



## Spotlight: Women-Owned Businesses in Seattle

March marks Women's History Month, a time to recognize the achievements of women who have shaped industries and communities. In Seattle and the greater Puget Sound region, women-owned businesses continue to drive innovation across sectors – from design and technology to hospitality and wellness.

Local standouts include **The Riveter**, a co-working space designed for women professionals; **Book Larder**, an independent cookbook shop fostering culinary creativity; and **Hello Robin**, a beloved bakery known for its signature cookies.

Businesses like **Maven Meals** provide chef-prepared, locally sourced meals, while **Cupcake Royale**, Seattle's first cupcake bakery and café, continues to bring joy with small-batch treats and locally roasted coffee.

In commercial real estate, **CREW Washington** is at the forefront of empowering women in the industry. As part of a national network, CREW Washington connects professionals across architecture, construction, and design, offering mentorship, networking, and leadership opportunities. By advocating for equity and inclusion, CREW plays a key role in shaping the future of commercial real estate.

This month, we encourage our readers to support women-led businesses – whether by visiting a local shop, engaging with female entrepreneurs, or amplifying the voices of women making an impact in our communities.



## Women's History Month: Celebrating Dixy Lee Ray, Washington's First Female Governor & A Trailblazer in Science and Politics



Photo: Wikipedia

Born in Tacoma, Washington, in 1914, Dixy was a true pioneer, breaking barriers in both science and politics. Known for her sharp intellect and no-nonsense attitude, she was often described as "ridiculously smart" and idiosyncratic.

Dixy's journey began with a passion for the natural world, which led her to earn a Ph.D. in biology from Stanford University. She became an associate professor at the University of Washington and later transformed the Pacific Science Center into an interactive learning hub. Her love for science didn't stop there; she also served as the chair of the Atomic Energy Commission, where she made significant contributions to nuclear research.

In 1977, Dixy made history as the first female governor of Washington. Her tenure was marked by her support for atomic energy and her leadership during the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens. Despite (or perhaps because of) her sometimes blunt style, she was a beloved figure who left an indelible mark on her state and beyond.

Dixy Lee Ray's legacy is a testament to the power of determination and the impact one woman can have on the world. Let's celebrate her achievements and be inspired by her trailblazing spirit this Women's History Month!

## Upcoming Events for March

**March 14**  
**Aziz Ansari (Parks and Recreation)**  
Paramount Theatre  
Seattle, WA

**March 15**  
**St. Patrick's Day Parade (Free)**  
Downtown: 4th Avenue  
Seattle, WA

**March 15**  
**LepreCon St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl**  
Start: Collins Pub  
Seattle, WA

**March 16**  
**Kraken vs. Winnipeg Jets**  
Climate Pledge Arena  
Seattle, WA

**March 17**   
**St. Patrick's — Ballard (Live Music)**  
Conor Byrne Pub  
Seattle, WA

**March 19**  
**Dancing with the Stars Live**  
Paramount Theatre  
Seattle, WA

**March 19**  
**State Parks Free Days**  
Picnic and Play  
144 WA state parks

**March 27 - 30**  
**Mariners vs. Athletics**  
T-Mobile Park  
Seattle, WA



LepreCon Pub Crawl, March 15

Note: Check official websites and venues for details.



## Candle Creations: Want to Make Your Own?

If you enjoy candles as much as we do, we have a simple and fun recipe for you to create your own. Making candles at home is an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Choose your favorite scents, colors, and wax types to craft a candle that reflects your style. Let's get started.

### What You'll Need:

- Wax (soy wax, beeswax, or paraffin)
- A wick
- A heat-resistant container (glass jar, tin, or ceramic vessel)
- Fragrance oil (optional)
- Dye (optional)
- A double boiler or microwave-safe bowl
- A stirring utensil

### Steps:

1. Melt the wax – use a double boiler or microwave to slowly melt the wax until fully liquid.
2. Add fragrance & color – stir in essential oils or fragrance oils and a drop of candle dye if desired.
3. Secure the wick – place the wick at the center of your container, securing it with a wick holder or by dipping it in melted wax.
4. Pour the wax – carefully pour the melted wax into the container, ensuring the wick stays centered.
5. Let it set – allow the candle to cool and harden for several hours.
6. Trim the wick – once solid, trim the wick to about ¼ inch for an even burn.

Now, light your handmade candle and enjoy the cozy ambiance!

## Design Inspiration: Cafe Lounge



Cafe: Kimball - Alterna, Fringe booth seating, Footing tables, Grin chairs, Kithara lounge seating



Cafe lounge, first floor: Kimball - Fringe booth seating, Footing tables, Grin chairs, Kithara lounge seating



Order/serving desk: Kimball - Alterna, MDC - Flora (wallpaper)



Second floor seating area: Kimball - Kithara lounge seating, Footing table + coffee table, Alterna cabinet (against the wall), Grin chair