

Día de los Muertos Celebration

Sunday, November 2, 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Gualala Arts Center Coleman Auditorium

While Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a tradition unique to Mexico, it is becoming a very popular holiday in the United States. Javier Chavez, bilingual bicultural family advocate for Action Network, comments, "There is an appeal here which just crosses right over the culture line. People who are Latino, who speak no Spanish, really relate to the experience. I think this is because it's an integration

of life and death - it's about family togetherness, and honoring who we are. This eases the grief of losing someone we care for, and it takes away the fear."

The Día de los Muertos celebration will include a traditional Mexican feast, a flute performance by Fide Mata, the Coast Folkloric Dancers and music throughout the day by Santa Rosa's Mariachi Tecoman.



Gualala Arts is asking the community to participate in this special celebration by creating shrines to their loved ones that will be installed at the Gualala Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To get more information about creating a shrine or to register to participate, please contact Gualala Arts at Info@GualalaArts.org or call (707) 884-1138.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth under 17 when purchased in advance, and include free admission to the celebration. Admission to the celebration on the day of the event will be \$5 and those wishing to enjoy the dinner can purchase tickets for the dinner at the same prices as advance tickets.

Dinner will consist of a choice of Chicken Mole, meat or vegetarian tamales, served with rice and beans. Traditional Mexican drinks Agua Fresca, Jamaica, Horchas, Lemon and Pineapple will be available for \$2. Desserts, also \$2, will include soft serve ice cream and brownies.

Program

3:30 p.m.	Fide Mata flute performance, 3 traditional pieces
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Mariachi Tecoman
5 p.m.	Dinner
6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Coast Folkloric Dancers
6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Mariachi Tecoman

