



Anti-Racism, Equity &
Human Rights Services

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2024 DIVERSITY CALENDAR

The Office of Anti-Racism, Equity & Human Rights Services is pleased to present our 2024 Diversity Calendar.

We honour and celebrate the diverse, intersectional, and inclusive community at George Brown College. The art has been created by equity-deserving artists from the George Brown College community who connect with the representation of the calendar and the diverse commemorated dates.

Did we miss something? Want to be featured in next year's calendar? Email us at diversity@georgebrown.ca.





CATHY WONG

Sharing a meal between family members nourishes the relationships between each other. The dinner table invites us to speak and listen to each other's stories, all while experiencing the same flavours of food. In my Chinese-Canadian background, food is an integral part of belonging. It reinforces our shared culture which will pass down to future generations.

JANUARY

Tamil Heritage Month

1	Gantan-Sai
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4	World Braille Day
5	Twelfth Night
6	Feast of the Epiphany
7	Nativity of Christ
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13	Lohri
14	Julian New Year
15	Pongal Begins; Makara, Maghe Sankranti; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
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17	Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti
18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins
19	Pongal
20	Timkat
21	Pausha Putrada Ekadashi; World Religion Day
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24	Tu B'Shevat Begins (sunset); World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
25	Tu B'Shevat Ends (nightfall); Mahayana New Year
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27	Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day
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29	Nat'l Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia
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ANANYA SHARMA

Capturing moments through time inspired prints. I created this art piece for my capstone project when I was studying in Delhi. I made this based on the prints which were used during the 70's till date. I combined and merged each print from each generation such as parts of the flowers, leaves and the colour. I got the idea while visiting Khan Market and Hauz Khas.

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

- 1 Imbolc; St. Brigid's Day, Interfaith Harmony Week
- 2 Candlemas
- 3 Setsubun
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- 7 Isra and Mi'raj
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- 10 Losar; Lunar New Year
- 11 Int'l Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 12 Sexual Health Week Begins
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- 14 Lent Begins; Ash Wednesday; Pink Triangle Day; Valentine's Day; Vasant Panchami
- 15 Parinirvana Day
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- 19 Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week Begins; Family Day
- 20 Word Day of Social Justice
- 21 Int'l Mother Language Day
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- 24 Māgha Pūjā
- 25 Mid-Sha'ban
- 26 Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days) Begins
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- 28 Pink Shirt Day
- 29 Ayyám-i-Há (Intercalary Days) Ends



SAYYAM MAKKAR

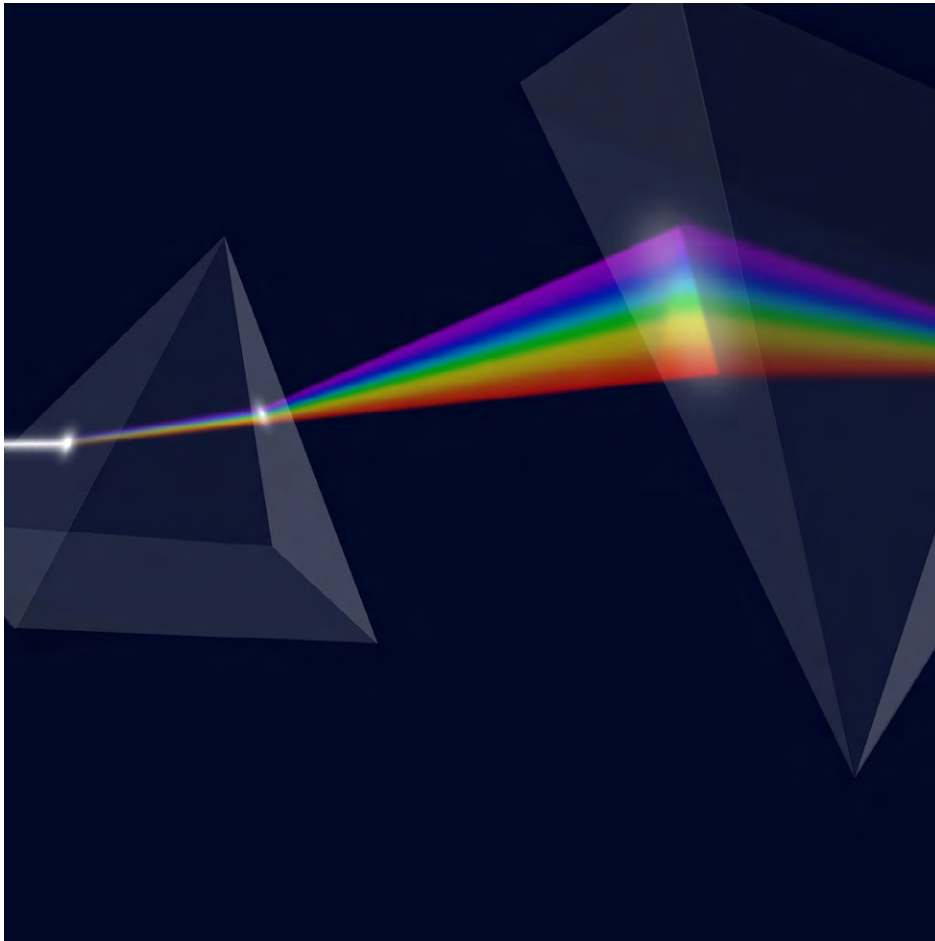
"Empowered Fusion" invites viewers to reflect on the strength found in diversity, where unity becomes a powerful force. This piece symbolizes the harmonious coexistence of contrasting elements, embodying the essence of equality, acceptance, and the interconnected beauty that emerges when individuals from all walks of life come together in unity.

Like a tree drawing strength from its diverse branches, this artwork celebrates the power of thriving together, embracing the full spectrum of identity. Light and dark, masculine and feminine, united in a single face, symbolizing equality and acceptance beyond any boundaries.

MARCH

Bangladeshi Heritage Month; Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; Hellenic Heritage Month; Irish Heritage Month; Persian Heritage Month

1	UNAIDS Zero Discrimination Day
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4	Black Mental Health Day
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8	Maha Shivaratri; Int'l Women's Day
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10	Int'l Day of Women Judges; Meatfare Sunday
11	Commonwealth Day; Ramadan Begins; Isakawarsa; Nyepi; Saka New Year
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15	Int'l Day to Combat Islamophobia
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17	Cheesefare Sunday; Irish Heritage Day; St. Patrick's Day
18	Clean Monday
19	Ostara Day
20	Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í)
21	Int'l Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; World Down Syndrome Day; Nowruz
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23	Purim Begins (sunset)
24	Int'l Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims; Palm Sunday; Purim Ends (nightfall)
25	Int'l Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade; Holi
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28	Lent; Maundy Thursday
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31	Int'l Trans Day of Visibility



NOWREEN

Prism, Universe, Diversity and Solidarity

The concept of white light splitting up into multi-colors of light through a prism is not new. Light enters the prism and splits into a rainbow of colors as it bends and slows down, and if you add another prism to its path, these light components will converge to become one white light again, illustrating their solidarity. The universe is inclusive, and it does not discriminate. Everything in the universe from electromagnetic energy to light is in a spectrum, like us humans with different colors, identities, sexualities, races, and life experiences. And it is something to celebrate.

So, every time you are not sure what life is all about, look up at the stars in the sky, for the light that reaches you after traveling millions of light years, is all, but a spectrum! It's time we stand together in solidarity. Let's celebrate diversity!

APRIL

Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month; Sikh Heritage Month

- 1 Easter Monday
- 2 World Autism Awareness Day
- 3 Int'l Day Against Victim Blaming
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- 6 Asexuality Day
- 7 Int'l Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda
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- 9 Eid al-Fitr; Ramadan Ends; Vimy Ridge Day
- 10 Int'l Day of Pink
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- 12 Int'l Day of Silence
- 13 Mesha Sankranti, Solar New Year; Puthandu; Vaisakhi
- 14 Aluth Avurudda; Pohela Boishakh
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- 16 Rama Navami
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- 20 First Day of Ridván
- 21 Grounation Day; Mahavir Janma Kalyanak
- 22 Pesach (Passover) Begins
- 23 Hanuman Jayanti
- 24 Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day
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- 26 Lesbian Visibility Day
- 27 Int'l Girls in ICT Day
- 28 Nat'l Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace; Ninth Day of Ridván
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- 30 Pesach (Passover) Ends



TINA. R

The reference for this art was an old picture of my mother in her teens wearing a gorgeous blue sari. A lot of children of immigrants can understand the feeling of being at odds with their parents who came to this country in hopes of a better future, struggling to raise them in a foreign land. I struggled with my Bengali identity, sometimes being ashamed of it growing up and being at odds with what my parents wanted for me didn't help with those feelings either.

