Dia de los Muertos 2015

Gresham Art Gallery

This is an invitation to participate in this year’s Dia de los Muertos and Altar exhibition at the Gresham Art Gallery and SBVC Art Center. This exhibition will include 2d and 3d artworks and installations from a diverse group of creative people. This is the opportunity to remember the dearly departed, memories of the forgotten past or a fallen star. Everyone and anyone interested is invited to participate in this event…artists…students…children…anyone.

This exhibition will run from October 12th until November 5th with the reception on Thursday October 29th from 5pm-8pm.

"El día de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is a celebration that captures the idea of unity between life and death. It emphasizes death as part of the cycle of life. It came into being when the Catholic feast of All Souls Day, a day to remember the dead with prayer, merged with Native Indian rituals of death after the Spanish conquered Mexico in 1521.

El Dia de los Muertos is celebrated on November 1st, when it is believed, the spirits of the dead relatives return to their homes. For this special occasion, altars are cleaned and decorated on October 31st to welcome the honored guests. On these altars one traditionally places Zempasuchil (yellow Marigolds), candles, toys, religious pictures, cut tissue-paper decorations, and personal mementos as offerings to the returned souls. Other offerings include incense, cigarettes, liquor, and food such as tamales, sugar skulls, and pan de muerto (bread of the dead), things the returning soul enjoyed during life.

Delivery of artwork and altars will begin on Saturday Oct 3rd 11:00 am – 12:30 & Sunday Oct 4th noon – 2pm.
The week of Monday Oct 5th – Thursday Oct 8th 10am -3pm (gallery hours)
And Saturday Oct 10th noon – 3pm.

Important Dates
Exhibition: October 12th – November 5th 2015
Celebration: Thursday October 29th 5-8pm SBVC Art Center
Delivery of Artwork: October 5th – 10th

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