice

*July*

**July 4 – Independence Day**

July 13 – National French Fry Day

July 20 – Moon Landing (1969)

July 23 – Parents Day

*August*

August 1 – National Girlfriend Day

August 6 – Sisters Day

August 21 – Seniors Citizens Day

August 26 – Women’s Equity Day

*September – Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15)*

**September 4 – Labor Day**

September 6 – Read a Book Day

September 10 – Grandparents Day

September 16 – National Guacamole Day

September 23 – Autumn/Fall Equinox

*October - Disability Employment Awareness Month | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month*

National Italian American, German American and Polish American Heritage Month

*October 4 – National Taco Day*

October 9 – Indigenous Peoples Day

October 9 – Columbus Day

October 11 – Coming Out Day

October 11 – National Boss Day

October 31 - Halloween

*November – Native American Heritage Month*

November 1 – Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muretos)

**November 11 – Veteran’s Day**

November 14 – National Family PJ Day

**November 23 – Thanksgiving**

**November 24 – Native American Heritage Day**

*December – Universal Human Rights Month*

December 2 – Candle Day

December 7, 2023 – December 15 – Chanuka | Hanukkah

December 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 22 – Winter Solstice

**December 25 – Christmas**

December 26 – January 1- Kwanzaa

December 31 – New Year’s Eve

**Bold – Washington State holiday**

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