



FRIENDS OF THE IXCHEL MUSEUM

Supporting The Textile Arts of Guatemala

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Dear Friends of the Ixchel Museum:

Surprise! Even with significant constraints imposed by Covid, the Museo has continued to do amazing work. And your support has made a huge difference to what they can do. Despite downsizing, the staff bore down on key aspects, notably collection management and publications. Thanks to Friends, the work to photograph and record their backlog of textiles has continued apace – and at our 2021 Annual Meeting, we funded the final phase. They have also nearly completed two significant research projects:

- a stunning **GLOSARIO** which depicts and describes items of clothing and their use
- a thought-provoking look at contemporary indigenous “fashion” and changes in **MODA**

We’ll be communicating soon about these publications and how they can be accessed. The Museo is also spearheading a significant symposium for later this year, largely virtual, and are working on a revamp of their main exhibit hall, which we will fund via a bequest.

On the home front, our ability to exhibit was curtailed, but we are participating in one this Fall at the Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center in Millville, New Jersey (Sept 24 – Dec 31). This will be in conjunction with *Raíces Culturales Latino-Americanas*, where our VP Yolanda Alcorta is on their board.

Most of you continued to donate – we are so grateful, especially given the many worthy causes to consider during these Covid-days. Not only can we continue to support projects at the Museo, but your contributions defray the cost of the print newsletter, which many of you prefer instead of using the website or email.

If your donation choices are other than FOIM, please do consider other ways you can help:

Spread the word. Share our newsletter with those who love textiles, Guatemala, or women’s traditional crafts. Send them to our recently-refreshed website...or to our pilot Instagram. Seek out local organizations (like consulates, churches, artisan co-ops) and let them know about us.

Include us in your estate or charitable gift planning. Consider bequests or IRA distributions.

Contact us to volunteer for a specific project. Donate textiles. Or make suggestions -- share good ideas from other non-profit organizations you support.

All in all, we are delighted that progress continues and thank you for your ongoing support.

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