

calendar of EVENTS

Cultural Connections is a unique way to learn about the rich cultural diversity in Chicago. During the Spring 2001 season, you will explore the reasons for our cultural differences and uncover your connections to "others" through direct participation in cultural events hosted by the museum partners. Each event will take place at one of the wonderful museums in and around Chicago, and presents fascinating aspects of cultural expression and immigration stories. Using anthropology to guide your exploration, you will experience Chicago in a new way as you become "urban anthropologists." Participants will experience different cultures through artifacts, presentations, participant-observation, and ethnic foods.

Swedish Folk Tales

Swedish American Museum
5211 North Clark Street, Chicago
Sunday, February 18
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Handed down through oral tradition since pre-Christian times, Swedish folk tales reach to the heart of their culture. In rural societies where literacy was rare, these stories were a source of shared laughter and wisdom, and a way to understand a mysterious universe. Although the world has changed a great deal since then, the questions, jokes, warnings and psychological symbols in these ancient tales speak to the human condition today. Swedish folklore, little known in this country, contains a colorful host of supernatural beings. *Swedish Folk Tales* weaves eight stories of these magical being and their human friends and foes into a performance for the stage. Like the tales themselves, this performance is meant for young and old alike. And enjoy a traditional Swedish meal!

Ukrainian Immigration to Chicago

Ukrainian National Museum
721 North Oakley Boulevard, Chicago
Saturday, March 10
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Over 50,000 Ukrainians live in a four block square area of Ukrainian Village located around Chicago and Western Avenues in Chicago. This central area has been the focus of Ukrainian life since the first immigration began in the 1880s and ended in 1914 at the start of WWI. We will travel from the beginning of Chicago's first Ukrainian immigrants to Chicago — in particular to Ukrainian Village — and we will explore what brought them here, their efforts to preserve their heritage, and their continuous connection with their homeland. Traditional Ukrainian foods will complement your experience!

Purim Celebration:

Masks, Merriment and Melodrama

Spertus Museum
618 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago
Thursday, March 29
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate the Jewish holiday of Purim, an annual festivity, which commemorates the rescue of Persian Jewry by the fearless Queen Esther. Purim, which comes in early spring, is a holiday of laughter, costumes, plays, and treats. We will enjoy a traditional Persian meal and then hear the Book of Esther. Get ready to stomp your feet to drown out the name of the villainous Haman, and rejoice in Esther's faith and determination in the face of danger.

Chicago's Global Communities

Chicago Historical Society
Clark Street at North Avenue, Chicago
Thursday, April 5
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Between 1945 and the present, Chicago has experienced a tremendous change in its population. Historically a city largely populated by Europeans and African Americans, Chicago attracted people from all over the globe after WWII, becoming one of the most ethnically, racially, and religiously diverse cities in the world by the 1980s. Come hear about this diversity and the Chicago Historical Society's latest documentation project, *Global Communities: Chicago's Immigrants and Refugees*. As part of the program, there will be food from several of Chicago's ethnic groups, including Asian Indian, Mexican, Polish, Southeast Asian, and Romanian cuisine.

Amber and Its Place in Lithuanian Culture and Art

Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture
6500 South Pulaski Road, Chicago
Wednesday, April 25
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Every geographical place is known for its most valued resources in terms of its economy but also, and often more importantly, within the context of its cultural and historical significance. Amber, found on the Baltic Sea shores, always was and still remains highly treasured and is the only national gem of Lithuania. In the most famous Lithuanian legend, amber is portrayed as the fruit of passionate and tragic love. Join us as we explore the significance of amber in Lithuanian history, culture, and art. Watch a film about Baltic amber, see an extensive display of this fascinating gem, and relish a traditional Lithuanian meal.

Shared Stories

A Joint Event
Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago and
Korean American Resource and Cultural Center
at the Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago
3952 North Ashland, Chicago
Thursday, May 17
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Storytelling has a special significance in every culture! And many cultures have stories to tell about their immigration to the United States. First, to whet your whistle, begin this evening with a taste of savory Asian cuisine featuring traditional Filipino and Korean noodle dishes. Then let us acquaint you with a brief history of the Filipino and Korean immigration story to America. Finally delight in the highlight of the evening and share in hearing and telling stories about *the lighter side* — the more humorous experiences of living in America. Learn how both of these cultures made their way and compare their journeys.

Chicago's Southeast Side:

A Community Story

Southeast Historical Society
39958 East 106th Street, Chicago
Saturday, May 19
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for a tour of Chicago's Southeast Side. Travel through the East Side, Hegewisch, South Deering, and South Chicago, and see the incredible contrasts that exist in this area. Industrial sites and landfills sit right next to wetlands, prairies, and bird nesting areas. The tour includes stops at Wolf Lake, the O'Brien Locks, Indian Ridge Marsh, and South Chicago. See the many churches founded around the turn of the century by various ethnic groups, which poured into this community seeking jobs offered by the industries of the region. The tour, which is led by high school students, begins at the Southeast Historical Society and concludes with a hearty meal in a neighborhood restaurant.

Transportation from The Field Museum is available for this event.

Capacity at each museum varies so please be sure to Register Early by phone or mail! Late registration may not be accepted due to limited space. Reservations are made on a first received basis. For more information, please call: 312-665-7474 or e-mail: ccuc@fmnh.org

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