AKM CULTURAL FAIR

Four Days of Art, Culture, History & Creative Discovery

November 5–8, 2026 | San Pedro, California

Location: 624 S. Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, CA

Join us for four days celebrating art, Anatolian heritage, history, entrepreneurship, traditional craftsmanship, culinary traditions, and community.

Coinciding with San Pedro's First Thursday Art Walk, the AKM Cultural Fair brings together artists, artisans, vendors, speakers, and visitors for a vibrant cultural experience. Explore original artwork, discover handmade products, meet the people behind the creations, and enjoy a variety of cultural presentations and interactive activities.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Opening Night | 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Art, Culture & Community

Celebrate the opening of the AKM Cultural Fair in conjunction with San Pedro's First Thursday Art Walk.

- Explore artist and artisan booths.
- Meet participating artists, makers, and vendors.
- Discover original paintings, photography, ceramics, handmade jewelry, and unique handcrafted products.
- Browse and shop directly from participating artists and vendors.
- Connect with the local arts and cultural community.

Come experience an evening of art, creativity, and cultural exchange!

Admission is free.

The fair's scheduled hours are 5:00 PM–9:00 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Cultural Fair & Anatolian History | 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Explore the Fair

Discover original artwork, traditional crafts, handmade products, and creative work by participating artists and vendors. Meet the creators, learn about their work, and find unique pieces to take home.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Special Presentation

An Extraordinary Journey – The Untold Story of 12,000 Years of Anatolia

Presented by **Engin Kadaster**

Travel through thousands of years of Anatolian history, exploring remarkable ancient civilizations and archaeological treasures, including Göbekli Tepe, Hattuşa, and more.

Featuring a PowerPoint presentation, this engaging cultural journey will be followed by an opportunity for audience questions and discussion.

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Art, Shopping & Conversation

Continue exploring the fair, meet artists and vendors, and discover original works and handmade treasures.

Admission to the fair and the presentation is free.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Business, Traditional Arts & Anatolian Cuisine

9:30 AM – 8:00 PM | Cultural Fair Opens

The fair opens for visitors, with participating artists and vendors ready to welcome guests. Start the day by exploring the booths and enjoying refreshments before the morning program.

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Business Talks

Featuring **Bulent Basol, PhD**
Moderated by **Sezin Aksoy**

Join us for a morning of conversation, ideas, and professional insights.

Coffee, tea, and breakfast will be served.

Please RSVP in advance to help us prepare for the event and accommodate attendees.

12:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Artist & Artisan Marketplace

Explore the fair throughout the day, meet artists and artisans, and discover original artwork, handmade crafts, jewelry, ceramics, and other unique products.

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM | AKM Youth Club: Creative Workshops

Experience traditional and creative art activities led by the **AKM Youth Club.**

- **Woodblock Printing:** Discover the art of printmaking using carved wooden blocks.
- **Ebru (Turkish Paper Marbling):** Create beautiful patterns on water and transfer them onto paper.
- **Henna Art:** Explore traditional decorative designs and patterns.

These interactive activities offer children and young participants an opportunity to experience traditional art techniques.

Workshops require paid participation and advance RSVP. Please inquire about fees and availability.

8:00 PM | Fair Closes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Atatürk Commemoration, Documentary & Cultural Exchange

11:30 AM – 6:00 PM | Final Day of the Cultural Fair

Enjoy the final day of the fair, explore participating artists and vendors, and discover unique artwork, handmade products, and cultural offerings.

1:00 PM – Approximately 1:45 PM | AKM Youth Club: Atatürk Commemoration Program

Join the AKM Youth Club in honoring **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Türkiye**.

Through poetry, music, and a program prepared by the young participants, the event will commemorate Atatürk's legacy and celebrate the values and ideals he left for future generations.

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Documentary Screening & Conversation with the Director

An Atatürk Documentary by Director Tolga Ornek

Watch a documentary exploring the life and legacy of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

Following the screening, director **Tolga Ornek** will join attendees for a conversation and Q&A, offering an opportunity to discuss the film, hear insights from its making, and ask questions about his work.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Turkish Tea, Coffee & Conversation

Enjoy a relaxed gathering with Turkish tea and coffee. Meet participating artists and vendors, exchange ideas, and continue exploring the fair.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Final Shopping & Farewell

Take one last opportunity to discover original artwork, handmade crafts, and unique products from participating artists and vendors.

18:00 | AKM Cultural Fair Concludes

Thank you for being part of these four days filled with art, culture, history, and community!

ADMISSION, REGISTRATION, AND PURCHASES
Admission to the AKM Culture Fair is free of charge.

- Complimentary cultural programs: Participation in the historical presentation on Friday, as well as the Atatürk commemoration event and documentary screening on Sunday, is free of charge.
- Ticketed events: Pre-registration and participation fees are required for the creative workshops taking place on Saturday.
- Business Talks: Participation is free; however, as breakfast and refreshments will be served, pre-registration is requested.
- Purchasing artworks and handmade products: Visitors may purchase artworks and products directly from the participating artists and vendors. Payments are made directly to the respective vendors.

How to RSVP

To reserve your place in a special event or workshop, inquire about participation fees, or check availability, email: **yadigar.atamla@gmail.com**

Please include the name of the event or workshop you wish to attend and the number of participants.

Program details are subject to final confirmation. Advance registration is essential for paid activities, and space may be limited.