

# FRIDAYS

AT THE MUSEUM

## Día de los Muertos Family Festival Ofrenda/Altar & Art Contest



**Friday, November 1 | 6:00 pm | Catalina Island Museum**

**Judging from 6 pm - 7 pm | Winners Announced at 7:30 pm**

The Catalina Island Museum is now accepting entries for the **2nd Annual Día de los Muertos Ofrenda/Altar & Art Contest!** *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) is a traditional Mexican celebration that is a joyful remembrance in which death is recognized as a natural part of the cycle of life.

Individuals, groups and businesses are invited to create an *ofrenda*/altar to remember and honor loved ones who have passed. *Ofrendas*/altars consist of offerings such as favorite foods on a day when their spirit returns to relive memories. Traditionally *ofrendas* are colorful and decorative, laden with gifts to please returning spirit guests and adorned with orange marigolds, sugar skulls, candles and confetti or papel picado banners. Offerings of food and drinks are also left on the altar. Some traditional offerings include fruit, hot chocolate, pan de muerto and a glass of water for the weary traveler. Photographs, trinkets and special items belonging to the deceased such as a hat or a guitar are often displayed.

**Be creative!** Your *ofrenda* or work of art can be a general celebration of ancestors past, focus on a theme or beloved pets.

### **Some universal topics related to *Día de los Muertos* include:**

- Passing on our personal & shared stories, histories, myths, and legends related to the universe and our place within it
- Honoring ancestors
- Sacred rituals or traditions
- The cycle of life and death
- Honoring the cultural traditions of the culture/group with which you identify
- The afterlife
- Human connection to the earth/environmental concerns
- The lasting spiritual or cultural impact of an individual or group
- The memories or connections that surpass the earthly existence of any individual, group, or event

**There is NO FEE to submit an entry. All participants of the contest receive FREE admission to First Fridays at the Museum with access to dancing, live music and more! (11/1/19)**

Altars and Art judged on overall appearance, originality and creativity reference to traditions of *Día de los Muertos*. Cash prizes will be awarded to Best Ofrenda/Altar and Best Work of Art.

**Submissions due and completely set up by Friday, November 1 at 4:00 pm.** Please drop off the completed form to Kellie Costello, Events and Rentals Coordinator at the Catalina Island Museum, 217 Metropole Avenue, Avalon or email it to [events@catalinamuseum.org](mailto:events@catalinamuseum.org).



## Día de los Muertos Family Festival Ofrenda/Altar & Art Contest ENTRY FORM

Name of participant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Altar theme or honoree: \_\_\_\_\_

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Altars and Art judged on overall appearance, originality and creativity reference to traditions of Día de los Muertos. One cash prize for each category.

**Judging takes place on Friday 11/1/19 during the event from 6 pm - 7 pm**

**Winners announced on Friday 11/1/19 during the event at 7:30 pm**

### RULES:

- Altars and art should reflect the diversity of Avalon and the greater Southern CA community
- Altars must not exceed 5 feet in height and 5 feet in width
- Altars must be free-standing. (Participants will not be allowed to attach materials to walls.)
- We encourage artists to interpret the idea of a three-dimensional ofrenda in any way that they wish.
- Organic materials (flowers, plants, food offerings, liquids, grains and herbs) are acceptable.
- Offensive material - including, but not limited to, items such as sexually explicit or demeaning, racist, political or promotion of crime, cruelty, and violence - is prohibited. CIM reserves the right to refuse any artwork, ofrendas/altars that are offensive.
- Battery operated candles are allowed. Open flames are not allowed.
- Materials deemed unsafe will be removed from altars by CIM staff.
- Installation for altars will take place Thursday 10/31/19 starting at 10 am
  - \* Please arrange ahead of time by contacting Kellie Costello at [events@catalinamuseum.org](mailto:events@catalinamuseum.org) or 310-510-4650
- De-installation takes place after the event on Friday 11/1/19 and must be complete by 10 pm.
- Limited linens, easels & tables are available for display.
  - \* You may bring your own or make arrangements ahead of time by contacting Kellie Costello at [events@catalinamuseum.org](mailto:events@catalinamuseum.org) or 310-510-4650.
- All art entries should be submitted to Kellie Costello at the museum on Friday 11/1/19 at 4 pm
- Any individual, artist collective, or organization may submit an ofrenda/alter and/or work of art
- Open to artists of all ethnic backgrounds, national origins, gender identities and expressions
- Artists are invited to explore the traditions, interests, and ancestors of any individual or group that they find inspiring.

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