This art piece represent two of the most beautiful things in my life-my mother and my culture-both of which I've come to appreciate more the older I get.

MAY

Armenian Heritage Month; Asian Heritage Month; Dutch Heritage Month; Jewish Heritage Month; Polish Heritage Month; South Asian Heritage Month

- 1 Beltane; May Day; Twelfth Day of Ridván
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- 4 Easter (Eastern Orthodox) Begins
- 5 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Begins (sunset); Dutch Heritage Day; Int'l Family Equality Day; National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People; South Asian Arrival Day; Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon
- 6 Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Ends (nightfall); Easter (Eastern Orthodox) Ends
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- 9 Ascension Day
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- 12 Tamil Genocide Education Week; Mother's Day
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- 14 Mother's Day
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- 16 Global Accessibility Awareness Day; Int'l Day of Living Together in Peace
- 17 Int'l Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
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- 19 Agender Pride Day; Malcolm X Day; Pentecost
- 20 Victoria Day; Whit Monday
- 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- 22 Harvey Milk Day
- 23 Declaration of the Báb; Saka Dawa
- 24 Pansexual Visibility Day
- 25 African Liberation Day; Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
- 26 Nat'l Accessibility Week; Lag B'Omer; Trinity Sunday
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- 28 Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh
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- 30 Feast of Corpus Christi
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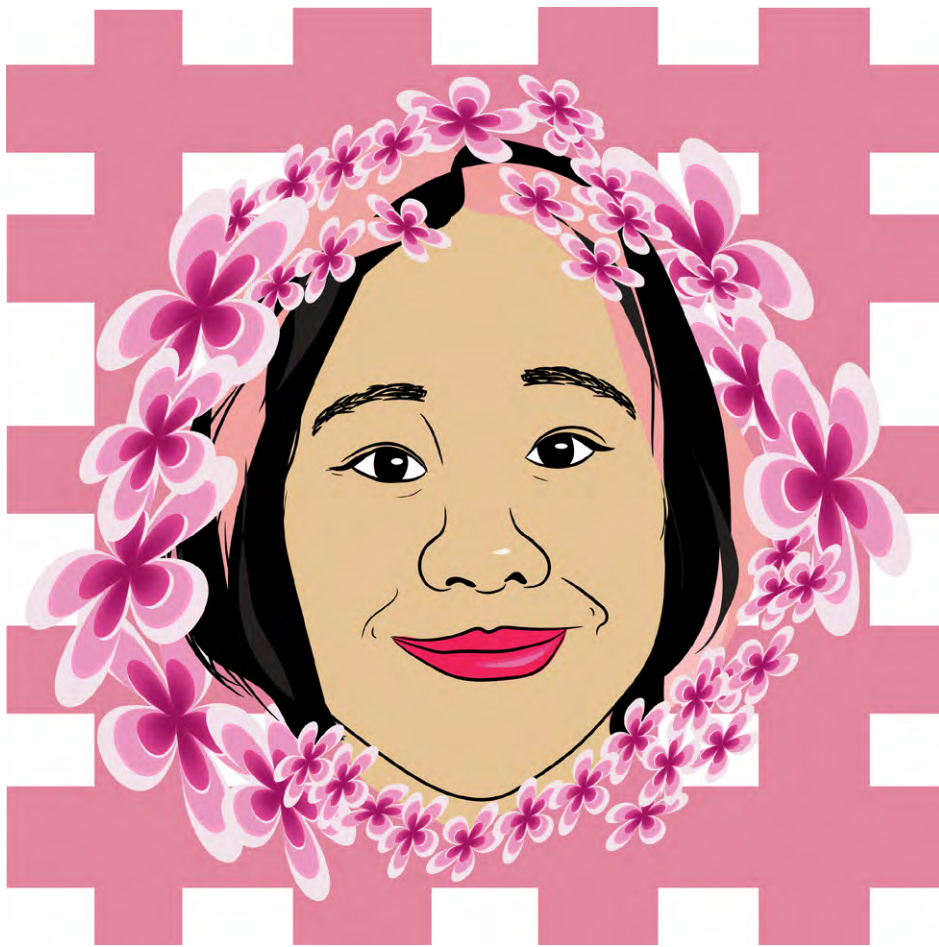
GABRIELLA OSHIRO

