

Hello, this is Diane Urbani de la Paz with What's Out There, ways to connect with art and culture while staying close to home, for the week going forward from January 1, 2021. I have for you some cool things to look at and look forward to this month.

First up is the Print Night photography show at the Northwind Art Grover Gallery in downtown Port Townsend. Forty-two fine art images await you there, and they range from street and nature photography to portraits to abstract work. The Grover Gallery at 236 Taylor Street, is open for in-person viewing from noon to 5 o'clock Thursday through Monday, or you can check out the show at <https://www.northwindart.org/>. This is the first show from the Northwind Art organization, a merger of the Port Townsend School of the Arts and the Northwind Arts Center.

Coming up on January 18, Martin Luther King Junior Day, the Rose Theatre will offer complimentary streaming of the movie "The Loving Story." This is the true saga of Loving vs. Virginia, the landmark case for interracial marriage in the United States of America. It was 1958 when Richard Loving and his bride, Mildred, returned home after their wedding – and their marriage was declared illegal. The Lovings took their case to court, and won, with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union. You can enjoy this movie in your home theater on the 18th, via <https://rosetheatre.com/>.

And my feeling is that now is the time to become acquainted with Joy Harjo, the poet laureate of the United States – because near the end of this month, she will give a public reading by way of Peninsula College's Studium Generale lecture series. Her books are many and varied, from "American Sunrise," a collection of her fiery and inspirational poetry, to "Crazy Brave," her slender memoir. Your local independent bookstore can hook you up with the Joy Harjo title of your choice. Then the poet laureate will appear in her online program at 12:30 on the afternoon of January 28. More information awaits you at <https://pencol.edu/>.

And I'm about to take time off from What's Out There. I hope to see you again in the springtime. I also hope you've found something worthwhile on this program. And I encourage you to tune in to KPTZ's community calendar and other local news offerings for many other ways to connect with your community.

Thanks so much for listening. I'm Diane Urbani de la Paz, wishing you a happy New Year.