

La Raza! Origins of Hispanic Heritage Month

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Every year, Americans honor National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th. President Lyndon Johnson initiated the observation in 1968, Ronald Reagan continued that initiation, and the law was enacted on August 17th, 1988. National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the cultures, histories, and contributions of citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. September 15th is a noteworthy date because it is the centennial of independence for the Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. On September 16th and September 18th, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence on those days! Lastly, Día de La Raza falls on October 12th and is the holiday that many Spanish-speaking communities and countries honor as opposed to Columbus Day.

San Diego Latino Association Features Platt College Artwork.

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Platt's Administrative Assistant Claudia Ferreira and myself were invited to attend the San Diego Latino Association's Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration. They loved the show *La Vida De Colores* honoring Latino Heritage Month that I curated at the Spring Valley library and asked if I would bring our art to display during the event. I happily obliged them! We were so honored to be there representing Platt and celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with the community!

The event was featured on 5 o'clock news stations throughout channels CBS 8, KGTV 10, Fox 5, and KUSI 9. To see our students' art on display during the broadcasts go to the different news station's websites to catch their past airings.



Platt at Spring Valley

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La Vida De Colores is an artistic landscape comprised of student artists from varying backgrounds expressing their appreciation of Latino Heritage Month. We invite the public to enjoy this selection of digital and fine arts modus operandi saturated with passion, honor, and profound pride.

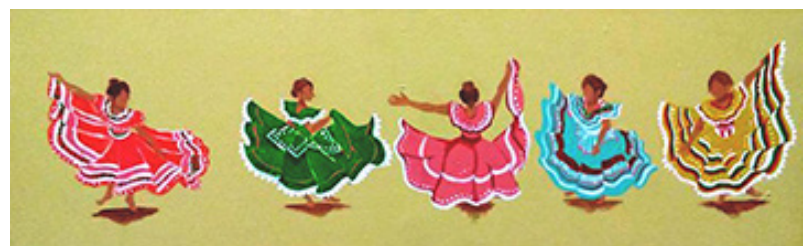
The show will be on display until October 28, 2016.



The art show titled *La Vida De Colores* correlating with Latino Heritage month is on display at Spring Valley Library. *La Vida De Colores* (The Life in Color), is a vibrant art show that explores the rich history, diversity, and colorful spirit of Latino culture: people whose ancestors came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, Central and South America.



Read about our student artists featured in our local newspapers for participating in *La Vida de Colores*! See links below.



Links to newspaper:

www.eccalifornian.com/article/latino-heritage-month-spring-valley-library-celebrates-art-students

www.sdvoice.info/african-american-artist-featured-in-latino-art-show-highlighting-hispanic-heritage-and-culture/

Greetings.....

The Platt College San Diego Library is dedicated to promoting an inspiring atmosphere that meets our student's informational needs and promotes cultural awareness. The library contains appropriate learning and research materials, as well as books and magazines on many subjects and interests. We engage our community with art shows at local libraries and art spaces; monthly-themed exhibitions around campus; and our newsletter as your muse and your news!

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Platt Art In the Local Community

Come to our show at Chicano Art Gallery!

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U.S CONSTITUTION BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT PLATT



Always fun at Platt College San Diego Plattivities! The cupcakes and coffee were yummy too!

Inspiration in the Industry



Rhode Montijo
By Bianca Reyes, Librarian Assistant, Platt College San Diego

With Halloween just around the corner, the artist featured in this issue is Rhode Montijo, a Children’s book author and illustrator. His life’s motto is to live Halloween everyday which is portrayed in his Illustrations. His work is mostly vintage designs inspired Halloween festivities. Among his works are *The Halloween Kid*, a children’s book and the popular online series *Happy Tree Friends* in which he co-created with Mondo Media. He is definitely an inspiration for any artist during this spooky time of the year!



You can check more of his work at www.rhodemontijo.myshopify.com

Health & Wellness
Butternut Squash And Bacon Bisque

Recipe submitted by Natasha Englehardt Serves: 3-4 people

Ingredients:

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| 1 Butternut Squash | 2 Tbs. Fresh Thyme (Stems Removed) |
| 1 Red Onion (Diced) | 2 ½ Cups Chicken Stock (More Can Be Added If The Bisque Is Too Thick For Your Liking) |
| 1 Red Bell Pepper (Chopped) | 1/3 Cup Crumbled Goat Cheese |
| 1 Granny Smith Apple (Peeled & Chopped) | 3 Tbs. Chopped Chives |
| 8 Slices Maple Flavored Bacon (Diced) | |
| 2 Tbs. Olive Oil | |
| 2 Cloves Garlic (Minced) | |
| Salt & Fresh Ground Pepper | |

