

2024 MONTHLY CALENDAR

TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE



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2024 WALL CALENDAR

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This calendar was conceived by Mariame Kaba and features art created by Olly Costello (ollycostello.com). Olly was incredibly generous in allowing their existing artwork to be part of this calendar and also created three additional new works. The calendar was designed by Cindy Lau (cindylau.work).

All proceeds raised through the sale of the calendar will support REBUILD, a free service which connects formerly incarcerated individuals of color to a therapist (<https://bit.ly/REBUILD23>).

The theme of the calendar is transformative justice. Transformative justice (TJ) is an overarching framework (that includes specific ideologies, values, strategies, practices) which has at its core the idea that we can't end violence with violence. TJ seeks to prevent, intervene in, and transform harm and violence through nonpunitive accountability.

As such, transformative justice embodies and promotes an abolitionist politic that demands the end of prisons, policing, and surveillance which are inherently violent. TJ insists that we have to address the roots of violence and uproot oppression to create a *just* society. It's a framework that prioritizes relationship building, developing our skills, building new structures, and actively working to uproot oppressions. A key question that TJ asks is "How do we create safety outside of and without carceral logics?"

In short, TJ is a framework and vision for preventing, intervening in and transforming harm – including the harms caused by the prison industrial complex (PIC) itself – through nonpunitive accountability.

TJ processes are a form of politicized survival work. They offer ways to address harm that facilitate transformation, accountability, the beginning of healing rather than punishment. Some of these are individual, interpersonal, community-focused practices. All include organizing.

Fundamentally, TJ asserts that carcerality doesn't attend to the root causes of violence and harm. So it's not a good strategy. We need other things. TJ is not a one-size-fits-all model for addressing all harms. The only non-negotiable value in transformative justice is an explicit rejection of "partnering" with any law enforcement. There is no ambiguity on this point.

TJ came out of communities that *could not* or did not want to rely on law enforcement or traditional social services (for that matter) to intervene in harm. It's work that has mostly been led by women, femmes, trans, and gender nonconforming people of color. It's a survivor-created and survivor-led movement. What does this mean about what is owed to these communities by others who decide to take up these practices and theories? Who must these others actually be accountable to?

There are no experts in transformative justice. We are all called to labor. We are all called to do our part. It's a collective project. So we're all responsible. That's actually a comfort because it means that no one person is responsible for coming up with *the* answers. After all, no one person is responsible for the mess we're in. We're all complicit. It's just a matter of degree. So we all have a part to play in transforming our conditions and ourselves. How will we begin to transform these conditions? The answer is: TJ practitioners are already doing it. Everyone is invited to join us.

In solidarity,

Mariame

NYC, September 2023

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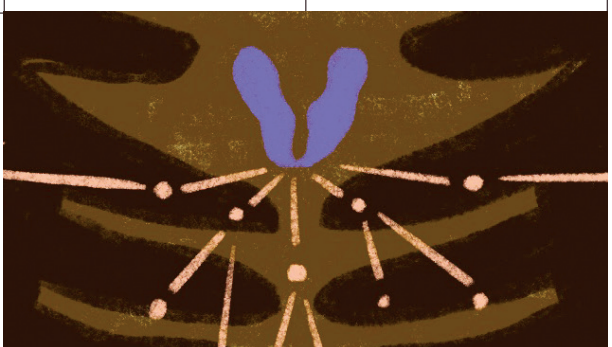
JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day Haitian Independence is won. (1804)	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 C. Edwards, A. Miller & W.L. Nolen killed by guards at Soledad prison (1970) Cece McDonald released. (2014)
14	15 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is born. (1929)	16	17 Lucy Parsons leads 15,000 unemployed people & supporters in a Chicago march demanding relief from hunger & poverty. (1915)	18	19	20
21	22 Trans Prisoner Day of Action	23	24 Inspired by Redstockings' Abortion Speakout, New York Radical Feminists organize a Rape Speakout at St. Clements Episcopal Church in Manhattan. The speakout includes testimony by women on sexual violence. (1971)	25 Sojourner Truth addresses 1st Black Women's Rights Convention in Akron, OH. (1851)	26 Angela Y. Davis is born. (1944)	27 Thousands occupy US airports to protest Trump's "Muslim Ban." (2017)
28	29	30	31	<p>“We engage so we don't keep fucking up in the exact same ways. I want to fuck up in totally new ways.”</p> <p>SHANNON PEREZ-DARBY</p> 		



