



“Altar de los Angelitos: Trunk Ofrenda Contest”
(Dedicated to the Memory of Children Honored on November 1)

Día de Muertos Trunk Altar Contest (Altars Inside Car Trunks)

Theme 2025: Celebrate and honor the memory of children (“Angelitos”) who passed away and are commemorated on **November 1**. Entries should reflect tenderness, innocence, and the love families hold for the little ones who left too soon.

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2025

Time: 3:00–8:00 PM (Public Viewing) • Judging 5:30–7:00 PM • Awards 7:30 PM

Location: Broadway St. Redwood City

Organizer: Casa Círculo Cultural (CCC)

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Purpose

Celebrate and preserve the cultural essence of Día de Muertos by creating respectful, educational, and beautifully crafted altars (ofrendas) displayed in the trunks of parked cars. This contest promotes community, creativity, and remembrance, with a special focus this year on the remembrance of children.

Quick Facts

- **Entry Fee:** Free
- **Vehicle Type:** Cars, SUVs, minivans, or hatchbacks (no trailers or trucks unless pre-approved).
- **Capacity:** Limited spaces. Advance registration required. (12 spaces)
- **Power:** Limited 120V access may be available by request; LED/battery lights



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Judging Criteria (100 pts total)

1. **Cultural Authenticity & Respect (25 pts)**
Accurate, thoughtful representation of Día de Muertos traditions (marigolds/cempasúchil, photos of the departed, papel picado, toys, sweets, favorite items of children, elements of earth/air/fire/water, pan de muerto, etc.). Avoids Halloween themes.
2. **Creativity & Design (20 pts)**
Visual impact, composition, use of trunk space, color harmony.
3. **Craftsmanship & Detail (15 pts)**
Quality of handmade elements; neatness and stability of setup.
4. **Dedication/Storytelling (20 pts)**
Clear dedication to a child/children or theme; brief written card or QR with story.
5. **Safety & Sustainability (10 pts)**
No open flames; safe wiring; reusable/eco-conscious materials; tidy space.
6. **Engagement & Education (10 pts)**
Friendly explanation, signage, or interactive learning (non-commercial).

Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd + Best in Show + People's Choice.

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Participant Waiver & Liability Release

By participating in the “Altar de los Angelitos: Trunk Ofrenda Contest,” I acknowledge that my participation is voluntary. I assume all risks related to setup, display, and attendance. I agree to follow all safety rules and instructions from event staff. I grant Casa Círculo Cultural permission to photograph and record my display/team for educational and promotional purposes without compensation. I release Casa Círculo Cultural, its partners, sponsors, and staff from liability for any injury, loss, or damages incurred during the event. Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Judge Score Sheet

CRITERIA	Points Available	Score
Cultural Authenticity & Respect	25	
Creativity & Design	20	
Craftsmanship & Detail	15	
Dedication / Storytelling	20	
Safety & Sustainability	10	
Engagement & Education	10	
TOTAL	100	

Notes for MC/Judge: