

Denver Sister Cities International Newsletter
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Celebrating Juneteenth Together!



Danny Perkins gets airborne as the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity crosses Welton Street. The Juneteenth parade in Five Points, June 17, 2017. (Kevin J. Beaty/Denverite)

We hope that everyone is enjoying the beginning of summer and staying safe and healthy. We have enjoyed the relaxing of our city restrictions but encourage everyone to “Stay Safer at Home” and continue to rock those masks while you are out and about. Wearing a mask protects others - it shows the world that you care!

Want to learn more about Juneteenth? The National Museum of African American Culture and History has a great introduction: [HERE](#)

Denverite has a great list of ways you can celebrate Juneteenth this weekend virtually and in person around town - check them out below.

Celebrate Here

Happy Father's Day to all of our Fathers

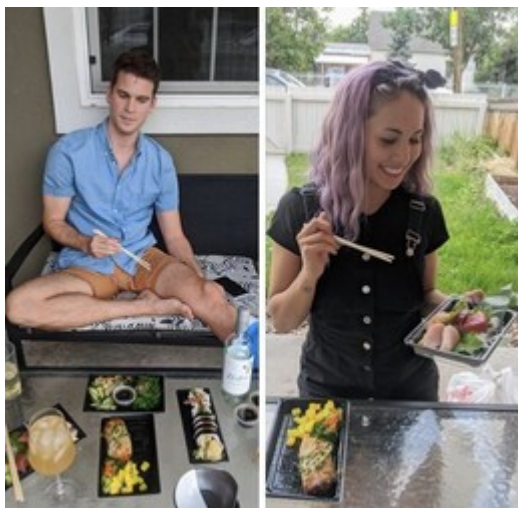


Fathers Day in France

We love learning the way that our sister cities celebrate holidays! The history of Fathers Day in France is particularly interesting. According to historians, we can find its root in Catholic tradition. For centuries, this celebration has been a way of paying tribute to St. Joseph, but also to fathers in general. In the 20th century, another tradition sprang up alongside it, the origins and aims of it being totally different. In 1946, Marcel Quercia created a company called “Flaminare” in Brittany. The firm’s main products were gas lighters, of which Mr Quercia was the first retailer. Mr Quercia had an idea: to create a link between his lighters and fathers in order to make his products appear essential. Consequently “Flaminare” founded Father’s Day in France in 1949, which took place on the third Sunday of June, just like the American celebration. It was a huge success: three years later, an official decree recognized the existence of an annual Father’s Day, on the third Sunday of June!

Read More Here

Let's Enjoy a Meal



Supporting Local Businesses

We love seeing our DSCI members in the community supporting small businesses and restaurants featuring the cuisine of our sister cities! This week our [Takayama, Japan committee](#) showed some love to local restaurant [Misaki](#). Thank you! Our small businesses and favorite family owned restaurants need our love more than ever. If you have a restaurant that features the cuisine of one of our sister cities and want to show them support – tag us in pictures of you eating there and we will happily feature them on our social media page to increase awareness.

Feed your Mind



Kunming Committee - Zoom Book Talk

Our [Kunming, China committee](#) recently shared a lovely virtual book club with the author of the book “Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane”. Check out the zoom talk with Lisa See, which we highly recommend. She talks about Yunnan Province, the Akha minority, the adoption of Chinese girls and as the title suggests, tea! We found Lisa See to be very well researched and engaging. Enjoy!

Video Here



Takayama Committee - Virtual Book Club

Need something new to read? Join our Takayama, Japan Book virtual book study! Their next book will be "Kitchen" by Banana Yoshimoto. We'll meet by Zoom starting on Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00pm. Please RSVP to steve@trainersfriend.com in order to get the Zoom meeting info.

Book Info Here

Take a Class - via Zoom



Cook Like a Breton

Finally, our Master Chef Cooking Class with Chef Nicolas live from Brest, France was such a phenomenal success that he has agreed to host another one! You are invited to a virtual cooking class with Michelin-starred Chef Nicolas Conraux from the Region of Bretagne in France who will share a unique traditional Breton recipe live on zoom. Learn to make a special recipe from his restaurant and hotel in Bretagne, La Butte. Please welcome Nicolas in the comfort of your home and enjoy the international flavor on Sunday, June 28th, 2020, at 9:00 am Denver time.

Once registered, we will send you the ingredient list as well as the Zoom Meeting joining details.

Register Here



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