



NEWSLETTER OF THE CAPE TOWN BRANCH OF THE SIMON VAN DER STEL FOUNDATION NO 2 2012

NUWE LEDE/NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr & Mrs A Hardie, Mrs G Christie, Mr P du Preez, Ms I Jordaan, Dr & Mrs I Glass, Ms J Mort.

DONASIES/DONATIONS:

Ons bedank graag die volgende lede vir donasies gemaak:
We are extremely grateful for the donations received from our members:

Judge & Mrs EL King, Mr M Deacon, Mej D Swart, Mr A Jones,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The new committee as of the last AGM now consists of

Chairman: Ian Pretorius
Deputy Chairman: Andrew Jones
Secretary : Pat Benbow-Hebbert

John Muir	Jean Raubenheimer	Ansie Kent
Mickey Kent	Hans Fransen	Anlen Boshoff
Mike Deeks	Philip du Preez	
Cllr Simon Liell-Cock (City of Cape Town)		

JOHN MUIR

John Muir, who has been a member since 1998 and Chairman for 12 years has now relinquished that position, though still very active on the committee, as he is busy putting together one, possibly two, new books on Cape History. Many members will remember his two series of articles for the Weekend Argus: 'Know your Cape' 60 articles and, 'The Cape on Sunday', 25 articles, as well as his two books for Howard Timmins (Publishers): *Know your Cape* and *John Muir's guide to the Western Cape*, long out of print and much missed.

With his wealth of local knowledge and invaluable contacts John was an admirable chairman and still gives the committee good advice and the benefit of his 18 years as a City Councillor and time spent on various boards and committees. Members will recall with pleasure the many weekends away that John and his wife, Linda, spent a huge amount of time, expense and energy researching, sampling and arranging for us. I am sure I speak for the rest of the committee in saluting him for his commitment and sage advice and look forward to many more years working with him on the committee. Good luck with the books, John, we are all waiting impatiently for their publication!

Andrew Jones

AWARD FOR Prof. KAY DE VILLIERS

Kay was nominated for a SALA creative, non-fictional award 2012. This is one of the categories of the South African Literary Awards (SALA). The award for his book of true stories from the Anglo-Boer War – *Dwarstreckers, Dweepers en Dokters*, was presented to him on the 10th November in Bloemfontein.

The South African Literary Awards endeavour to pay long overdue homage and honour to our literary practitioners and legends, while it encourages the advancement of our literary heritage and practice, and is supported by the National Ministry of Arts and Culture and the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC).

HERITAGE SA SYMPOSIUM, 4 – 6 OCTOBER 2012 IN PAARL ROLE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, SETTLERS AND SLAVES IN CREATING 18th CENTURY OPULENCE AT THE CAPE

From survival to opulence in 100 years



The Symposium theme revolved around the development of the 18thC Cape Manor House, the economy of the Cape, and the factors that contributed to the wealth of the settlers at the Cape.

It was an extremely successful and well-attended symposium and it was very satisfying to see a number of our own branch members at the various lectures and outings. Over 90 people attended the lectures on Friday.

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Friday provided very interesting lectures starting with the early geology of the Paarl Valley going back millions of years to Gondwanaland. The lectures highlighted the life of the early inhabitants of the area, their first contact with the new settlers as well as the impact colonialism had on the indigenous people. One lecture gave a fascinating glimpse of the material wealth (or not) of the inhabitants by studying MOOC (Inventories of the Orphan Chamber) documents in the Cape Town Archives Repository. Later the afternoon Len Raymond invited all attendees to accompany him on a walk in the centre of old Paarl starting at the Toringkerk (right) and then progressing to Mill Street.



A gala dinner was held at Laborie Restaurant and the highlight of the evening was the handing over of the Heritage SA Gold Medal to longstanding and retiring Chairman of Heritage SA and the Drakenstein Branch, Len Raymond, by Gawie Fagan. Several local members of the Drakenstein Branch received certificates for their contribution to conservation in the area.

