

# Rincones del Atlántico



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*"The improbable is still possible"*  
Edgar Morin

*Rincones del Atlántico* is an annual publication which is also diffused in digital format magazine. It aims at disseminate knowledge, improvement of value and protection of landscape as well as natural and cultural heritage of the Canary Islands. The web site has an open forum for opinion and participation where articles, news, and exchange opinions on topics such as the traditional architecture, green building and bioclimatic, renewable energy, geo-biology, natural farming, permaculture, and more, can be published.

*Rincones del Atlántico* is a strategic tool for all local development actors interested in initiatives based on culture, traditions, environment, nature and landscape of the Canary Islands and neighbouring archipelagos.

## THE VISION OF RINCONES DEL ATLÁNTICO

*Rincones del Atlántico* was born with the purpose of transmitting, in an informative, accessible, pleasant, didactic way, with stringency and quality, the value and beauty of the Canary Islands' landscape and the enormous importance of its conservation.

As a tool that contributes to the dissemination of knowledge, the appreciation and protection of the landscape and natural and cultural heritage of the islands, from a pedagogical, humanist, ecological, ethical and constructive perspective, offering ideas and alternatives for a truly sustainable, harmonic, rational, eco-efficient and enduring development.

*" Know to love and love to protect, care and conserve."*

Landscape constitutes one of the most important values in the relationship between individuals, societies and their environment. When things are done in a correct and respectful way, it contributes to wellbeing, self-esteem, identity and the quality of life of citizens. It is a right to live in a beautiful, healthy, dignified environment, in balance with nature, and also an obligation of citizens and administrators to do all that is necessary to take care of and preserve it for future generations.

It is fundamental to know and promote the importance of conservation and care of the landscape,



natural resources and the cultural heritage of the archipelago. To make young people and society in general, sensitive to the need to protect environmental values and become conscious of the effect of human action on nature. Backing the quality of landscape is to back the quality of life of the people who inhabit those territories.

The vision of the landscape and heritage that we want to transmit from *Rincones* wants to be the broadest possible and from all the related areas. For this reason the magazine is divided into various sections that encompass different disciplines that complement one another: "Traditional Architecture", "Bio-construction", "Art and Landscape", "Words and Nature", "Mosaic", "Natural Heritage", "In the Garden", "Trees", "Canarian Flora", "Traditional Agriculture", "Agricultural Ecology", "Ecology and Sustainability", "Opinion", "Lon and Other Animals" (Concerning the rights of non-human animals and animal wellbeing), "Tribute", "In Memory".

In the last two sections we recuperate memories, remembering some of those people that passed this way before us and with great sensitivity, love and respect, they fought, passed on knowledge, defended the woodlands, nature, the heritage, the agriculture... the same values that we defend now in *Rincones*.

Also, we have been working for several years in a multidisciplinary work in three parts titled "Architecture and Landscape. Traditional architecture in the Canary Islands' rural landscape", a comprehensive catalogue of traditional Canarian architecture, profusely illustrated with both current and antique photographs and with comparative plans and perspectives of the rural landscapes before and after their great transformation. We have already published the first two parts and the third will come to light probably at the end of this year.



*"The most effective way of destroying people's sense of identity is to systematically dismantle and fragment the story they have so far told themselves about their own lives, to erase the past."*

John Berger

## IDEAS AND PROPOSALS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Our aim has been, since the first issue, to offer ideas, plant seeds and collaborate from this corner of the Atlantic towards the good health of our planet, to work together for a more just society and in equilibrium with nature that provides a good a worthy life to those of us that live here now and to future generations. *"Think of the future, act in the present, but without forgetting the past"*.

Therefore, in this age in which we live and that urges change, where society is awakening and maturing, and we are more conscious of the need for change, it



seems the right moment to launch the next issue of *Rincones del Atlántico* to publish a broad series of ideas and proposals that we consider important to work together towards a better future, that favours a social, ethical, humanitarian, eco-efficient, respectful and creative regeneration, based on cooperation and appreciation, care and protection of the resources of the territory.

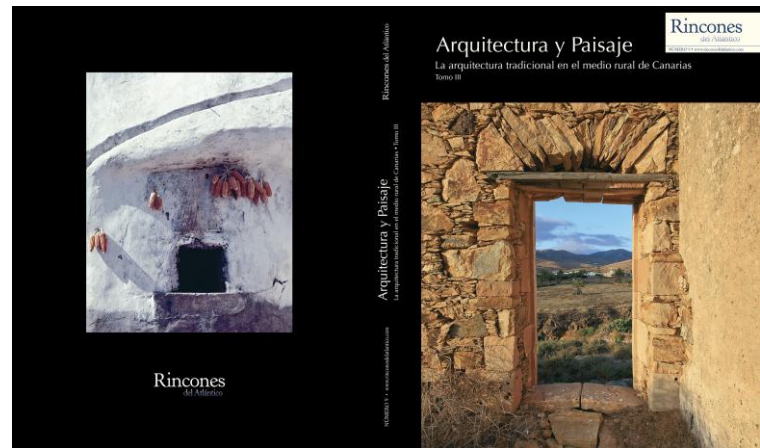
Ideas and proposals that encompass themes related with landscape and heritage:

- The indispensable, high priority backing of the primary sector, its reconstruction in the direction of agro-ecology, self-sufficiency and food safety, the *Care for the Earth*.
- The protection and correct management of natural heritage and biodiversity of the Canary Islands as a common wealth and essential resource. Maintain healthy ecosystems by respecting limits. Stop the destruction of the territories and work on the revitalization of the rural countryside and the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the damaged landscapes.
- Know, appreciate and protect the cultural heritage, the unique inheritance that we must meticulously care for so that future generations can know and enjoy it.
- Advance towards self-sufficiency in energy via a new standard based on clean, natural and renewable energy sources, which are abundant in the Canary Islands.
- Backing for an efficient public transport system, at the service of citizens and run on renewable energy.
- Reduce, re-use, and recycle. Sustainable management of waste: sustainable and selective collection, compost making and recycling.
- Backing for a truly sustainable and high quality environmental tourism, committed to the environment and focused on enjoyment, knowledge and conservation of the cultural and natural heritage.

Ideas and proposals that we are widely developing with the collaboration of various dedicated specialists that we will publish in the next issue of *Rincones del Atlántico*.

## TO KNOW MORE

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*"In fact, everything has restarted, but without us realizing. We are in the modest, invisible, marginal, scattered beginnings. For there already is, in every continent, a creative effervescence, a multitude of initiatives towards economical, social, political, cognitive, educational, ethnical and life reforming regeneration."*

"Eulogy of the metamorphosis". EdgarMorin



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