

## ISMO March Newsletter

## March at NDU

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## St. Patrick's Day

### Wednesday March 17



The 17th of March is [St. Patrick's Day](#) because it marks the death of St. Patrick's in the fifth century. It has traditionally been a religious holiday for the Irish to bring together Christianity and Irish culture. The holiday is celebrated with food, a [local Irish pub](#), the tradition of wearing green to avoid getting pinched, and parades. The first parade celebrating this holiday dates all the way back to March 17, 1601 in Florida.



*If you have any suggestions or recommendations for next month's newsletter,  
email me at [ISMO@ndu.edu](mailto:ISMO@ndu.edu)!*

# MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS

Disclaimer: Due to COVID-19, many events might be canceled, postponed, or changed, sometimes with short notice. Please check with the event's website for the latest updates, as things change frequently.

## The Bible Museum

The Bible Museum is now open from 1000 - 1700 Thursday - Monday. Tickets range between \$10 - \$25 with children under the age of 6 being FREE. Book your tickets [here!](#)

## International Spy Museum

The International Spy Museum is an exciting, informative and interactive museum where you get to become a secret agent. This museum is open Friday - Sunday and tickets range between \$15 - \$25 with children under the age of 6 being FREE. Book your tickets [here!](#)

## Mount Vernon

Visit the historical estate of George Washington located in Virginia. Open daily from 0900 to 1600. Tickets range from \$15 - \$30 with children under the age of 5 being FREE. Book your tickets [here!](#)

## National Gallery of Art's Sculpture Garden

While the museum may be closed, the Sculpture Garden is not! The Garden is open from 1100 to 1600 daily at limited capacity. This is a wonderful outdoor activity for one of these sunny days. Visit their website [here](#) for current information.

## Hirshhorn Sculptor Garden

Open daily from 1000 to 1630, the Hirshhorn Sculptor Garden is a wonderful place to walk around and appreciate art. Learn more about the garden [here!](#)

## The Phillip Collection

The Phillip Collection is a modern art exhibit that will be reopening on March 6, 2021. Visit their website [here](#) for more information and to reserve tickets!

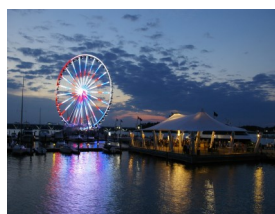


# ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES

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## The Capital Wheel

Have you ever wanted to see waterfront views of DC, Maryland, and Virginia from 180 feet above the ground? The Capital Wheel is the perfect place and it is open! Visit their website [here](#) for more details and information.



## The Digital Stage

While the John F. Kennedy Center remains closed, they offer The Digital Stage. The Digital Stage has a large array of online performances you can watch including, The 2020 Kennedy Center Honorees. Use [this link](#) to explore their website and performances!



## National Parks, Monuments and Memorials



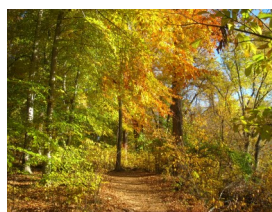
Use this link [here](#) to find the most up to date information on all National Parks, Monuments and Memorials.

## FREE Activities

There are so many fun and FREE activities to do in and around DC. Use [this link](#) to learn more about these activities.

## Get Outside with All Trails

All trails is a great resource to find walks and hikes near you. It is an application and website that you can use to find trails for all levels of hikers. Use it to explore places like Theodore Roose-



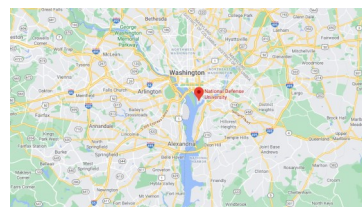
velt Island, Monuments and Memorials, the Georgetown Loop, the Potomac Heritage Trail and the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail. Use the website [here](#) or download the app on the Apple App Store or Google Play.

## Walking Tours in DC

Use this link [here](#) to discover the many FREE walking tours all around DC!

## What is open near you?

This website [here](#) is the **best resource** for current updated information on the reopening of museums, attractions, parks, restaurants, and so much more!



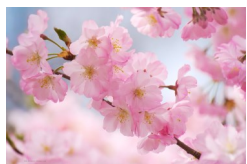
# CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Use these websites for current and updated information on the 2021 Cherry Blossom Festival

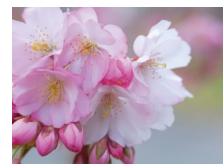
[nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org) or [washington.org](http://washington.org)

This year the Cherry Blossom Festival will begin March 20 and end April 11. This festival celebrates the gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo in 1912. The blooming of the cherry trees is an incredible time to be in Washington DC. You don't want to miss out on all this wonderful time of year.

There are many events happening virtually and in person this year.



Specific details can be found at this link [here](#).



## Opening Ceremony

The first event of the Cherry Blossom Festival will be held on **March 20**. Watch this opening ceremony to see a spectacular performance presented by DC and The Japan Foundation from the comfort of your home. Check the [National Cherry Blossom Festival](#) for details about attending the ceremony virtually.

## Petal Porch Parade

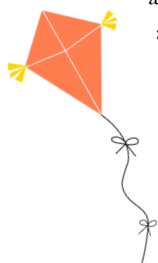
Another fun way to celebrate during the Cherry Blossom Festival is to participate in the Petal Porch Parade by decorating your yard, porch or window. Register by **March 15!**

## Celebration Show

This is wonderful hour-long, virtual celebration with singing and dancing. This will occur on **April 9**.

## Blossom Kite Fly

Have you ever made or flown a kite? Sign up for virtual workshops starting **March 15** to make and use your own kite! Then on **March 27 & 28** fly your kit in your backyard. This is a great activity to do with the whole family.



## Cherry Blossom Viewing

One of the best parts of the whole festival is seeing the cherry trees in full bloom. Use [this link](#) to follow the stages of the blossoms. Walk along the [Tidal Basin](#) for the best photo opportunities.



## Happy Holidays to the Following Countries!

March 1, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Independence Day

March 3, Bulgaria Liberation Day

March 6, Ghana Independence Day

March 12, Mauritius Independence Day

March 20, Tunisia Independence Day

March 23, Pakistan Day

March 25, Greece Independence Day

March 26, Bangladesh Independence Day

## Congratulations to these Fellows!!

Please join us in offering a huge congratulations to Brigadier General Mohammed Shneikat and LTC Barmo on their promotions! We hope to see many more fellows promoted in the future!



## *ISMO Family Programs*

### **Join SpICE** - the Spouses International Cultural Exchange Group

This social group, open to all spouses affiliated with NDU, meet online weekly. The full schedule of events is posted to [the Facebook page](#).

### **Weekly English Conversation Classes**

Join our group of spouses who meet weekly online to chat with one another and discuss a variety of topics with an English teacher.

### **Online English Tutoring for Children**

See the new tutoring schedule below: All children welcome !

#### **Mondays:**

English Language – 17:00-19:00 – <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/b66bfc1db44c4cdcb7f02be93f3d26f3>

Tutor names: Karin, Julia

#### **Wednesdays:**

English Language - 16:00-18:00 – <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/b66bfc1db44c4cdcb7f02be93f3d26f3>

Tutor names: Ruth

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