

For International Day of Rural Women on Thursday 15 October, Consell de Formentera premiere Alejandra Ferrer and rural affairs chief Josep Marí visited the photo exhibit *Homenatg e a la dona de Formentera en el món rural*
(Tribute to the rural women of Formentera) on day-one of the show's run at Centre Antoni Tur "Gabrielet" in Sant Francesc. The display will be on view 9.00am to 2.00pm, Monday to Saturday, until 31 October.

Homenatge... offers a selection of 26 photos capturing rural women of Formentera in an array of situations. Pulled from the Consell's image and sound archive, Arxiu d'Imatge i So, the prints were taken between 1950 and present day by Pere Català i Roca, Helga Sittl, Melba Levick, Rafael Bataller i Giralt and contributors to past editions of the Beni Trutmann photo contest.

President Ferrer said the show was about spotlighting the vast range of tasks which have historically fallen to the island's rural women — "figures whose celebration was long overdue", asserted Ferrer. The president also underscored commonalities in the work overseen by women past and present: "What in the olden days was a woman spinning wool while rocking her baby today would be a woman working virtually while doing her best to keep her kids entertained". "These are stories that reoccur", Ferrer said, "and they attest to the important place of women in the past and present. But they also speak to the importance of carrying on the fight for equality between men and women". Conseller Marí, for his part, said the display sought "to pay tribute to the rural women of Formentera and to showcase the multifunctionality of their work".

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