



# FRIENDS OF THE IXCHEL MUSEUM

Supporting The Textile Arts of Guatemala

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Dear Friends of Ixchel Museum:

It is hard to pull together thoughts at a time like this. And no doubt, hard for you to absorb them while dealing with the myriad of issues raised by the current pandemic. Most of us are globalists, so the news coming at us from all over the world is especially painful. Guatemala moved swiftly and has been less ravaged thus far, so we hope that continues.

An antidote to the health news has been the outpouring of virtual tours, curator talks, on-line exhibits and other ways in which museums meld technology, knowledge, and photos of their collection to enable learning and entertainment when travel is not possible. Pop-up efforts like the Uffizi Decameron or the Barnes Takeouts provide new ways to get a short daily "hit". More feasible for the resource-rich, these still underscore the importance of having the components to hand. For the Museo Ixchel, that means providing virtual tours (there are two currently available), putting their exhibits on their website, and completing the important work of photo-documenting their collection (underway but not finished) – all initiatives which have been funded by FOIM.

The Museo is closed at present, but the staff continues to work as they can. And so do we. We will have held our Annual Meeting virtually, and reviewed projects with a slightly different lens. Of continued importance is the photographing of the Museo Ixchel collection! The Museo has made considerable progress this year, but hundreds of textiles remain to be photographed and subsequently catalogued. Please contribute to this endeavor.

In the US, more by luck than design, we just launched our refreshed website. Do re-visit and recommend it to friends. You have probably heard enough about our San Jose exhibit, but two steps remain: Creating an online exhibit: We will soon complete a quasi-virtual tour to be posted on our website. A broad set of photos will show off both the exhibit and the "surround sound" activities. Identifying a next location: The work to land our next site has to happen now to display in 2021/2. Let us know if you have local small museums as candidates – the building blocks are in place. We thank those who provided special donations for the effort, and look forward to re-filling our coffers so that it can travel to other locations. You also can help by purchasing the **Mayan Traje** publication!

We appreciate all your support. Thanks, stay safe, and let us hear from you.

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