



## **SIOUX CITY PUBLIC MUSEUM**

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### **Dia de los Muertos altars displayed at Museum**

(Sioux City) – In commemoration of Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead, the Sioux City Public Museum is presenting an altar display to highlight the Mexican tradition. This year's altars include ones to honor family members who died from Covid-19 as well as migrant children who died while in US federal custody.

The Dia de los Muertos altars were created by family members of Irving staff and students, Morningside College students and staff, as well as community members. Participants who created the altars include: Stacey Alex, Rosa Estrada, Maria Guzman, Jay Rosenberg, Elsa Soto, Florita Trinidad, Antonia Vasquez, and Luis Angel Zacarias. The altars will be on display through November 3.

Dia de los Muertos is an important tradition celebrated within Mexico and by Mexican people throughout the world. The holiday focuses on celebrating friends and family who have passed away. A key element is the altar, often found within homes or public places, created to honor and welcome deceased loved ones.

The annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event will not be held this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone who would like to create an altar in the future should contact the Sioux City Public Museum.

Protective masks/face coverings and social distancing are required in all City buildings by members of the public. Hand-sanitizing stations are available.

The Sioux City Public Museum is located at 607 4th Street in downtown Sioux City. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 712-279-6174 or visit [SiouxCityMuseum.org](https://SiouxCityMuseum.org).

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