

What's Happening in Darling August 2010

Throughout August

Wildflower Meander

Flora Group walks take place in the Reserves in and around Darling as follows:
Darling: the last Wednesday of each month. We meet at 9.30 am at the car park at the SPCA grounds and will decide where we go from there.

Yzerfontein: the first Wednesday of each month.

We explore the reserves for whatever is flowering that day, also to find anything new, and to discuss anything botanical as we go along. These are gently walks, so anyone can come along.

Last year we also included the reserves at Waylands, Oudepost and Tienie Versfeld where the displays are quite spectacular. Anyone is welcome!

Please contact Helene Preston at 022 492 2422 or 082 222 8135 for more information or if you would like a lift.

CULINARY GETAWAYS ON CAPE TOWN'S DOORSTEP

The getaways are hosted by Debbie Mc Laughlin, an Internationally trained chef who has worked under Prue Leith and Guillianio Buggialli and who currently owns and runs the lodge as well as Hilda's Kitchen, the restaurant on the award winning wine farm Groote Post.

Trinity Lodge, a 4 star graded guest house in Darling will offer culinary getaways throughout the months of June until October.

The getaway takes up to 12 guests at a time and are run in the cosy, atmospheric Trinity Lodge kitchen. A combination of demonstrations and practicals, the courses are run for two days and guests can expect to learn to prepare items like a robust Roast Tomato and Aubergine Tart, Wintery dishes like a Lamb, mint and pea pie and a Pear and Polenta Cake. All dishes are explained in detail and recipes for each dish prepared are supplied.

The classes take place in the morning and late afternoons and other activities are set up during the day including golf, wine and olive tastings at local cellars and lunch at the historic Manor House at Groote Post, a Top 10 Alfresco restaurant. Visits to local galleries and crafters can be arranged as well as shows with Pieter-Dirk Uys at Evita se Perron. With a few glasses of Darling's finest wine, the getaways are both informative and great fun and have become very popular so early booking is advised.

Cost: R1 750 per person inclusive of 2 nights B&B, 2 dinners, a wine tasting and a lunch and all tuition including recipes.

To Book: Contact Shaun or Debbie Mc Laughlin on 022 492 3430 or stay@trinitylodge.co.za for more details.

What's On at Evita se Perron during August?

The Theatre/Restaurant/Bar, Boerassic Park & Evita's A en C (arts & crafts) are open Tues to Sun from 10h00 to 16h00.

To find out what's on the programme during August, please visit www.evita.co.za or contact Beryl on (022) 492 3930 for enquiries/bookings or e-mail bookings@evita.co.za

BIRDS OF PREY FLYING SHOW

1 August 2010, 12:30 pm
@ Lelieblom Farm, Darling

Have you ever been close to or touched an eagle, a falcon or an owl? Lelieblom invites you to come and interact with some of the most majestic birds that inhabit the sky. Watch in awe as the handler puts them through their paces.

We are honored to have these awesome birds and their handler visit us on the farm, sharing their habits and quirks and presenting us with an opportunity to interact with the birds and even handle one! Learn about the conservation and rehabilitation of these great birds. Book a lovely Sunday lunch and experience this wonderful privilege of getting close to some of the most magnificent creatures that grace our sky!

R150 p/p Children u/12 R75.00, Children u/2 free
Advance bookings essential Contact Karen on 082 573 7736 for bookings or visit www.lelieblom.co.za

Saturday 07 August

Open House at Duckitt Nursery - 9h00 until 12h00.

These Open Days take place every first Saturday of the month May – November.

Entrance: Free

Complimentary tea and coffee/ Pancakes for sale

Variety of orchid pot plants, spikes and accessories for sale/ Debit and credit card facilities available / One of the greenhouses will be open for exhibition.

Contact: 022 492 2606 or e-mail: info@duckittnurseries.com

Please be advised that the Orchid Shop on the Oudepost Farm, will be open from May until October – Monday until Thursday – 09h00 until 12h00. The Orchid Shop has a variety of orchid pot plants and accessories for sale. Orchid flower orders can also be done directly through Lynne. Contact: Lynne Duckitt at 022 492 2368 (The Orchid Shop is totally separate from Duckitt Nurseries)

Thursday 19 August

Trivial Pursuit at Bistro 7 with Quizmaster “par excellence”, Peter Killick.

Every third Thursday - Enter your table of four.

Selection of soups and first glass of wine included in the price of R55 per head, R5.00 of which goes to the SPCA. Bookings on 022 492 3626

15 August

DANIÈLE PASCAL sings Chansons & French Cafè songs @ Lelieblom Farm
Enjoy an afternoon of the golden age of the French Chanson featuring a repertoire ranging from timeless romantic French café songs to old favourites

from Edith Piaf, Jacques Brel, Juliette Greco, Mouloudji, Cole Porter, Charles Trenet, Marlene Dietrich.