Directions:

1. Chop the squash, onion, bell pepper, apple, and four slices of the bacon while preheating the oven to 400 degrees. Toss those ingredients into a bowl and coat with the olive oil, garlic, salt, and pepper.
2. Next, put the ingredients into a baking dish. Place in the oven for about 30 minutes.
3. Dice the other 4 pieces of bacon and saute in skillet on medium heat for about 6 minutes. Set aside on a plate with a paper towel to soak up the extra grease.
4. While the pan is still hot, toss the pepitas in the pan to roast them in the bacon grease for about one minute
5. When the squash mixture is done in the oven, transfer the contents to a large stock pot set to medium heat. Add the fresh thyme and any additional salt and pepper. Cook for 2 minutes stirring occasionally.
6. Next, pour the chicken stock into the pot and puree with an immersion blender until desired consistency.
7. Bring the bisque to a boil then reduce the heat to low and simmer for about 5 minutes. If the bisque is too thick you can add more chicken stock.
8. Serve fresh and garnish with the goat cheese, bacon, pepitas and chives.

www.food.natashaenglehardt.com



PLATT'S HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST!



Last Year's Spooktacular Halloween Festivities!

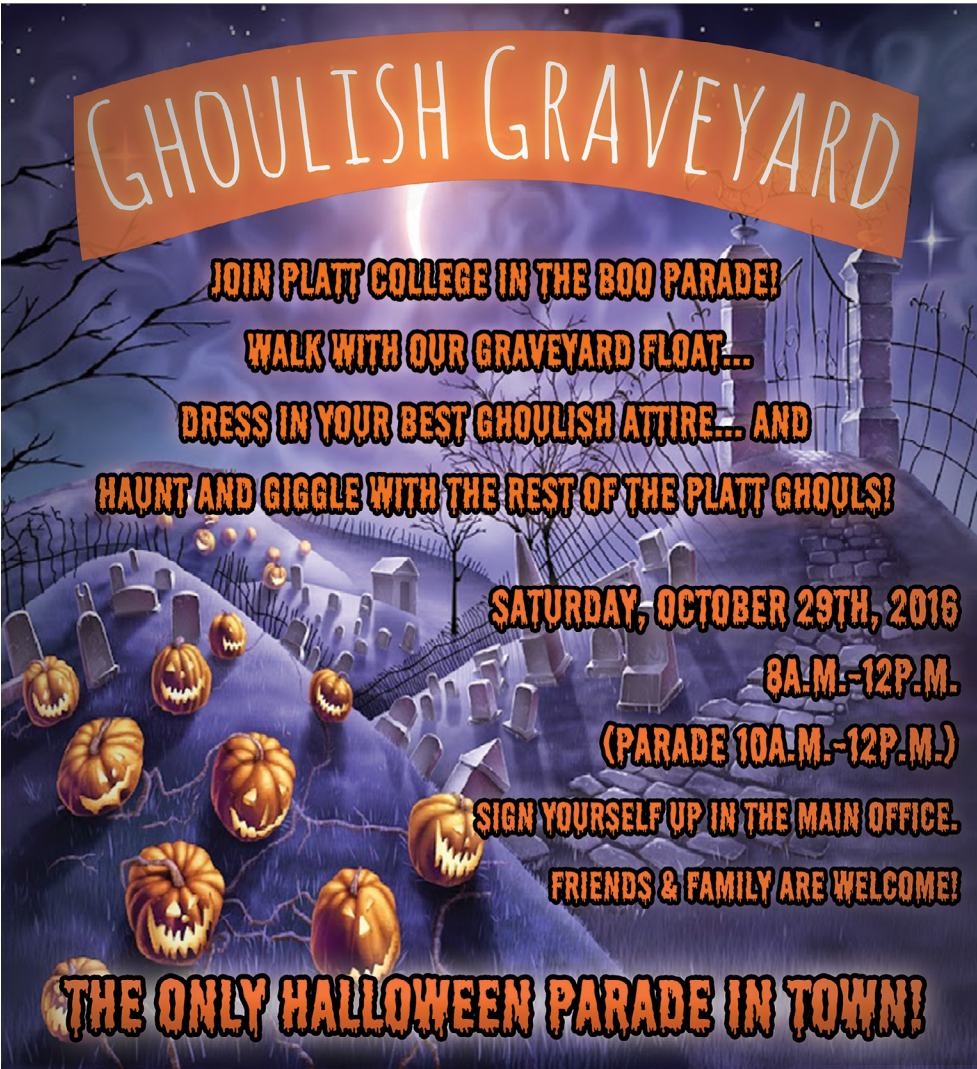


Platt College Open House!

