



NEWSLETTER OF THE CAPE TOWN BRANCH OF THE SIMON VAN DER STEL FOUNDATION NO 1 2010

NUWE LEDE/NEW MEMBERS

Ons wil graag die volgende nuwe lede hartlik by die Simon van der Stel Stigting verwelkom:
We wish to welcome the following new members to the Simon van der Stel Foundation:

Mrs A MacDonald, Mr S Snyman, Prof Gerrit Wiechers, Mrs E Fuller, Viccie & Nelia le Roux

DONASIES/DONATIONS

Ons bedank graag vir die volgende donasies van lewenslede en gewone lede:
We are extremely grateful for the donations received from our life and general members:

Mr & Mrs F le Roux, Mr E Spencer, Mrs SE Collins, Mr R Jeffery, Mrs E Sedgwick, Dr CD de Kruyff, Judge EL King, Mr JA de Kock, Mr MJ Ravenscroft, Mr C Campbell, Mej C Beyers, Miss F McFarlane

IN MEMORIUM

Eulalie Stott died on 28 February in her eighty eighth year.

She served on the committee of the Cape Town branch for a number of years. She was a councillor of the City of Cape Town for many years and devoted an enormous amount of time and effort to help the poor as chairperson of The Housing Committee. She was a prominent member of the Liberal Party and The Black Sash Woman's organisation.

On the 31st March 1960, Philip Kgosana of the PAC led a march of Africans, said to be about 20 000, to Cape Town in protest against the pass laws. Mrs Stott, who knew both Robert Sobukwe and Kgosana, leapt into her car and drove through the marchers along de Waal Drive and told Kgosana that Parliament (his intended destination) was heavily defended with troops with machine guns. Kgosana made some of the marchers sit in the shade of the pine trees near Jutland Avenue and took a smaller group to Caledon Square, where Colonel IPS Terblanche persuaded Kgosana to take his group back to Langa peacefully and agreed to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Justice the next day. The group went back to Lange quietly and in peace. The next day, a State of Emergency was declared and when Philip Kgosana and two companions returned for the promised meeting, they were arrested. The efforts of Mrs Stott, Philip Kgosana and Col Terblanche, saved Cape Town and possibly the country, from a major disaster. Col Terblanche was punished for his actions in negotiating and received no further promotion in the Police Force. Kgosana managed to escape and go into exile overseas. (Col Terblanche on his retirement became an active and successful chairman of Simon van der Stel, Cape Town and played a major part in saving the Sendinggestig in Long Street from demolition).

Mrs Stott went on to be a City Councillor for the Claremont area for over 30 years. She was an energetic, committed and cheerful person, who gave much of her life to helping others who were less fortunate.

A well attended memorial service was held at Kelvin Grove on the 8th March. Among the tributes paid, were from Gerald Shaw (former Deputy Editor of the Cape Times) and Philip Kgosana, who travelled from Gauteng to be present.

She is survived by her daughters Louise Wood and Rene Pollock.

She will be fondly remembered by many.

John Muir

HANNES MEIRING OORLEDE

Wat sekerlik die grootste menigte was om van 'n bewaringsman afskeid te neem, het die Stellenbosse "Moederkerk" nou die dag volgesit by die roudiens vir die ontslape Hannes Meiring (75). Dit is opvallend hoeveel argitekte ook aktiviste in die bewaringswêreld is. Hannes was lank 'n vennoot in die firma Colyn en Meiring wat geboue ontwerp het in 'n onmiskenbaar moderne idioom. Ons eer Hannes natuurlik allereers as 'n kampvegter teen onverantwoorde afbraak en vir restaurasie van waardevolle historiese argitektuur. Sy bekendste stryd was dié as lid van die groepie wat stelling ingeneem het teen die afbreek van die wesfasade van Kerkplein in Pretoria – en dié styd uiteindelik gewen het.

Die as persoon baie gewilde Hannes Meiring het ook baie steun vir bewaring gewerf met sy sjarmante waterverftekenings van ou geboue, wat hy in verskeie boekies uitgegee het. Hy was aktief in ons Stigting se Stellenbosse afdeling, vir wie sy dood 'n groot verlies is.

Dr. Hans Fransen

CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROJECT

Together with the Simon van der Stel Foundation, the Centre for Conservation Education every year organises a competition to encourage schools to write their history and send it to the Centre.

You are invited to the awards ceremony at the Centre for Conservation Education, 9 Aliwal Road, Wynberg on Thursday, 9 September at 15h00. If you would like to attend, please contact Ms Sigi Howes, (Head of the Centre) at (021) 762-1622.



