

# STAYING CONNECTED NEWSLETTER

## What a Cinco de Mayo party!

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The Cinco de Mayo lunch put together by HOLA (Hispanic or Latino Affinity) and Latino City Employees was a resounding success!

People had good food and a lot of fun!

Thank you to all the volunteers for a wonderful event!

Both affinity groups put together this fundraiser in order to continue to be able to provide educational brown bags, and to help sponsor affinity events for City employees.

The traditional Latin American lunch, held from noon to 1:00 p.m. at conference room 4050/60 of the Seattle Municipal Tower drew what seemed to be hundreds of supporters.



*The purpose of the Latino City Employees organization is to increase Latino participation in City government*

## Congratulations!

LCE member **Yesenia Hunter** wrote a children's book titled "The girl and the Fandango."

This delightful and colorful book will take your senses to the *Fandango*. The girl gets ready to go and prepares to meet her friends on the *tarima*. She prepares by getting dressed, putting on her dancing shoes and does not leave the house without her mother's *rebozo*. Come along with the girl in this colorful book that is sure to warm your heart and raise your curiosity to learn more about the fandango tradition of Veracruz, Mexico.

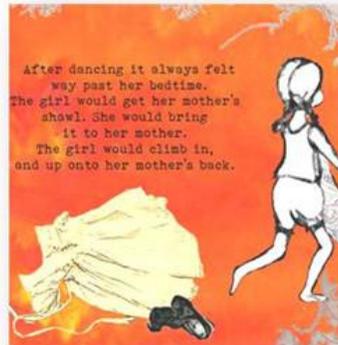
The book is available on Amazon or through the author at [girlfandagobook@gmail.com](mailto:girlfandagobook@gmail.com).

Good job, Yesenia!

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**Sonia Palma** graduated with the 2011 Leadership Tomorrow class.

Leadership Tomorrow prepares, challenges and engages emerging and existing leaders through



leadership development for the benefit of the Puget Sound region. The organization's programs enlighten, inspire and transform participants, who come from a diverse array of professions and communities, by convening productive conversations around

critical issues that impact the region. Participants in Leadership Tomorrow expand their leadership skills while gaining access to a vast array of perspectives, resources and mentors.

Congratulations, Sonia!

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On June 17, **Virginia Wehr** graduated with a degree in Liberal Arts from the North Seattle Community College.

Virgie loves learning and plans to continue to go to school because she enjoys being a student. She is grateful for the many mentors on her floor at SPU, friends, and family who have supported her all along.

Congratulations, Virgie!



**September 15 through October 15 is Latino Heritage Month!**  
Stay tuned for celebratory events!

## Recipe Corner— Carmen's Lemon Bars

Our Cinco de Mayo Latin American lunch featured Carmen Valerio's delicious (and now famous) lemon bars. This might not be a traditional Latin American dessert but people kept asking for the recipe, so, here it is!

### CRUST

#### Ingredients:

Mix the following in med/large bowl:  
2 cups flour  
½ cup powdered sugar  
1 cup butter (2 sticks) soft

#### How to prepare:

Mix dough using your hands - not a mixer  
Press dough evenly onto a 9 x 13 pan  
Bake for 20 minutes (oven 350)  
**TIP:** do not over brown because it will continue baking when you bake with custard below.

----- while the crust is baking-----

### CUSTARD

#### Ingredients:

Mix the following in a med/large bowl using a whisk - not a hand mixer  
4 eggs  
2 cups regular sugar  
¼ cup flour  
½ cup lemon juice (you can use bottled juice not fresh squeezed)  
1 tsp baking powder  
½ tsp salt

#### How to prepare:

Pour over hot crust and bake for 25 minutes  
Separate sides from pan after pan cools a bit

Sprinkle with powdered sugar and cut into squares  
**Tip:** use PAM to keep the bars from sticking too much

ENJOY!

Carmen Valerio, DoIT/206-684-8341



# Three-dimensional Art Exhibit in SMT

A new, year-long exhibit of three-dimensional work by close to twelve local Native American, Latino-Hispanic, Asian American, and African American artists was installed this week for viewing on the Plaza Floor of the SMT. The exhibit features artists whose work ranges from jewelry, ceramics, and sculptures to metal, glass, and



Manuel Castro

wood in traditional and contemporary styles. Efforts by all four employee Affinity Groups brought color and life to the unused glass cases on the southwest entrance of the building.

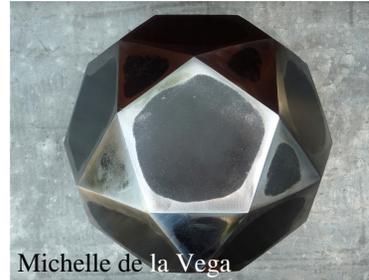
Contributing Latino-Hispanic artists include Seattle-based **Amaranta Ibarra, Manuel Castro, and Michelle de la Vega.**

Each artist works in different and or mixed-mediums where cultural roots may or may not be apparent.

