

Merhaba Arkadaslar,

I'm just back from Turkey where we had a product development workshop at Kars for a group of low income women. They learned how to make waxed block printing that used to be practiced in Malatya region long ago. With no employment prospects, young women in Kars are in desperate need to make a living through marketable crafts production. With the help of a textile artist they created beautiful silk scarves. AnART will assist them with initial marketing. Some of you already purchased our Kars scarves on Sunday at the Cumhuriyet Bayram dinner at Kazan where you invite AnART every year to sell crafts in support of our artisans. More scarves will be on sale at our annual holiday sale on Dec.4th at the Washington International School (See attached flyer).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Arkadaslar for the \$1300 contribution. We'll put it in good use as we always need funds for our training programs. Another way we raise funds is through the annual cultural tour that we organize each year to a different region in Turkey. As some members of Arkadaslar who joined us know, our tours incorporate visits to our projects and other local artisans as well as important historical, architectural and natural sites. We partner with Fest Travel who are the pioneers of cultural tourism in Turkey. The \$300 contribution for AnART included in the price provide us the much necessary funds. I'm enclosing our 2011 tour brochure to "Historic and Traditional North Central Anatolia" and do hope that you will join us to discover this very exciting part of Turkey and also support our low income artisans.

Very best,

Yildiz Yagci
President
Anatolian Artisans
301-231-8128
www.anatolianartisans.org