

The Day of the Dead: Celebrating Community, Family and the Immortal Spirit

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Davenport, Iowa (September 24, 2013) – *The Day of the Dead: Celebrating Community, Family and the Immortal Spirit* is a new exhibition that will be opening at the Figge Art Museum on Thursday. The installation celebrates the traditions of the November holiday in which the living remember their departed loved ones.

The exhibition will feature more than two dozen larger-than-life Catrina dolls from Casa Guanajuato Quad Cities and multiple ofrendas (altars) from community members including The Humane Society of Scott County, The Project of the Quad Cities and Scott Community College SEED Program.

The ofrendas on display honor the deceased and will be decorated with traditional items such as sugar skulls, flowers, candles and images. Guests will be invited to make paper flowers and butterflies, leaves and paw prints to leave in remembrance.

The public is invited to the free “Cocktails with Catrinas” kickoff event on Thursday from 5-8 p.m. in the Grand Lobby, where attendees will mingle among Catrinas while enjoying music, free snacks, salsa dancing and specialty cocktails.

The Day of the Dead exhibition will be on view through November 3 and is sponsored by the Brand Boeshaar Foundation Fund.

Companion Events: Cocktails with Catrinas

5-8 p.m. Thursday, September 26

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Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and the exhibition at this event featuring food, music and salsa dancing among the larger-than-life Catrinas from Casa Guanajuato. Free!

Esperanza Forum & Luncheon

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Friday, October 4

Learn about the state of Latino affairs in Illinois from Sylvia Puente, Executive Director of the Latino Policy Forum. The forum will be followed by a Q&A session. Free, but please RSVP for lunch count at [309-756-9978](tel:309-756-9978) or <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/hmrs>.

Free Family Fiesta Day

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, November 2

Celebrate El Dia de los Muertos at the Figge! Families will enjoy making a variety of projects including skeleton masks, clay figures, and learn to make and decorate traditional sugar skulls. Special snacks, music, story time and a film will also be on the schedule along with gallery activities. Ballet Folklorico will cap off the scheduled activities with their performance of traditional dance in the Grand Lobby.

Día de los Muertos 5K Race/Walk

9 a.m. Saturday, November 2

A partnership with Casa Guanajuato Quad Cities

Celebrate El Dia de los Muertos and Halloween by dressing up for this family-friendly run/walk on the Dav-en-port River-walk (Rip-ley St. at Bieder-beck Dr.). To register visit www.casaqc.org.

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About the Figge Art Museum

The Figge Art Museum is located on the riverfront in downtown Davenport at 225 West Second Street. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and Sundays 12-5 p.m. Thursdays the museum is open until 9 p.m. Admission to the museum and tour is \$7. Admission is free to Figge members and institutional members and free to all on Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.. To contact the museum, please call [563.326.7804](tel:563.326.7804) , or visit www.figgeartmuseum.org

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