Amaranta Ibarra, originally from Mexico, applies hand-built techniques to her ceramic work using mixed glazes and has showcased at the Bellevue Art Museum and Georgetown's Artopia Festival.

Born in Washington D.C. and raised in Nicaragua, Manuel Castro has been a member of several recognized glass-blowing teams in the area and is a demonstrating artist at the Tacoma Museum of Glass. His designs and glass pieces embody both contemporary and traditional concepts.

A past resident of Indonesia and current resident of the Tashiro-Kaplan Artists' Lofts, his designs and glass pieces embody both contemporary and traditional concepts. Michelle de la Vega is a multi-disciplinary artist in the visual and performing arts. She has shown at Purdue University and



Michelle de la Vega

SOIL Gallery plus has realized a successful dance career with the internationally recognized Pat Graney Dance Company.

A reception with light fare and time to meet the artists will take place on Thursday, July 28, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on SMT Plaza level floor by the glass cases.



Amaranta Ibarra

**September is  
Emergency  
Preparedness  
Month**

## Upcoming events

### LCE Quarterly Membership Meeting

Sept. 1 and Dec. 1, Noon—1:00 p.m.  
SMT 2750

### Spanish Speaking Lunch

Learning Spanish: Tuesdays  
Conversational Spanish: Thursdays  
Noon—1:00 p.m.

2nd floor, Columbia Tower  
Tables outside where the Complete Office Solutions store used to be

### Dancing Under the Stars—World Dance Party

July 9, 6:03 a.m.—10:17 p.m.  
Seattle's Union Gospel Mission Parking Lot  
3800 S. Othello St., Seattle

### New Futures Dance Event for Education

July 15, 7:00p.m.—11:30 p.m.  
Burien Community Center  
14700 6th Ave SW, Burien

### Independence of Colombia Celebration

July 23, 7:00 p.m.—11:30 p.m.  
Highland Community Center  
14224 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue

### Hispanic Seafair

July 31, 11:00 a.m.  
Mural Amphitheater  
Seattle Center

### Roberto Maestas Festival Street Unveiling—Beacon Rocks

August 28, 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.  
S. Lander Street  
between 16 Ave. S. and 17 Ave. S.

### Affinity Group Picnic

August 20, 11:00 a.m.  
Genesee Park  
4316 S. Genesee St., Seattle

### Latino Heritage Month

September 15—October 15  
Multiple events  
Stay tuned

### Centro de la Raza Annual Auction Banquet

September 24, 5:00 p.m.—9:00p.m.  
Washington State Convention Center  
800 Convention Place, Seattle

For additional information on all LCE events, visit our website:

On the inWeb:  
[http://inweb.ci.seattle.wa.us/LCE/LCE\\_Events.htm](http://inweb.ci.seattle.wa.us/LCE/LCE_Events.htm)  
On Seattle.gov:  
<http://www.seattle.gov/latinoheritage/>

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## Did you know? - Hispanic Seafair

Seafair, Seattle's well known summer festival, encompasses a wide variety of small neighborhood events leading up to several major city-wide celebrations.

Seafair has been an annual event in Seattle since 1950 but its roots can be traced to the 1911 Seattle Golden Potlatch Celebrations. The fair begins in early July and among the activities and events held during the fair are:

- The Milk Carton Derby is a whimsical boat race on Green Lake in which all the boats have been constructed out of empty milk cartons
- The Seafair Half Marathon and Full Marathon, now known as the Rock 'n' Roll Seattle Marathon and Half Marathon
- The Seafair Triathlon is held on the shores of Lake Washington from Seward Park
- The Torchlight Parade and Torchlight Run
- The Seafair hydroplane racing Cup takes place in the Mount Baker neighborhood shores of Lake Washington
- The Blue Angels which perform aerial stunts
- The Seafair Pirates, and
- The Seattle Seafair Clowns

Hispanic Seafair is one of the community events affiliated with Seafair. This annual festival started in 1980 and was originally held in

Seward Park, where homemade signs were the norm and some vendors sold different goods from the backs of their cars.

Over the years, Hispanic Seafair has grown and expanded to the Seattle Center. The festival now draws Latinos from all across Western Washington.

The goal of the non-profit Hispanic Seafair Organization is to provide scholarships for young Hispanic women.



**"Education, volunteerism, and Community Service"**



**UW student  
Veronica Quintero  
was crowned Miss  
Hispanic Seafair  
2011**



This year's Hispanic Seafair will take place July 31, at 11:00 a.m. at the Mural Amphitheater in the Seattle Center.

See you there!



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