



WITWATERSRAND EMBROIDERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER

March 2024



Hello everyone,

March is one of the best months in the year; we've got through the hectic first few months and we are nicely settled into the New Year. It is also the official start of Autumn in the Southern Hemisphere, bringing with it the promise of milder weather and softer days. And of course, glorious displays of Cosmos everywhere. I walk in Delta Park in the mornings and we are watching the Cosmos plants grow, daily. Some have started flowering although nothing like the display we expect to see in March and April. It is one of the wonderful things about living in JHB.



BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH – HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Marion Arthur 3rd March
Hettie Moller 3rd March
Amishi Ghandi 17th March
Sheila Meyerowitz 20th March
Paula Miller 20th March
Mandy Kort 21st March
Maryna van der Merwe 27th March



WORKSHOPS

EXTERNAL/BEGINNERS

If there is a demand for beginner's workshops, we will run them again. Please let us know if this is something you are interested in, or if you know someone who may want to do one. We are always looking for ways to share knowledge and introduce newcomers to our craft.

Contact either Alice, or Danny (see number under the committee paragraph)

OTHER WORKSHOPS

These are the workshops planned for 2024. They will be held on both Saturday Guild meetings during the months below and are subject to change. Jenni will send out further information closer to the time.

April	June	July	Aug	Oct	Dec
Candle Wicking	Chicken Scratch	Smocking Balls ("Christmas" in July)	Shadow Stitch	Slow Stitch	Year End Craft
Jenni L		Helen			

We will be calculating the cost of each workshop as they come up, and will let you know beforehand, what they will be. The minimum cost in 2024 will be R50 but will increase should the kit costs exceed that.

I repeat my call for people to assist with workshops on a Tuesday; you feel able to help, please contact Jenni to discuss it.

PLEASE POP YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE WORKSHOPS INTO THE SUGGESTION BOX IN THE TEA CUPBOARD

KITS for SALE

We have recently received some mug kits which we are putting together and will offer for sale shortly. This will be in aid of Ighali. Contact Toni for more information

OUTINGS

Our first outing, to the Wits Art Museum, will take place on the 10th of March 2024 (apologies for the error in last month's newsletter). We will leave from the Recreation Centre at about 10 am, planning to be back in time for the regular Guild meeting which starts at 1pm. We will see who arrives and make plans for lifts at that time.

Please feel free to make other suggestions.

New Exhibition at WAM

*Threading Through
the Collections*



Artist unrecorded, Tuareg, Sahel, *Arkilla Munga* (Wedding blanket / saddle cloth), c1950, wool, cotton, 178 x 285 cm. Standard Bank African Art Collection (Wits Art Museum). Acquired 2007



ROOSEVELT PARK RECREATION CENTRE STAFF.

We work so closely with the people employed at the centre, and yet there is a lot about them that we don't know. I've decided to do a short feature each month on one of them. We owe them so much; I hope you enjoy these small biographies.

