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ARTISTS ASKED TO DONATE WORK FOR DAY OF DEAD BENEFIT AUCTION

To mark the conclusion of her 18th annual Day of the Dead presentation at Stapleton's Central Family Life Center on November 7, artist and craftsperson Irma Bohorquez-Geisler is asking her fellow Staten Island artists to contribute small altar/sculptures to be sold at a benefit auction on November 13.

The small altars, or *ofrendas*, a unique expression of Mexican culture, are traditionally constructed by family members in their homes and in cemeteries, then adorned with personal items to honor and remember a departed loved one.

"Artists may work in any combination of materials," Ms. Bohorquez-Geisler explained, "but donated work must be of a certain size and must be ready to be hung on a wall for display."

There's no entry fee, and applications and further information are available at the Friends of Fire/Casterbridge Fair store at 143 Beach Street, Stapleton, or from Ms. Bohorquez-Geisler at irma621@yahoo.com. Deadline for submissions of work is October 8.

The donated *ofrendas* will be auctioned at the Beach Street store on Saturday, November 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. Proceeds of the auction will be shared by Staten Island Community Charter School and The New York State Institute on Disability.

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