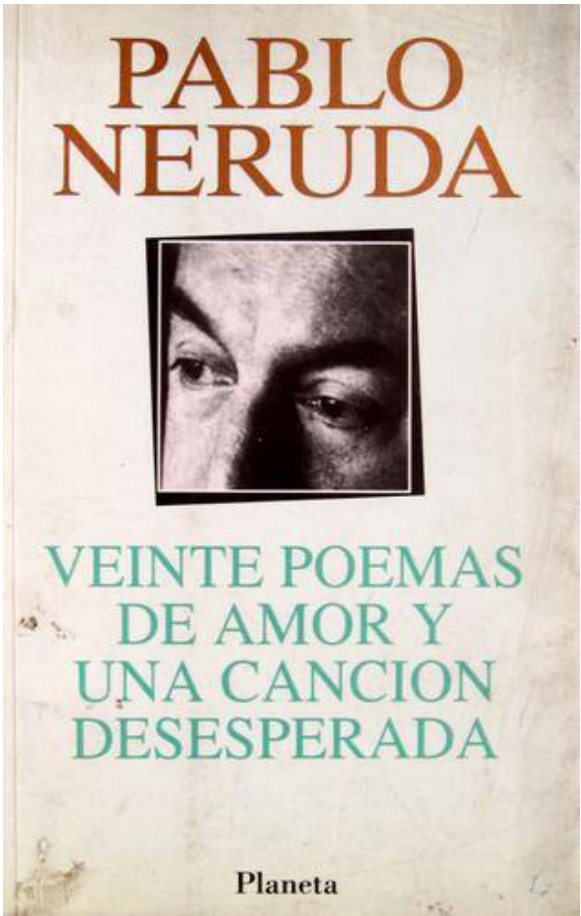
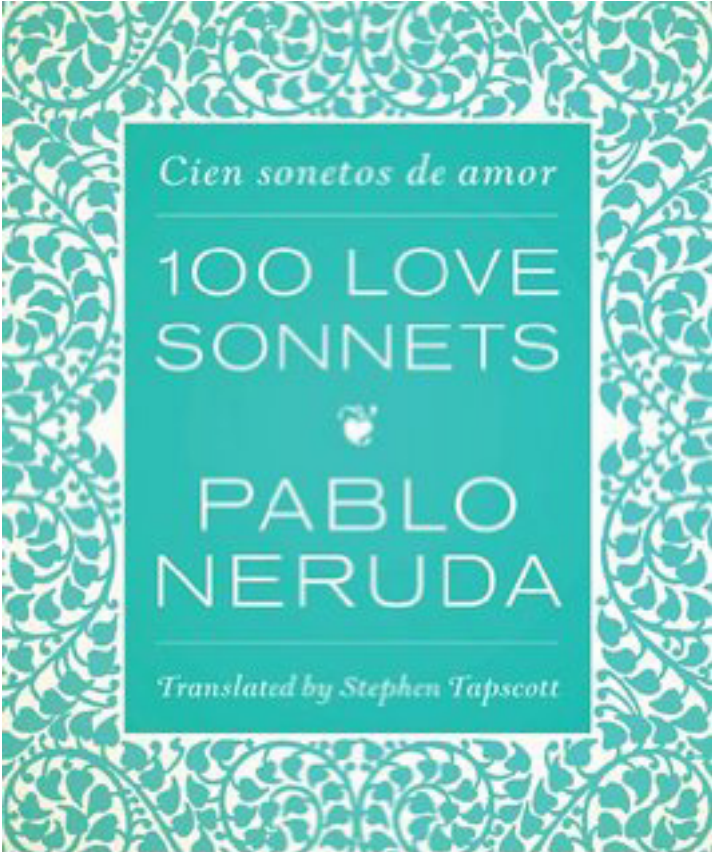
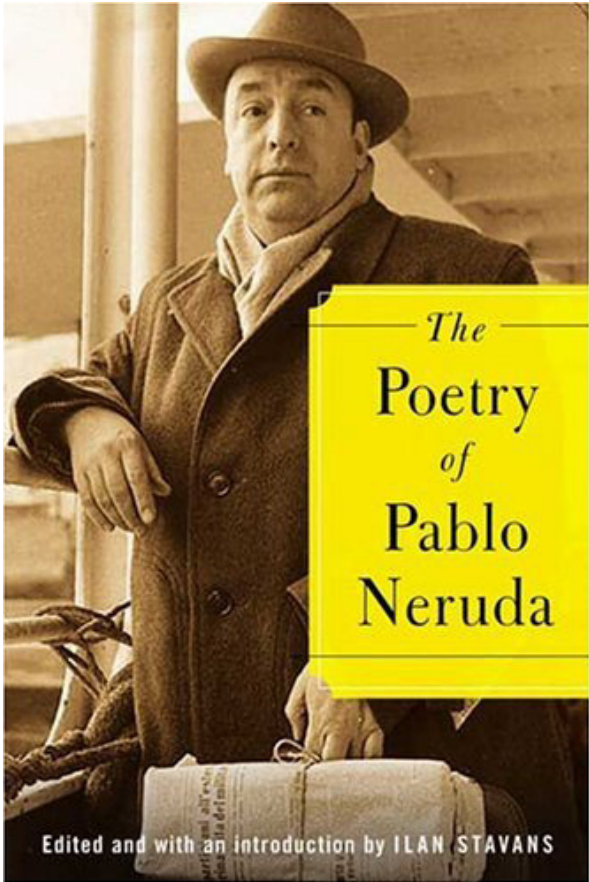


