

Friends of Umgeni Newsletter

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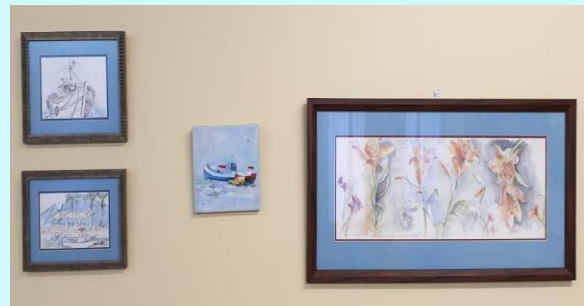


Our Dear Friends,

What a year this has been, for our country and for the whole world! Who would have thought that an entire planet could be forced into “lockdown” by something as small as a virus. I sincerely hope that you and your families have continued to stay healthy during these uncertain times, and have been able to appreciate the beauty of nature, as the earth heals around us.

Before I continue, I must firstly say how extremely grateful we are to our small dedicated committee, for all their hard work this past year. You have been amazing... Thank you so much! Also a very special thank you to our donors over the past year, who I really would like to mention,.... because without them, we would not be able to achieve all that we do for the patients. A heartfelt thank you to the Fuchs Foundation, Brett and Penney Murray from Australia, Doug and Lynn Seager, Mike and Julie Morris, Jenn Dunn, Pastor Frische, and last by not least, Anita Schnieder. Also a big thank you to everyone who donated paint, flowers, fabric, knitted items, and those who offered their expertise by sewing curtains or painting murals.....A HUGE THANK YOU!!! Every cent donated to Friends of Umgeni, is carefully utilized, and greatly appreciated by the committee, staff and patients.

Ladies Ward D2



As a committee, we were thrilled to be given a head start early in 2019, with the Health Dept allocating funds for painting and cleaning of the extensive ladies Ward,... D2, after which we were able to decorate it with curtains, wall murals and a few beautiful paintings shown above, kindly donated by Juliet Grey, a talented artist in our Howick Community

So many of our projects this past year seemed to have been centred around flowers, probably because we sent notices out into the Howick community, asking for any old flowers or decorations, which we could spruce up and use at the hospital....and as usual, the response was amazing.....thank you so much!

So our first “workshop” day was set aside to make 30 table centre pieces for all the Christmas, New Year and Valentines functions which Friends of Umgeni sponsor annually.



Over the years, we have come to realize just how special the hospital staff are, and how so often their dedication and hard work goes unnoticed.....so we make it a priority to always try and include the staff where we can, with little treats, and in this next case with the 2 beautiful bowls of flowers donated by Howick ladies which were graciously accepted by the Hospital's CEO Miss Ndlovu, for the entrance and boardroom.



Then out of the blue we received an enormous bag of “the” most beautiful flowers, which we immediately knew, would brighten the desks of the Ward Sisters, and the balance we could use to decorate each table in the diningroom. Joan our very talented committee member, kindly painted all these jam tins and transformed them into these incredible arrangements you see below.

Joan, with PRO Ayanda and Lerato, kitchen head



Just for interest sake....

This mural covers one whole wall in the dingroom and was painted by Joan and her friend Muriel a few years ago.....still looking lovely!



Beautiful arrangements made by Joan for the Ward Sisters desks.



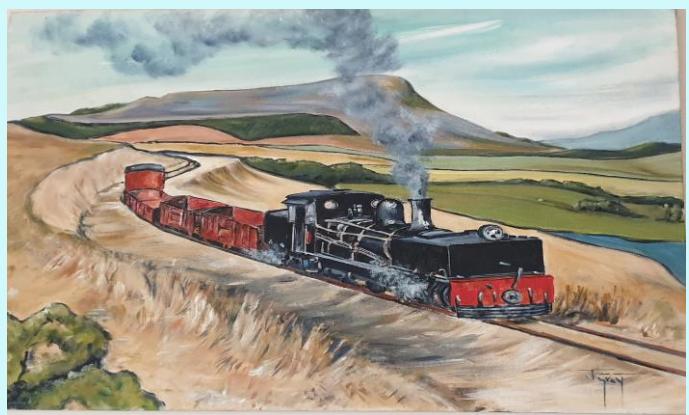
Next up..... was the “Beach Day” organized by Jade in the OT Dept. Such a lovely funfilled day for the patients, each one receiving a garland made by our committee upon their arrival.





Before we knew it, the Festive Season was almost upon us, and the mad scramble began to complete any unfinished projects, which brought us to C Ward, or the Infirmary. This ward has always been on our hearts, as the staff have repeatedly asked us to revamp it, so we decided to get on and do it before the year ended. In retrospect, I am so glad we did, because with” lock down” taking us all by surprise, it would have been months before we could have attempted a project of this proportion again..... *But God is good*, and as soon as the word got out, paint was donated from Associated Agencies, Dawn our seamstress in the Ambers, kindly offered to make the curtains, and Juliet, our talented artist from Howick ,.....all came forward within a week or two with everything we needed to get going!





Paintings donated by artist Juliet Grey

Once lock down is over and we begin the year ahead, our first task, albeit a sad one, will be to once again erect plaques, of all the deceased patients on the Wall of Remembrance in the Hospital Grounds. We have been asked by the CEO to hold a minute of silence and say a prayer, as we remember their lives. Whilst on this difficult subject, we ask you to kindly consider making a bequeath to Friends of Umgeni in your Wills, which will go a long way in assisting our work with the patients of Umgeni Hospital. If you already have.....thank you.

IN LOVING MEMORY		IN LOVING MEMORY	
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Regardless of how big or small..... every donation, contribution or bequeath is greatly appreciated and put to very good use. Perhaps you feel you would like to be part of our little group of mostly retired volunteers, please contact Bev on 0824592743 or Carl on 0824473355 for more information

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“You don’t have to be an expert in anything...but rather a willing person with a passion for those less fortunate.

God bless you

Kind regards

Bev Habermann

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***Because someone cared,
someone did something,
a child smiled and was
comforted***

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