

Re-use

# Lempa College of Art

Lempa Village, Paphos, Cyprus

## The Lempa Art College is turning waste into art

Lempa is a small village in the Paphos region with a big art culture due to the “Lempa Art College” founded in 1969 by the late artist Stass Paraskos. Lempa Art College is not a college in the sense of a teaching institution. It is a huge open air studio space, with some basic living accommodation blocks attached, which attracts creative people from around the world. The unique character of the College is that most of the students use household waste to create art.



In the surrounding area of the College, artists from all over the world and students have created the “Great Art Wall of Lempa” consisting of art pieces and sculptures from reusable household materials and discarded waste such as bottles, old furniture, broken tiles, old barrels, broken cement mixer, rusty and old tin buckets, old beds, scrap metal etc.

The building of the wall started in 2002 from a single sculpture by Stass Paraskos. Over the years, it grew due to accumulated sculptures of reusable materials. Hundreds bottles, thousands of broken tiles, scrap metal and household waste have been used as a material to build this glass wall.

“Re-use and recycle is a way of life that can be present in any form, such as art”

Visitors and visiting artists discover a new form of art, a more simple, primitive and “human” art consisting of waste. In order to raise awareness that everything can be reused and be transformed into art, the wall can be visited and is open to students, young children and schools.

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Besides art and creativity, the example of the Great Art Wall inspires artists and people in Paphos , Cyprus but also worldwide, to use waste in a creative manner, an alternately way, in order to create something new, to decorate, to develop and to simply use as an art form.

### Useful links:

<http://enqui7024.wix.com/cypruscollegeofart#!about-us/c1q7s>

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