

Cultural Events – Seattle Fiestas Patrias - September 19 – 20, 2009

Center House – 2nd Floor Gallery

On both, September 19th and 20th, in addition to the big stage performers the festival includes ***“Miracles of Mexican Folk Art: Retablos and Ex-Votos”*** a nationally recognized exhibit of Mexican “retablos” and “ex-votos” made during the Mexican post-colonial period between 1780 and 1910. Retablos are oil paintings, usually on tin, of a Christian saint or saints that were painted by untrained artists. Ex-votos, also painted on tin, serve as a testimony of a miracle that has occurred or as a commemoration of a blessing received.

Also showing is the extraordinary exhibit, ***“The Fabric of Life: Traditional Costumes of Mexico”*** a stunning collection of traditional costumes from different regions/states in Mexico which demonstrates the rich history of this dynamic county.

The “Desfile de Modas” or Fashion Show, showcases some of the beautiful and traditional costumes of Mexico. This Desfile de Modas is graced not only by the beauty of the costumes, but by the beauty of “La Mujer Latina” who is committed to sharing with the world her rich history and culture. These Mujeres (models) are active participants in the Latino community, serving as role models and mentors to younger Latinas; they are engineers, students pursuing a higher education, health care professionals, artists, dancers, etc.

LECTURES:

Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 3:00 ~ ~ Center House 2nd Floor

The Reform and Independence of Mexico

Speaker: Luis Raul Gonzalez, UNAM Attorney General, Mexico City

Comments By: Dr. Erasmo Gamboa, University of Washington

Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 3:00 ~ ~ Center House 2nd Floor

Latina Women In The Northwest

Panel Discussion: Community Services, Health Care, Mental Health, and Legal Issues

in the Latino Community

Moderator: Lourdes Salazar, President, Commission on Hispanic Affairs