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The ATA committee and members
with the Mörmenekşe Modern
Womens Association committee

ARTICHOKES & HANDICRAFTS

ATA members get a taste of village's culture and tradition

THE Anglo-Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus (ATA) recently visited the Mörmenekşe Modern Women's Association (MÇKD) as part of its ongoing cultural visits.

ATA committee members Tim Morgan, İsmet Ramiz and Hatice Salih Kerimgil, along with other ATA members, were warmly welcomed by MÇKD president Hayriye Ertugay Tokyay.

During her welcome speech, Tokyay highlighted the MÇKD's decade-long commitment to empowering women.

"As a non-governmental organisation, we have been serving society for 10 years and contributing to the empowerment of women in social, cultural, and economic fields. We believe society becomes stronger when women are empowered," she stated.

Tokyay emphasised the association's dedication to preserving and passing on the culture of the TRNC to future generations. She noted that the 14-member MÇKD board of directors plays a crucial role in these efforts.

The MÇKD offers workshops where women create traditional handicrafts and food products, which are sold to supplement family incomes.

"Our workshops not only help women earn but also provide a space for socialising and fostering community spirit," Tokyay explained.

In 2024, the association celebrated its 10th anniversary by publishing a book titled "Brides Without Wedding Dresses", which tells the stories of brides during the years of the Turk-



Sharing the tasty Artichoke Pilav
freshly made by Munis Erkanlı

ish Cypriot struggle. Plans are underway to translate the book into English and Greek to reach a wider audience.

The association also hosts an annual Culture, Art and Production Festival, with details of the upcoming event to be announced soon.

Another highlight of the association's activities is its choir, which performed two successful concerts, "Unforgettable Folk Songs", in April and May 2024. The choir plans to continue delighting audiences with future performances.

During the visit, ATA members were introduced

to the process of crafting traditional items, including Cyprus "doors", silk cocoon work, Lefkara and Lapta embroidery, produced under the guidance of Nurcan Menekşeli.

Mörmenekşe's reputation for producing artichokes was marked with a delicious "Artichoke Pilav" meal, prepared by the MÇKD's social secretary Munis Erkanlı.

Also present at the event from the MÇKD were treasurer Elmas Civişli, secretary Semra Önder, co-ordinator Feza Kılın and cultural secretary Şenay Kadi.



Semra Önder explaining to ATA members how silk is extracted
from cocoons



Some of the handicrafts made by the MÇKD
Photos courtesy of the ATA