

# Sharon Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Upcoming Observances & Events

# Information & Disclaimers

The Sharon Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee does its best to list events and observances representing our diverse community and country. If you would like to see a holiday or event included in these slides, please use the DEIC submission form: <https://www.townofsharon.net/diversity-equity-inclusion-committee/webforms/submit-your-event-to-be-displayed-on-the-deic-calendar>

You can reach out to the Sharon DEIC through [DEICcommittee@townofsharon.org](mailto:DEICcommittee@townofsharon.org).

Religious observances are taken almost exclusively from the [Anti-Defamation League's \(ADL's\) Calendar of Observances](#). That document notes: “The calendar includes significant religious observances of the major faiths represented in the United States. It can be used when planning school exam schedules and activities, workplace festivities and community events. **Note that Bahá'í, Jewish and Islamic holidays begin at sundown the previous day and end at sundown on the date listed.**”

The ADL notes: “The calendar notes U.S. holidays that are either legal holidays or observed in various states and communities throughout the country. Important national and international observances that may be commemorated in the U.S. are also included.”

# Sources of Observances & Events

Individual community submissions, Sharon DEIC announcements, and Sharon Public School's Dispatch newsletter, What's Happening Sharon Newsletter (Sharon Cultural Council)

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Calendar of Observances 2024:

<https://www.adl.org/sites/default/files/documents/2023-06/calendar-of-observances-2024.pdf>

GLSEN's School Year Calendar: [https://www.glsen.org/sites/default/files/2023-08/GLSEN\\_School\\_Calendar\\_2023\\_24.pdf](https://www.glsen.org/sites/default/files/2023-08/GLSEN_School_Calendar_2023_24.pdf)

# April is

**ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE  
MONTH**

**GENOCIDE AWARENESS  
MONTH**

**NATIONAL POETRY MONTH**

**AUTISM ACCEPTANCE  
MONTH**

**April 11:** Sharon DEIC meeting, virtual, 7 p.m.

**April 12:** DAY OF SILENCE

**April 13:** VAISAKHI (also spelled Baisakhi) • Sikh

**April 13:** American Craft Fair. Fuller Craft Museum. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**April 14:** Spring Hike at Borderland State Park. Moderate 4-mile hike. 1-3:30 p.m.

**April 17:** RAMA NAVAMI • Hindu

**April 20-May 1:** FESTIVAL OF RIDVÁN • Bahá'í

**April 20:** Evening with *The Music of the Bees* author Eileen Garvin. 2024 One Book, One Town. SHS auditorium. 7:30-9 p.m.

**April 22:** Earth Day

**April 23-30:** PASSOVER/ PESACH • Jewish

**April 23-29:** ALA's NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

**April 24:** THERAVADA NEW YEAR • Buddhist

# April (cont.)



The poster features a teal background with an orange header. The header contains the text 'SHS MUSIC' in white and blue, with a white CD icon to the left. Below the header is a dark teal bar with the text 'UPCOMING EVENTS' in white. The main body of the poster is teal and contains a list of events, each in a white rounded rectangle. The events are: April 4: Tri-M Community Concert (7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - SHS Auditorium); April 5: Select Choir MICCA Concert (3:20 PM - Norwood High School); April 11: SPS 6-12 Choir Concert (6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - SHS Gymnasium); April 25: SHS Large Ensemble Concert (7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - SHS Auditorium); May 2: SHS Small Ensemble Concert (7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - SHS Auditorium); May 22: Music Awards Ceremony (10:00 AM - SHS Auditorium); June 2: Graduation (Time/Details TBA). A white CD icon is also present in the bottom right corner of the poster.

**SHS  
MUSIC**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - SHS Auditorium
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7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - SHS Auditorium
- May 22** Music Awards Ceremony  
10:00 AM - SHS Auditorium
- June 2** Graduation  
Time/Details TBA

**April 24:** ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY

**April 24:** The Buzz About Bees. Beekeeping talk with Dave Borah. 2024 One Book, One Town. Sharon Adult Center 219 Massapoag, Sharon. 7-8:30 p.m.

**April 25:** SHS Large Ensemble Concert. SHS Auditorium, 7-8:30 p.m.

**April 26:** LESBIAN VISIBILITY DAY

**April 28:** PALM SUNDAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian  
**April 28:** Writing Contest Celebratory Reading & Awards Ceremony. 2024 One Book, One Town. Great Room, CareOne at Sharon, 675 South Main St., 2-4 p.m.



