

WFWP Stuttgart, Germany, Spring Gathering

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A group of ten met for the monthly women's meeting in the Stuttgart UPF centre. This time the topic was 'spring', and it was planned to create handcrafted cards. One of our guests, Mikaela Meier, had taken it upon herself to prepare material to make creative Easter cards and to guide the ladies with the craft.

At 3pm we gathered round a table festively decorated for Easter, and enjoyed tea, coffee and assorted baked goodies.



Gabriele Schickert introduced the official part of the event with words from Dr. Moon: 'The miracle of creation in a flower', and a prayer. Ute Lemme, leader of the Women's Federation for Peace in Stuttgart, offered an explanation about 'spring': the first day of solar spring in 2015 was on March 20. The phenological beginning of spring is determined with the help of regional plants species: eg early spring is when the first snowdrops bloom and full spring when the apple trees are in bloom.



Then a quiz followed about spring flowers. Pictures from the internet with three possible names were projected on a screen. Everyone eagerly participated and answered the questions without difficulty.

Three short films with music and films were shown:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lj-F_GWsnr0 Vivaldi – The Four Seasons, Spring

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5a6_-Lw-uH8 Easter in the Zoo, Hellabrunn/Munich

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=II8mJC5qLVU> Spring on the flowering island of Mainau

Then it was time to get to work on making Easter cards. A long table in the vestibule had been prepared with all kinds of handiwork materials: envelopes, white and coloured postcards, decorative material, scissors, glue, colouring pencils. Mikaela showed us how to cut out eggs, rabbits, birds etc from stencils on colourful patterned paper and to attach them to the cards as Easter decoration. There were also Easter stickers and photos of spring flowers that could be used according to individual taste. Everyone set to work with great eagerness and the finished products - the home-made Easter cards - were a cause for much pride and joy!

After further refreshments, we said good-bye with wishes for a happy Easter. See you at the next meeting!

