

March 2022 Calendar of Holidays, Observances, and Events

The following is an excerpt of information compiled by our friends at Community College of Aurora.

March starts up on Tuesday and it encompasses many holidays, observances, and opportunities for community/cultural connection. Below is a list with *brief* text explaining each March 2022 observance and holiday and how some folk may participate in them, along with details on local cultural events you can engage with and share with your communities.

- Please note, participants of the religions/cultures noted may observe some of the holidays, none of the holidays, or all of the holidays. They may participate in the holiday in the ways listed or not.
- Each holiday, observance, or event title that is underlined is a link to an informative website.
- Many in-person events are occurring. Please remember to keep yourself and your loved ones safe by following the [best practices](#) suggested by the CDC.
- We hope this document and its resources can help inform you when planning events, holding celebrations, offering extra credit opportunities to students, and learning more about your own culture/identities and those who make up our wonderful communities.

**Cultural Event*

March 2022 holds a lot. [Women's History Month](#), beginning in 1981, amplifies women's voices to honor the past, inform the present, inspire the future, and deepen our understanding of women's contributions to America and world. [National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month](#) is a campaign that raises awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all areas of community life, as well as awareness to the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live. [Irish-American Heritage Month](#) recognizes the contribution that Irish immigrants and their descendants have played in the formation of the United States. [National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month](#) promotes awareness and understanding of the scope of multiple sclerosis and assists those with MS in making educated decisions about their healthcare. [Deaf History Month](#), celebrated March 13th through April 15th, honors several significant advancements for deaf and hard of hearing people in the United States and celebrates deaf history and awareness of American deaf culture.

- **Tue, Mar 1:** [Mardi Gras](#), French for "Fat Tuesday," celebrates feasting before the traditional forty days of fasting that accompany the season of Lent in the Christian faith. Also strongly connected to New Orleans, it is a celebration of parades, parties,

libations, food, and Creole culture. *[Tomorrow is a New Day: Virtual Discussion with Lauren Iida](#) invites you to learn about the emerging Cambodian artists, artwork on display at the McNichols Building, and Open Studio Cambodia. This free virtual event starts at 12pm MST. *[Lunar New Year Cultural Workshop: Zodiacs](#) introduces participants to the 12 legendary Chinese zodiac animals and their stories. This free virtual event starts at 4:15pm and is hosted through the Denver Public Library. *[Henry Ossawa Tanner and Black Artists in Paris, c. 1900](#) will discuss the Black Philadelphia painter who made waves in Paris with his evocative paintings of biblical miracles, contextualizing Tanner alongside other representations by Black US artists who used the opportunity to exhibit in Paris to pursue their artistic interests and to challenge racist stereotypes. Tickets are \$15-20 and this event is both in-person and virtual, hosted through the Denver Art Museum. It occurs 6pm – 7:15pm MST.

- **Wed, Mar 2:** [Ash Wednesday](#) marks the first day of Lent. The ash symbolizes the dust from which God made us and the grief of sin. *[Numbers Too Big to Ignore: The History of Women's Financial Empowerment](#) invites you to explore the history of women's exclusion from financial decisions, why this still happens today, and what can be done to make financial decision-making and financial access equal. This free virtual event is hosted through the Denver Public Library and occurs from 10am – 11am.
 - Participants in Ash Wednesday may take time off work, attend Mass, wear ashes, pray, and fast.
- **Wed, Mar 2-Apr 14:** [Lent](#) is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begin on Ash Wednesday and end on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. This represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.
 - Participants may fast, abstain from certain foods/activities, pray, reflect, repent, serve in the community, and prepare for the coming of Easter.
- **Sat, Mar 5:** *[Live Stream with Deepa Purushothaman](#) invites you to learn more about Purushothaman's book "The First, The Few, The Only," a deeply personal call to action for Women of Color to find power from within and to join together in community, advocating for a new corporate environment where we all belong- and are accepted- on our own terms. This free virtual event takes place at 5pm MST and is hosted through The Tattered Cover.
- **Mon, Mar 7:** *[Preserving Women's Voices: the Life and Legacy of bell hooks and the bell hooks Archives](#) invites you to join Professor Qrescent Mason as she discusses the impact of the life of bell hooks and her legacy of her archival collection. Dr. Mason has the unique experience of both personally knowing bell hooks and having the experience of teaching her undergraduate students about bell's life and work utilizing her personal papers. This free virtual event occurs from 4pm-5pm and is hosted through the Denver Public Library. *[William Corey's Zen Gardens: Virtual Discussion with Reimi Adachi Corey](#) invites you to learn about "Zen Gardens from Kyoto to Denver: The Photography of William Corey and Scott Dressel-Martin" on display at the McNichols Building through May. This exhibition celebrates the beauty of Japanese Zen gardens through the photographic medium. This free virtual event kicks off at 4:30pm MST.

