

Remembering loved ones on D'a de los Muertos

The end of October marks Halloween; kids and adults dress up in the spookiest, most creative way possible. Over the years, Halloween has transformed from seemingly endless groups of kids knocking on doors yelling Trick or Treat to house parties, costume contests and civic gatherings. Another tradition, celebrated at the same time of year, is focused on spirits as well, but instead of those which may be frightful or fanciful, it is dedicated to the remembrance of dearly loved and honored family members that have passed on. D'a de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is celebrated in many parts of the world: Mexico, Europe, Latin America, Philippines, and the United States.

Ofrendas (altars) are designed in memory of the deceased and may include photographs and symbols of saints and/or the individual being remembered, flowers, food, and candles. Families visit graves and decorate them with flowers and candles. Celebrations can be social gatherings that last for hours as family members share good memories and offer prayers for their loved ones. Some of the D'a de los Muertos celebrations in the greater Tri-City area include:

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Day of the Dead Celebration

Saturday, Nov 1

10 a.m.

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