2024 ONE BOOK, ONE TOWN  
SHARON READS TOGETHER

## The Music of Bees

by Eileen Garvin

### Program of Events

All events are free of charge

#### Writing Contest

**Topic:** Write about **NEW BEGINNINGS**

**Deadline:** Monday, April 8

All genres accepted: memoir, fiction, poetry, essay, fantasy, etc. All ages, child to adult. 350 word maximum. Email to [ebotsharon@gmail.com](mailto:ebotsharon@gmail.com). No attachments will be read. Put all text in the body of the email. Or mail to Writing Contest, 1267 Bay Road, Sharon, MA 02067. Additional guidelines at [www.OneBookOneTown.org](http://www.OneBookOneTown.org). Winners will be announced on **Saturday, April 20** at **An Evening with Eileen Garvin**.

#### Book Discussions

**Wednesday, March 20, 1:30 - 3:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 4, 6:30 - 7:45 PM**

Registration is required on the Sharon Public Library's website. Sharon Public Library, 11 North Main Street

Facilitated by Susan Eggimann, Information Services Librarian

#### Making Connections: Meet and Greet

**Thursday, April 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Sharon Community Center Ballroom, 219 Massapoag Avenue

Join us for a lively evening full of exciting questions designed to discover and share fun facts about ourselves with our friends and neighbors.

"There are no strangers here. Only friends you haven't yet met."  
- W. B. Yeats



#### An Evening with Eileen Garvin

**Saturday, April 20, 7:30 - 9:00 PM**

SHARON HIGH SCHOOL auditorium, 181 Pond Street



Author Interview and Book Signing. Thanks to generous grants from the **Mass Cultural Council** and the **Sharon Cultural Council**, this event is **FREE**. No registration required. Garvin's books will be available for purchase at the event from *An Unlikely Story Bookstore and Cafe*.

#### Buzz about the Bees

**Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Sharon Adult Center, 219 Massapoag Avenue (Ground floor, Sharon Community Center)

Presented by Dave Borah, with photography by Judith Lipsky

A dozen years a beekeeper. How a midlife crisis quickly became a beloved hobby.

#### Writing Contest Celebratory Reading and Awards Ceremony

**Sunday, April 28, 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

CareOne at Sharon, 675 South Main Street (in the Great Room)

Winners will have the opportunity to read their submissions about **New Beginnings**.  
On display: artwork by local artists.

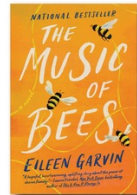


For more information, visit [www.OneBookOneTown.org](http://www.OneBookOneTown.org) or email [ebotsharon@gmail.com](mailto:ebotsharon@gmail.com).



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2024 ONE BOOK, ONE TOWN SHARON READS TOGETHER



## The Music of Bees

by Eileen Garvin



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Author Talk and book signing. Thanks to generous grants from the **Mass Cultural Council** and the **Sharon Cultural Council**, this event is **FREE**. No registration is required. Garvin's books will be available for purchase at the event from *An Unlikely Story Bookstore and Cafe of Plainville*.



Eileen Garvin is the author of the nationally acclaimed novel *The Music of Bees*, a Good Morning America Buzz Pick, a Good Housekeeping Book Club Pick, a People Magazine Best New Book, an IndieNext Pick, a Library Reads Pick, a Christian Science Monitor Pick, and named a Most Anticipated Book of 2021 by BookRiot, Bookish, Nerd Daily, The Tempest, Midwestwest and others.

Beautifully moving, warm, and uplifting, *The Music of Bees* is about the power of friendship, compassion in the face of loss, and finding the courage to start over at any age. In the novel, three lonely strangers in a rural Oregon town, each working through grief and life's curveballs, are brought together by happenstance on a local honeybee farm where they find surprising friendship, healing - and maybe even a second chance - just when they least expect it.



Eileen's memoir, *How to be a Sister*, was named an Indie Next by IndieBound and was chosen as a Target Book of the Month and a Kindle Book of the Month. Her new novel, *Crow Talk*, a beautiful story of love, grief, friendship, and the healing power of nature in the darkest of times, will be published in late April 2024.

Sharing her backyard with four chickens, wild birds of all kinds, and about 120,000 honeybees, Eileen Garvin lives in Hood River, Oregon.

For more information, log on to [www.OneBookOneTown.org](http://www.OneBookOneTown.org)



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presents

# SPRING and the FRESHNESS OF YOUTH

Emilie Mayer ~ Overture in D Minor  
Sergei Prokofiev ~ Overture on Hebrew Themes  
Ludwig van Beethoven ~ Triple Concerto, Op. 56

*featuring*

Ayaan Ahmad, violin  
Andrew Ho, piano  
Lazar Kaminsky, cello

*with guest artist*

Anna Kasdan, piano

Sunday, May 5, 2024 3:00 pm  
Sharon High School  
181 Pond Street  
Sharon, MA

General admission \$20; seniors and under 18 \$15  
<https://sccomay2024.brownpapertickets.com>  
and at the door  
[www.scco.org/concert-information](http://www.scco.org/concert-information)



## Commemorating Juneteenth:

### Showcasing Sharon's Creativity

Calling all Sharon based artists!

