

EXHIBITION: “PROMINENT WOMEN FROM LA MARINA BAIXA”

It is well known that International Women’s Day is celebrated on 8th of March to commemorate the struggle of women for their emancipation and their right to participate in society in order to achieve their development as individuals. It is even a national holiday in some countries. The need to vindicate the role of women is such that the United Nations has dedicated an International Day of Women and Girls in Science on 11th of February. This means that women are prevented, often in a subtle way, from developing their careers; therefore it is necessary to inform a society that advances very little by little towards equality.

This is the aim of the travelling exhibition “ Prominent Women from la Marina Baixa” which opens in Polop de la Marina. The villages of Alfaz del Pi, La Nucía, Sella and Polop participate in it with the intention of highlighting the role of women in society, with examples of women from these villages in order to help us reflect on how necessary and essential women are on all levels.

The panels, 1.5 x 1 mt, will be hung from the balconies of the Plaza de la Purísima on 17th July for a month and will show a short biography of each woman. In this first edition , that we hope will have continuity in time, twelve outstanding women are represented:

- Lourdes Barreiros, Concha Rodríguez, Emma Escobar y Paula Morcillo from l’Alfàs del Pi
- Marian Cano and Eva Naranjo from La Nucía
- Catalina Tous, Dolores Cerdá, Natividad Martínez and Isabel Sellés from Sella
- Dolores Berenguer and M^a Carmen Berenguer from Polop.



Dolores Berenguer Such (1930), “Dolores the baker” and M^a Carmen Berenguer Iborra (1940) have been chosen to represent our village. The former is one of the most typical images of Polop when she delivered bread on a donkey in the streets; an image that is already a sign of identity of our village. Her strength in facing the setbacks of life is an example of fortitude and struggle for all our community.

M^a Carmen “the teacher” represents one of those few women with higher education who has known how to conciliate family and professional life; mother of a large family she never gave up her work as a teacher of many generations of this village in a time when women quit their jobs when they got married.



Both of them represent us and we are proud of them. Their struggle as women has given us strength and has shown us which is the way to follow. Our deepest admiration for both of them and also thanks to all the women represented in the exhibition so they are the example of a society that claims to make visible a role that, we do not know why, has not been fully emphasized.

Our deepest respect.

Let us fight from now on so that all this be history.

ROSA FUSTER VAQUER

According to the head of Equality, “there are many women who have formed and are part of the history of Polop, who would fit in this project. A project that was born with a vocation for continuity, and to which we are excited about the possibility of being able to visualize each one of these”.

The exhibition invites us to reflect on the role of women in our collective history and claims their active role in the history of the peoples of the region.

Express our gratitude to Rosa Fuster for the presentation that she , “Rosa la del mosaico”, has made to open this traveling exhibition. Rosa has been and is a convinced polopina, involved in the world of women and who has always expressed a desire to participate at any cultural event in your town.

We hope you enjoy it!