- **Tue, Mar 8:** [International Women's Day](#) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.
- **Wed, Mar 9:** [AAPI Women's Equal Pay Day](#) is the symbolic day when Asian American and Pacific Islander women's earnings "catch up" to non-Hispanic White men's earnings from the previous year. The average Asian American / Pacific Islander woman is paid \$0.85 for every \$1.00 paid to White, non-Hispanic men, losing hundreds of thousands of dollars over a 40-year career. But, that's only part of the #AAPIEqualPay story. For certain communities, the wage gap is far greater. Vietnamese women earn \$0.67, Hmong women earn \$0.61, and Burmese women earn only \$0.52, making them some of the lowest paid people in the nation. (Data is from 2019.)
- **Thu, Mar 10:** *[Active Minds: Taiwan](#) explores the history of Taiwan and what the future may hold for the country as China continues to increase its global power and influence. This free virtual event occurs from 1pm – 2pm and is hosted through the Denver Public Library. *[How Amache Ochinee Prowers Changed the History of Colorado](#) invites you to connect with DU anthropology professor Dr. Bonnie Clark and discuss how a Victorian-era Cheyenne woman changed Colorado's history. This free virtual event occurs from 4pm-5pm and is hosted through the Denver Public Library. *[Live Stream with NoViolet Bulawayo](#) discusses Bulawayo's new book "Glory!" inspired by the unexpected fall by coup, in November 2017, of Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's president of nearly four decades. This free virtual event takes place at 6pm MST and is hosted through The Tattered Cover.
- **Fri, Mar 11:** *[Lesbian Bar Project Documentary Screening and Q&A](#) invites you to a 20-minute screening of "The Lesbian Bar Project," an initiative aiming to celebrate, support, and preserve the few remaining lesbian bars in the US. After the screening, there will be a Q&A with the directors of the documentary and the founders. This free virtual event occurs 3pm-4pm and is hosted through the Denver Public Library.
- **Sun, Mar 13:** [Daylight Saving Time](#) starts at 2am (go forward one hour).
- **Tue, Mar 15:** [Women's Equal Pay Day](#) marks the day into the year on which it takes for women on average to earn what men did in 2020. That's 15 months. Or, if you look at a typical 9:00am-5:00pm work day, women start working for free at 2:40 p.m. 82 cents: that's how much women in the U.S. who work full time, year-round are paid for every dollar paid to men.
- **Wed, Mar 16:** *[Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women: A Community Conversation](#) invites you to learn about the devastating epidemic of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, especially here in Colorado. This free virtual event occurs 4pm-5:30pm and is hosted through the Denver Public Library.
- **Wed, Mar 16-17:** [Purim](#), beginning on Wednesday night and continued through Thursday, commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from Haman's plot to "destroy, kill, and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, infants and women, in a single day," as recoded in the Megillah (book of Esther).

