



WITWATERSRAND EMBROIDERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER

May 2024

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Hello everyone,

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there. I hope that you are blessed this day, with the love and attention of your children.

Many years ago I had a T-shirt that was blue like the skies, and it said on it
3 months of winter and this is the colour of the sky – Jhb.

We truly are blessed with the weather we are having, and although I like a cold winter – it gets rid of so many pests, I do love these balmy Johannesburg Autumn days. I hope that you are getting the best out of them and enjoying their beauty.

This newsletter is a bit late because I have had a lot on my plate, but I hope that the waiting has made your reading of it more of a pleasure. Life gets more and more complicated I find, and I am longing for the quiet days, which I understand, are still ahead of me.

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY – HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hilary Walker 10th May
Linda Putter 10th May
Khateeja Moosa 14th May
Cairan O'Hanrahan 20th May
Katy Alexander 16th May
Christina Landsberg 25th May
Merica Swartz 30th May



WORKSHOPS

EXTERNAL/BEGINNERS

Alice Per remains prepared to run beginners workshops so if you have a friend who wants to learn how to embroider, please give her Alice's number. We are always looking for ways to share our knowledge and introduce newcomers to our craft. Please let us know if there is something in which you are particularly interested.

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



OTHER WORKSHOPS

The workshops planned for 2024 are on the following page. They will be held on both Saturday Guild meetings during the months below and are subject to change. Jenni has already done a lot of organising and communicating about the Candlewick workshop.

June	July	Aug	Oct	Dec
Chicken Scratch See below	Smocking Balls ("Christmas" in July) Helen	Shadow Stitch	Slow Stitch	Year End Craft



The bookmark planned for Jen's workshop in June



Chicken Scratch (also known as Broderie Suisse, Australian Cross Stitch, and Depression Lace)

The cost of each workshop will depend on the cost of the relevant materials and may change from workshop to workshop. The minimum for 2024 will be R50.

If you feel able to help with workshops, please contact Jenni to discuss it.

PLEASE POP YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE WORKSHOPS INTO THE SUGGESTION BOX IN THE TEA CUPBOARD THIS HELPS WITH PLANNING FOR 2025.

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Please put this in your diary. It promises to be a great conference.

OUTINGS

After the success of the outing to the Wits Art Museum we have decided to organise one to Spinnerin, in Benoni. It's a long drive, so those of you who have been wanting to go will be able to travel with friends or, depending on the numbers who sign up, in our organised transport. We plan to go on the 29th of June, which is a normal Guild meeting day. We will go in the morning, and given that it is such a long drive, will have a light lunch/tea before we come back. For those who don't want to go, there will be the normal Guild meeting.

More details will follow. Spinnerin is the most wonderful seeing, knitting and embroidery shop catering for all sorts of handwork.

Diana who is the founder, is an expert in Goldwork as well as other forms of embroidery, and there is plenty for all to see (and buy – you have been warned!)



<https://spinnerin.co.za/>

ROOSEVELT PARK RECREATION CENTRE STAFF.

This month I chatted to Ina Horstink who is well known to all of us. She is the Recreation Officer at Roosevelt Park Rec, a position she has had for 30 years. Prior to that she worked at the Danie van Zyl centre for 10 years. In all she has worked for Jhb Parks and Recreation for over 40 years. Ina also manages the Coronation Rec Centre, which she has been doing for the past few years. The differences between Roosevelt Park and Coronation are stark. We have 35 groups, while at Coronation there are only 10, of which three are burial societies. We are truly lucky to have such an active and vibrant centre and Ina is a big part of that. Roosevelt Park is one of the flagship centres in Jhb and Ina is frequently training young, newly appointed Rec officers.

Ina is supposed to retire at the end of 2025 but is hoping to stay on for another two years. Let's all hope and pray that she does. I cannot imagine anyone being able to run the centre as well as she does. Ina collects money to keep the gardens beautiful, looks after Ginger the cat, manages all the groups and the disparate personalities with aplomb and keeps the staff happy and cared for. She is an inspiration.



