

The painting in the exhibition was inspired by the culinary culture of Eskipazar, Karabük

The Guest Crowned with Honor: The Culture of Hospitality in Eskipazar

When a door was knocked on in Eskipazar, a quiet rush immediately began inside the house. No one asked, "What did the guest bring?" Instead, they asked, "What shall we prepare?" Because in these lands, a guest was regarded as a crown placed upon the head. The mother of the house would check the cupboards, bring out the finest plates, and set the pots boiling once again. Even if the table was simple, the presentation was generous and the intention sincere. The food served to the guest was considered like a prayer that increased the blessing of the home.

At the table, the guest was invited to begin first, and the hottest soup and the softest bread were placed before them.

Children would not mind if they themselves could not find a place to sit; but if there was no proper place for the guest, everyone would feel ashamed.

If there was dessert, the finest slice would be offered; if not, a bowl of yogurt with honey would be served instead.

Because in Eskipazar, it was believed that:

"When a guest is well-fed, the household's prosperity increases."

Sergideki resim Karabük Eskipazar yemek kültüründen esinlenerek yapılmıştır.

Başta Taç Olan Misafir: Eskipazar'da İkram Kültürü

Eskipazar'da bir kapı çalındığında içeride hemen bir telaş başlardı. Kimse "ne getirdi" diye sormaz, "ne hazırlayacağız" derdi. Çünkü misafir, bu topraklarda başta konan bir taç sayılırdı. Evin annesi dolapların gözlerini geçirir, en güzel tabaklar çıkar, tencereler yeniden kaynardı. Sofra sade olsa da sunum cömert, niyet samimiydi. Misafire verilen yemek, evin bereketini artıran bir dua gibiydi.

Misafir sofrada önce buyur edilir, en sıcak çorba, en yumuşak ekmek onun önüne konurdu.

Çocuklar yer bulamasa aldırılmazdı; ama misafirin yeri eksikse herkes mahcup olurdu.

Tatlı varsa en güzel dilim, yoksa bir tas ballı yoğurt ikram edilirdi.

Çünkü Eskipazar'da inanılırdı ki:

"Misafirin karnı doyunca, evin rızkı da artar."