



SHANGWE NEWS ISSUE 21 - May 2011

What's In This Issue?

1. Welcome
2. Shangwe's 3rd Anthology *Hair Power - Skin Revolution* - Update
3. Poet's Corner: Sheree Mack
4. Shangwe News - Next Edition

1. Welcome

Welcome to the 21st edition of *Shangwe News* - the quarterly on-line newsletter that aims to keep you informed of past events and gives you a preview of future topical events, along with the opportunity to network and/or contribute a poem or article. The purpose of *Shangwe News* is to promote new and diverse creative writing. If you have any comments or information for the newsletter please email: nicole@shangwe.com

2. Shangwe's 3rd Anthology *Hair Power - Skin Revolution* - Update



Book Reading Events held:

4th March

Black Expressions at 5th Floor of Waterstones, Piccadilly Circus, London
Group Discussion of Black Beauty

<http://shawana-lulu.blogspot.com/2011/03/black-expressions.html>

10 March

Hair Celebration at Art Arc, Tottenham Hale, North London

26th March

My Nappy Roots, A Journey Through Black Hair-itage at the Rio Cinema, East London

Post-screening panel discussion participant

<http://shawana-lulu.blogspot.com/2011/03/my-nappy-roots.html>

Book Interview/Review:

Book Interview/Review with Belinda Otas, for *New African Woman Magazine* -

<http://headley.co.uk/headturner/NAWWinter2010>

To get your copy of *Hair Power Skin Revolution*, please order via email:
nicole@shangwe.com Price: £9.99 plus £1.80 postage & packing.

3. Poet's Corner – Sheree Mack

Wedding Day, 14 September, 1968

The camera has caught them
in front of the swinging doors
of the registrar's office.

His stance is relaxed,
in a smart dark suit, leaning,
hand in pocket, casual.

His ebony skin smooth,
smiling broad white
concealing his vast years.

She clutches his cupped arm
staring straight into the lens.
No hint of a smile, serious.

Triangle glasses obscure
her high cheek boned face -
a blossoming beauty.

He's bedded many women.
Children, he has a few.
She leaves her village today.

In the humid space beneath
her turquoise two piece,
her virginal body buckles.

She must step out of youth
be his woman,
and keep her man happy.

Her nipple-less breasts
and sagging stomach
will have to yield to him.

Just the two of them,
her witch's spectacles off,
she pulls him into her side.

www.shereemack.com

www.febrev.blogspot.com

www.everydaycreativity3.blogspot.com

Biography:

Sheree Mack

4. Shangwe News - Next Edition

Shangwe News is distributed to a target audience of black & mixed-race women of African & Caribbean descent in the UK and to other relevant and interested parties. If you would like to write an article of between 500 to 1000 words (max) or submit a poem (any theme) for the next issue of *Shangwe News*, the copy deadline date is: **20th July 2011** for the August 2011 edition. Please email your submissions to: nicole@shangwe.com

© copyright 2009 Shangwe