Nahuatl Words Used in *Indigenous Ingenuity: A Celebration of Traditional North American Knowledge*

Amantecatl - an artisan; a person who works in the mechanical arts; also, a feather worker.

Atlatl - a type of weapon: a spear-thrower or dart-thrower.

Axolotl – salamander.

Cacahuaatl - cocoa drink; chocolate drink.

Cactli - footwear, sandal.

Calmecac - schools for youth, where they were trained in military, administrative, and religious duties; involved a rigorous lifestyle, with fasting, vigils, and self-mortification, such as bloodletting, midnight offerings to the deities, sweeping, and more.

Chimalli - a shield; a symbol for war itself.

Chinamitl - a reed or cane fence or enclosure; a wall; a subunit of an altepetl; a chinampa or agricultural strip.

Coyolli - a small bell; a church bell; or, a fishhook.

Cuachic - the shorn one, a person who has been shorn; also, a strong male, a man, a warrior, an aggressor, a conqueror

Cuauhcalli - jail, cage, wooden house or wooden structure; or, eagle-house, associated with warfare

cueitl - a skirt, a petticoat.

huipilli - indigenous woman’s blouse or shift.

Ichcahuipilli - a short, padded and quilted jacket-like cotton or wool armor.

Ichcatl - cotton.

Macuahuitl - wooden club with imbedded obsidian blades; a weapon.

Maxtlatl - loincloth, breech clout.

Milpan - in the maize field.

Nahuatl - the Nahuatl language, although Nahuatlahtolli more commonly referred to the language.

Telpochcalli - house of youths, an institution of education for young men.

Teocintli - an early form of the maize plant, called teocinte in Mexican Spanish.

Tezcatlipoca - "Mirror's Smoke," a deity with an omnipotence, often malevolent, associated with feasting and revelry.

Tilmatli - cloaks or lengths of cloth; clothing; blankets.

Tlachtli - indigenous ball court, ball game.

Quetzalli - the feathers of the quetzal bird.

xicolli - a fringed, sleeveless jacket tied frontally.

Xochimilco - a place name; the place name translates: "place of flower fields."