



1st Festival of the Corinthian Black Raisin Psari, Corinthia 30-31 August 2014

Why a celebration of the Corinthian Black Raisin?

For many centuries, the **Corinthian Black Raisin has been an exquisite and rare product under the special protection of the Greek state. People have been cultivating and drying it** in the north of the Peloponnese **since 1400 B.C.** Its larger-scale cultivation started in the 14th century. For almost 100 years after the Greek Revolution of 182, it constituted 60% of our country's exports. Native to our area (hence its name) the Corinthian Black Raisin has been developed through the traditional knowledge of our local communities. It deserves our renewed respect as we preserve it and develop it further.

The Cultural Association of the Worldwide Psariotes and the Council of the Local Community of Psari in close cooperation with the Elliniki Etaireia, Society for the Environment and Cultural Heritage, are organizing in Psari the **1st Festival of the Corinthian Black Raisin on 30 and 31 August 2014, under the theme *together, we collect and spread out the black raisins!* At the festival we will also inaugurate the five gorgeous Paths of Culture in Psari.**

The inhabitants of Psari invite you to collect and spread out the black raisins together, to walk the paths through its unique hillside vineyards and to celebrate the harvest! **You are welcome to join with your family and friends!**

PROGRAMME

A) Saturday, 30 August 2014

Organized programme

Those of our visitors who wish to participate in the collection and spreading out of the black raisin are invited to gather by the Pano Vrysi (the fountain in the upper part of the village). At that location, volunteers from our village will lead them to the vineyards of village families who are harvesting the black raisin. Departures for the collection and spreading out of the black raisin are at **11:30, 12:30, 13:30 and 16:00.**

ALTERNATIVELY:

16:00 - 17:00: Path 1, “Scarlet Vineyard” (3km, degree of difficulty: easy), with a guide.

Meeting point at the starting point of Path 1 (*our visitors are kindly asked to consult the central sign post of the Paths of Culture at the locations Pano Vrysi*).

15:00 - 17:15: Path 2, “Of the Goddess Hera” (9,3 km, degree of difficulty: medium), with a guide.

Meeting point at the starting point of Path 2 (*our visitors are kindly asked to consult the central sign post of the Paths of Culture at the locations Pano Vrysi*).

17:30 - 19:00: Visit of the photo exhibit with photos of Danny Lacombe, friend of our village, under the theme “My Psari”, Cultural Center of Psari (Palio Scholio)

As of 18:00: Traditional products and treats at the center of the village.

19:15 -19:30: Welcome of our visitors by the Cultural Association of the Worldwide Psariotes, the Local Council and the Elliniki Etaireia, Society for the Environment and Cultural Heritage at Pano Vrysi.

19:30 - 20:10: Presentation about the significance of the Corinthian Black Raisin today.

20:15 - 23:30 Psariot celebration

Our visitors may choose to simply rest in the village or walk by themselves through the beautiful Paths of Culture or to take a bike ride through the bike route (no. 5) we have marked and to also visit the photo exhibit at the Cultural Center (17:30-19:00). We will be waiting for them in the evening for the celebration at Pano Vrysi.

B) Sunday, 31 August 2014

Free programme

Our visitors may choose to walk through one of the Paths of Culture in Psari and to rest in the village afterwards, enjoying a local *tsipouro* or one of the delicious meals available in the tavernas. They could also visit the photo exhibit **with photos of Danny Lacombe**, friend of our village, under the theme “My Psari”, 11:00-13:00, at the Cultural Center of Psari (Palio Scholio).

As they are leaving the area, our visitors may wish to visit the excellent Stymphalia Museum of the Environment (open from 10:00 to 18:00)

