Swellendam Garden Expo

4-6 November 2022







Welcome to Swellendam Garden Expo 2022 18 gardens showcasing the natural beauty and heritage of Swellendam, est 1743 This year we are supporting the Swellendam SPCA

PROGRAMME

Friday 4 November Opening Function 18h00, cocktail party and auction Saturday 5 November Open Gardens, Events and Gardener's Market 09h00 -17h00 Sunday 6 November Open Gardens, Events and Gardener's Market 09h00 -15h00

BOOKING

Book online: www.swellendamgardenexpo.co.za

Events / opening function must be pre-booked prior to arrival. Open Gardens' tickets pre-booking or available on the day at Drostdy Museum Schuur

TICKETS

Open Gardens: Two days: R200 per person One day: R120 per person Children under 16 free

Opening function: R80 per person

Events: ticket prices on the Events Programme







THE MAYVILLE ROSE GARDEN Cnr Swellengrebel and Hermanus Steyn Streets -34.01790, 20.45140

No visit to Swellendam's gardens is complete without a stroll through this historic rose garden. Created by the dovenne of Cape roses, Gwen Fagan, the garden is the legacy of sisters Nita and Nina Stevn. Sit a while on a Victorian bench and contemplate the austere cypresses, planted in remembrance of the two sisters. Heritage roses are presented in severely formal style, contrasting with the exuberance of their blooms. The surrounding beds contain old varieties of flowering perennials and herbs to complete the picture. Top off your ramble with a visit to the Mayville Museum.



BUKKENBURG DAVID SCHLAPOBERSKY AND FELICITY POTTER 8 Hermanus Steyn Street -34.01908, 20.45109

A squeeze of fresh lemon on the walls of this delightful Victorian home invites you into the expansive informal country-style garden. It is a true paradise for birds and small creatures and a haven for chameleons. The informal beds are filled with riotous plantings of all your old fashioned colourful garden favourites, set amongst wonderful ceramic features, the product of Bukkenburg Pottery. The Studio and Bukkenburg house are open to visitors.



THE HIDEAWAY STEPHEN AND JACQUI YOUNG 10 Hermanus Steyn Street -34.01902, 20.45075

Enter from Bukkenburg and stroll beneath the rose arches towards the natural swimming pool, sensitively planted with hundreds of roses and agapanthus. Soak in the soothing sounds of the stream as you admire the view from the pool pavilion and the beautiful flower water colours by a local artist. Head through the arch laden with Rosa Alberic Barbiere to the colourful plantings of the lower garden, where the modern lines of steel and glass blend with the mountain view.

THE COACHMAN JUDIE SMIT

-34.02090, 20.45110

14 Drostdy Street



Massed red roses and tall hedges hint at the hidden beauty within at The Coachman. This sensitively restored heritage home dating back to the late 18th century is enhanced by its formal European- style setting. Restrained plantings in shades of green compliment the hard landscaping, making easy use of the sloping site and steps and incorporate a tranquil water feature and spectacular 21st century pool. Wander along the richly planted shaded areas and linger under the creeper-clad gazebo, appreciating the beauty of the gardener's art.

DAVE AND HANLIE GUY 2 Moller Street -34.02224, 20.45706



Warm and friendly hosts will help you navigate this nostalgic, level garden at the top of the town. It offers an abundance of flowering shrubs in a pleasing configuration of well sculpted beds. Admire the mature, lichen- draped trees in which you may spot the resident owls and other plentiful birdlife. You may even make a wish in the decorative wishing well!

THE WELLSPRING
PENNY PISTORIUS
60 Berg Street
-34.01370, 20.45673



Breaking the mould on traditional gardening, The Wellspring places a light hand on Nature. Grown using permaculture principles and natural construction, what comes from the garden stays in the garden. Originally a donkey paddock and established in 1976 the name will not disappoint as it uses the original leiwater "slote" and dams for irrigation. A haven for birds, this mature, treed property features an amazing diversity of form and texture. Amble along the rustic pathways and spot Penny amongst the Bonsais and veggies.



