

State of Oregon

Diversity Events Calendar

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JULY

| DATE | EVENT | CONTACT |
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| July 1 | CANADA DAY. On June 20, 1868, a proclamation signed by the Governor General, Lord Monck, called upon all Canadians to join in the celebration of the anniversary of the formation of the union of the British North America provinces in a federation under the name of Canada on July 1st. The July 1 holiday was established by statute in 1879, under the name Dominion Day. | |
| July 2 thru 5 | SAFEWAY WATERFRONT BLUES FESTIVAL. Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland, Oregon. Largest blues festival west of the Mississippi. More than 100 top blues artists perform on four stages. Blues cruises, workshops, films, fireworks & more. Presented by: First Tech Credit Union. | 503/973-FEST www.waterfrontbluesfest.com |
| July 4 | UNITED STATES INDEPENDENCE DAY. This commemorates the day in 1776 that delegates of the Thirteen Colonies signed the Declaration of Independence announcing their separation from Great Britain and the establishment of the United States of America. | |
| July 4 | OREGON ASSEMBLY FOR BLACK AFFAIRS BOARD MEETING. The Board meets the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-noon at the Salem WMCA, 685 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon. Its mission is to improve the political, educational, social-health, legal, and economic status of Blacks in Oregon. | |
| July 4 | CHAMBER MUSIC NORTHWEST: "An evening with the Punch Brothers" Acoustic performance by five classically trained musicians. This event will take place at Reed college at 7:30-pm. 3203 SE Woodstock Boulevard. | |
| July 5 | BIRTHDAY & CORONATION OF H.M. KING TAUFU'AHAU TUPOU IV OF TONGA | |
| July 10 | OAME ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS MEETING 7:30 to 8:00am. OAME CONTRACTORS MEETING will be held from 8:00 to 9:00am This is a great opportunity to network and establish relationships with other business owners. This event is free and open to the public | Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) 503/249-7744 www.oame.org or http://oame.org/default.cfm |
| July 11 thru 12 | THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE VETERANS POWWOW: will be held in Grand Rhone, OR | 503/883-3610 www.grandronde.org |

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| July 17-19 | 60TH ANNUAL SALEM ARTS FAIR AND FESTIVAL. Bush Park, Salem, Oregon. Free. The Art Fair's Artist Marketplace features over 200 of the top fine artists and craftspeople from around the country. There will be live performances by regional and national acts, hands-on activities for kids, Tours of the historic Bush House Museum and much more. | www.sallemartfair.weebly.com/ |
| July 17-19 | DA VINCI DAYS Corvallis Oregon three day festival celebrating art, science and technology. Friday 5pm-11om,Saturday 10am-11pm and Sunday 10am-5pm | http://www.davincidays.org |
| July 18 | CELEBRATE SCOTTISH HERITAGE: The 2009 Portland highland games will take place at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Or | www.phga.org/chi-bin/display |
| July 20 | MOON DAY. Man's first landing on the moon on July 20, 1969 is commemorated on this day. Neil Armstrong descended to the surface of the moon with these words: "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Edwin Aldrin, Jr., also walked upon the moon's surface. Michael Collins, the third man, stayed aboard the spaceship Columbia, which orbited the moon | |
| July 20 | MARINE DAY – UMI NO HI (JAPAN). This Japan's newest national holiday that began in 1996. With schools finally closed, this holiday can be thought to mark the start of the main Summer Holidays which will last till the end of August (also called Maritime Day). This day is to honor the importance of the sea and its role in Japanese culture and history. | |
| July 21 | GUAM LIBERATION DAY. 2004 marks the 60th anniversary of the U.S. liberation of Guam from Japan, a significant event in U.S. military history. Guam has been an American Territory since 1898. Liberation Day is the most widely celebrated holiday on Guam. Ceremonies, memorials, a parade down Marine Drive and various other festivities are expected to draw many people including local residents as well as liberators and their families, and military historians and scholars | |
| July 22 | EQUAL ACCESS FOR GIRLS MEETING: held 11:30am to 1:30pm at Mina's at McNary Golf Club in Keizer (A \$20 lunch fee). A coalition of organizations and individuals committed to the equal access for girls and young women to all the appropriate gender-specific services and supports they need to develop their full potential | To register for the meeting please contact Pam at pam.patton@morrisonkids.org |
| July 24 | BIRTHDAY OF BELLA ABZUG (1920-1998). Women's rights advocate and politician. A graduate of Hunter College and Columbia Law School, where she was editor of the Law Review, Abzug began her career as a civil rights lawyer and became a leading advocate for equal rights, peace, and political reform. In the 1960s she became a fervent antiwar activist and a founder of Women Strike for Peace, a group opposing nuclear testing and the war in Vietnam. In 1970, Abzug won a seat in the United States Congress and served until 1976, when she ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination for the Senate. While in the House, she cosponsored the Equal Rights Amendment and the Freedom of Information Act, as well as the legislation that established August 26 as Women's Equality Day. After leaving Congress, Abzug dedicated the rest of her life to achieving women's rights as a founder of the lobbying groups National Women's Political Caucus and Women USA, as well as the Women's Environment and Development Organization. | |
| July 26 | LIBERIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY. Liberia celebrates its 159 th Independence Day (July 26, 1847). | |
| July 26 | DEATH OF HECTOR P. GARCIA (1914-1996). Medical doctor and civil rights activist. Dr. Garcia practiced medicine in Corpus Cristi, Texas, after receiving his medical degree from the University of Texas. He was also involved in the civil rights movement for Hispanic Americans, and in 1948 founded the American G.I. Forum, a national advocacy organization for Mexican American war veterans. In 1968, he became the first Hispanic to serve on the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and in 1984, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. | |
| July 26 | DESEGREGATION OF THE UNITED STATE ARMED FORCES. On July 26, 1948 President Harry S. Truman signed into law Executive Order 9981 which ordered the integration of the armed forces – a major advance in civil rights. The Order states, "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin." | |

