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By Guy Clifton
Nevada State Museum

One of Northern Nevada's most popular cultural events – annual Day of the Dead Community Celebration – returns Friday and Saturday to the Nevada State Museum with a plethora of family friendly activities.

“Our Day of the Dead celebration is one of the most exciting and popular events held at the museum,” said Museum Director Myron Freedman. “We are so pleased to share this ancient and vivid cultural celebration with the community, and this year we have gained more friends and partners who help make it possible.”

The event is cosponsored by the Nevada State Museum, Western Nevada College and the Carson City Cultural Commission. Admission is free Friday night and Saturday.

Day of the Dead, also known as El Dia de los Muertos, is a holiday rooted in Mexican and indigenous observances dating back to the time of the Aztecs. Today it is celebrated by people of Mexican ancestry

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CHS seniors Elizabeth Schulze, 18, Sophia Taggart, 17, and Emma McCoy, 17, from teacher Alisa Kuniya's ceramics class display their Dia de los Muertos masks.

Student art exhibit at annual Día de los Muertos event

By Dan Davis
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The Nevada State Museum will host a Day of the Dead celebration this weekend from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. As part of the event and celebration, Carson High School ceramics students from teacher Alisa Kuniya's class and third graders from Bordewich Bray Elementary School will exhibit Día de los Muertos masks and altars.

The art pieces created for the event were designed to remember and honor loved ones who have died. Traditionally

colorful and decorative, the masks and altars offer favorite foods, drinks or special items that might have belonged to the deceased to help the returning spirit relive memories. The art pieces might also represent a general celebration of ancestors past, celebrities or beloved pets.

This event is open and free to the public and includes sugar skull crafts, folklore dancers and food trucks. For more information about the Day of the Dead event, click on the calendar link on the district's website to view a flyer in English and Spanish or contact the Nevada State Museum at 775-687-4810.

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