

# news flash! news flash!

The ArtExchange is being noticed -- because we are looking good, and traveling even better! We have been written up in places as close to home as western Canada, and as far away as many cities across the United States.

❖ Check out "Good times in Greece" in *The Country Register*, Alberta's creative community's bi-monthly newspaper (March/April 2001, p. 14).

❖ Or, read about creative travel - and the ArtExchange - in travel writer Judy Dash's syndicated article on "Art Adventures - Cultural Immersion through Creativity" most recently included in *The Sunday Oregonian's* Weekend Supplement (April 1, 2001, pp. T1, T2).

❖ Guess what? Others are catching up with us! Check out this month's *Conde Nast Traveler* "Aegean Gems: 5 Classic Greek Islands" by Patricia Storage (she of *Dinner with Persephone* fame). Tinos, our creative home for years, is one of her five "classic" islands, described by the author as "a staunchly Greek, not tourist island." We couldn't agree more!

Join us this fall and discover an(other) Greece!

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**Travel  
&  
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Escapes**

In Greece, guests of the Canadian-based ArtExchange's Artful Escape can try their hands at chiseling marble sculptures (perhaps a mini Parthenon?) during a week of classes in a community of master carvers on the tiny island of Tinos in the Cyclades chain.

Before students in the ArtExchange's Greek program tackle their own slabs of marble on Tinos island, they spend a week in Athens, getting inspiration from enduring masterpieces of the medium, such as the Parthenon and Temple of Athena - and jump-starting their creative juices at local taverns.

*"Indulge  
a passion or  
improve a skill on  
vacations that do  
double duty."*

**ART ADVENTURES**  
**Art: Forge a spear in Tanzania or chisel marble on a Greek island**  
**CULTURAL IMMERSION THROUGH CREATIVITY**



## Good Times in Greece

Islands of intense beauty, floating about on the "wine-dark sea", that is the Aegean. Exquisite handcrafted wines from vineyards dating to Homer's time. A throbbing, modern capital city, draped in art, culture, and the rich tapestry of mythology, folklore and tradition.

People who take the ArtExchange tours to Greece experience all this and much more! Caterina Pizanias, a native Athenian who spent her summers in the Greek Islands, leads small groups of art lovers, artists -and fun lovers - on artistic "exchanges" to Greece each year. Each of her trips has a theme - and affords some unique artistic experiences. Participants in the "Greece... artful escape" journey this fall even got to try their hand at marble carving on a Greek island, in a one-week course that was an optional part of the journey. And what an experience! For starters, the whitewashed studio on the Cycladic Island of Tinos is set in a lush bougainvillea-draped garden overlooking the Aegean. Students hailed from all over the world, and novices and masters worked side by side under the tutelage of master sculptor Petros Dellatolas, and his wife Annette Fougny. And the result? Well, the ArtExchange participants, all novices, were beaming at their marble masterpieces - and their newfound talent!



This year, The ArtExchange offers four tours. The first, "Vernacular Architecture and the Decorative Arts of the Aegean" coincides with Greek Easter in April - and participants will join in the candlelit processions, enjoy the special foods, and dance and celebrate with the locals in Greece's biggest holiday. The "Greece artful escape" will be offered twice, once in May, and again in late September, with marble carving on Tinos again a unique option. Last but not least, "In the Footsteps of Dionysus" in late October will offer all the decadence that Dionysus could imagine. Starting with what Caterina describes as some "preparatory rites" in a scenic island spa town (while staying in a luxury hotel with "healing waters"), the tour will then immerse itself in the history, viticulture, and folklore of wine. Sampling wine and food from the best that Greece can offer, this is truly a unique wine tour - and a grand way to see Greece!

Be sure to visit the ArtExchange website and take in their stunning photographs, or call or e-mail them for more information and tour pricing (surprisingly affordable!). Their telephone in Calgary is (403) 251-5297; and the e-mail address is: [info@artexchange-greece.com](mailto:info@artexchange-greece.com).