Stigter van Stellenbosch geëer

Die stigter van die dorp Stellenbosch, en die man na wie ook die Stigting Simon van der Stel vernoem is, gaan 'n verdiende huldeblyk in dié dorp ontvang. Toe Van der Stel in 1685 besluit het dat 'n dorp in die "binneland", vyftig kilometers van Kaapstad, gestig moet word, het hy die seël geplaas op die aanvaarding van die Kaap as 'n vestigingskolonie, meer as net 'n verversingspos. 'n Verre nasaat van die Goewerneur, die Nederlander Leo van der Stel, het die inisiatief geneem om 'n borsbeeld, in brons gegiet, te laat maak en dit aan Stellenbosch te skenk. Die koste daarvan is uit verskeie plaaslike bronne (waaronder ook ons Stigting) verkry. Die oorhandiging sal op 9 Junie in die Stellenbosse Stadsaal plaasvind, en daarmee sal die Goewerneur, aan wie die Kaapkolonie so baie verskuldig is, uiteindelik na drie eeue die eer ontvang wat hom so oorvloediglik toekom.

Dr. Hans Fransen

HERITAGE SOUTH AFRICA SYMPOSIUM

2010

Hosted by Graaff-Reinet Heritage Society

Theme

HERITAGE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMME: DAY ONE: Friday 8 October 2010

- 08:15 to 09:00 Registration Tea & Coffee PLEASE DISPLAY NAME TAGS
09:10 Welcoming Address by Mayor
09:20 Opening Address by National Chairman Heritage South Africa, Len Raymond.
- 09:35 **FIRST SESSION – HERITAGE TRANSFORMATION**
09:40 Heritage transformation – short talks of 5 minutes each
Brian Wilmot, Curator of Olive Schreiner Museum, Cradock
Malusi Mveke, pastor in Umasizakhe, Dr Roy Stauth, environmental economist,
Anziske Kayster, director, Graaff-Reinet Museum
- 10:10 Oral history project - Ann Rundle, chairperson, Graaff-Reinet Community Tourism Organisation

SECOND SESSION – HERITAGE TOURISM

- 11.00 Importance of conservation of vernacular architecture in preservation of cultural heritage and eco-tourism - Elwyn Harlech-Jones – architect from Steytlerville
- 11.30 Mzimhlophe African Restaurant – Nanziwe Vena, entrepreneur
12. 15 Improving lives, creating opportunities – Prof. Doreen Atkinson, Director, Karoo Development Foundation
- 12.45 **LUNCH AT ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL**
Ethnic fashion show
- THIRD SESSION - UMASIZAKHE HERITAGE**
- 14:00 Heritage Legislation and Local Government -
THE UMASIZAKHE SAGA – Peter Whitlock, architect
- 14.30 Consultation in Umasizakhe – Bethwell Ndudula, Chairperson, Umasizakhe Community Tourism Organisation
- 14.40 Panel: IMPLEMENTATION OF HERITAGE LEGISLATION
Len Raymond
Noeleen Murray,
Representative of SAHRA
- 15.30 Walk / drive to Umasizakhe
- 15:45 **TEA IN UMASIZAKHE**
- 16:15 Guided walking tour of Umasizakhe
- 19:00 **EVENING FUNCTION – BRAAI – Union, entertainment facility at Union High School**

PROGRAMME DAY 2

9 OCTOBER 2010

- 6.30 **OPTIONAL EARLY MORNING EXCURSION:
VALLEY OF DESOLATION (Camdeboo National Park- R16-00 entrance or Wild Card)
OR TOWN WALK**
- 9:00 Our Natural Heritage – Maryke Stern, Camdeboo National Park
- 9.30 Short talks of 5 minutes each
Conservation Landscape - Roy Stauth
Game animals – John Caryer, game enthusiast
Geoparks – Peter Burdett, CEO, Camdeboo National Park
Environmental heritage education – Dianne Roussouw,
Camdeboo National Park education officer
- 10:10 **Tea at the Anglican Church Hall**
- SECOND SESSION – HERITAGE & DEVELOPMENT**
- 10.45 Combining heritage conservation and development – Judy MacGuire
- 11.15 **AN ONGOING BATTLE WITH SHELL – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**
Johan Minnaar
- 11.50 Walk - Parsonage Street, Church Street to appreciate the impact of an enlarged Shell service station on the streetscape heritage
- 12:15 **Excursions to farms - Langfontein, Wellwood, Wheatlands**

Packed picnic lunches
- 19:00 **Conference Dinner - AN EVENING AT THE MUSEUM**

Start with *aperitif* at the Old Library Museum; meet the Murrays at Reinet House; enjoy *hors d'oeuvres* at Urquhart House; main course and dessert at Anglican Church Hall

BOOKING FOR THE SYMPOSIUM: Booking forms will be available on the Heritage SA website at the beginning of June

COST: R500-00 including the symposium and all teas and meals. For transport for outings there will be no buses. We hope some folk will be happy to take their own vehicles and some other passengers and petrol costs will be shared.

