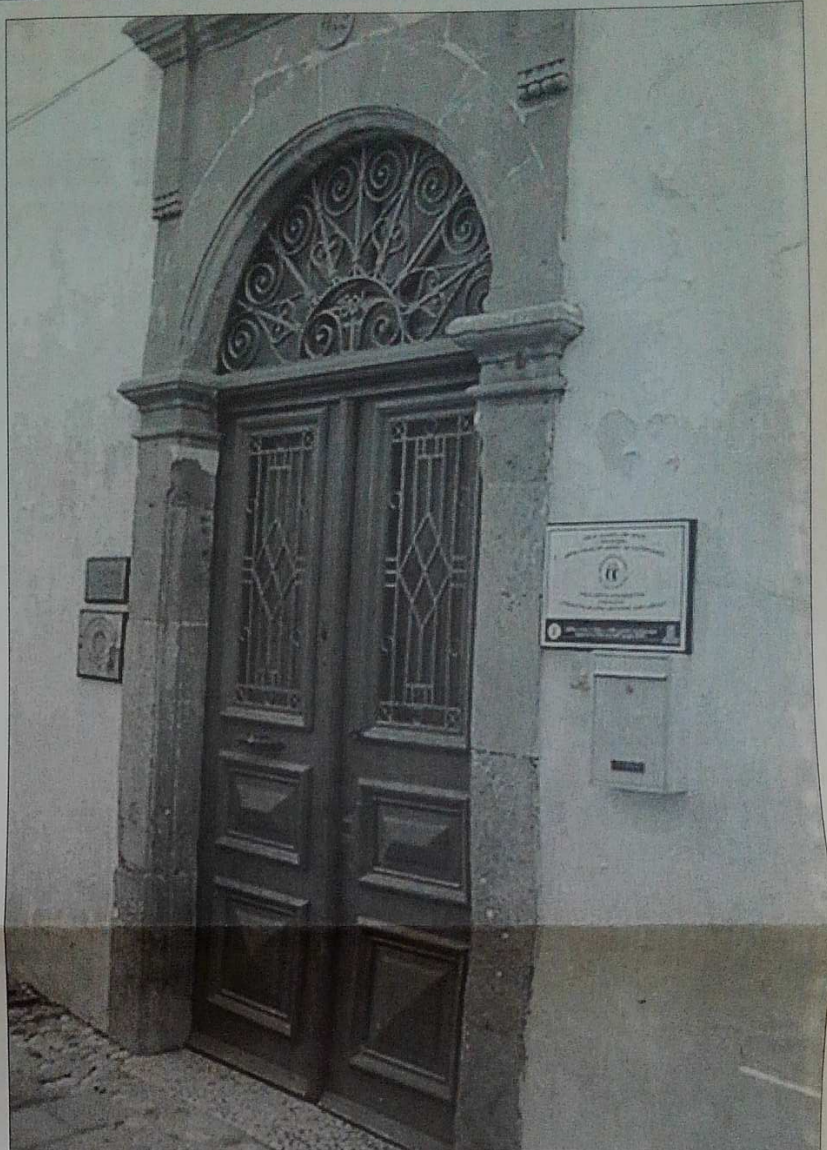


Discovering the treasures of Cyprus at the 'Cyprus Folklore Archives and Library'



'The mission of the Cyprus Folklore Archives and Library is to serve as an information and research centre for researchers, academicians, students, artists and associations'

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I SAW THE brochure at the Folk Arts Institute following an interview. Yesterday, I had the chance of reading it. I am talking about the Cyprus Folklore Archives and Library, established in 2003 by the Folk Arts Foundation with a grant from the Bi-communal Development Programme, which is founded by USAID and UNDP through UNOPS. I spoke to Kani Kanol, the President of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Folklore Archives and Library. As you can imagine he is an

extremely busy person. It was quite difficult to arrange an appointment with him as he is travelling frequently to inspect the ongoing projects of Folk Arts Foundation (HASDER) in various parts of the country including Karpaz. To give you a better idea, I am permitted by President Kani Kanol to write and share with you what is detailed on the 'successfully' prepared and detailed brochure of the Cyprus Folklore Archives and Library. I had many friends who were looking for such a place but were unaware of the existence of the 'Cyprus Folklore Archi-

ves and Library.

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Good morning Mr Kanol. I intend to give detailed information to our readers about the 'Cyprus Folklore Archives and Library'. Although the brochure is self explanatory, and I request your permission to publish the content of it, there may be changes, additions and subtractions to the content.

You may, with pleasure,

publish the information written in the brochure. I will tell you what the changes and additions are; so that your readers will receive 'up-to-date information.

As the mission, information about our collections, video audio tapes, newspaper and magazine archives, photographic archives, document archives, special collections and periodicals are mentioned in the brochure in details, you can transfer the details to the Cyprus Times readers.

Here are the additions: We now have an additional phone number 2290309, and the readers who already have the brochure may correct our new Email; hasder@hasder.org

Is there any change in the opening hours too?

Yes, that's why I gave the second number. We are in a transition peri-

od for the time being, and we request our members and non-members to call us for the available working hours or appointment. We will of course announce the new working hours scheme from the new year, onwards.

Mr President, Folk Arts Foundation is working very hard, so is the Cyprus Folklore Archives and Library. You may have difficulties as well...

As an NGO we are sponsored by the Bi-communal Development Programme, which is funded by USAID and UNDP through UNOPS from the very beginning of the Cyprus Folklore Archives and Library. We present projects and ask the required funds for the realization of our projects.

We do receive a lot of support from the voluntary individuals such as young volunteers taking

part in our everyday duties, such as archiving daily clippings of the newspapers. To be of service to the researchers, members and non-members we need sufficient staff.

Ministry of Culture and Education, or the Department of Culture, we believe can appoint a librarian for easing the services of our Archives and Library. We expect the Department of Culture to provide this, as we are an NGO providing cultural service to the public. President Kanol, thank you very much. I know you are very busy, but I will later request another appointment for an interview about the 'Hand-made Cultural Souvenirs Competition', which was successfully realized and catalogued.