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| July 26 | AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (1990). Signed into law on this date, this milestone of U.S. civil rights legislation protects people with disabilities from discrimination in the areas of employment, transportation, and public accommodation. The law requires a wide range of public and private establishments to make new and renovated facilities accessible to people with disabilities and to make “readily achievable” changes to existing facilities in order to increase accessibility. | |
| July 30 thru 3 | 2009 WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR this is an event for the entire family. There will be monster trucks, live music, family carousel, carnival, deom debry and great food. The Washington county fair is located at 873 NE 34 th Avenue, Hillsboro, OR 97124 | 503/648-1416 |
| July 31 | OAME COFFEE AND ISSUES FORUM. 7:00-8:30am. “Coffee and Issues” Forums are held to maintain communications between ethnic minority owned businesses in Oregon and the general business community. “Coffee and Issues” Forums are usually held at 7:00 am on the last Friday of the month. | Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) 503/249-7744, www.oame.org |

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| Aug 1 | HOMOWO (GHANA). This festival is known as “hooting at hunger.” The Ga people celebrate Homowo during the entire month of August. Once, long ago, these people had suffered a famine and now they “hoot” at the hunger that caused them to suffer. Milled corn and fish are the special foods served at this festival and musical instruments, singing, and dancing add to the celebration | |
| Aug 2 | BIRTHDAY OF JAMES BALDWIN (1924-1987). Writer. In his novels and plays and especially in his essays, Baldwin bore powerful witness to the harsh realities of racial injustice in the U.S. Although he made his permanent home in France beginning in 1948, he returned to the U.S. periodically in the decades thereafter and was active in the civil rights movement as well as its most prominent literary voice. | |
| Aug 5 | NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DAY (TUVALU). The western Pacific nation of Tuvalu, formerly the Ellice Islands, is located 2,486 miles northeast of Australia. This holiday celebrates children’s sports and crafts. | |
| Aug 6 | HIROSHIMA DAY/PEACE FESTIVAL (JAPAN). On August 6, 1945, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and helped to bring an end to World War II. The day is set aside to remember the thousands who died as a result of the bombing. Prayers are said in the hopes that the atomic bomb will never be used again in international warfare. A bombed out building shell still stands as a reminder to the world of the bomb’s destructiveness. | |
| Aug 7 | CARIBANA (CANADA). Held in Toronto, it includes a giant street parade based on the Carnival of Trinidad and Tobago and commemorates Canada’s diverse Caribbean community. | |
| Aug 7 | THE BITE OF OREGON: Waterfront park, Portland Adults \$8 at the gate children 12 and under are free. | www.biteoforegon.com |
| Aug 9 | NATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY (SOUTH AFRICA). This day commemorates women’s struggle for change, to celebrate the progress, which has been made towards improvement of quality of life of women. It is the day for reaffirming commitment to work towards the liberation of women. | |
| Aug 9 | SINGAPORE NATIONAL DAY. This is the largest country-wide celebration in Singapore. The theme for 2004 is “A Progressive Society,” which illustrates the current progress of the nation. INFO: www.ndp.org.sg . | |

