

CREATIVE COPPER NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2015. *SINCE 1988*

Dear All,

The weather has been typical of the end of winter and start of spring. Some say the winter was mild hence the delay in flowering of our clivia's? We had soft rain the other day that stalled the fire season for a week. Today we are back in the 30's and there is thick fire smoke all over the place! Our real rain season is a mere 6 weeks away.

The long anticipated 'photo shoot has taken place with Svern. We can't wait to see the wonderful images he will create. Inge has now the awesome task of putting everything together into the 2015 Supplement. Hold your breath, it will be worth it.

Our Postal Service is struggling? Deliveries are erratic and THE EMS POST are taking ages to leave the local hub. We are back to using a private courier to get your parcels safely to you.

The visiting- tourist issue in South Africa is a mess with loads of mudslinging between Tourist CEO's and Cabinet Ministers, with nobody taking responsibility for the new immigration requirements that have seriously hurt this industry. South Africa with its Table Mountain and Kruger Park are amazing destinations to visit? There are a multiple number of reasons given that tourists are shy of coming: Ebola in Africa, Unrest in East Africa, the new Visa requirements, while the ZAR is in freefall? For the latter a critic said that the US \$ was now so strong that the US tourist was travelling to Europe to stand in a queue to see the Mona Lisa for one minute. We are speculating a capitulation from Home Affairs to get these new Visa regulations reversed. Hold thumbs.

On a Health and Safety note - Coppercraft has reached a huge milestone of 100 months without a reported accident in the work place. They will be rewarded with some time off next pay day.

We were very happy to welcome Jene from MAUN in Botswana as our exclusive agent for this area. "So nice to have you join the Creative Copper family – welcome."

There are 17 more Fridays until Christmas and before we know where we are, we will be wishing each other well? Please be reminded this is not a long time and with our reduced labour force, turnaround times are longer and we certainly don't want to disappoint you. As I keep saying, you can place an early order for a later date of invoicing and delivery to help us all around.

We are so blessed with all the wonderful visitors we hosted:

Shelley and Elma from the "Black Mamba" company in Limpopo.

Melody Harber---"Great stuff."

Jene from Botswana ---- "Amazing Metallic Magic !"

In South Africa we celebrate our "National Braai Day" in September and we have the Rugby World Cup to look forward to.

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