Honouring Old Traditions, Creating New Ones

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CEMETERY October 30 - November 3, 2009

Honour the Dead

Friday, October 30th

The 5th Annual Night for All Souls 6 - 10 pm Opening prayers at sundown.

An atmosphere of contemplative beauty with music, warming fires and fragrant teas to comfort the living, and public shrines to remember the dead.

Candles, flowers and other materials will be available for the creation of personal memorials. (until November 2*)

Saturday, October 31st 8 pm

Vancouver's Helping Mex y Can Society co-hosts an evening of Mexican traditions to honour the dead. Featuring mariachi, ancient dances of the Aztecs, and traditional refreshments such as café de olla and pan de muertos.

Sunday, November 1st 2-4 pm

A Tribute to Robin Blaser, David Dawson, Kuldip Gill and Billy Little

Join us for an afternoon of remembrance and tribute to celebrate the lives and works of Vancouver-area poets who have passed away this year. Hosted by Vancouver's Poet Laureate Brad Cran and poet Stephen Collis.

Monday, November 2nd

*Last night of memorials 6-9 pm

Tuesday, November 3rd

Closing ceremony Noon

Public Workshops

Memory Boxes

Saturday and Sunday, October 17 & 18, 1-3:30 pm

Led by noted community artist Carmen Rosen, this is a family friendly workshop for people wanting to create a memento to leave behind, or remember someone who

Using a basic display box, participants will bring their own objects and images to tell the story of a life lived. Initially designed as a workshop for seniors, offering grandparents a way to talk about their lives with their families while creating something together, this workshop is suitable for any interested groups or individuals.

Suggested materials donation \$10 - \$20 per box

Memorial Shrines and Altars

Thursday October 22 7-9pm

Artist Marina Szijarto, will present examples of traditional and unusual shrines and alters from many traditions and cultures, and discuss the essence of what it means to create one

Artist Jose-Carlos Medina will join Marina this year and talk about the Mexican tradition of creating alters

The talk will be followed with a hands on making workshop Sunday October 25

Sugar Skulls / Calaveras de Azucar Saturday October 24

1-4pm

Sugar Skulls, or Calaveras de Azucar, are a traditional part of the Mexican Day of the Dead. This is a family friendly workshop that offers participants an opportunity to learn about this custom, and create their own Calaveras to honour and welcome the spirits of their dead.

This workshop can be messy. Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately!

Children under 12 should bring an adult.

Registration required

Suggested materials donation \$5. per sugar skull

All workshops take place at Mountain View Cemetery 5455 Fraser Street

For more details, visit our website vancouver.ca/allsouls For more information and to register for workshops contact the cemetery at 604.325.2646 or mountainview.cemetery@vancouver.ca



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