

Museum Celebrates Dia de Los Muertos
as Part of Passport to the Queen City Program

WHAT The Charlotte Museum of History celebrates Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, with a special program for children and families on Oct. 27. This Mexican holiday, also celebrated in some other parts of Latin America, remembers the lives of people's deceased loved ones.

The event is part of the museum's year-long *Passport to the Queen City* program.

Children will learn more about Dia de los Muertos, which takes place Nov. 1-2, and then create their own decorations for the holiday. Crafts include making skull masks and "papel picado," the perforated paper streamers that are always part of Dia de los Muertos celebrations.

Each child will receive a workbook they can use to learn more about their own family stories, including questions to ask a family member.

The museum's Passport to the Queen City program offers children the chance to learn about the many peoples that make up Charlotte's unique cultural landscape. The program helps develop courage, compassion and critical thinking. Children get a free museum "passport" and receive a stamp for each program they attend. When they complete 75% of the passport, kids receive a museum prize celebrating our diverse, global city. The year-long program culminates in July with a Fourth of July celebration and Naturalization Ceremony for new U.S. citizens.

WHEN Saturday, Oct. 27

10-11:30 a.m. – Dia de los Muertos learning and craft workshop for children and their caregivers

Noon – Guided tour of the Hezekiah Alexander Homesite

HOW TO GO The Dia de los Muertos workshop is free with regular museum admission. Registration is requested, though not required.

The Charlotte Museum of History is just minutes from uptown, at 3500 Shamrock Drive.

More information is at charlottemuseum.org or by calling 704.568.1774.