

Clark County Parks and Recreation is seeking artwork for a Day of the Dead exhibit at Winchester Cultural Center celebrating the traditional Mexican holiday, *El Día de los Muertos*, from Oct. 21 through Nov. 7, 2014. Works must relate to the holiday, which celebrates the lives of past loved ones as well as life in the present. Artists must be a resident of Clark County and at least 14 years old to enter. The sole juror for the exhibit is Las Vegas artist, Krystal Ramirez.

All media are welcome, but works must fit through a standard doorframe and should be ready to hang or exhibit (with appropriate hanging hardware). A \$100 prize will be awarded for the piece judged Best of Show. Each artist may submit up to three works. **Actual works must be brought to Winchester Gallery Oct. 14 and 15 from 10am to 7:30pm. Artwork not juried into the show must be picked up on Friday, October 17 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. or Saturday, Oct. 18 between 9 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The center will not be responsible for works not picked up by October 18.**

Artists are advised to learn Day of the Dead traditions, which honor the dead, but also confront death itself, often with a humorous attitude. Day of the Dead is not to be confused with Halloween.

All participating artists and the Best of Show winner will be recognized on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. during the Winchester's Life in Death Festival. Food and festivities will continue throughout the two-day celebration from 4 to 9 p.m. Nov. 1 and 2 at Winchester Cultural Center and Park. Festival activities include recited satirical poetry (*calaveras*) in Spanish and English, workshops, children's activities, dance and music.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

Artists who wish to create *ofrendas*, or memorial altars, may call Erika Borges at 702-455-7029. *Ofrendas* will be displayed outdoors during the event. Prizes will be awarded for best *ofrendas*.

For festival information, call 702-455-7340. For exhibit information call 702-455-7030.