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Plenty of Chills, Thrills at National Museum of Funeral History in October

Haunted House, Halloween Car Show and Dia de los Muertos celebration provide families a spooktacular time!

HOUSTON – The Halloween season in Houston wouldn't be complete without a trip to the National Museum of Funeral History. This year, the Museum is celebrating everyone's favorite spooky holiday during the full month of October (and into the beginning of November). Families have the chance to explore a variety of Halloween happenings – from the Museum's annual Haunted House to the 9th Annual Halloween Car Show (one day only!). The fun continues into early November with the Day of the Dead / Dia de los Muertos celebration, complete with storytelling, costumes, crafts, candy and more. *Please note - all events require paid admission to the Museum.*



WHAT: 5th Annual Haunted House

DATE: Oct. 1 – Nov. 2, 2016

TIME: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sun 12 – 5 p.m. ADMISSION: \$5 Adults; \$3 Kids 11 and under; Tickets are HALF PRICE when

purchased with Museum admission

All month long you can get into the Halloween spirit and be "scared to death" at this family-friendly haunted house. Explore different scenes designed to give goose bumps to young and old alike while taking a light-hearted view of a usually very serious subject. The house is rated PG-13 and is recommended for children ages 12 and up. Children under 12 are welcome, but *must* be accompanied by an adult. Parents are encouraged to go through the haunted house in advance of the rest of the family to make sure it is suitable for their youngsters. Admission to the haunted house is half off when you purchase admission to the museum. Bring the whole family and make a day of it!



WHAT: 9th Annual Halloween Car Show

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016

TIME: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$3 per person; \$5 per couple/family. Does not include admission into the

Museum. General admission rates for the Museum still apply

One day only! Come out and see more than 150 cars from classic to contemporary, from motorized to hoof, while helping to support local charities. Enjoy the fall festival atmosphere with face painting, arts and crafts for the kids, great food from local vendors, a live DJ, silent auction and more. And – for those who want to enter their car in the show, preregistration is recommended. Remember – anyone can enter! Consider "dressing up" your car for Halloween and entering it into the contest for the best decorated car. *Blast from the Past Street Machines of Texas* will be judging the car show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in a variety of categories and issuing a plethora of awards at 3 p.m. Proceeds from the event benefit to Star of Hope, Morning Glory Ranch, The Shriner's Burn Hospital, Houston Food Bank, DePelchin Children's Center and The USO. Free parking is available throughout the area.



WHAT: Day of the Dead / Dia de los Muertos Celebration

DATE: Saturday, November 5, 2016

TIME: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

ADMISSION: Museum admission includes Day of the Dead exhibit and activities.

Museum admission is: \$10 Adults (age 12 and up); \$9 Seniors/Veterans;

\$7 Children age six to 11; free for children age 5 and younger

Learn more about the Latin customs surrounding the Day of the Dead / Dia de los Muertos celebrations held for deceased loved ones. Explore authentic altars made by local artists, commemorate your loved one by leaving them a message in the *Book of the Dead* and bring mementos of the dearly departed to help build the museum's community altar (please note - contributed items should be picked up December 1 - 15; contributed items remaining after December 15 will be discarded). There will be sweet treats, fun activities and a story time for kids from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. with special costumed characters.

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About the National Museum of Funeral History

The National Museum of Funeral History houses the country's largest collection of funeral service artifacts and features renowned exhibits on one of man's oldest cultural customs. Visitors can discover the mourning rituals of ancient civilizations, see up-close the authentic items used in the funerals of U.S. Presidents and Popes and explore the rich heritage of the industry that cares for the dead. The museum is located at 415 Barren Springs Dr., Houston, TX 77090 and is open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 – 5 p.m.. Admission is \$10 for adults and children age 12 and older, \$9 for seniors and veterans; \$7 for children 6 – 11 years old; and free for children age 5 and younger. For more information, visit www.nmfh.org, like us on Facebook or call 281.876.3063.