

## Why traditional professions are no longer used today and why they deserve to come back

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Professions are determined by era and needs. A flashback is instructive for professions that prevailed but over the years disappeared. Some are created to meet the needs of a particular era. These in turn were replaced or evolved, mainly professions related to everyday life. The progress, development and technology helped considerably on making conditions of life becoming easier and without much hassle. Also some of them are directly related to our tradition and it is good they still exist.

Regarding to professions that ignobly perished, some of them are particularly characterized by their era. Let's say the mule driver many years ago had the role of carrier. Using animals like mules or donkeys did the daily route from village to village, carrying people and goods. The progress and the development and especially the use of vehicle certainly helped the profession to be lost.

Another characteristic profession of old era is the crier, his job was to inform and convey messages. Of course with progress and the evolution of the technology which brings radio, TV, newspapers, internet, etc. the process was repealed.

The tinner (tinsmith or tinker or tinsplate worker) was again another profession that lived up to previous decades (about 30-35 years ago) and his job was to wander from village to village and coat with tin usually kitchen utensils particularly tinware. It was a significant work since in that it ensures the health of people. However, the profession over the years was reasonable to be lost after all these utensils were replaced by the modern ones.

Certainly for those lost professions which are too many, the reasons are obvious: the development, the progress and the different needs of eras. Of course some of old professions will continue or probably should continue to exist for example the profession of potter. This art has its roots in antiquity and it is a cultural value. The potter produces a ceramic product for example objects made from clay. Such a profession requires education, creativity and patience. Nowadays, few are involved in this art. However, it would be nice to remain since apart from its practical part, it has also culture elements.

In the category of professions that should revive is that of weaving with rich signs of traditional folk and the loom the tool that the women construct masterpieces.

The woodcarving, the craftsmen of traditional musical instruments, wooden toy makers and other related professions deserve to be preserved. As a conclusion, many changes have occurred with the evolution of human and technology. Professions disappear because they were born or were replaced by others in order to facilitate our lives and of course through progress. Others which contain within them the element of tradition and culture is prudent to continue to exist. However, in order to continue such professions they should be passed to the younger generations investing in such way to the rescue of our rich folk tradition.