HOW DO YOU KEEP TRADITIONS ALIVE?
We posed this question to visitors of the exhibition *Guatemala from 33,000 km: Contemporary Art, 1960-Present*.

Here are their answers...
STORIES

Pass on stories, catalog photos, keep a diary, engage the next generation, and document and celebrate each day like it is your last.
HOLIDAYS

Singing prayers during Hanukkah and Rosh Hashanah.
I speak my language... Kip lo’kak’athese’es... Yo hablo mi idioma.
I try to take care of my parents like they took care of me.
TOGETHERNESS

We host and take part in family and friends’ dinners and breakfasts regularly! We start new traditions and pass them along to our daughter.
HOLIDAYS

Reading the Christmas story from the bible on Christmas eve.
Cooking traditional foods that my abuela made for me from Peru. Que riquisimo!

How delicious!
On observe toujours ce que nos ancêtres nous ont enseigné, en modifiant les traditions avec amour.

We always observe what our ancestors taught us, changing the traditions with love.
Preparing meals for Buddha as a sign of giving, for good luck in exchange.
REMEMBRANCE

La familia Duran was here. Manteniendo el corazón en el país de “la eterna Primavera.” Nuestra tierra de el Quetzal.

The Duran family was here. Keeping the heart in the country “the eternal Spring.” Our land of Quetzal.
STORIES

We associate the names of our dishes with folk stories, such as gallo pinto.
Chismeanando un café con pan.

Gossiping over coffee with bread.
Spreading love and teaching my siblings to do the same.
TOGETHERNESS

Tequila. Party. Family.
Ask your Grandparents to tell you stories.
Every Sunday at Grandma’s house with constant looks outside the window for paletero and elote man.
Overeating at any all you can eat buffets, no matter how full you are.
Kuv hlub koj (I love you)! Family are for life! Forever proud to be Hmong! Stay positive, be happy, love life to the fullest! Forever will be connected to the 16 loves of my life!
A book, a pair of PJ’s, and a new ornament on Christmas Eve.
REMEMBRANCE

Understanding and honoring our ancestors’ struggles.
I keep my father’s family tradition alive by making smores, catching fireflies, jet skiing, telling stories, and quality time together.
TOGETHERNESS

You have to gather together. Tradition is not solitary, it is held by community.
Early AM walks with the seals, birds, winds, and coffee!
Understanding and honoring our ancestors’ struggles.
FAMILY

My siblings and I make dances to our favorite songs.
Sunday mornings in bed to catch up on the week.
When we light the Christmas tree lights for the first time, we play the music from Superman.
I call my mom and write down her stories. I write down my stories. I keep them alive.
REMEmBRANCE

Never forgetting where you come from, and learning from those around me.
Singing Happy Birthday in French, Lebanese, and English.
TOGETHERNESS

Food (tamales, platanes, rum); storytelling; remembering the ones we no longer have; family gatherings.
Eating waffles on Christmas morning.
Break wishbone from turkey on Thanksgiving