- Participants of Purim may fast the day before Purim, read from the Megillah, use noise makers, give gifts, serve in the community, feast, spend time in the synagogue, and dress in costumes.
- **Thu, Mar 17: [St. Patrick's Day](#)** began as a religious celebration in the 17th century to commemorate the life of Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity to Ireland. In the early 18th century, Irish immigrants brought the tradition over to the American colonies, and it was there that Saint Patrick started to become the symbol of Irish heritage and culture that he is today. *[The History of Women in Colorado Theatre with the DCPA](#) will discuss the ways women have shaped, informed, and made Colorado theatre, along with a backstage look and Q&A. This free virtual event occurs 4pm-5pm and is hosted through the Denver Public Library.
 - Participants of St. Patrick's Day may attend Mass, attend a parade, spend time with family and friends, and feast.
- **Thu, Mar 17-18: [Holi](#)**, sometimes called the "festival of love," uses color to show love and respect to close ones and community and celebrates the coming of spring.
 - Participants may light bonfires, provide offerings, sing and dance, throw colored powder, play games, and feast.
- **Sun, Mar 20: [Spring Equinox or Ostara](#)** celebrates the balance between extremes that is found amid the seasons and is the official beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, the moment of exact balance between the light and the dark.
 - Participants of the Spring Equinox or Ostara may decorate altars, spend time in nature, meditate, and feast.
- **Mon, Mar 21-22: [Naw-Rúz or Bahá'í New Year](#)**, evening to evening, also celebrating spring, serves as a symbolic reminder of the oneness of all the messengers of God, and the spiritual springtime they each brought to humanity. [Nowruz, Persian New Year, or Iranian New Year](#) is considered the biggest holiday of the year for many Iranians and Persians and celebrates the start of spring and the first day of the first month of the Iranian calendar.
 - Participants in Bahá'í New Year may not work in order to spend time with family and the community, give gifts, sing, eat, dance, and socialize.
- **Wed, Mar 23** *[Virtual Social Justice Book Club](#) invites you to meet virtually over tea and have lively discussions on topics around injustice and inequality; this month's book is "Infinite Country" by Patricia Engel. This virtual discussion occurs 6pm-7:30pm and is hosted through the Denver Public Library.
- **Thu, Mar 24:** *[Her Story: A Celebration of the Women who Changed American with Author Jill Tietjen](#) invites you to join one of the nation's top historians on women in science and member of the Colorado Women Hall of Fame for a captivating presentation on the women who have been left out of America's history textbooks. This free virtual event occurs 4pm-5pm and is hosted through the Denver Public Library.
- **Fri, Mar 25:** *[Girly Drinks: A Women's History Month Panel](#) will explore the role alcohol has played in social rituals and cultures worldwide and how it has become a gendered act- why have bars long been considered "places for men" when, without women, they might not even exist? This free virtual event occurs 6pm-7pm and is hosted through the Denver Public Library.

- **Sat, Mar 26:** [Earth Hour](#) speaks up for nature and inspires urgent action for the environment, around the globe, by thousands of landmarks switching off their lights in solidarity for our planet. It will occur 8:30pm – 9:30pm local time.
- **Tue, Mar 29:** *[Dressing for the Creator: Indigenous Art and the Power of Spectacle](#) invites you to attend the biannual symposium hosted through the Native Arts department at the Denver Art Museum. Speakers will explore the importance of dress and adornment for Indigenous people and discuss how they approach artistic markets while remaining grounded in and respectful of their community histories and established visual canons. This event is both in-person and virtual with tickets starting at \$10. This symposium occurs 9am-4:30pm MST. *Staying Soft in a Hard World with Author Chichi Agorom invites you to join Agorom, author of “The Enneagram for Black Liberation,” for a conversation that explores the armor we use to protect ourselves and how to access and nurture the soft selves beneath that armor. This free virtual event occurs 12pm – 1:30pm and is hosted through the Denver Public Library.
- **Thu, Mar 31:** [Cesar Chavez Day](#) celebrates and honors Chavez on his birthday, a champion of farm worker and worker rights, economic justice, civil rights, environmental justice, peace, nonviolence, and empowerment of the poor and disenfranchised. [International Transgender Day of Visibility](#) celebrates transgender people around the globe and the courage it takes to live openly and authentically, while also raising awareness around the discrimination transgender people still face.

***Please note that this calendar of dates, times, holidays, observances, and events may not be 100% accurate as some do not operate under the Gregorian calendar or event dates/times/ locations may change from the organizer (especially in times of COVID-19). It is best to research and confirm, yourself, in addition to exploring these documents and links.