Ina has two children a son, Tian, aged 32 who is a draughtsman living in the Netherlands, and a daughter, Nicole, who is an attorney and an extreme athlete who competes internationally, and lives in Johannesburg.

Ina is a keen gardener, a cyclist, does Pilates, decoupage, mosaic, and embroidery, and has knitted some incredible sweaters and jerseys. She is an amazingly talented person.

When she retires she intends to volunteer at an animal shelter, and spend more time on her hobbies, especially her cycling.

She has a granddaughter Ami, who she looks after twice a month, something she describes as 'very special' and the pictures she has of Ami testify to their lovely relationship.

Ina has no intention of slowing down and apart from cycling and Pilates, she also spends time at the Virgin Active, to keep herself fit and strong. Thank you Ina, for all that you do for us!

SALES

GUILD SALES TABLES

Alice and Linda still have some R50 'Lucky Packets' containing fabric, threads, other materials, and a crafting magazine. These are to supplement Guild Funds

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.

In the next few weeks we will be selling some books and magazines from a former embroidery teacher who no longer embroiders because of Rheumatoid Arthritis. While we can still embroider, let's remember those who no longer can and make the most of our time.

OTHER SALES

Reina has received requests for her birthday cards, which she will have available at the Saturday meetings, from her car. Unfortunately she cannot come to meetings on the same day as the usual sales tables. She is also available on

083 391 5956 and fredreina@iburst.com

Tony still has stock of embroidery items. Please contact her for anything you wish to buy.

We will continue to sell items for Ighali, as and when they are available.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Subscriptions should have been paid before the end of March 2024. If you haven't done so, please pay as quickly as you can. The Yocco machine is available, or you can pay directly into the bank account **provided you also use your name as a reference.**

**ABSA Bank
Cresta branch
Savings a/c
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We will be re-instituting **Show and Tell** from the beginning of June. It will take place during the 1st Saturday and the 2nd Tuesday meetings of each month. Please bring anything you wish, including other hobbies and crafts, to show the rest of us.

At this stage we've decided to do away with the voting and prizes but if you want that to continue, please let us know. Don't be inhibited to bring things in, we love seeing everyone's work.

We have received various warnings about the dangers of flu and COVID this winter. As most of us are in a vulnerable group, **please start wearing masks to meetings.**

Katy Alexander has resigned from the committee. Anyone who has website experience and wishes to help Jenny with our online presence, please let us know.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting, held on Saturday the 13th of April 2024 at 12 o'clock went ahead without any hitches, other than an extremely busy parking lot! Other than the confirmation of the committee, there was no other business required. We had reports from the various activities available and if anyone would like to read them, please send an email at witsembroidery@gmail.com and I will forward them to you.

COMMITTEE FOR 2024/2025:

Chair: Danny Wimpey

Tuesday Vice Chair, External Workshops and Sales: Alice Per

Saturday Vice Chair and Library: Diane Walker

Treasurer: Helen O'Hanrahan

Workshops and Website/Social media: Jenni Langford

Tuesday Library: Christina Landsman

Sales Table: Linda Putter

Tea and general support: Ciairan O'Hanrahan

General support: Dot Gibbons and Cuki Imran

COMMITTEE CONTACT NUMBERS

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DONATIONS

If you have any sewing items, needles, fabric, cotton, or anything that can be used by the ladies at our Lesotho project, please bring them to a meeting. We will continue to collect throughout the year. Thank you Susan Taylor, for the donations last week.

I received these photos from Carol Alias: dresses made with the fabric we donated to Rotary for their Lesotho project.

Thank you everyone who gave so generously.



MEMBERS' NEWS

Estelle Bosman has recovered completely and is back at Guild. Welcome back dear Estelle.

Susan Alexander is now able to drive and returned to Guild this week.

Judy Roberts is not coming to Guild at the moment as she is caring for her mother Johanna, who is not at all well. Judy, you are the most incredible daughter. We are sending you all our love to you. Johanna, we hope for better health and strength for you at this difficult time.

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

TEA TABLE

Please check the lists in the cupboard and add your names there. Thank you.

Lots of love and happy embroidering!

Danny