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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
“Second Saturday Family Arts Day”
Day of the Dead
Saturday, October 13, 2007 2-4pm

Join the Humboldt Arts Council and the Morris Graves Museum of Art as they celebrate **Second Saturday Family Arts Day!** Saturday, October 13, 2007, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. This Saturday's presenters will include a **Bi-Lingual Song Program** from 2:00-2:45 pm in the Performance Rotunda, **Folkloric Dancing** from 3:00-3:40 pm in the Performance Rotunda, **Frida Kahlo Retablo-style Self-Portraits** with Lindsay Coats from 2-4pm in the Youth Classroom, and a **Community Altar** from 2-4pm in the Atrium.

Día de los Muertos

The *Day of the Dead*, also called "Día de los Muertos," is a holiday (or festival) which is celebrated in Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala, and other areas in Central and South America populated with the Latino ethnic background. The *Day of the Dead* is also celebrated in areas of the United States, such as California, Texas, and many others, in which the Mexican/American heritage exists. November 2nd is the official date for Day of the Dead, although it is celebrated between October 31st and November 2nd. The best way to describe this holiday is to say it is a time when family members who have died are remembered. It is a holiday when the whole family comes together - both living and dead. This holiday festivity is a time for the departed to join the living in the celebrations of the "continuum of life." In Mexico, this festival is considered to be the most important holiday of the year.

Folkloric Dancing

Lynn McCulloch from Ferndale Elementary School will be leading *Folkloric Dancing* in the Performance Rotunda. Ferndale Elementary and Ferndale High School dancers will perform traditional Mexican Folklorico dances from two of the thirty-one Mexican states, Chiapas and Michoacán under the direction of Lynn McCulloch, bilingual aide and Spanish instructor at Ferndale Elementary School in Ferndale since 1990. Lynn is also the founder and organizer of the Cinco de Mayo FIESTA at Ferndale Elementary since 1990, and the Cinco de Mayo FIESTA for the town of Ferndale since 1999. The dancers will be wearing authentic costumes, hand embroidered in Michoacán and Ferndale. Lynn is proud of this example of youth working together in the performing arts, and feels incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to work with such wonderful young people and their families. For more information contact senora@frontiernet.net.

Bi-Lingual Song Program

A bi-lingual program of songs in Spanish and English will be led by Lisa Monet, Parents' Choice award-winner and recording artist on the Music for Little People label. Lisa Monet has received national recognition as a best-selling artist of children's music in schools, libraries, and homes, and has won the Parents' Choice Award. She is named one of "the five leading ladies in children's music" by Billboard Magazine. Ms. Monet is currently devoted to celebrating diversity through her bilingual concerts in Spanish and English. Her recordings will be available at the event.

Frida Kahlo Retablo-style Family Portraits

Frida Kahlo was a famous painter born in Mexico in 1907. Her revolutionary and powerful self-portraits continue to inspire artist today. She wove elements of Mexican folk art traditions with symbols of her experiences, dreams and imagination. Create you own family portrait collage using the traditional Mexican Retablo style of painting on tin.

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Community Altar

Bring pictures of lost loved ones for our *Community Altar* built by Linda Wise of City Garbage, an altar in memory of those who are no longer with us with picture cards cut out of paper, tissues paper flowers, dead bread and sugar skulls. Come and celebrate the Day of the Dead at the Morris Graves Museum of Art.

The Humboldt Arts Council would like to recognize our Second Saturday Family Arts Day Underwriters: Citigroup, Coast Central Credit Union, Green Diamond Resource Company, Living Education and Arts Foundation, McLean Foundation, Rotary Club of Eureka, Sidney Stern Memorial Trust, Umpqua Bank, and U.S. Bank Thank you for all of your support!

Family Arts Day is every second Saturday of the month. To be a presenter or for more information about Family Arts Day contact Rebecca Froehlich at 707.442.0278, ext. 201. The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F St., Eureka, Ca.