Saturday was devoted to a short lecture by Len on the remaining 18th century homesteads on farms in the area before departing in two buses on a very interesting tour. We saw neglected as well as beautifully restored homes. Lunch was at Babylonstoren (above) where all of us received a bottle of estate wine. After a visit to the homestead, we had the opportunity to see the magnificent clivias in full bloom.

A very insightful and entertaining few days with a very positive atmosphere and it was good to make contact with people from other branches. *Welgedaan Drakenstein en baie dankie!*

Anlen Boshoff

RESTAURANTS WITH HISTORY

The Roundhouse, The Glen, Camps Bay



First erected as a guardhouse in 1786, the building was enlarged and renovated by, the then Governor, Lord Charles Somerset in the early 19th century to use as a hunting lodge.

Now, once more renovated, the Roundhouse is again a centre for fine food and wines and elegant parties, both inside the elegant interiors and, less formally, on the lawns and terraces facing on to the view of Camps Bay. Booking essential: 021 438 4347

SCHOOLS' HERITAGE CELEBRATION Schools in Langa, Pinelands & Thornton



Schools are huge shapers of communities, yet are often overlooked when celebrating heritage. The Centre for Conservation Education believes that every school's history and contribution to education are worth recording and celebrating. Each year it focuses on a different area and celebrates the educational heritage of those schools on or around Heritage Day. This year it was the turn of the schools in Langa, Pinelands & Thornton.

Pupils from Pinelands Primary, left, Cannons Creek, centre and Zimasa Primary in Langa, right.

On 26 September, 18 schools from these areas celebrated their heritage at the Centre for Conservation Education in Wynberg. They were represented by 180 learners and 34 teachers. The schools were: Cannons Creek High & Primary, Ikamvalethu Secondary, Isilimela High, Khulani High, Langa High, LEAP Maths & Science, Moshesh Intermediate, Oude Molen Academy, Pinehurst Primary, Pinelands Primary, Pinelands North Primary, Siyabulela Primary, St Francis Adult Education Centre, Thembani Primary, Thornton Primary, Vista Nova High and Zimasa Primary.

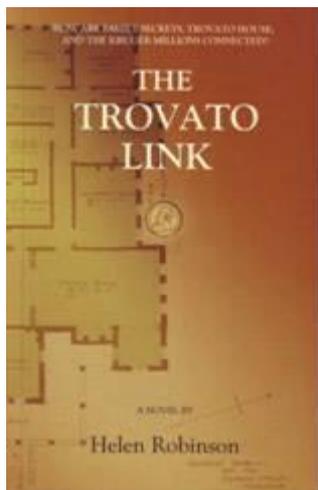
Each school's history was documented in a PowerPoint presentation, and each received a handsome certificate. The two youngest schools, LEAP Maths and Science School (8 years old) and Cannons Creek Independent High School (13 years old) paid tribute to the two oldest schools: Pinelands Primary School (86 years old) and Zimasa Primary School (110 years old). Zimasa was started by the English (Anglican) Church (EC) in 1902 and was originally known as the Uitvlugt EC Mission School. It later changed its name to Ndabeni EC Mission School and then to St Cyprian's EC Mission School. Once the school had relocated to Langa and become a public school in 1951, it changed its name to Elukanyisweni. Since 1969 it has been known as Zimasa Primary School.

Several of the schools also did musical or cultural items.

