



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

NEWSLETTER

Dear TASA member

OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL THATCHING SOCIETY

The TASA's involvement in the International Thatching Society also opens other doors for our members, such as contributions from our members that are placed in their publications. Examples are the "Thatcher's Standard" magazine with Biggarsberg Thatchers' article in it and the "Thatchers and Thatching Around the World" publication which reports on the 2019 International Thatching Forum held in Japan. These publications have been emailed to our members.

THE TASA'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Particular attention is paid to useful and important information that is posted on our Facebook page with the aim of making the public aware of problems that are encountered, and then also how to solve them in our Industry.

The TASA's latest post:

“STEEL FLUE PIPES

As most fires are caused by the incorrect installation of chimneys in thatched roofs, it is a good precaution to clean spark arrestors and inspect chimneys annually for any defect.

- Photo 1: Cleaned lots of rust and soot from the top of the stove
Photo 2: Flue pipes in bad condition. Replaced with stainless steel pipes
Photo 3: Fire blanket still in good condition after more than 12 years
Photo 4: To protect the thatch from the HEAT of the steel flue, it is wrapped in a fire blanket
The fire blanket should cover a larger area of the flue than just the part of the flue that goes through the thatched roof
Photo 6: Stainless steel spark arrestor
Photo 7: The steel should not come into contact with the thatch
Photo 8: Correctly installed steel flue pipe

Where possible, it is even safer to build a chimney of bricks around a steel flue to protect the thatch from the heat of the pipe.“

(Pages 46 to 48 of "A Guide to Thatch Construction in South Africa")





Please send photos and descriptions of problems you encounter in the course of your business that need to be brought to the public's attention.

Kind regards

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