Sharon Racial Equity Alliance, Sharon Cultural Council, and the DEIC are sponsoring a Juneteenth art show from June 15th - 30th.

Submissions due May 1st



For more information and to submit your work  
follow the link below or scan the QR code.  
<https://tinyurl.com/CreativeSharon>



# May is

**JEWISH AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH**

**ASIAN PACIFIC  
AMERICAN HERITAGE  
MONTH**

**MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS MONTH**

**May 1:** INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY

**May 1-5:** NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION  
WEEK

**May 1:** Submissions due for Sharon's Juneteenth Art Show.  
Sign up sheet: [click here](#) or scan flier in June events.

**May 2:** HOLY THURSDAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian

**May 2:** SHS Small Ensemble Concert. SHS Auditorium, 7-  
8:30 p.m.

**May 3:** HOLY FRIDAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian

**May 3:** WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

**May 5:** PASCHA • Eastern Orthodox Christian

**May 5:** CINCO DE MAYO

**May 5:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Emma's Run. Memorial Park Beach,  
Sharon. EmmasRun.org



# May (continued)



**May 5:** NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, AND 2SLGBTQQIA+ PEOPLES

**May 5:** Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert. SHS Auditorium, 3-4 p.m. [scco.org](http://scco.org)

**May 6:** YOM HASHOAH • Jewish

**May 7:** INTERNATIONAL FAMILY EQUALITY DAY

**May 9:** ASCENSION DAY • Western Christian

**May 9:** Sharon DEIC meeting, virtual, 7 p.m.

**May 12:** MOTHER'S DAY

**May 17:** INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, AND BIPHOBIA

**May 18:** SHS Theatre Company's Junior Drama Program presents "Pure Imagination." SHS Auditorium, time TBA.

## May (continued)

**May 19:** PENTECOST • Western Christian

**May 19:** AGENDER PRIDE DAY

**May 21:** WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

**May 23:** VISAKHA PUJA • Buddhist

**May 23:** DECLARATION OF THE BÁB • Bahá'í

**May 24:** PANSEXUAL AND PANROMANTIC DAY

**May 26:** LAG B'OMER • Jewish

**May 27:** MEMORIAL DAY

**May 28:** ASCENSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH • Bahá'í

3RD ANNUAL

**EMMA'S**

**RUN**

MAY 5TH, 2024



REGISTER



[EMMASRUN.ORG](http://EMMASRUN.ORG)



MEMORIAL PARK BEACH  
SHARON, MA



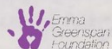
8AM - REGISTRATION OPENS  
9:30AM - KIDS RACES BEGIN



.1 MILE KIDS DASH  
1.2 MILE KIDS RUN



2.5 MILE WALK  
5 MILE RUN



The Emma Greenspan Foundation is a 501(c)(3)  
non-profit organization. EIN 87-4440391



**Want to support your student athlete?**

Come to the Boosters next meeting to find out how.

7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 10 @ SHS Rm 1108

Sharon High Boosters is a non-profit, volunteer organization that fosters school spirit and supports SHS Athletics. We fund SHS athletic team needs that are not covered by user fees and grant scholarships to SHS student athletes.

Visit [SharonBoosters.com](http://SharonBoosters.com) to learn more

# June is LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH



**June 2:** SHS Graduation!

**June 5:** WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

**June 9:** Sharon LGBTQ+ Pride Festival. Veterans' Memorial Park Beach, Sharon. 12-4 p.m.

**June 9:** Father Bullock's Run, Walk & Shuffle for Charity. 5k run, 2 mile walk, 1k kids' run. 5:30 p.m.

<https://www.sharon5krun.com/>

**June 12:** ANNE FRANK DAY

**June 12:** LOVING DAY

**June 12-13:** SHAVUOT • Jewish

**June 12:** PULSE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

**June 13:** ASCENSION Day • Eastern Orthodox Christian

**June 13:** Sharon DEIC meeting, virtual, 7 p.m.

**June 14:** FLAG DAY

## June (cont.)

**June 15-30:** Commemorating Juneteenth Art Show: Showcasing Sharon's Creativity. Sponsored by the Sharon DEIC, Sharon Cultural Council, and Sharon Racial Equity Alliance.

**June 16:** EID AL-ADHA • Islamic

**June 16:** FATHER'S DAY

**June 19:** JUNETEENTH

**June 20:** SUMMER SOLSTICE

**June 20:** WORLD REFUGEE DAY

**June 23:** PENTECOSTE • Eastern Orthodox Christian

**June 26:** ANNIVERSARY OF LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN THE U.S.

**June 28:** STONEWALL RIOTS ANNIVERSARY

**June 30:** ALL SAINTS' DAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian