



# FRIENDS OF THE IXCHEL MUSEUM

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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."*

That's how I started last June's letter. And it still holds true today. The projects which were called out a year ago - **collection photography** and cataloguing, a **Glosario** "publication", and writing up **fieldwork** on modern fashion - are all done. More important, they have actually pulled off a **multi-country online academic symposium** and completely **renovated their major gallery** while the museum was closed. Totally amazing. (*Fear not, a virtual tour of the Sala IV is in the works.*)

On the home front, the **WheatonArts exhibit** took place and has been held over and, as you'll see in this newsletter, we also put on **two school exhibits**. It has been rewarding to realize our educational efforts still took place, even in the pandemic's shadow.

The wonderful news is that you all continued to support our work and that of the Museo. We so appreciate that, and consequently have a full plate of projects ahead of us. A key behind-the-scenes one is to **digitally re-photograph the exceptional huipiles** from the core collection; they thus will be safer and you'll be able to see them online.

We haven't asked you for a few years about your interests and how you like to be communicated with - so please complete the **enclosed survey**, either by mail or online. We encourage you to consider taking our **e-version of the newsletter**. Not only can you then expand and admire the photos, but more importantly, you can easily forward the e-newsletter to those who might be interested. From there, they can just hop on our website or check out our Instagram. And hopefully they will become members as well.

We have also benefited from several **bequests**. These are a significant boost and enable us to consider **larger-impact projects** that really make a difference. So consider us when estate planning, as well as directing your IRA distributions. Feel free to share good ideas from other non-profit organizations you support, as we would love to have the input.

All in all, we are delighted that progress continues and thank you for your ongoing interest and support. Let us hear from you!

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