FEBRUARY

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<p>“We must encourage love — love that is radical, love that digs deep. Love that asks the hard questions, that is ready to listen to the whole story and keep loving anyway.</p> <p>KAI CHENG THOM</p> 				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		
<p>Nelson Mandela released from prison after 27 years. (1990)</p>				<p>Greensboro, NC sit-ins begin. (1960)</p>		<p>Rosa Parks is born. (1913) NYPD cops fire 41 shots killing Amadou Diallo. (1999)</p>
<p>Prisoner strike at Arizona State prison. (1953) Jail-in movement begins with arrested students in SC demanding jail time instead of fines. (1961)</p>		<p>Nearly 15 million people in over 800 cities protest the proposed Iraq War. (2003)</p>		<p>FDR orders 120,000 Japanese Americans to internment camps. (1942)</p>		



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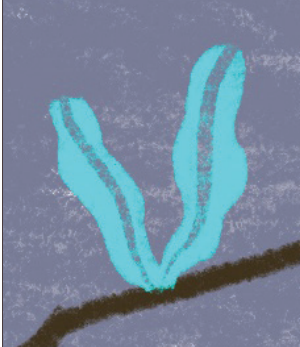
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	<p>“Fundamentally, transformative justice asserts that carcerality doesn’t attend to the root causes of violence and harm. So it’s not a good strategy.”</p> <p>MARIAME KABA</p>					1	2
3 International Sex Workers’ Rights Day	4	5	6	7	8 International Women’s Day	9	
10 Daylight Saving Time Ramadan begins at sunset	11 Disability activists push Congress to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act by organizing the “Capitol Crawl” in D.C. (1990)	12	13	14	15 International Day Against Police Brutality	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24/31 Easter (March 31)	25	26 350 people incarcerated in the ICE Stewart Detention Center in Georgia lead a hunger strike against unsafe conditions under COVID-19. (2020)	27	28	29 Good Friday War Resisters League founded. (1923)	30	



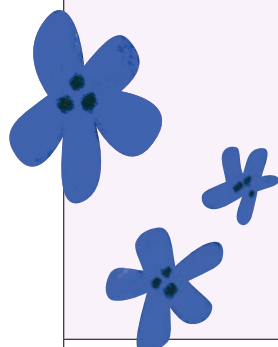

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Standing Rock Sioux build the Sacred Stone Camp to block construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. (2016)	2	3	4 Dr. Martin Luther King assassinated. (1968)	5 People with disabilities occupied federal buildings to push the issuance of delayed regulations regarding Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the 1st federal civil rights protection for disabled people. (1977)	6
7	8	9	10 Eid al-Fitr Protests in over 100 cities against anti-immigration legislation. (2006)	11	12	13
14	15 Black people in Pittsburgh create Freedom House Ambulance Services. (1967) Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) founded. (1960)	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Earth Day Passover begins at sundown	23	24 Over 1 million people in US protest Vietnam War. (1971)	25 More than 1 million people attend March for Women's lives (2004) 1 million march in DC for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation (1993)	26	27
28	29	30	<p>“Transformative justice is the process of shifting from getting even to getting well.”</p> <p>PRIYA RAI</p>			



