

CREATIVE COPPER NEWSLETTER

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Dear All,

A belated newsletter as a result of our year end and stock take, I do apologise.

The drought is now biting hard into the back bone of the South African fabric! Towns and Villages are without water, stock losses are huge and arable lands look like deserts! Communities, businesses, churches and schools are all collection points for stock feed and water. When a cloud appears we have HOPE!

The last week has marked our year end and stock take. March brings with it our annual increase and for those of you who beat the increase we thank you so much. We have orders for 2 months now which is a much better position to be in than we have experienced since the big down turn in 2008. I must add with gratitude most of the orders are from beyond our borders as a result of our weak ZAR.

Our designer Inge is very busy developing new exciting lines for "Tourvest" and we do wish her well with 2 very demanding lines that will hit the shops very soon.

Inge has also designed some very interesting new serving spoons, which we hope to show off soon, so please watch this space. A new funky name is eluding us right now. Can somebody help?

The Pre – Stock Take Sale exceeded all expectation and for this we are grateful.

We have another designer aboard, who will develop his own bangle styles which we in turn will help him market.

South Africa remains a journalist's paradise! If it's not happening in Parliament, it certainly is happening on the University Campuses around the country. We too are close to World News with 3 miners trapped in a container for 20 days now and the sink hole is too dangerous to go down in for a rescue! The Chile mine disaster immediately comes to mind and that was a miracle, so we can only pray for a similar outcome here.

We are already heading for Easter and this month is plagued with 3 public holidays. To you all - a Happy Easter.

Today we are hosting Magalie from Fair Trade and we do hope she has an inspiring visit to Creative Copper.

Our wonderful friends from Washington DC spent 2 weeks with us and we are so thankful to see how well you both looked. Thank you Idil and Terry, for your time out to visit us.

We also had Marion & George Strachan from Norfolk in the UK, Tim & Liz Roach from Henley-on-Thames UK, and lastly, Ingrid Godfroid from France. Thank you for spending time with us.

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