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| Aug 9 | INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE , commemorates the anniversary of the first day of the meeting in 1992 of the working group of Indigenous Populations of Minorities. The United Nations decided that this day be observed on August 9 every year during the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (1994-2004). | |
| Aug 14 | PAKISTANI INDEPENDENCE DAY. In 1947, Pakistan became independent from British rule. | |
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| Aug 15 | S. KOREAN LIBERATION DAY. Korea was liberated from colonial rule on August 15, 1945, when Japan was defeated in WWII. The first Korean government was established on August 15, 1948. Liberation Day commemorates the two anniversaries | |
| Aug 15 | INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY. This day commemorates India's legal freedom from the British imperialist rule on August 15, 1947. The celebrations begin in the morning when the National Flag is unfurled at the Red Fort. The National flag is hoisted in the schools through out the country. It is put up on the rooftops of most houses and can even be found on the vehicles of many people. It is a national holiday so the people attend the schools and their offices only for the flag hoisting ceremony | |
| Aug 17 | INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY. On this day in 1945, Indonesia gained independence after more than 300 years under the Dutch occupation and followed by the Japanese occupation. Formal ceremonies are carried out in government offices, schools, and public places. In order to celebrate the independence day there are games, sports, competitions, etc. Many put the red and white flag (the Indonesian flag) in their homes, cars, and public places. Some decorate their houses with colorful flags. | |
| Aug 19 | AFGHANISTAN INDEPENDENCE DAY. Afghanistan gained independence from Britain on August 18, 1919. Independence Day celebrations bring Afghans together from all walks of life, regardless of their socio/political backgrounds | |
| Aug 21-23 | KLAMATH TRIBES 23RD ANNUAL RESTORATION CELEBRATION held each year marks the anniversary of the restoration of the Klamath tribes, Modoc and Yahooskin bands of the Snake Indians. | 1-800-524-9787 www.klamathtribes.org/events |
| Aug 26 | WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY was born on July 13, 1848, when five women met for tea in upstate New York. Having commiserated about the lot of women in American society, they did something brash and wonderful...they sent off a notice to the local newspaper announcing "a convention to discuss the social, civil, and religious conditions and rights of woman" to be held just six days later in Seneca Falls. President Carter designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day, as a reminder of women's continuing efforts for equality. INFO: http://creativefolk.com/equalityday.html | |
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| Aug 27 thru 29 | ITALIAN FESTIVAL: come celebrate Portland's own Italian festival at Pioneer Courthouse Square This event is free and open to the public donations are appreciated. Hours are Thursday 4pm-11pm, Friday noon-11pm & Saturday 11am-11pm. | |
| Aug 28 | OREGON STATE FAIR has become an Oregon family tradition. Families come from all over the state to take in great shows, rides, animals and agricultural exhibits. Located in 2330 17 th St NE Salem, Or 97303 | 503-378-3247 www.oregonstatefair.org |

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| Aug 30 | RAKSHA BANDHAN. Celebrated by Hindus & Sikhs particularly in northern India. Sisters tie holy thread/Rakhi on the wrists of their brothers wishing their long life. Brothers take oath to protect the honor and help them in adversaries. | |
| Aug 30 | CHUNG YUAN FESTIVAL (CHINA, TAIWAN, JAPAN). Known as Feast of Lanterns by Japanese Buddhists. In China and Taiwan, prayer services are held to remember their ancestors. In Japan, food is offered to them and all houses are lit with lanterns floated down rivers or the sea to guide their spirits back to the other world | |
| Aug 30 | VU LAN (VIETNAM). Known as Wandering Souls Day, offerings of food are prepared and shoes and dresses made of paper, along with votive papers, are burned in homes and pagodas for the dead and for wandering souls who have no families | |
| Aug 31 | MERDEKA DAY (FREEDOM DAY). This is the day Malaysia gain independence from the United Kingdom in 1957. | |