

## MASSARI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Massari of Cyprus and Rhode



«The name brings us together, The tradition is sculpted, The hope is feeding us» Chrysostomos Papalexis

At the Massari Orange Festival organized in Rhode on March 29th, 2009 by the Cultural Association of Masari "The Kammyri", the Massari Cyprus, participated with the Chair of the Community Council Dr Eleftherio Antoniou.

The presence of the Cyprus participation was noticeable with a special kiosk that was set up. There was projection of the Massari village in Cyprus and informative material was given to the public that visited the exhibition area.

Over five thousands of visitors from all over Rhode participated in the exhibition and visited the kiosks set up for promoting the Massari area.

At his speech the Chair of the Massari CC from Cyprus has stressed the willingness of the Massari villagers in Cyprus to fight up and free

their lands and reunite with their beloved homeland.

The prefect of Dodecanese islands and the Mayor of Archangelos Municipality, where the Masari Community of Rhode belongs to, expressed their support in their fair demand for return.



With the initiative of Priest Chrysostomou Papalexi, a *support book* was available for the people to inscribe their support and express their feelings, in order to be carried back to Cyprus, at the closing of the exhibition.

The next schedule meeting will take place in July for the event in the Abbey of Archangel Michael in Kammyri.

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