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Photos: Day of the Dead celebrations

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Day of the Dead celebrations were held at the San Jose Museum of Art, Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward and Barrios Unidos in Santa Cruz. The events featured Aztec and traditional Mexican folk dancers, live entertainment, cultural demonstrations and Calaveras de Azucar (sugar skulls used to symbolize death and rebirth) decorating for children.

Families visiting the cemetery at Chapel of the Chimes also decorated the graves of their loved ones. Dia de los Muertos "Day of the Dead" celebrates the lives of the deceased with food, drink, parties and activities.



Carina Vazquez, from Napa, dances with the Ollin Anahuac Traditional Aztec Dance Group at the Day of the Dead Festival on November 2, 2019 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward, California.

(Photo by Haley Nelson)



Marissa Hernandez, from Hayward, of the Ollin Anahuac Traditional Aztec Dance Group, raises incense to the sky at the Day of the Dead Festival on November 2, 2019 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward, California. (Photo by Haley Nelson)



Bryanna Herrera from Union City, left, and Mario Valadez from Oakland dance with the Ollin Anahuac Traditional Aztec Dance Group at the Day of the Dead Festival on November 2, 2019 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward, California. (Photo by Haley Nelson)



Bryanna Herrera from Union City waits between dances with the Ollin Anahuac Traditional Aztec Dance Group at the Day of the Dead Festival on November 2, 2019 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward, California. (Photo by Haley Nelson)



Kellyn Saenc, left, and Fanny Sanchez trim grass and clean the grave of a loved one at the Day of the Dead Festival on November 2, 2019 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward, California. (Photo by Haley Nelson)



Bryanna Herrera, from Union City, pauses between dances with the Ollin Anahuac Traditional Aztec Dance Group at the Day of the Dead Festival on November 2, 2019 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward, California. (Photo by Haley Nelson)



Mario Valadez from Oakland, left, performs with the Ollin Anahuac Traditional Aztec Dance Group at the Day of the Dead Festival on November 2, 2019 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward, California. (Photo by Haley Nelson)



Abigail Rodriguez, 7, left, and her brother, Leonel, 4, both from San Leandro, decorate sugar skulls at the Day of the Dead Festival on November 2, 2019 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward, California.

(Photo by Haley Nelson)



Bryanna Herrera, from Union City, jumps off Mario Valadez, from Oakland, while performing with the Ollin Anahuac Traditional Aztec Dance Group at the Day of the Dead Festival on November 2, 2019 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward, California. (Photo by Haley Nelson)