A Country Called Syria

Exhibit
September - December 2015
Frank Mt. Pleasant Library of Special Collections & Archives, Leatherby Libraries, fourth floor

Opening Reception
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Portico, Leatherby Libraries
Syrian appetizers will be served

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Aleppo’s Kitchen
A group of Syrian American women share the treasures of their Syrian culture with the world. This exhibit, which has traveled between several venues in Southern California, displays historical and cultural aspects of Syrian life, illustrating different foods, attires, trades, cities, and contributions of Syria.

Kinda Hibrawi works for Karam Foundation as education and creative director. She is an internationally recognized Syrian-American painter specializing in the art of Arabic calligraphy. Kinda tries to bridge cultural misunderstandings between Arabs and Americans through her artwork. Her Syria Twitter Portrait series will be featured at the Venice Biennial this summer. Originally from Aleppo, Kinda grew up in Saudi Arabia and lives in Irvine, California.

The Scents of Syria product line empowers Ghar, a small business run by Syrian artisan women working to support their families. Every product is hand-made and embroidered by 30 internally displaced women currently residing in Damascus. They lost homes and family members but remain determined to restore traces of the dignified lives they once had. “Scents of Syria” is a project of Karam Foundation.

Soaps will be available for purchase at the opening reception.

For more information, contact Essraa Nawar at (714) 532-7748 or nawar@chapman.edu. For detailed parking information, maps and directions to Chapman University, visit www.chapman.edu/map.