ACCOMMODATION: The website is www.graaffreinet.co.za. There are many B&B's and self-catering establishments in Graaff-Reinet.

LIFTS: Members wishing to offer lifts or who are looking for lifts, to share travel costs, please contact Pat Benbow Hebbert.

CASA LABIA



Built in 1929 to reflect the spirit of 18th century Venice, Casa Labia is the former Muizenberg residence of Count and Countess Natale Labia. Following a complete two-year restoration by the family, this much-loved national monument was re-opened to the public on 5 May 2010 as South Africa's most exquisite multi-functional cultural centre and up-market venue; complete with modern art gallery, Africanova boutique and an Italian café. South African foodie, Judy Badenhorst's latest culinary triumph, Casa Labia Café, will offer authentic, season-inspired Italian delicacies. The 40-seater café exudes charm, warmth and authenticity making it an ideal venue for brunch, lunch and high tea. Open from Tuesday to Saturday, 10am - 4pm Tel: +27 (0)21 788 6068

RESTUARANTS WITH HISTORY

FIVE FLIES

14 Keerom Street, Cape Town. Telephone 021 424 4442

In 1780 originally the home of Johan Graff "house carpenter" who assisted Anton Anreith in carving the Groote Kerk pulpit. This two story well proportioned town house, has been combined with the Old De Nederlandse Club building at 16 Keerom Street, to create a large and attractive restaurant with a variety of dining rooms. The cobbled courtyard has been covered for protection from the weather and a function room is available upstairs. The original well is in the courtyard and illuminated at night and the bar was the old stables.

The name derives from a well known restaurant in Amsterdam which has five gables.

It is a fine dining establishment with a contemporary menu and good service. The dinner menu offers two courses for R185 or 3 for R230 with R40 supplements for fillet or rack of lamb and shellfish. The interesting wine list is arranged with red and white together in price categories, starting at R135 per bottle and moving up to R185 and higher.

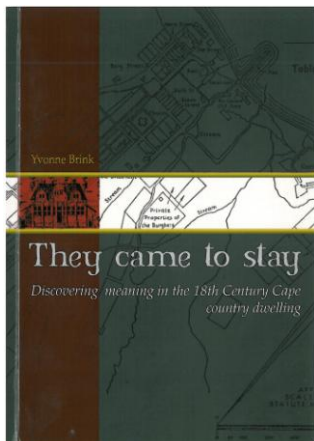
It is popular with overseas visitors. Street parking is available at night with car guards. Nearest parking garage is Mandela Place.

It is open- Dinner Monday to Sunday – Lunch Monday to Friday.

Prices are slightly lower at lunchtime. Tables in the courtyard need to be booked in advance. Special discounts are available on certain days in the off season. Enquire on booking.

John Muir

BOOKSHELF



THEY CAME TO STAY Yvonne Brink.

Cape colonial farmsteads built in the later eighteenth through to the early nineteenth centuries are a major tourist attraction of the Cape winelands. Who were the people who built these houses? When and why did this unique style of architecture emerge in a colony of impoverished, semi-literate, European peasants? And why, in all the Dutch colonies in various parts of the world, did it emerge only at the Cape? These are the main questions addressed by the author of *They Came to Stay*. But this regional study should also appeal to readers with a more general interest in the ways in which we can try to discover the meaning of material cultural objects, especially those of past societies. The complexity of the relationship between words and things, language and material culture, is set out, and the study shows how an understanding of this relationship can enlighten us about elusive issues such as the structuring of identity in specific contexts.

Yvonne Brink began her career at the University of Cape Town by studying languages and the cultures of the ancient world, developing a passion for archaeology in the process. Leaving her post as junior lecturer to raise a family, she returned after a long absence to study archaeology 'for a year'. The year spun out to encompass more than two decades of part time teaching and research, resulting in a doctoral thesis upon which *They Came to Stay* is based. Although retired, she continues to do research and remains a member of the Historical Archaeology Research Group at UCT.

Yvonne Brink will be giving a talk on the early governors of the Cape on the 31st July – details in the new programme.