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Where to celebrate Dia de los Muertos in the Inland Empire

Day of the Dead activities include the building of altars, festivals and processions



An altar is seen during the Dia de los Muertos event at The Contemporary Club in Redlands on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021. (File photo by Terry Pierson, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)



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Across the Inland Empire, Latinos are preparing to remember their late loved ones with Dia de Los Muertos events.

The Day of the Dead, which is especially observed in Mexico, brings together family and friends to share memories of those who have died.

Activities are set across the region. Here are some highlights.



The Riverside Day of the Dead procession winds its way through downtown Riverside on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018. (File photo by Cindy Yamanaka, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

Riverside County

JURUPA VALLEY

Dia de los Muertos Jurupa Valley will be staged Saturday, Oct. 21, at Rancho Jurupa Regional Park.

Organized by the nonprofit Reach Out and the Latino Health Collaborative, the

The event will include art exhibits, altars, food vendors, live music, wrestling, ballet folklórico and a catrina fashion show.

Information: 909-245-1156 or we-reachout.org/diadelosmuertosjv

– *Staff report*

LAKE ELSINORE

An arts studio is hosting a Dia de los Muertos event Saturday, Oct. 28.

The non-profit STUDIO 395, the city, the Downtown Merchants Association and the Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of Commerce are organizing the event, set for 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The festivities will include live performances, a lowrider show, mobile altars, food and craft vendors, a costume contest, artwork and a beer garden. The outdoor event will be on historic Main Street in Lake Elsinore.

Information: 951-471-4407, @diadelosmuertoslakeelsinore on Instagram or on Facebook at @lakeelsinorediadelosmuertos.

– *Staff report*

MENIFEE

A celebration is set for Mt. San Jacinto College's Menifee Valley Campus on Saturday, Oct. 28.

The event, set for 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., will include live music, food, a catrina contest, children's activities and dancing. The public can participate in a Dia de los Muertos community altar designed by the city. Residents may bring photos of loved ones and small offerings to be displayed. Families can request space for an altar by emailing culturalarts@cityofmenifee.us.

The college is at 28237 La Piedra Road.

– *Staff report*

RIVERSIDE

The Riverside Day of the Dead, now in its 20th year, will take place Saturday, Nov. 4, in downtown Riverside.

The event will be on Market Street, between University Avenue and 14th Street.

Information: @riversidedayofthedead on Instagram.

– Sarah Hofmann



Visitors view art in the Día de los Muertos exhibit at the Ontario Museum of History & Art on Oct. 12, 2018. The museum's 2023 Día de los Muertos exhibit runs through Nov. 19. (File Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

San Bernardino County

ONTARIO

The city's Dia de los Muertos activities include a procession and a community altar to which residents are invited to contribute.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, Oct. 24, by 4:30 p.m. Proposals will be reviewed before they are approved. Decorating is from Monday, Oct. 23, to Wednesday, Oct. 25. The altar, which will be on display until Nov. 5, will be at the Armstrong Community Center, 1265 S. Palmetto Ave.

Residents can also register for a 10-foot square on the Euclid Avenue median to build and decorate and altar. The dates are Oct. 25 through Nov. 5.

Information: 909-395-2020.

– *Staff report*

ONTARIO

The Ontario Museum of History & Art is celebrating with activities that are already underway.

An art exhibit running until Nov. 19 displays works about food that reminds the artists of late friends or family members.

The museum's First Thursday program will include a free painting class Nov. 2, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Guests will create a glow-in-the-dark calavera painting. Artist Mario Solorzano will lead the class using neon paint.

The museum is at 225 S. Euclid Ave.

Class reservation information: 909-395-2510.

– *Staff report*

REDLANDS

Dia de los Muertos will be celebrated at the historic Asistencia on Nov. 4.

The third annual event will be from 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will feature food, mask making, face painting, altardisplays and live entertainment. The suggested donation is \$5. Those buying tickets will have use of a table and a black tablecloth so they can decorate their own altar. Proceeds will go to Asistencia operations and restoration.

The Asistencia is at 26930 Barton Road, Redlands.

Information: Heather Ross, info@redlandsconservancy.org

– *Staff report*



Guests enjoy a Dia de los Muertos event at the A.K. Smiley Public Library in Redlands on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022. (File photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

SAN BERNARDINO

Residents can take part in four days of activities for Dia de los Muertos at Court Street Square.

A community altar, or “ofrenda,” will be on display Nov. 1 through Nov. 3, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Food will be available.

A celebration with music, performances, a beer garden and artisans is set for Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Residents can [go online to submit a photo](#) of a late loved one for inclusion on the altar.

Information: 909-384-5233

— *Staff report*

UPLAND

A Day of the Dead display will be assembled at the Gibson Senior Center in

Residents may email a digital photo of a loved one and that person's name to ErRodriguez@uplandca.gov or bring a photo to the center's front desk to be scanned and returned. The deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 25.

The center is at 250 N. Third Ave., Upland.

– *Staff report*

Los Angeles County

POMONA

Fairplex will host a Dia de los Muertos event called “En Memoria” on Saturday, Nov. 4.

The event will blend the day of remembrance with lowrider car culture and will include classic cars, food, dancing and altars. Attendees are encouraged to contribute food, flowers and photos to a community altar.

Tickets are \$11 advance online and \$16 at the gate. Children 12 and under are free. The event runs from 3 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

For information, click [here](#).

– *Mercedes Cannon-Tran*

POMONA

The Pomona Public Library will host a free Dia de los Muertos event on Thursday, Nov. 2.

The event, set for 3 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., will feature a performance from Mariachi Los Broncos de Pomona.

– *Mercedes Cannon-Tran*

POMONA

Downtown Pomona will host a Friday, Nov. 3, celebration that will feature art, music, food, vendors and a car show.

The free event is set for 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Claremont Heritage will host a celebration in the Claremont Village on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the free event will have ofrendas, face painting and food.

For information, click [here](#).

– Mercedes Cannon-Tran

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