



# WITWATERSRAND EMBROIDERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER

**August/September 2023**

Hello everyone,

This newsletter is late – my apologies – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual W.E.G. Market got in the way. And speaking of the market, it was a different experience that last year. We had far fewer people attending, we think because we had a smaller marketing budget and we were competing with the Linden Market, a huge market at Emmarentia Dam which draws thousands of visitors. However, from the reports, most stall holders sold reasonably well, and the atmosphere was, as with last year, happy and collegial.

Witwatersrand Embroiders Guild  
**SPRING MARKET**  
02 September 2023 9am - 3pm  
All things crafty  
HANDMADE  
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**Trinity Methodist Church**  
Corner 5th Avenue and Milner Avenue  
(off 5th Avenue), Linden  
We will be collecting used toys and children's books  
for charity so bring one along  
Entrance Fee R10.00



Helen O'Hanrahan, who initiated and has run the markets for the last two years, has advised us that she is handing over to a new co-ordinator. Helen has done an incredible job, and we are all so grateful to her for the hours of work, thought, worry and the calculations which she has done on our behalf. Without her we could never have done this. Thank you Helen, you are incredible.



Please will anyone who wants to be on the Market sub-committee let one of us on the committee know. Please volunteer; we are a small committee and are already stretched thin. The more members who help, the better we will be able to serve the Guild.

We only have one birthday on our list for September, our dear Agness who is very ill at the moment. We are all thinking of you Agness and sending you our love and gratitude for who you are, your kindness, and your loving spirit.



## Happy Birthday Agness – 29<sup>th</sup> September

*Hi everyone, thank you for all your caring and in check regarding my mom, Agness. We appreciate it. Thanks for all the lovely messages.*

*Update about my mom:*

*She is very weak. Still on oxygen. She doesn't want to eat at this stage. Blessings to you all.*

*Irene (daughter)*

**AGAIN, IF WE'VE LEFT YOU OUT PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS.**

## WORKSHOPS

### EXTERNAL/BEGINNERS

Beginner's workshops are still running in alternate months, on a Saturday. In October Alice will be running a follow up workshop, teaching another 5 basic stitches, for anyone who would like to learn more skills. If you know someone interested in embroidery, please give them either my contact number or Alice's.

Alice 082 926 9704

Danny 082 565 6401

## INTERNAL

The upcoming Goldwork workshop is generating a huge amount of attention and we are as well prepared as we can be. Jenny ran a preparatory session at the end of August, introducing members to the various techniques which will help in the preparation of your work before you start embroidering. We managed to source some goldwork materials from London, from some generous members and from Spinnerin in Benoni – a place well worth the visit by the way. We will be putting together a kit for all those who attend. (In contrast to what we announced in last month's newsletter 😊)



This is the basic design which will be included in the kit, and this is Jenny's note on the workshop:

*If you would like to do your own picture please bring it with. Goldwork is expensive and takes a lot of concentrated time, so I would not be offended if you bring your own picture.*

*You must be happy with what you are working on.*

*Imagine where you will hang your masterpiece and choose your colour scheme accordingly. 😊*

Jenni is collecting ideas for workshops during 2024. Again, please send Jenny, or any of the committee a private message or drop us a note in the suggestion box.

Kogin, Sashiko, needle-painting and needle-weaving, another goldwork class and candle-wicking have all been suggested but if there is something else, please let us know. We are starting to plan for next year already and need your input.

Is there anyone who would be interested in taking on workshops for the Tuesday morning meeting? As you know, Carol Robinson has had to step away from the Guild for the moment and we have been unable to find another volunteer for this role. Anyone may attend the workshops on a Saturday, but some people are not able to come on both Saturdays and Tuesdays.

Jenni Langford: 082 489 1624

## SMOCKING

Helen O'H will be running a smocking workshop in November and the details will be sent out in due course. If you saw Helen's smocked dresses at our Show and Tell and the market, you will know what an expert Helen is. She has an eye for the best fabric and a modern approach which makes her smocking all the more delightful.

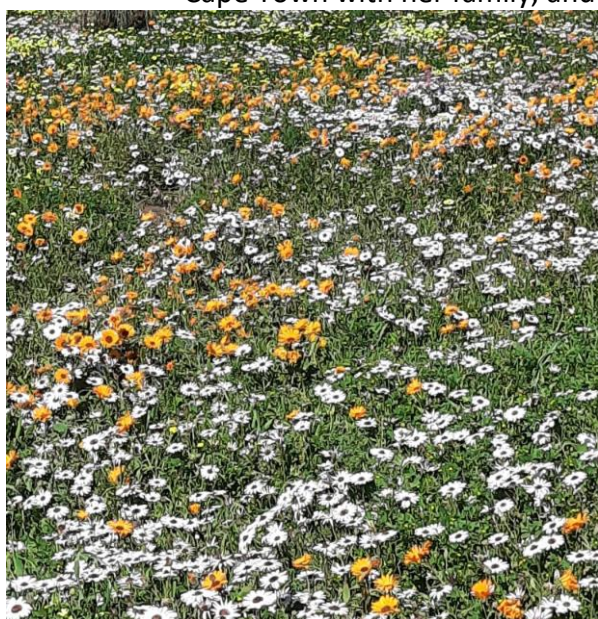
Helen +27 62 742 1232 (new number)

## SPRING DAY – 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

"Spring is the time of plans and projects." – Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina*



Every year when Spring arrives we are reminded again of how beautiful our country is. Pushpa is in Cape Town with her family, and shared these pictures with us:





## SALES

A reminder that our Guild sales Tables are held on the last Tuesday and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Please contact me or Linda Putter if you would like to sell your own things. An 'honesty' donation to the Guild of 10% of what you sell is all that you need to pay.

Linda 072 4069842

## FROM THE COMMITTEE

### NEW CUPBOARDS

With the help of the committee, my family, Hilary, and Linda, we moved our exhibition equipment to the new cupboards, freeing up space for the workshops and Guild stash in the storeroom. Knowing what hoarders we are, we'll probably fill them up soon but we are trying!

### OTHER SALES

Toni will continue to sell her threads and other delights on the first Tuesday and the first Saturday meeting of each month, including Chameleon and House of Embroidery threads. Toni offers us an amazing service through these sales. Not only is she very reasonable, but she also has a wealth of knowledge to share, and her enthusiasm makes the whole experience a pleasure. Toni will supply people who are not in JHB. Please contact her if you want to know more

Toni 0824527311

### COMMITTEE

Danny 0825656401, Helen 0627421232, Jenni 0834891624, Diane 0721194938, Agness 0812708581, Alice 0829269704

Linda Putter for Sales 0724069842

Cairan (Tea) 0729964030 (alternate)

## MEMBERS' NEWS

Wendy Hutton successfully went through her knee replacement op, which is good news for all of us who want to see more of her amazing pictures of Onrus and the other places she and Brian visit.

Please send me any news which you would like us to publish here.

## IGHALI Raffle

We are finally going to draw this raffle, during September. So far we have made just over R200 for Ighali funds. This is your last chance to enter to win a cushion, embroidered by Ethyl Hunter and sewn by Janet Holloway.

## TEA TABLE

Saturdays are pretty full, but we still need some volunteers for Tuesdays. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the feasts which we have at tea time.

## YEAR-END FUNCTION

**12 o'clock on 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2023**

**Roosevelt Park Recreation Centre**

**Please save the date.**



Have a wonderful fulfilling September full of plans and projects!

Much love

Danny

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023