

Guldusi-Newsletter

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The situation in Afghanistan is getting more and more chaotic and warlike. Travelling there is not a matter of course. Sabine, who had already been there several times, did not get a visa in June; however, in August, Margreth was luckier. She could get a visa without any problems, she is familiar with the place and could visit the villages easily.

Her impressions on this journey were of life and death, and weddings: One embroiderer's child was born with severe deformities; two husbands died – one was murdered, the other died from an illness at the age of forty. Such incidents are part of everyday life in Afghanistan, but for each of these families they are dramatic and have far-reaching consequences. The two widows will have to manage their financial situation on their own. They can count on some wages for their embroideries; however, with several infants, they cannot produce enough embroideries to sustain their families. Thus, we support them through our monthly [charitable donation programme](#), which hopefully will provide a bit of solace, reducing stress in everyday life and helping to find some inner peace.

More information about the donation programm (embroidery emergency aid) [here](#).



Shieba



Zakera



Marina

The last two deliveries contained fireworks of surprises, particularly in the first productions of the new embroiderers that were employed after the tests in March. The quality is indeed amazing; they are starting on quite a different level than women from previous tests. They use new stitches and combination of various techniques; there are also new patterns, as with Zakera, who makes portraits.

ABC ...

Since the start of the MESSAGE exhibition, which is now travelling through Europe (next station in autumn in Athens!), we are offering letters for sale. Some of the alphabet sheets we have recently received are so wonderful that it seems a shame to cut them up into single letters. Therefore, we are offering them in complete pieces, hoping to find enthusiastic buyers for these unique pieces of art.

You can admire them [here](#).



In our online shop, which has [12 different galleries](#) at the moment, we offer embroideries as single pieces or series. We are happy to provide these offers for those of you unable to attend the various fairs and exhibitions. To order embroideries is absolutely simple; do not hesitate to make use of this opportunity. The current gallery about “[buttons](#)”, offering small round embroideries (3cm diameter) will only be available until the end of September and will be replaced by a new gallery of star motifs. So do not wait any longer and help yourself!

Do you know that our website www.guldusi.com is continuously updated in three languages (English, German and French)? You could take this as an opportunity to inform friends abroad about it. Usually, newsletters are also produced in three languages.



pomegranates, embroidered by Ikhlisma

“Anar”, the pomegranate,

grows in almost all the gardens of Afghanistan; first it is a pleasure to the eye before its red juice is enjoyed by the palate. The pomegranate motif is frequently used by the embroiderers spontaneously. The fact that this word is used in gardening as well as in military jargon – especially in a country like Afghanistan – demonstrates how closely life and death – once again – are connected. We want to start a “Pomegranate” workgroup dealing with the wide variety of this topic. The idea is to produce

a holistic vision of all feasible aspects. [Sigrun Kampen](#) is going to be the coordinator of this group. She lives in Dinslaken, Germany, but her geographical position will be no problem, as she is going to put up a platform on the internet. If you have ideas or contributions of whatever sort or size, and want to participate, you can contact her directly via [e-mail](#). We will see if an exchange in English works.



Next exhibitions and fairs

From next week until Christmas we will be travelling a lot again, showing exhibitions or organising sales booths. In mid-September at the [European Patchwork-Meeting](#) in Val d'Argent, Alsace, France, we have been invited to the shopping area. We intend to advertise there our EU-competition ["Keep your eye on the planet"](#) and sell embroideries showing eye motifs. Please spread this information all over Europe, so that an interesting exhibition develops. This exhibition will be presented in Val d'Argent in 2018 and then travel through Europe. The ["gallery of eyes"](#) in our online-shop is full and orders can be placed any time.

For more information about upcoming events and exhibitions, check our event-calendar, which we update regularly.

Stay healthy and walk through life happily!

Best wishes

Pascale



You are welcome to forward this newsletter to friends and acquaintances, thank you!

If you do not want to receive the newsletter any longer, let me know.