



Artist: Dan Gherasimescu of Jud Arges, Muntenia, Romania

Photos show Dan with his fan bird. In Romania, there are various traditions associated with the bird along with its names.

As is common in European countries, the fan bird symbolizes the Holy Spirit and is called the “Soul Bird” in Romania. It is customary to hang the bird over the child’s bed as well as place it on the Christmas tree.

Another name is “the Sun Bird.” Legend has it that the bird picks up the sun in the morning, carries it across the sky, and deposits it at sunset.

Another legend associates the fan bird with Dragobete Day (24 February), the day of lovers ...like our Valentine’s Day). It is also “the day when the birds are getting engaged.”

Timber: Unknown

English language	Romania (language)
bird	pasăre
Christmas bird	pasăre de Crăciun
dove	porumbel
Dove of Peace	Porumbelul păcii
Easter bird	pasăre de Paște
fan bird	pasăre evantai
fan bird dove	evantai pasăre porumbel
fan bird legend	legenda păsărilor evantai
fan carving	sculptură în evantai
fan carving wood	evantai sculptând lemn
Folk Art	Oamenii Art
Holy Spirit bird	Pasărea Duhului Sfânt
legend	legendă
Old World folk art	Arta populara Lumii Vechi
symbolism	simbolism
to cleave / to split / to rive	a despica/a despica/a despica
wood	lemn
wood bird	pasăre de lemn
wood bird sculpture	sculptură păsări din lemn
wood carvers	cioplitori în lemn