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Turchin Center for the Visual Arts Sponsors Day of the Dead Celebration Nov. 9

Boone, NC – Appalachian State University's Turchin Center for the Visual Arts is sponsoring a Day of the Dead celebration on Tuesday, November 9 in honor of the center's current Mexico exhibition *In the Shadow of the Volcanoes: Contemporary Art from the Mountains of Central Mexico*. This event will be held at the Turchin Center from 4:30-6 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Appalachian students and children from the Lucy Brock Childcare Center will be creating various crafts throughout the day to place on a temporary Day of the Dead altar that will be set up at the Turchin Center. The community is invited to come and partake in light refreshments, make their own item to place on the altar, listen to Mexican music and meet visiting artist Rosa Borrás whose art can be seen in the Mexico exhibition at the Turchin.

About Day of the Dead

Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico on November 1st and 2nd to honor and remember loved ones who have passed away. A specific way to pay respect to lost loved ones during this time of remembrance is to create an altar in their memory. These altars consist of pictures, flowers, candles and items that are significant to the deceased loved one. Day of the Dead is a celebration of life and has become one of the largest holidays in Mexican culture.

About *In the Shadow of the Volcanoes: Contemporary Art from the Mountains of Central México*

On display through December 4, 2010

Main & Mezzanine Galleries, East Wing

In the spring of 2009, representatives from the Turchin Center and Appalachian's Department of Art visited The Universidad de las Américas en Puebla (UDLAP), and artists living and working in the region surrounding Puebla and Cholula, Mexico. *In the Shadow of the Volcanoes* is the signature exhibit of the summer and fall exhibition seasons exploring works in a wide range of

media by contemporary Mexican artists. The Main Gallery features the work of six established artists: Carlos Arias, Antonio Álvarez Morán, Rosa Borrás, Sergio Gonzalez Angulo, Joaquín Conde and Luz Elvira Torres, as well as works by 18 emerging artists.

A select group of Talavera ceramics from UDLAP's Permanent Collection will also be presented in the Mezzanine Gallery. Talavera has been created in Puebla, Mexico since the 15th century. Many of the artists featured in this portion of the exhibition blend traditional Talavera forms with their own Talavera-inspired designs, or create their own interpretation using traditional methods.

About the Turchin Center for Visual Arts

The Turchin Center for the Visual Arts presents exhibition, education and collection programs that support Appalachian State University's role as a key regional educational, cultural and economic resource.

To request or view a complete schedule of programs for children, teenagers, adults, seniors and special populations, please call 828/262-3017 or visit www.tcva.org. Fees for the workshops vary, and pre-registration and payment are required. Turchin Center members receive discounts for workshops, invitations to special members preview events, and numerous other benefits.

The Turchin Center is located at 423 West King St., in Boone. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday- Thursday and Saturday, and Noon-8 p.m., Friday. The Center is closed Sunday and Monday, and observes all university holidays. There is no admission charge, although donations are gratefully accepted.

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