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THE UTHANDO PROJECT *Newsletter*

SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

There are two very exciting messages for all of us in this newsletter.

1. Our major event for 2013 is our Doll Exhibition at the Zigzag Gallery in Kalamunda, Oct 10 – 20. It expresses the quality of our work and is our great Fundraising Opportunity.

2. "Celebrate a Decade of Dollmaking" in May 2014 with a Uthando Retreat at Serpentine Retreat Centre, Western Australia, May 16 – 18 with Bertha Magoge, Director, TREE, Durban, and Rachel Rozentals-Thresher CEO of dlananathi, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu Natal as our guests.

There will be other events planned for their visit as well.

* APOLOGIES; If you received a link to our new website under construction, we are very sorry that it was premature. Very embarrassing as nothing worked in it yet.

UTHANDO DOLL EXHIBITION AT THE ZIGZAG GALLERY, KALAMUNDA, OCT 10 - 20

First of all, if you would like any printed invitations or fliers, please email Georgia, (see below) for some to be sent to you. Give your postal address. Think about public notice boards where people will be attracted to come.

You can share and copy this newsletter as well via email, but the hours of opening are not very clearly printed on the above inserted flier. They are 9 – 4 Mon – Fri, and 10 – 4 Sat and Sun over two weekends.

Please do whatever you can to let people know about this event which is so vital to Uthando's work with dlananathi in KwaZulu Natal.



You are invited to the Official Opening of the
**UTHANDO PROJECT DOLL EXHIBITION
TO THE HEART OF AFRICA**
Featuring Wall Hangings by Textile Artist, Margaret Sutton
2:00pm Thursday 10 October 2013

Exhibition continues until 20 October 2013

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HOW CAN I HELP?

a. HAND IN YOUR EXHIBITION DOLL

This is a gentle reminder if you have a doll for sale at the Exhibition, please get it to Georgia by Tuesday Oct 1st. Make your doll as exciting as possible. Dolls are already coming in from all over Australia. It will be a most creative exhibition and your contribution really matters.

b. COME ON THE ROSTER

We need OVER 40 volunteers to be at the Exhibition, either on the Market Table, or looking after the exhibition or assisting at the Mini Dollmaking Workshops. Times; 9 – 1 and 12.30 – 4pm. Email Georgia and give your phone number as well.

c. CREATE A GROUP TO MAKE DOLLS

Would you like to book in a group of friends (max, 10 persons) to sew a small doll with kit supplied and delicious home baked morning or afternoon tea for \$10?

We are calling them Mini Dollmaking Workshops; every morning 10 - 12am, and afternoon starting Sat 12th, 1 - 3pm.

This will ensure we have an active exhibition and give visitors time to absorb the exhibition and enjoy the delights of Kalamunda. There are so many cafes to choose from for lunch.

d. EXHIBITION CALENDAR

- **Opening Event with Guest Speaker, Joanne MacDonald**, Family and Infant psychologist, 2pm Oct 10th. Joanne has a lifetime's experience with children and families. It will be an awakening listening for us all. Refreshments served.

- **Fri 11 and Sat 12 at 2pm Jenny Maughan and her Crunchkin Puppets** will get her audience of all ages involved in her remarkable way. You'll love it!

Please book in for that. Note it is the end of the school holidays and ideal for children.

e. UTHANDO MARKET TABLE

There will be an abundance of dollmaking kits, our book, posters and cards for sale, plus many Uthando dolls which have been designed to sell as fundraisers in Australia. Any dolls unsold will be part of the next shipment to Durban mid December.

f. SPECIAL EXHIBITION OF WALL HANGINGS BY MARGARET SUTTON

There is a most treasured donation of wall hangings by contemporary Textile Artist, Margaret Sutton. She has given over 25 original pieces for the Exhibition to raise funds. They range in price between \$80 - \$480.

g. COME TO THE EXHIBITION -put it in your diary!

Come to the Exhibition and be inspired to apply ideas to your own dollmaking.

Please note; Dolls in the Exhibition are for sale with pick up after the exhibition is finished. Some dolls may also be exhibited at the Seniors' Week Event in Bunbury and will be available after that.

Dolls sold at the Market Table can be taken home immediately.

CELEBRATE A DECADE OF DOLLMAKING, MAY 2014.

If you want to come to the Serpentine Retreat, May 16 – 19, 2014 for a spectacular and peaceful Uthando event let us know ASAP. There is room for 40 participants. We will have time for designing dolls, improving skills and above all, be with two wonderful KZN women for deepening our understanding of the purposes of the dolls.

We have invited Bertha Magoge, Director, TREE,(Training Resources in Early Education) Durban and Rachel Rozentals-Thresher, CEO, dlalanathi, Pietermaritzburg to come to Western Australia in May 2014. Both accepted with enthusiasm.

Uthando Project cherishes the close relationship with both TREE and dlalanathi over the years. Both organisations are dedicated to their communities overcoming the HIV/AIDS impact. Both take action for the emotional development for healthy children and families. It is an honour to have these marvellous women visit Australia.

Photo; Bertha Magoge enjoying some of our dolls at TREE, with Georgia Efford, Durban, May 2013. Taken during the inspiring visit of 9 Australian women to KZN.



HOW DO I BOOK IN FOR THE RETREAT?

The cost is \$200 including all meals and bring your own linen.

Please send this fee straight away so that the airfares can be covered immediately.

Direct deposit to

ANZ Kalamunda, 016341,

Acct 480303827,

Name; Uthando Project Inc.

Put your surname and Serpentine as the depositor's identification or post cheque to Treasurer, Lis Hansen, 355 Belmont Ave, Cloverdale, WA 6105.

If you have used Direct Deposit or sent a cheque, please write or email Lis Hansen with your contact details of full name, postal address, phone and or email.

We want to reserve some places for dollmakers from the Eastern States, so do let us know ASAP if you can come.



Further information about this visit will be shared as it emerges.

Photo; Rachel Rozentals-Thresher of dlalanathi enjoyed making her doll as part of our joint workshops in Pietermaritzburg in May.

THANK YOU FOR ALL DOLLS

In the meantime, know that all dolls are very gratefully received.

Three bags full arrived from Irene Swan and colleagues in Tasmania. Such a joy to open and hold them. Virtually every day, more dolls appear at the front door. Thank you everyone.

Our next shipment will be mid December. Let's see if we can gather 2000 dolls to send for the new year. So far we are at 34,500 dolls over nine years.

Please reply for any of these matters to

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With greetings and gratitude from Georgia, Uthando Board and the Friday dollmakers

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