



FRIENDS OF THE IXCHEL MUSEUM

Supporting The Textile Arts of Guatemala

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Dear Friends of Ixchel Museum:

Thank you for your support of our efforts. Clearly our core donors continue to give, and to do so generously; we remain grateful and appreciative. But this time, we are also calling out our 2018 New Donors; you are numerous, and we are thrilled. I was especially pleased to see specific donations for our key initiatives. A brief status report on them:

NEXT-GENERATION CATALOGUING

We are still in the process of software vendor selection – making sure the winner is not only appropriately skilled, but also has the right “karma” to work well and closely with the Museum staff. While the evaluation continues, the Museum put forth a proposal to move out on just the photographic aspect. Regardless of the classification system chosen, digital photos of the collection are imperative, and there is a backlog of textiles waiting. We funded this project in March, and are delighted that progress will start immediately.

SAN JOSE EXHIBIT JULY 2019

Our exhibit team and the SJMQT staff continue work on various fronts – mostly notably the gallery textile layout which Ray Senuk and Abby Sue Fisher presented at our annual meeting. It promises to be spectacular! In September, we will be able to dovetail with the free Smithsonian Museum Day and provide special programming during Hispanic Heritage month. We hope those of you in the geography will come to the opening events – send us your email to keep in touch. Use the enclosed “postcard” as a reminder, or send it to a friend in the Bay Area. Regardless of date, you can visit an emerging arts area, with the Works Gallery and the Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana (MACLA) right nearby. (You’ll also find funky restaurants as well as a high-end Westin in a renovated landmark hotel.) Contributions directed to this project have already enabled a publication and a weaver for Community Day events. Come enjoy our work in person!

Thank you for your notes, your praise of our work on behalf of Mayan textiles, and your financial support. Happy summer,

Ana-María V. Zaugg
President, Friends of the Ixchel Museum

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