Sigi Howes (HEAD)

BOOKSHELF

THE TROVATO LINK, Helen Robinson



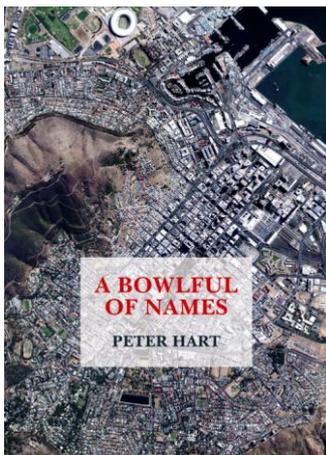
Archaeologist Jessica Radcliffe arrives in Cape Town for a holiday and, almost immediately, she is caught up in a web of intrigue and misdirection, as she struggles to escape the unknown enemies who threaten her. This is the beginning of a dangerous journey which will transport her back to baffling past events in South Africa. What are the secrets of the wealthy and powerful Van Steen family and are they linked to the missing Kruger Millions? Does the answer lie at Trovato House where her sister and family live or must she search further afield? Can she trust the attractive Johnny van Steen who appears so willing to help her? They begin a roller coaster ride to untangle - at whatever cost - the mysterious elements of the puzzle which confronts them.

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Join us at **Trovato House** on the **6th March** when **Dr. Helen Robinson** will talk about the research she did into the house and then take us on a guided tour of the interior and gardens. See the new programme for details.

A BOWLFUL OF NAMES, Peter Hart

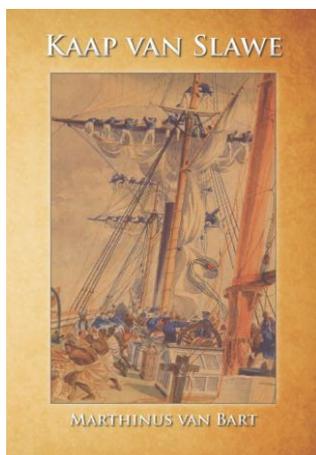


108 pages, soft cover, black and white illustrations

This is a recasting of City Bowl Street Names, which lists all 750 of the streets and lanes of the City Bowl, past and present. In this book, the more interesting streets and lanes are more fully discussed.

Available from the Historical Society of Cape Town;
021 761 2236 and all good bookshops

KAAP VAN SLAWE, Marthinus van Bart



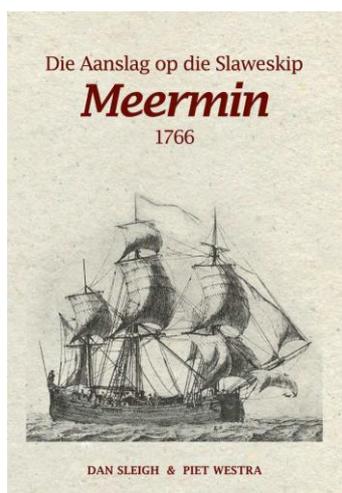
Die Britse slawebedryf van 1562 tot 1910 met spesiale verwysing na die Kaap die Goeie Hoop vanaf 1680

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DIE AANSLAG OP DIE SLAWESKIP MEERMIN 1766

Dan Sleigh & Piet Westra



Die reis in 1765-1766 van die VOC-slaweskip *Meerman* na Madagaskar is uniek in die geskiedenis van die slawehandel. Nadat 140 slawe op Madagaskar aangekoop is, het 'n aantal mansslawe tydens die terugreis na die Kaap gemuit. Van die offisiere en bemanning is gedood, en die oorblywendes, sommiges swaar gewond, dae lank in 'n kajuit gevange gehou. Die skip het intussen rondgedryf en het later op die kus van Struisbaai vergaan.

Hierdie boek, volledig gebaseer op rgiefdokumente, bevat die eerste omvattende beskrywing van die gewelddadige oornome van die *Meerman*, 'n desperate stryd op die oop see om vryheid en oorlewing. Dit is die dramatiese verhaal van slawe wat dapper veg vir hulle vryheid, van loedvergiëting, dood, en van bedrog en verraad. 'n Oorsig van die destydse Kaap word ook gegee en onder meer aandag geskenk aan die herkoms van Kaapse slawe, hoe hulle in slawerny beland het, waarmee hulle gekoop is,

waarvoor en hoekom die Kompanjie slawearbeid gebruik het en hoe teen slawe opgetree is wanneer hulle die wette van hul eenaars oortree.

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