

# CREATIVE COPPER NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2014

## CELEBRATING 26 YEARS!!!

Dear All,

As per the history records of precipitation, our 1<sup>st</sup> spring rain fell on the night of the 16<sup>th</sup>. Sorry to say that was the last rain cloud on the horizon. Since then, clear skies with heat.

We opened a small window for a 20 % discount and we are very grateful to all of you that grabbed this generous offer to fill your displays for Christmas.

The 2014 Supplement has been met with great enthusiasm and we are having interesting results with the Sea Glass as well as the Swarovski's. Needless to say, our signature designs remain firm favourites.

I am sad to report the Postal Strike (their 5<sup>th</sup> in 3 years) is busy crippling the Postal Service. We have had to find alternatives to sending with **EMS** and small parcels. Regrettably we have 2 orders for Namibia locked away in a hub. They are short of their orders - we are short of being paid. All the private courier companies are vying for our business as they realise their own business opportunities are ripe for the picking. Sad to say, we are now dealing with a "Ghost Office" Pity the Labour Unions have short memories of what happened to milk deliveries as well as switch boards. If they only knew that all utility bills can get delivered by email these days? This failure will hit the poor the hardest? Watch this space for news of the way forward.

Emma Atkinson, a jewellery designer from the Cape, was asked what she found challenging about the South African Jewellery Industry? Her quick answer was that one needs to stay on ones toes, stick to one's own style and commit to ones business 100%!!! We certainly try our best to follow her principles.

As far as designers are concerned we have my Italian friend: Inge, as well as Jani (ex Jenna C) guiding us on the sidelines. I do wish we could involve them more.

Creative Copper has "*ELECTRIFIED*" some of their lamps and candleholders. The design of a small flyer has been "parked" until we can get the correct imaging. In the meantime we have a Bush Light, Q013 and Q008 with globes and plugs connected for your convenience.

Yours truly spent a week in hospital. All communications were removed from him and the irrigation drips connected. Maybe it was stress, driven with a weak immune system and when that day arrives, you are helpless. Hospitals are not for resting, as they keep going 24 / 7. I have to stop worrying whether the

Beatles were ever better than the Rolling Stones and have started playing with my Rubik Cube again! Gosh, I had forgotten what fun a Rubik Cube was!!!

Ebola is on every ones lips as this West African epidemic escalates out of control. Rest assured, the Red Cross Chief says Ebola has been beaten before, providing, there is good isolation and safe dignified burials for the deceased.

We close our order books at the end of the month and we close for our annual shutdown on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. The factory will reopen on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2015.

October has been "visitors " month:

We had Rosemary from the UK.

From Canada: Mary and Graeme.

From Holland: Linda and Marga.

From Houston USA: Kirsten.

Lastly the Kahn's from Germany.

Please get your last orders in that we don't disappoint you. Our thanks to you all that have made these 26 years possible!

Mike