The show is playful tongue-in-cheek, quintessentially Parisian, a classic joie de vivre that will enchant young and old alike!

Show starts at 12h00/12h30

Costs R150 and includes a luncheon

Advance bookings essential Contact Karen on 082 573 7736 for bookings or visit

www.lleieblom.co.za

Friday 20 August

Winter Warmers Evening – Stories of old Darling

Darling Museum presents a programme of illustrated talks and/or storytelling

Delicious Homemade Soup and a glass of wine included

Please book at Museum 022 492 3361 to assist with catering

Saturday 28 August

The Darling Country Market

This community market has its home at the Nitrophoska Building, Main Road and takes place on the last Saturday of each month. The market opens promptly at 10h00 and trades until 13h30. With the emphasis on home made, home grown and hand made; stallholders sell fresh produce, flowers, home bakes, special breads, preserved olives, arts & crafts including pewter and much more.... Why don't you join us? Contact Con Meyer for information or to book a stall 082 927 6225

Saturday 28 August

Mantis Art Gallery Opening

Join us for the opening of our new gallery with a Spring Exhibition on Saturday 28 August 2010, at 11h00

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Bistro 7

The Bistro restaurant hours are as follows:

Dinner from 6pm Mon to Sat/Lunch from 12 to 3:30 on Sundays/Closed all day

Tuesday

Our new smokers bar (The Bistro Bar) and garden will be open from 4pm - Mon to Friday; Sat from 11am till closing; Sun from 11am till 4pm. The bar will be open on Tuesdays serving drinks and snack baskets.

Café Mosaic

This family orientated rendezvous in the Main Road of Darling is open daily from 8 until late. Cafe Mosaic is a South African mix of the French Cafe de la Rue, the Dutch Coffee Bar, the German Strasse Kaffe and the English Pub. Special home cooked meals are served on Tuesday evenings and Thursday night is Pizza Night. Contact 022 492 2307 for bookings.

Darling Olives

Darling Olives is a great place to start your education about how olives are grown, pressed and cured. Experience a traditional approach to olives on a working farm where cattle are still herded by horse and a flock of sheep might cross your path.

Located just 3 km out of Darling towards Yzerfontein, this olive farm offers tasting & sales of their extensive product range.

Open: Mon to Fri: 09:00-16:00 / Sat: 09:00- 13:00

Tel: 022 492 3171 or Email: roleenbasson@mweb.co.za

Hilda's Kitchen

We're very proud to announce that Hilda's Kitchen at Groote Post Wine Estate has been selected as a Top 10 Alfresco Restaurant in South Africa by the annual Eat Out guide. This popular restaurant is open Wednesday to Sunday for lunch.

Bookings essential 022 492 2825

The Groote Post cellar is also open for wine tasting seven days a week including on Sundays from 11h00 to 16h00 which allows guests to enjoy a wine tasting either before or after lunch.

!Khwa ttu Sunday Lunch Buffet. Every Sunday

Our food is prepared with love and care and we are proud to make use of the fresh home grown vegetables, salads and herbs from our own organic garden.

!Khwa ttu Sunday Lunch Buffet consist of:

Freshly baked Breads, Pates,

Selection of fresh Salads

Homemade Pies, Potjies and Roasts.

Selection of Vegetables

Selection of delicious Desserts.

Eat to your heart's content.

Complimentary Glass of Champagne and orange juice on arrival.

R135.00 per person (children under twelve R70.00)

Bookings essential at 022 492 2998

Every Friday from 7pm

KRAALBOSDAM STEAK EVENINGS

We serve Sirloin Steak, Fish and Chicken Schnitzel

Vegetarians and diabetics also catered for – just let us know in advance!

R80.00p/p & children U10 halfprice

Bookings would be welcome. tel: 022 4922345;022 4923803;0836322196

Lelieblom Farm and Venue: A Family Affair – A Real Farm Experience.

Open daily for lunch and dinner – bookings essential – Lelieblom serves hearty traditional South African Cuisine. They also cater for small functions, birthday parties, family gatherings, any special event!

Advance bookings essential Contact Karen on 082 573 7736 for bookings or visit

www.lelieblom.co.za

Bookings are open for Voorkamerfest 2010!

If the audience attendance and enthusiasm of the past five Voorkamerfests is anything to go by, this year's festival from 3-5 September in Darling will be yet another sell-out event. So don't delay – make your booking today!

For more info and bookings please call Tasha on 082 321 7542, 022 492 3427 or email tasha@voorkamerfest-darling.co.za or bookings@voorkamerfest-darling.co.za. For further info visit www.voorkamerfest-darling.co.za

Please note: Some of these events are subject to change – to avoid disappointment please enquire/make a booking with the contact person above before making arrangements to attend an event

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