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Mexico's Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), celebrated from October 31 to November 2, is a time for family and friends to remember and honor their deceased loved ones, in part by visiting them at the cemetery or by building ofrendas (dedicatory altars) in their homes. Large community-wide ofrendas are also constructed. This may sound overly morbid; however, think again. The holiday is vibrant, colorful and festive.

It was in this spirit that Visiting Assistant Professor, John Seebach and the Anthropology Department SEPC sponsored a small gathering for Dia de los Muertos in Goodnow Hall, and students, staff and faculty were invited to bring pictures and mementos of their departed friends and family for remembrance and display. These reminders shared the altar with marigolds (donated by Associate Professor Eric Carter).

*Arizona, You're Breaking My Heart*  
*Day 28: Of Daki, Lizard M2(aan2(a, and Cornmeal Dferg MsTJ-4.1.32.4dD*



*Come celebrate life by honoring those who have gone before us*

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October 31, 2011  
7:00 – 9:00 pm  
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Jon Andelson was recognized for his educational efforts over the last 12 years on behalf of sustainable agriculture in and around Grinnell. The award “Friend of the Family Farmer Education” was presented at the ceremony spon-



