



## Dia de los Muertos2015

### Gresham Art Gallery

This is an invitation to participate in this years Dia de los Muertos Art 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 12<sup>th</sup> until November 5<sup>th</sup> with the reception on Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm.

“El dia 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 am – 12:30 & Sunday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> noon – 2pm.

The week of Monday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 10am -3pm (gallery hours)

And Saturday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> noon – 3pm.

#### Important Dates

Exhibition: October 12<sup>th</sup> – November 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

Celebration: Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm SBVC Art Center

Delivery of Artwork: October 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

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