MAY

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 <p>“I struggle so others may rest and I rest knowing others will struggle.” RENEE SAUCEDO</p>			<p>1 The 1st International Workers's Day commemorates over 340,000 workers across the U.S. striking for the 8-hour work day. (1886) May Day</p>	<p>2 The Poor People's March on Washington led by Ralph Abernathy begins. (1968)</p>		
<p>5 Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Cinco de Mayo</p>						<p>11 Marissa Alexander is found guilty of 3 counts of assault with a deadly weapon & received a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years in prison. (2012)</p>
<p>12 Mother's Day</p>						
					<p>24 11 day work strike begins at Lucasville, OH prison. (1973)</p>	<p>25 George Floyd is murdered by police in Minneapolis, kicking off one of the largest protests in U.S. history. (2020)</p>
	<p>27 Memorial Day</p>					



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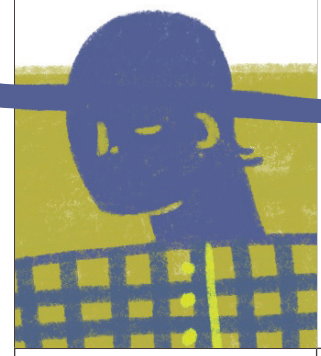
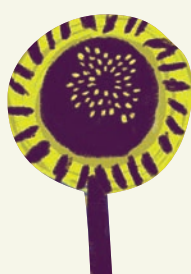
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Harriet Tubman leads the Combahee River military campaign, freeing over 750 enslaved people in South Carolina. (1863)							
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
		First national convention of Prisoners Union. (1911)			Volunteers arrive for Mississippi Freedom Summer. Laurel, MS Project Director Zoharah Simmons institutes 1st Sexual Harassment Policy on a Council of Federated Organizations Project during the summer. (1964)		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Father's Day	Eid al-Adha		Juneteenth				
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29	
					Stonewall Rebellion begins. (1969)		



