

# National Hispanic Heritage Month

“Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.”

<http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/>

# Tree of Life

Arbol de la  
Vida



Folk Art

Mexican Trees of Life or Arboles de la Vida are popular expressions of Mexican Folk Art.

The trees are made out of clay and they were first made by Indians after the Spanish explorers arrived in Mexico.

These sculptures are covered with flowers, leaves, patterns and figures.





Themes include Mexico's history, the Day of the Dead, The Nativity, and Noah's Ark.

Some tell the story of the artist's life.

The story is usually “read” beginning at the bottom and going up.