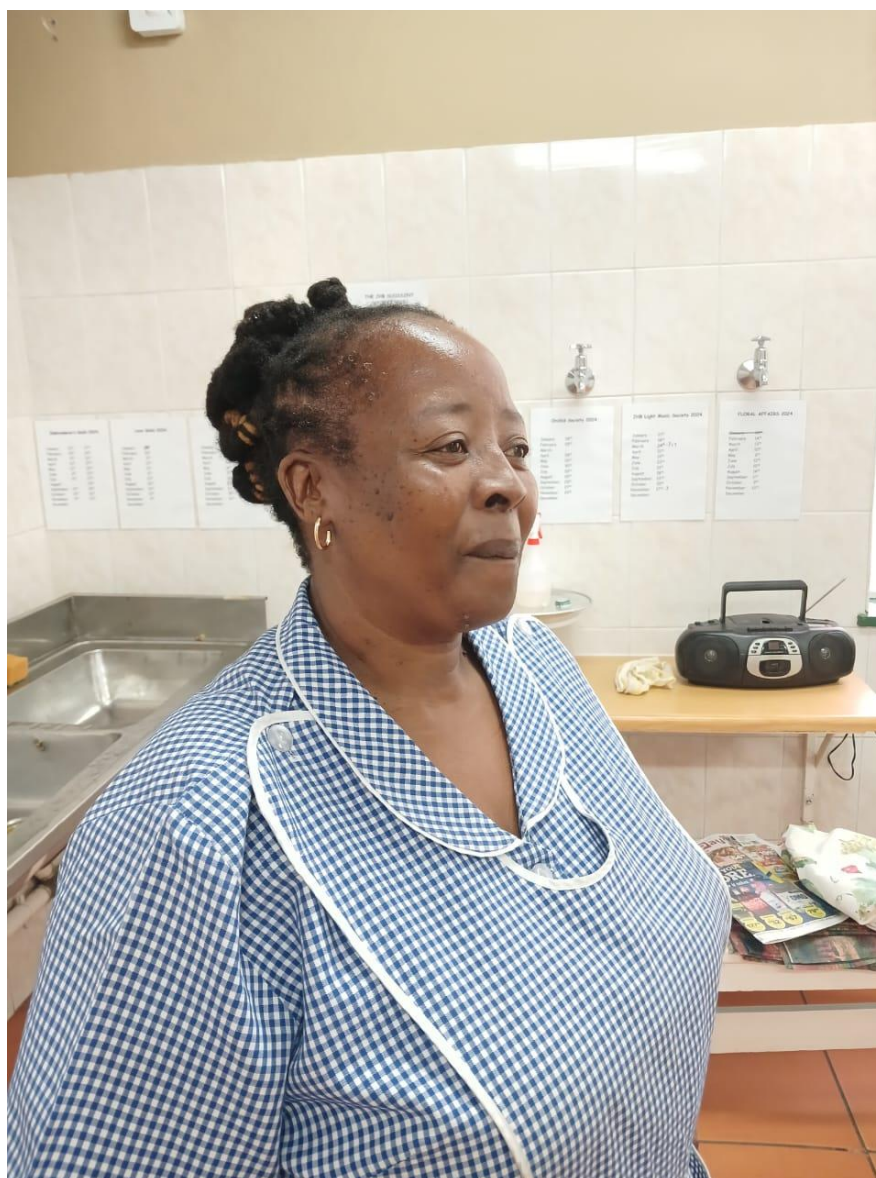
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Ida has been employed as a General Worker by the JHB City Council, at the Roosevelt Park Recreation centre, since 2007, after a brief few months at Danie van Zyl in Newlands. Before that Ida worked at a printers as a packer. She makes sure that everything is set up for us for our meetings, manages the tea and the kitchen, and is responsible for the general cleaning. She and Senzo manage things when Ina is at meetings or not available. Ida says she absolutely loves working for the council, and at the Roosevelt Park Recreation Centre. She is an amazing woman with an abundance of kindness and helpfulness.

We all know Ida by her unfailing cheerfulness, her laugh, and her excellent shoulder rubs!

Ida has been a widow since 2000 and has a single child, a daughter aged 39 who works at Dischem. However, Ida lives alone in Jabavu, Soweto, and has the peace that comes with knowing that when she unlocks her front door, she has no-one to worry about except herself! She is a faithful member of the Apostolic Church, and she attends church every day, either to practice and sing in the choir, or to visit with other churchgoers, to help the sick, or to evangelise with members of the community.



SALES

GUILD SALES TABLES

Sales tables are operating as usual and Alice and Linda have also put together 'Lucky Packets' with some fabric, threads, and a crafting magazing. These are for sale at R50 each, to supplement Guild activities.

Please contact Alice Per 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.

OTHER SALES

Toni is also available on the phone if you would like to buy something from her stock.

Toni 0824527311

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Subscriptions must be paid before the end of March 2024 to make the member eligible to attend the AGM. Please pay to Helen. The Yocco machine is available, or you can pay directly into the bank account **provided you also use your name as a reference.**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held on Saturday the 13th of April 2024. More information will be sent out in due course. If anyone would like to stand for election, or join the committee as an ad hoc member, please let us know as soon as you feel the urge. We will be delighted.

Any other suggestions or resolutions can be filed as set out in the Constitution.

LIBRARY

Thank you, Christina for faithfully opening the library for us on a Tuesday morning, it is great to be able to use it again so regularly.

WEBSITE

Jenni Langford and Katy Alexander have volunteered to work on the website, please do send suggestions about possible content and any other ideas

COMMITTEE

Danny 0825656401, Helen 0627421232, Jenni 0834891624, Diane 0721194938, Agness 0812708581, Alice 0829269704, Cuki 011 493 3777, Dot 082395 3308, Christina 0769158726, Katy 0716832311
Linda Putter for Sales 0724069842 and Ciairan (Tea) 0729964030 (alternate)

DONATIONS

The Abraham Kriel Bamabanani Childrens Home is still grateful to receive suitable donations; contact Darlene on 011 839 3058

If you have any sewing items, fabric, cotton, or anything that can be used by the ladies at our Lesotho project, please bring them to a meeting and I will make sure they get to Carol before she travels to Lesotho in March. We will continue to collect items for them throughout the year, however, so please do bring things in.

MEMBERS' NEWS

We are happy to see that our membership numbers are slowly increasing, although we will always have space for more members.

Susan Alexander (full disclosure: she is my Mum) is going for a shoulder replacement on the 11th of March. Good luck!

PLEASE SEND ME ANY NEWS YOU MAY, HAVE PUBLISHED HERE.

TEA TABLE

As always the teas are amazing, although there are a few days that we need volunteers for. The lists are on the cupboard door, please do volunteer.

Lots of love, Danny

