

*Chios, A Trilogy:*

- Mastiha, a unique natural product
- Maritime history since antiquity
- Mastiha Villages, culture and people

# TRIBUTE TO THE ISLAND OF CHIOS

ON THE OCCASION OF THE EUROPEAN WEEK CELEBRATIONS IN THE USA, THE EMBASSY OF GREECE AND THE CHIOS SOCIETIES OF AMERICA AND CANADA PRESENT A TRIBUTE TO ONE OF GREECE'S JEWELS, THE ISLAND OF CHIOS AND ITS UNIQUE CULTURE, HISTORY, NATURAL PRODUCTS AND MARITIME HISTORY OF THE AEGEAN SINCE ANTIQUITY.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

A presentation by Kalliopi Koha

from **mastihashops**, N.Y.

All about the history, culture, cultivation, medicinal traits and the many therapeutic and culinary uses of mastiha.

Guests will have the unique opportunity of tasting and testing, watch videos and learn more about a unique natural product that only grows in one place on earth: the Mastiha Villages of Chios

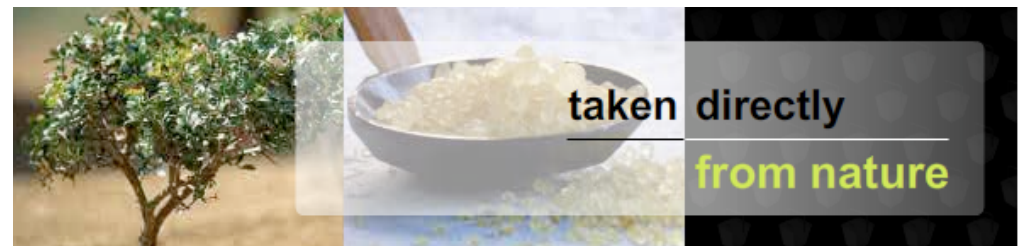
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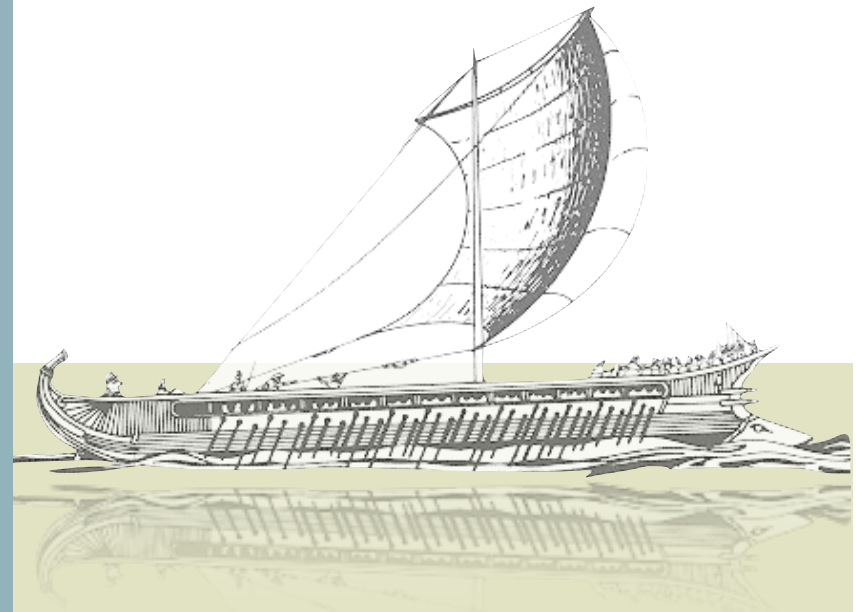
# “Chios and the Merchant Marine”

A presentation by Markos Marinakis

Mr. Marinakis will present the history of Chios as a naval power in ancient times and its influence and presence in Greece’s Merchant Marine industry.

Mr. Markos Marinakis is Director and CEO of the steamship agency and ship chartering corporation, Marinakis Chartering Inc.; ex-US Presidential appointee to the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Commission (1996-1999); Director at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC (2008); Deputy-chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association Inc.; and member of the Board of Directors of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey.

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TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

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# “The Mastiha Villages of Chios” (Mastihohoria)

A photography exhibition and  
presentation by  
Stratis Voyatzis, photographer

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010  
6:30 - 8:30 PM



A woman working on the cultivation of mastic trees. It is common to see elderly ladies in the mastic fields working with the energy of a teenager. The female population of the villages is mostly engaged in the production of mastiha (top).



From the series “Inner World”  
“... a humble staging of the  
need for moderation...” (right)

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Chios is one of the biggest islands in the North-eastern Aegean Sea and is renowned for its mild climate, its beautiful beaches and its numerous historical monuments. But above all, Chios is worldwide famous, since ancient times, for its mastiha.

Chios mastiha is an absolutely natural product, collected from the bark of mastic trees, a species that grows exclusively at the southern part of the island. That is why mastiha gave its name to the medieval settlements of Southern Chios, described as “Mastihohoria” (meaning Mastiha Villages).

Stratis Voyatzis, will travel directly from Chios to present a series of masterfully crafted photographs from the island and the Mastiha Villages. He will also talk about the life, traditions and culture of this very exclusive area.

Stratis Vogiatzis was born in 1978 in Chios, Greece. He holds a BA from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and a MA in Social Sciences (honors) from the University of Amsterdam, dealing with children and political violence and conducting his fieldwork in Palestine. He worked as a training assistant for cultural issues at ‘las casas de la cultura’ in Havana, as a teacher and educator for the gypsies communities in Thessaloniki (Drom) and as a researcher for the educational NGO “IALE” in New Delhi. He has been working as a freelance photographer on several assignments in many countries and participated in several solo and group exhibitions. In 2009 he published his second book: “Inner World” on Mastiha Villages. [www.stratisvogiatzis.com](http://www.stratisvogiatzis.com)

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