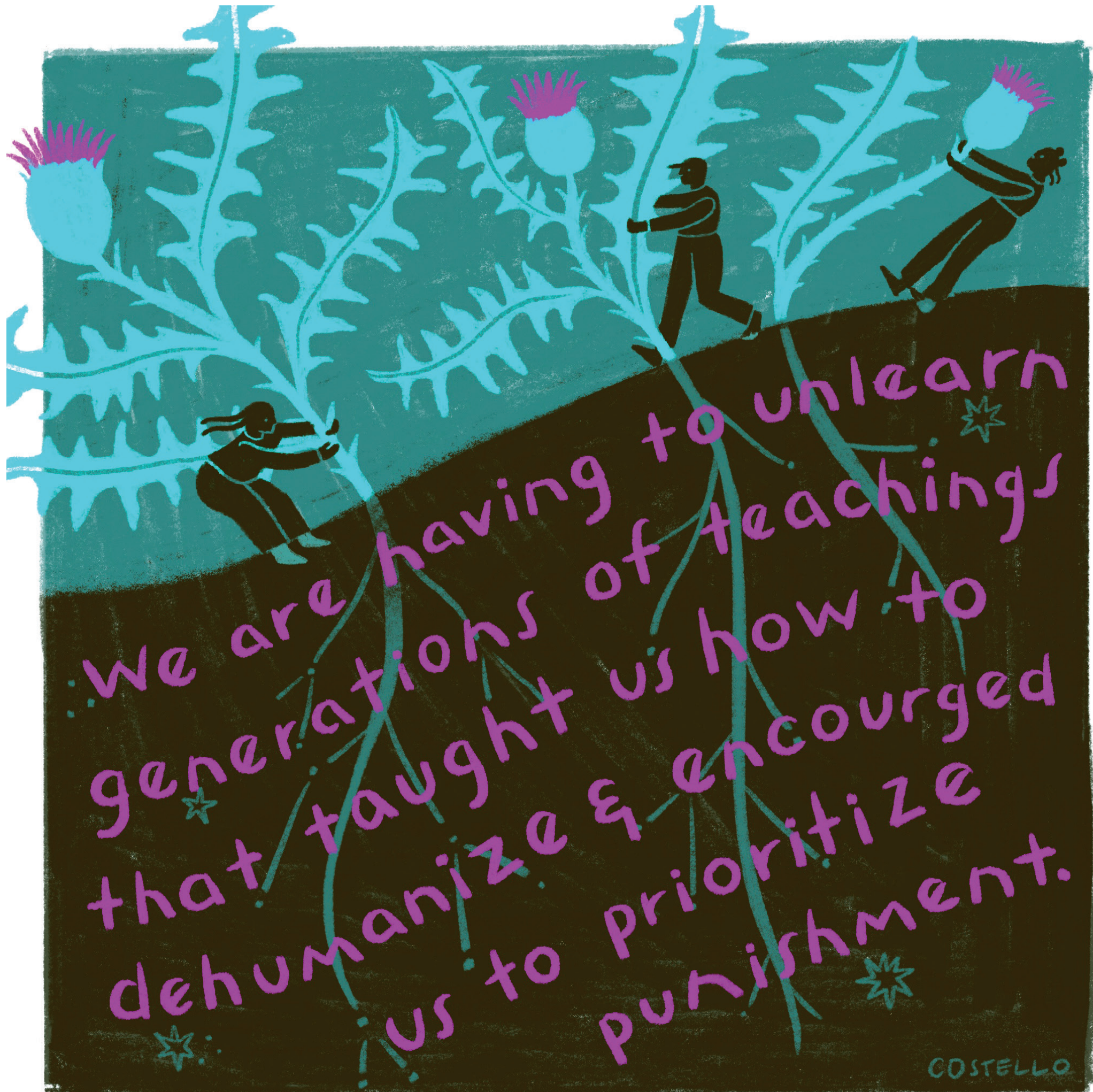
JULY

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	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8 Prisoners at Pelican Bay State Prison launch a 60-day hunger strike to protest solitary confinement & terrible conditions. (2013)	9	10	11	12	13
14 Young Lords occupy Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx. (1970)	15	16 Assata Shakur is born. (1947) Ida B. Wells is born. (1862)	17	18	19 Seneca Falls Women's rights convention. (1848)	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10,000 Black people march down 5th Avenue in NYC in a silent parade to protest lynching & other racist violence. (1917)	29	30	31	<p>“The world changes according to the way people see it, and if you alter even by a millimeter the way people look at reality, then you can change it.”</p> <p>JAMES BALDWIN</p> 		

