



# OFRENDAS ALTAR EXHIBITION



## OFRENDAS '22 APPLICATION

**FINAL DUE DATE – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ALTAR SPACES WILL BE ASSIGNED IN THE ORDER APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENTS ARE RECEIVED. SPACES ARE LIMITED!\*\***

**OFRENDAS '22 EXHIBITION DATES OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> thru NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

### APPLICANT INFORMATION:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Text Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### ALTAR INFORMATION:

Altar Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of person(s) being remembered:

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**SPACE SIZE (3'x4'): DEPTH: 3 FEET (NO MORE THAN 3 FEET AWAY FROM THE WALL); WIDTH 4 FEET; HEIGHT: 6 TO 8 FEET (must be structurally safe).**

**FEE: \$40 per 3ft by 4ft space.**

Applicant's signature indicates commitment to all exhibition regulations and to full payment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications may be submitted via email to [lgavito6@gmail.com](mailto:lgavito6@gmail.com) or may be sent to MECA 1900 Kane Street, Houston, TX 77007. All payments are to be made to MECA.

**SPACE WILL NOT BE RESERVED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.**

**(Exhibition regulations on next page. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)**



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## MECA'S OFRENDAS/ALTARS/MEMORIALS EXHIBITION

-----PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY-----

WEEKEND SET-UP DATES: October 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> + October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

All exhibits must be fully completed by end of day October 9<sup>th</sup>.

If altar is not completed, space will be re-used, and payment will not be refunded.

**NOCHE DE LA OFRENDA – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

**DON'T: DO NOT USE HALLOWEEN OR SANTA MUERTE DÉCOR.** MECA staff reserves the right to remove anything that may be considered culturally offensive or insensitive to the Mexican Tradition of the Day of the Dead or may be a safety/health hazard. When in doubt of appropriateness of item ask Luis Gavito, curator.

**BE CREATIVE, COLORFUL, AND RESPECTFUL.** Respect the space of others by staying within the boundaries of the space reserved. Be respectful to the remembered – the honored – to the tradition.

**TRADITIONAL ELEMENTS:** Use as many traditional elements as possible – respect the Mexican Tradition - Santos, crosses, Calaveras, Catrinas, candles, copal, marigolds, gladiolas, calla lilies, papel picado, butterflies, water, salt, family pictures, sugar skulls, ofrendas, etc. Keep store bought items to a minimum or refurbish/repurpose store bought items. **HOMEMADE CRAFTS AND DÉCOR ARE THE BEST.**

### Allow the altar to tell a story of the loved one(s) of the remembered.

**OFRENDAS:** can be items that were used or loved by the departed one. Use **ARTIFICIAL** foods, fruits, and breads since real uncovered foods/fruits can attract rodents or may rot. **DON'T FORGET** - Flowers, flowers,

**PLEASE NOTE:** as much as the Altars will be monitored, they will be opened for public exhibition. Do not place anything on the altars that may be too precious or valuable to be lost, stolen, or damaged. **MECA does not take responsibility for lost or broken items.**

**SPACE:** Width, depth, height should be completely covered/decorated. Use multi-levels when possible. **GOOGLE – Day of the Dead Altars to get ideas and make them your own.**

Pay attention to the background!!! **Self-standing pre-decorated backgrounds are the best.**