BOO PARADE!

The only Halloween Parade in Town!



Other Published Books by Pablo Neruda



Poet of the Month

By Bianca Reyes, Librarian, Platt College San Diego

Pablo Neruda

“Pablo Neruda was the pen name and, later, legal name of the Chilean poet and politician Neftalí Ricardo Reyes Basoalto. He chose his pen name after Czech poet Jan Neruda.

Neruda wrote in a variety of styles such as erotically charged love poems as in his collection Twenty Poems of Love and a Song of Despair, surrealist poems, historical epics, and overtly political manifestos. In 1971 Neruda won the Nobel Prize for Literature. Colombian novelist Gabriel García Márquez once called him “the greatest poet of the 20th century in any language.” Neruda always wrote in green ink as it was his personal color of hope.

On July 15, 1945, at Pacaembu Stadium in São Paulo, Brazil, he read to 100,000 people in honor of Communist revolutionary leader Luís Carlos Prestes. During his lifetime, Neruda occupied many diplomatic positions and served a stint as a senator for the Chilean Communist Party. When Conservative Chilean President González Videla outlawed communism in Chile in 1948, a warrant was issued for Neruda’s arrest. Friends hid him for months in a house basement in the Chilean port of Valparaíso. Later, Neruda escaped into exile through a mountain pass near Maihue Lake into Argentina. Years later, Neruda was a close collaborator to socialist President Salvador Allende. When Neruda returned to Chile after his Nobel Prize acceptance speech, Allende invited him to read at the Estadio Nacional before 70,000 people.

Neruda was hospitalized with cancer at the time of the Chilean coup d’état led by Augusto Pinochet. Three days after being hospitalized, Neruda died of heart failure. Already a legend in life, Neruda’s death reverberated around the world. Pinochet had denied permission to transform Neruda’s funeral into a public event. However, thousands of grieving Chileans disobeyed the curfew and crowded the streets.”

Cited from Poem Hunter



Extract from “If You Forget Me” by Pablo Neruda

I want you to know
one thing.
You know how this is:
if I look
at the crystal moon, at the red branch
of the slow autumn at my window,
if I touch
near the fire
the impalpable ash
or the wrinkled body of the log,
everything carries me to you,
as if everything that exists,
aromas, light, metals,
were little boats
that sail
toward those isles of yours that wait for me.

Art in the City



Balboa Park Museums

Centro Cultural de la Raza

Marston House

Mingei International Museum

Museum of Photographic Arts

Reuben H Fleet Science Center

San Diego Air & Space Museum

San Diego Art Institute (SDAI)

San Diego Automotive Museum

San Diego Hall of Champions

- San Diego History Center
- San Diego Model Railroad Museum
- San Diego Museum of Man
- San Diego Natural History Museum
- The San Diego Museum of Art
- Timken Museum of Art
- Veterans Museum at Balboa Park
- World Beat Center



Barrio Logan Art District

Bread & Salt Factory and Not an Exit Gallery

Chicano Park

Chicano Art Gallery

Glashaus

Low Gallery

La Bodega Gallery

Nebular Incubator

Union Barrio Logan

North Park and Surrounding Areas



Art Produce Gallery

Expressive Arts Studio

Protea Gallery

The Studio Door



Click on the locations to be redirected to their websites!

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2016

La Vida de Colores!

Celebrating Latino Heritage Month

September 1, 2016 - November 2, 2016

Spring Valley Library

836 Kempton St | Spring Valley, CA 91977

Admission Free

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For more information about the school go to

www.platt.edu



Celebrate the 12th Year of the Boulevard BOO! Parade

October 29, 2016 at 10:00am

Admission Free

With over 70 entries of live entertainment marching on one mile of El Cajon Boulevard the parade will entertain you with spooky ghouls, goblins, ghosts and witches to fill you with the Halloween spirit.

For more information go to

www.collegeareabid.com/boo

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