



FRIENDS OF THE IXCHEL MUSEUM

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Dear Friends of the Ixchel Museum,

I wish you and your families the best for the upcoming Holiday Season and New Year.

And I want to thank our faithful contributors who support us from year to year. Like many organizations, we receive most of our annual contributions in the last three months of the year – so it is with this in mind that I ask you to support us once again and also think about increasing your level of giving. To those of you who continue to receive our newsletter and have supported us in the past, please consider making a gift this year. To those of you who are on our mailing list but have never donated, please consider giving this year. *We need your assistance in order to fulfill our mission of promoting the art and tradition of Guatemalan textiles.*

This newsletter highlights ongoing research trips to indigenous communities in Guatemala. Capturing information about traditional life as it relates to textile production and use is important work, and Museo Ixchel is committed to documenting the current state of textiles and their use. The museum is not just a repository of the past, but works actively with indigenous weavers to promote their work and build skills. Your support is vital to our continuing these projects.

This past year your contributions also have been used to develop more interactive exhibits at the museum; we need to keep the Museo Ixchel visitor experience fresh and interesting. Additionally, the museum has received grants to document and maintain its collections. On your next visit to Guatemala, please stop by the museum to see tangible results of the staff's efforts.

FOIM board member Yolanda Alcorta is working with indigenous Guatemalan weavers in the Washington DC area to develop skills and start a cooperative. Friends of the Ixchel Museum contributed seed money to this project with the idea that it will become self-sustaining over time.

With warm wishes and sincere thanks for your continuing support,

Raymond E. Senuk

President, Friends of the Ixchel Museum

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