This composition represents the diversity of cultures, people, sexual orientations, and languages that I found at GBC. And I found it completely enchanting, people from different places, and different languages living together in harmony and respect. It's as if GBC were an example to follow for the world, showing that human beings can live in community, respect, love, and friendship with those who are different from you.

JUNE

Deafblind Awareness Month; Filipino Heritage Month; Indigenous History Month; Italian Heritage Month; Portuguese Heritage Month; Pride Month

1	Intergenerational Day
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4	Int'l Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
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10	Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib
11	Shavuot Begins (sunset)
12	World Day Against Child Labour; Loving Day
13	Shavuot Ends (nightfall)
14	Hajj Begins; World Blood Donor Day
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16	Int'l Day of Family Remittances; Father's Day
17	Eid al-Adha
18	Int'l Day for Countering Hate Speech
19	Hajj Ends; Int'l Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict; Juneteenth
20	World Refugee Day
21	Nat'l Indigenous Peoples Day
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23	Nat'l Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
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25	Somali Heritage Week
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27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day
28	Toronto Pride Festival
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ANNY ONG

To be yourself, to be comfortable breathing in your own skin and thriving; to try your best and working on your goals; to improve where we are in our learning stage; to ask for help when needed; to be unapologetically yourself is so important to be part of a community. I am a person with a mental health disability and for the longest time belonging was something I struggled with. Once I accepted my reality I understand that it is okay to ask for help and that we are not perfect; working on improving everyday and accepting myself as I am is just as important as sleeping, eating and drinking water! This piece of art is to let other people know that to be happy is to work on ourselves or accept ourselves the way we are and that is how we will flourish like cherry blossoms.

JULY

Disability Pride Month; Egyptian Heritage Month; Tibetan Heritage Month

- 1 Canada Day
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- 6 Hijri New Year
- 7 Muharram Begins; Islamic New Year
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- 9 Martyrdom of the Báb
- 10 Nikola Tesla Day
- 11 Imamat Day
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- 14 Int'l Non-Binary People's Day
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- 16 Ashura
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- 18 Nelson Mandela International Day
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- 21 Asalha Puja
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- 28 Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval
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- 30 Int'l Day of Friendship
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THEO_MAZZY_FAMILY

In this drawing, hands of different colors connect with just one finger, showing unity while letting everyone be themselves. The ants crawling across the hands tell us that, like these tiny creatures, we can work together no matter our differences. We respect each other's differences, making a strong and diverse community where unity and individuality go hand in hand.

AUGUST

1 Emancipation Day; Lughnasadh

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5 Muharram Ends

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9 Int'l Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

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12 Tisha B'Av Begins (sunset); Int'l Youth Day

13 Tisha B'A Ends (nightfall); Obon Begins

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15 Nat'l Acadian Day; Feast of the Assumption

16 Obon Ends

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19 Raksha Bandhan

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21 Int'l Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

22 Int'l Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief

23 Int'l Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition

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26 Krishna Janmashtami

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30 Int'l Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances

31 Int'l Day for People of African Descent; Paryushana Parvambha



SARA EKINCI

People's needs are the same all over the world and there is nothing that makes us different in this regard. If we are born in the same form and live in the same form, this means to us; it means that all people in the world are equal.

SEPTEMBER

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2 Labour Day

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6 Ganesh Chaturthi

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8 Mennonite Heritage Week

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10 World Suicide Prevention Day

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12 Coptic New Year

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18 Int'l Equal Pay Day

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21 Int'l Day of Peace

22 Gender Equality Week

23 Int'l Day of Sign Languages; Celebrate Bisexuality Day

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30 Nat'l Day for Truth and Reconciliation



YAWEN MO

As a Chinese migrant in Canada, I am constantly struggling with the challenge of finding a sense of belonging. Despite the widespread notion of Canada being a multicultural society, I observe individuals wrestling with their intersecting identities in an effort to blend in.