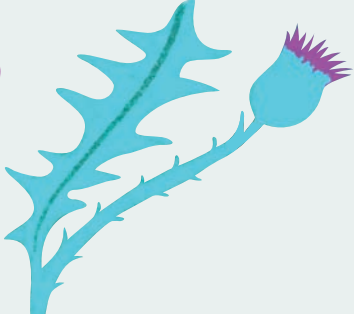


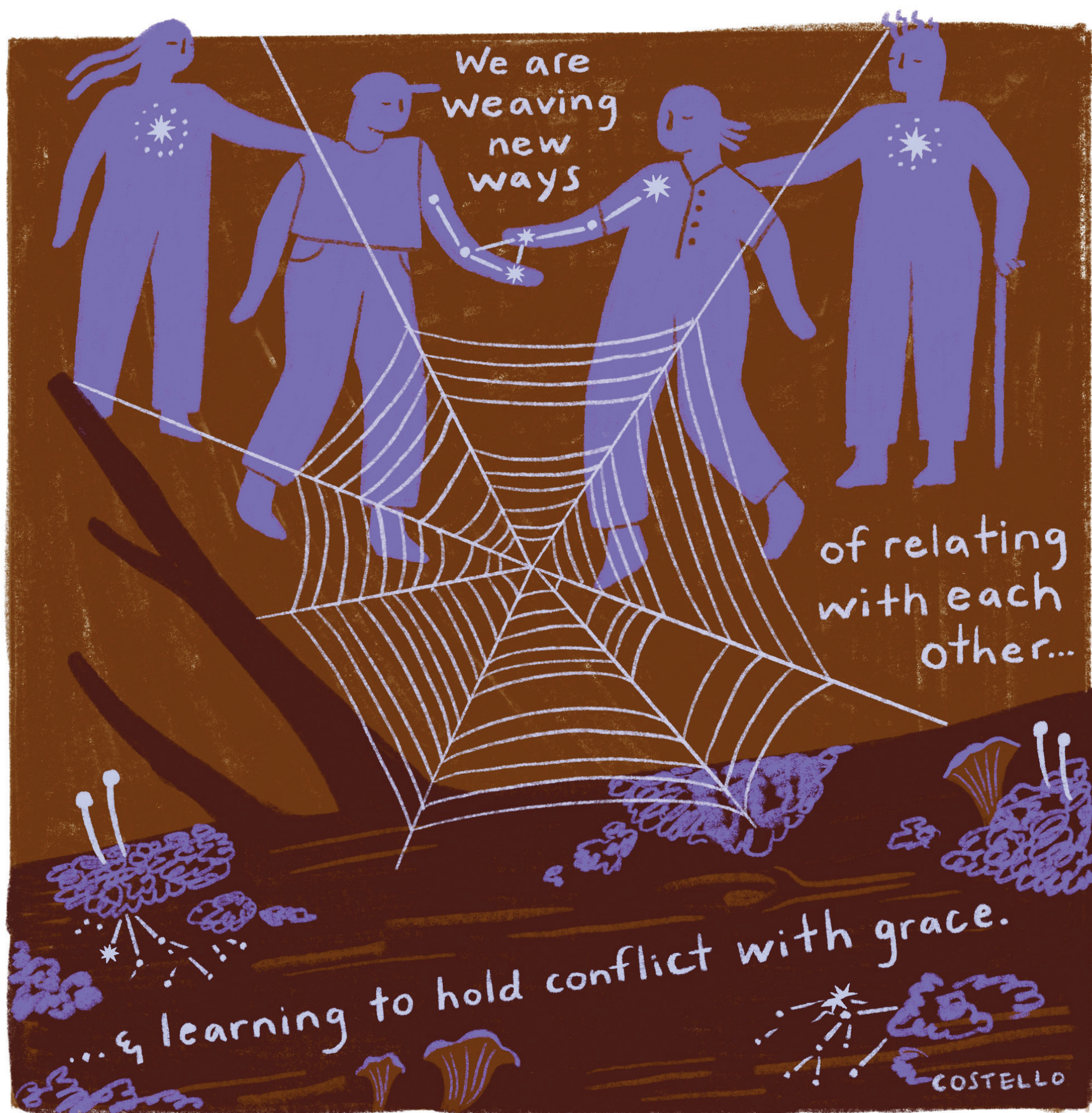
AUGUST

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<p>“We never know how our small activities will affect others through the invisible fabric of our connectedness. In this exquisitely connected world, it’s never a question of critical mass. It’s always about critical connections.”</p> <p>GRACE LEE BOGGS</p>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Japanese-Americans win reparations for wrongful internment during WWII. (1988)
11 Six day rebellion begins in Watts, Los Angeles. (1965)	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Nat Turner leads a rebellion of enslaved people in Virginia. (1831) George Jackson killed at San Quentin prison by guards. (1971)	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 March on Washington for Jobs & Justice in D.C. (1963)	29	30	31



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day	3 Recy Taylor, a Black mother and sharecropper, is kidnapped and gang-raped by a carload of white men in Abbeville, AL. Sent by the NAACP, Rosa Parks organized the "Committee for Equal Justice for Mrs. Recy Taylor," launching an international movement. (1944)	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Attica Massacre in NY. (1971)	14
15	16	17 Occupy Wall Street begins at Zuccotti Park, NY. (2011)	18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace
22	23	24	25	26 First Critical Resistance conference in Berkeley, CA. (1998)	27	28
29 Sojourners for Truth and Justice convene in Washington D.C. to advocate for their rights. Group's manifesto "A Call to Negro Women" stated their grievances including racial terrorism, South African apartheid, U.S. militarism, and colonialism. (1951)	30	<p><i>"What we need is to create conditions where people do not have to turn to violence in the first place because we are there to give each other what we need."</i></p> <p>MIMI KIM</p> 				



OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>“Organized communities are safer communities.”</p> <p>EJERIS DIXON</p>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	Rosh Hashanah	10	11	12
					ACT-UP shuts down the FDA over inaction on HIV/AIDS treatments. (1988) In St. Paul, MN, Women's Advocates, Inc., founds of one of the first known battered women's shelters in the U.S. (1974)	Yom Kippur
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Indigenous People's Day	Huey Newton & Bobby Seale found the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense in Oakland, CA & finalized a draft of a 10 point program. (1966)				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						Following the Brownsville Clinic Raid, Margaret Sanger is arrested for advocating birth control. (1916)
27	28	29	30	31		
Margot St. James holds the 1st Hookers Masquerade Ball, raising money for bail funds and COYOTE (Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics), an organization St. James founded to provide legal, medical, & other services for sex workers. (1973)				Halloween		



NOVEMBER

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<p>“Everyone I know longs for healing. It's just hard to get. The good kind of healing: healing that is affordable, has childcare and no stairs, doesn't misgender us or disrespect our disabilities or sex work, believes us when we're hurt and listens when we say what we need, understands that we are the first and last authority on our own bodies and minds”</p> <p>LEAH LAKSHMI PIEPZNA-SAMARASINHA</p>					1	2
					Diwali	Assata Shakur liberated from Clinton Women's Prison. (1979)
3	4	5	6	7		
Daylight Saving Time						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Transgender Day of Remembrance	GLF and STAR host a fundraising dance, earning enough money to purchase STAR House, seeking to provide housing for homeless trans and gay youth. (1970)		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women			National Day of Mourning Thanksgiving		



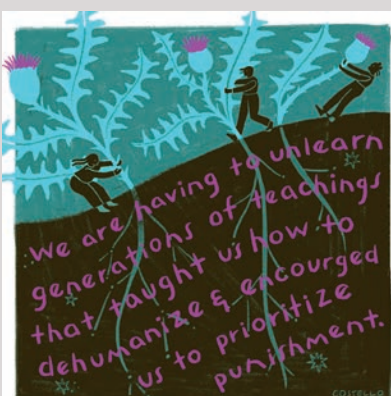
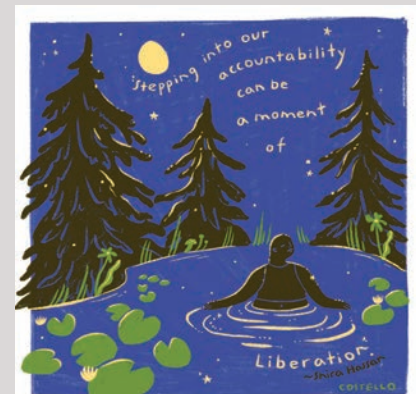
DECEMBER

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1 World Aids Day Rosa Parks refuses to give-up her seat & is arrested, sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott. (1955)	2 John Brown is hanged. (1859)	3	4	5	6	7
8 Georgia Prison strike begins. (2010)	9	10 Human Rights Day	11	12	13 Ella Baker is born. (1903)	14
15	16 Walpole Prison is run by prisoners for 4 months. (1972)	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice
22	23	24	25 Christmas Hanukkah begins	26 Kwanzaa begins David Ruggles, abolitionist & hydro-pathist, dies. (1849)	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	<p>“Everyone cares about safety for someone, somewhere, sometime, but abolitionists care about safety for everyone, everywhere, all the time.”</p> <p>ERIN MILES CLOUD</p> 			

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