



## THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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**NEWSLETTER**

Dear TASA member

### **INTERNATIONAL THATCHING SOCIETY'S CONGRESS & FAIR** **12 TO 14 FEBRUARY 2014 AT STELLENBOSCH**

This exceptional opportunity is planned with great anticipation and excitement – not only to benefit and make it worthwhile for our overseas counterparts, but also for our members and co thatching contractors in South Africa... The program will be finalized shortly and made available to you.

The seven member states of the ITS have diverse and interesting construction methods. During the Thatching Fair on February 14, 2014 TASA among others, would like to initiate a competition in which the overseas members will have to build a thatched roof with South African building materials and according to our building methods. In contrast, the South Africans will have to build a thatched roof with overseas building materials and with their construction methods

We would like to appeal to our members to endeavour to attend this event and join in the fun. The workers of TASA members, who will also attend this event, will be involved in the proceedings for the whole three days and accommodation is available for them.

Let us introduce you to our competitors!

**GREAT BRITAIN**

**National Society of Master Thatchers**



**SWEDEN** Välkommen till Svensk tråaktäckarföreningen



**JAPAN**

**The Japan Thatching Cultural Association**



**GERMANY**

**North German State Guild of the Roofing Trade**



**HOLLAND** Dutch Federation of Thatchers



**DENMARK**

*Taekkebandslaug en Dansk Taekkebandslaug*



**IT IS NOT ONLY IN SOUTH AFRICA WHERE THE BUILDING REGULATIONS ARE RIGOROUSLY ENFORCED!**

**Cottage owner facing jail if he doesn't remove £13,000 thatched roof because it is FOUR INCHES too high**

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The owner of a picturesque 500-year-old cottage could face time in prison unless he rips off a new thatch [roof](#) because planners say it is four inches too high.

Retired university lecturer Jack Tasker could be taken to court for 'carrying out unauthorised work on a listed building' - a criminal offence, which can lead to a fine, or prison sentence.

Mr Tasker spent more than £13,000 on replacing the roof of his remote semi-detached white-painted cottage in the village of Preston St Mary, Suffolk.



New roof



Work in progress

Retired lecturer Jack Tasker may have to rip down the £13,000 thatched roof of his cottage after planning officers said it was four inches too high

Locals complimented Mr Tasker on his painstaking restoration of the once-dilapidated property - built around 1510 and believed to be the oldest 'barn' conversion in the country.

But planning enforcement officers at Babergh District Council wrote to Mr Tasker saying his roof was 'unacceptable, out-of-character and had been put on without permission'...

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2169305/Cottage-owner-facing-jail-doesnt-remove-13-000-thatched-roof-FOUR-INCHES-high.html#ixzz2hJB2zTHH>

## **CAPE CONSTRUCTION EXPO : 31 OCTOBER TO 2 NOVEMBER 2013**

Especially Cape members are invited to the above exhibition.  
A free electronic ticket is available at the TASA's office on request.  
The brochure is also attached to this newsletter for your attention.

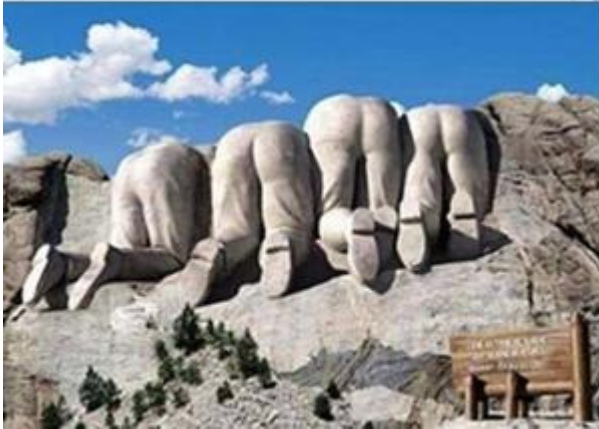
**An extract from the Expo's brochure states:**

### **“SHOW HIGHLIGHTS**

- Come into contact with **50+ of the industry's most advanced technology, product and service providers** and conduct months of partner and supplier meetings in just 3 days!
- Participate in **35 FREE workshops** and learn new strategic and technical Western Cape centric approaches that help you drive the ROI of your next project.
- Share knowledge and the best practices with over **1500 industry professionals** who will be there to help drive your business to the top of the ranks of the Western Cape building and construction industry.
- Nurture and grow relationships with **peers from all over the region.**
- **WIN!** Lucky draw prizes to be won. Pre-registered visitors will automatically be entered into a number of lucky draws and give-aways.”

## WITH TONGUE IN CHEEK!

Due to the government shut down Mt. Rushmore can now be viewed only from the Canadian side!!!



What it looks like from the American side

Kind regards

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