

# THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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### NEWSLETTER

Dear member

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

We just want to mention once again the loyal support of our members. It's the first time in TASA's existence that members who could not pay the full membership fee in one amount, pay it in installments - BUT pay despite the fact that this financial year's membership fee has been updated, they just keep going and make installments for the next financial year.

Our members can know for sure that everything is being done in our power to promote and make exclusive the interests of our members and industry. Therefore, it is essential that our members provide photos and information to the TASA's office to provide interesting and necessary knowledge to the public, prospective clients, financial and insurance institutions, etc..

All credit is given to those of our members who do so on a regular basis. The popularity and wide interest that our Facebook page and publications especially enjoy is due to them.

#### **OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

An excerpt from our Facebook page:

"THE THATCHERS ASSOCIATION HAS JUST REACHED 2 000 PAGE PREFERENCES!

Thank you so much for your wonderful support. We trust that the Thatching Industry in South Africa will benefit greatly from the placement of information that is of great benefit to all involved or influential in this industry. With the necessary knowledge and insight, many problems can be eliminated and unnecessary financial loss can be prevented."

Our Facebook attracts a lot of attention and inquiries. Comments and inquiries are even received from overseas visitors. After nearly 15 years, the Thatchers Association and its members get the recognition they deserve.

#### **NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

It also led to a firm in Dubai namely Urban Exterior, importing exclusively Cape reed asking to become an Associate member so that this commodity and our Association could be introduced more widely there. Mr. Barto de Jager of Albertinia is their supplier and representative here.

**URBAN EXTERIOR's** website testifies to good taste and is a definite asset to our Industry.

#### "ABOUT US

We have been delivering quality and excellence with a wide range of clients including homeowners, commercial businesses and local authorities in Dubai and all across UAE. Our thatch roof architects ensure our customers that their requirements are met with the highest quality and high end designs. We as a team of professional thatch roof contractors are tailoring our services to construct and maintain an exquisite masterpiece that they can be proud of. Our specialty is our work!

WELCOME TO URBAN EXTERIOR – WINNERS OF BEST DESIGN + BUILD AWARD FROM DIGC



#### THE BEGINNING

Thatching is a traditional roofing technique that has been part of building construction across the world for hundreds of years. We offer a wide range of thatched gazebos in the Middle East. One of the key benefits beside the luxurious esthetic look of a thatch roof gazebo, is you also get a naturally insulated roof. A thatched roof ensures that a building is cool in summer and warm in winter."

## <u>CRAFTMANSHIP</u> AND IMAGINATIVE POLE STRUCTURES LIKE THIS ARE UNMATCHED IN THE WORLD

Photos like this with interesting information attached such as e.g. how large is the floor area, hight and width of the roof, how many thatch and poles are used, what challenges / problems had to be overcome and how, etc. etc. Also very interesting will be the pole construction from the inside. How long will it take to errect a pole strukture and thatch a roof like this?



Photo with the compliments of Letaba Thatchers

In Europe in particular the structure is not built by thatchers, only the thatching is done by them therefore the pole construction of South African thatch roofs gets a lot of attention.

We trust that we can rely on our members for interesting and valuable contributions.

May our Association and our members just go from strength to strength especially the coming months ahead with the Covid cloud that has not yet cleared

Kind regards

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