This image presents visual challenges individuals faced from diverse cultures, ethnicities, and genders as they navigate their identities. Their uniqueness is often overshadowed by the prevailing influence of the dominant white culture, creating a visual unity that masks individual differences.

OCTOBER

German Heritage Month; Hungarian Heritage Month; Islamic History Month; Korean Heritage Month; Latin American Heritage Month; Women's History Month

- 1 Int'l Day of Older Persons
- 2 Rosh Hashanah Begins (sunset); Int'l Day of Non-Violence
- 3 Navratri Begins
- 4 Rosh Hashanah Ends (nightfall)
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- 7 Ukranian Heritage Day
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- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 11 Yom Kippur Begins (sunset); Coming Out Day; Int'l Day of the Girl Child
- 12 Yom Kippur Ends (nightfall); Navratri Ends; Dussehra; Vijayadashami
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- 14 Thanksgiving
- 15 Int'l Day of Rural Women
- 16 Sukkot Begins (sunset); Int'l Pronouns Day
- 17 Int'l Day for the Eradication of Poverty; Spirit Day
- 18 Persons Day
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- 20 Ace Awareness Week
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- 23 Sukkot Ends (nightfall); Shemini Atzeret Begins (sunset)
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- 25 Simchat Torah; Shemini Atzeret Ends (nightfall)
- 26 Intersex Awareness Day
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- 29 Diwali Begins; Int'l Day of Care and Support
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- 31 Samhain Begins (nightfall)



SARA VARGAS NESSI

The flower that thrives even in the darkness represents our challenges, while the light signifies the positivity that guides us through them. One element could not exist without the other, as experiencing darkness helps us recognize light. This image is part of my ongoing project called "Shadows," in which I explore this concept through photographs showing paintings being intervened by natural light and shadows.

I am originally from Caracas, Venezuela, and my journey as I immigrated to Canada was full of ups and downs. I discovered a sense of belonging and connection with Canada during my regular walks in nature. Through this process, I grew closer to nature as I started noticing the immense beauty that it offered me in the small details.

The shadow flower symbolizes the journey we follow amid all the difficulties, a reminder that shadows can actually help us grow in a unique and beautiful way.

NOVEMBER

Albanian Heritage Month; Hindu Heritage Month; Lebanese Heritage Month; Transgender Awareness Month

- 1 Samhain Ends (sunset); Bandi Chhor Divas
- 2 Diwali Ends; Birth of the Báb; Coronation Day; Day of the Dead; Gujarati New Year
- 3 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh; Trans Parent Day
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- 8 Indigenous Veterans Day; Intersex Day of Remembrance and Solidarity
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- 11 Remembrance Day
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- 13 World Kindness Day
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- 15 Guru Nanak Jayanti
- 16 Int'l Day for Tolerance; Louis Riel Day
- 17 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week; International Students' Day
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- 20 World Children's Day; Trans Day of Remembrance
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- 23 Holodomor Memorial Day
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- 25 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Begins; Day of the Covenant
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- 27 Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá
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- 29 Int'l Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
- 30 Scottish Heritage Day



KORTNI BLOOR

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"Then There Was Light" is a 14 karat gold ring featuring a salt and pepper diamond, symbolizing the arrival of spring after a period of introspection through the cold months of winter. The gold bands represent sun rays unfurling the delicate daphne flower petals.

Rooted in my experiences with wintertime sadness, the ring parallels the transformative power of spring with acceptance, gratitude, and belonging. Sharing this creation aims to convey a universal message: struggles, whether related to wealth, race, health, or emotions, are shared experiences. We are not alone. I hope to inspire strength and empowerment for those facing difficulties, fostering a collective understanding and resilience in our communities.

DECEMBER

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 2 Int'l Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 3 Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities
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- 6 Nat'l Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
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- 8 Bodhi Day
- 9 Int'l Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
- 10 Human Rights Day
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- 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Int'l Universal Health Coverage Day
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- 18 Int'l Migrants Day
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- 20 Int'l Human Solidarity Day
- 21 Yule Begins
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- 25 Hanukkah Begins (sunset)
- 26 Kwanzaa Begins
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- 31 Hanukkah Ends (nightfall); New Year's Eve

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

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