

CREATIVE COPPER NEWSLETTER

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Dear All,

We never believed we would receive 60 mm of wonderful rain in mid August which will now delay our dry fire season by a month. Shame the poor Western Cape needed that, as our dams are OK and restrictions lifted. We can only believe that they will be blessed with lots of rain to relieve this horrid situation?

Mandela's dream for a South Africa has definitely been derailed. Racial tension is threatening to undo the miracle of 1994. Analysts' are warning that the country is sitting on a racial time bomb. The violence cannot be condoned, but demands and grievances are valid. Today things have moved from a non-racial, non-sexist, democratic South Africa and we now long for new leadership. Regrettably decisions about the fate of our country are being made "elsewhere" by an immigrant family who have enriched the President's son and in return have been granted political power. How do his cabinet ministers live with themselves?

With all this happening, we have service delivery strikes every day and even a march on our local golf estate which is meters away from my own home. The South African economy is in dire straits. The Joe Soap in the street no longer has spending money. He can barely afford to live and is heavily in debt. It feels as if there is a resistance to spend and only spend on essentials? Shops are closing and Malls have space despite more being built all the time? The Oriental City, a hive of activity, is in a sad state with empty walkways and business is tough without customers. Some owners have returned to China! Maybe this is as a result of too much space but let's not be afraid we need new leadership (sorry to repeat) and there is light at the end of the tunnel for sure.

Thank you to all our "outside" customers, agents and friends that keep our pot on the boil. We are desperate to keep our loyal employees working as many of them are sole breadwinners and simply cannot afford to be jobless or even work reduced hours for a reduced pay. We are very grateful to each and every one of you. THANK YOU.

I have asked you patiently to watch a space in my newsletters since August last year. This space was reserved for news on our competition that sold all their raw material to me at the time and then promised to send me some samples. The latter has regrettably never materialised and the communication has died. I have just done a road trip to their premises and gladly report no sign of activity which means we are

the only manufacturers of handmade copper and brass fashion accessories in South Africa! So the empty space has now been filled!

I have escaped for a few days and will be back early in June and look forward to your further support.

We were blessed again with visitors:

Angelo Claus from Germany

Paola Finocchi from Mozambique.

To all the special DADS out there - a Happy Fathers Day and please remember, each and every day is Mothers Day!

Warmest,

MICHAEL