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RIVERSONG CATHY VAN NIEKERK 5 Quaelberg Street -34.01122, 20.45590

Beautiful views of the Langeberg's Tienuur Kop showcase sweeping formal and informal plantings in this landscaped riverside garden. Planted from scratch, it offers a diversity of colour, form and texture. Enjoy a leisurely stroll around the different garden "windows" including raised English country beds made of packed stone from the Klein Karoo, a woodland walk with an ornamental fish pond, a French herb potager garden and a botanical ode to Shakespeare.



ANNEMARIE PELSER

14 Quaelberg Street

-34.01095, 20.45700

This beautifully maintained private garden has lushly planted beds providing focal points where shade-loving annuals and a variety of flowering shrubs cluster. Edgings and ground covers are creatively used and other features include a fruit and vegetable garden and several interesting art and water features, cleverly placed to delight the visitor. Thoughtful design demarcates areas for children to play and adults to entertain.



a true reflection of its owner's personality.

MOTRA ODENDAAL

1 Shand Street
-34.01660, 20.44678

You cannot miss this garden, the home of "Miss Ruby" where a majestic spreading oak tree guards the entrance to the red house. Spend some contemplative moments in the small labyrinth and winding paths with their tinkling fountains and coy cupids. Good use has been made of hardscaping to designate areas for entertaining for which Moira is justly famous. Quirky and theatrical, this garden is





SCARECROWS FOR SWELLIES

In bygone days, hardworking scarecrows protected our flowers, fields and veggies. *Scarecrows for Swellies* is a free, fun competition to involve children, families and schools in our Garden EXPO. There will be great prizes for the winning scarecrows which will be auctioned to benefit Swellendam SPCA.

Tour our open gardens and pick your favourite!

DE KLOOF ESTATE

MARJOLIEN van MOURIK BORRIAS off Weltevreden Street -34.01681, 20.44316

One of Swellendam's best kept secrets, De Kloof is a heritage estate established in 1801 and offers Cape Dutch style with a modern vision. Both house and gardens have been triumphantly updated into a stimulating blend of old and new. The hard landscaping is at once striking yet restrained and showcases old roses, vegetables and herbs. Wander at leisure and discover the Koi pond and fountain. And did we mention the dam with geese and the resident owls in the stately entrance trees?

ANIKA AND JOHAN
BADENHORST

1A Veldkornet Street
-34.01510, 20.44116



There is an abundance of riches to be found in this well-loved mature garden which is host to many indigenous species endemic to the region. Anika and Johan have spent more than 20 years cultivating a densely planted, rustic garden, much of it from slips and self-propagation. Special features include the wide verge, much admired by locals, and the unusual focal points throughout the garden.

VANESSA AND CARL
PFOTENHAUER

1 Aanhuizen Street
-34.01965, 20.43414



Shaded by large trees this an eco-paradise for birds, including their own flock of serene laying hens. Three different methods of composting ensure boundless health of soils and plants. Follow the paths down this sloping site to take in the mountain views and many features, including an atrium garden and intimate pool area. The mixed beddings and many trees meld seamlessly into the woodland setting.



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THE LEESKAMER

ADRIAAN MOCKE
7 Moolman Street
-34.02663, 20.43188

In traditional Cape style and framed by the Leeskamer with its Gothic windows and the vernacular cottage, here is an abundance of herbs and vegetables with many garden favourite flowers frothing amongst them. Enjoy the unusual and quirky memorial features in the front garden. To the rear, find the productive vegetable and fruit garden which supplies the kitchens of the nearby college using eco principles and companion plantings. Here too , find unusual fruit trees and vegetables from days gone by.



CHELMERS

Dr ROB and DEE HAZELL

171D Voortrek Street
-34.02893, 20.43202

An unusual specialist garden displaying an eclectic collection of rare and exotic species making imaginative and creative use of a small space. A special feature is the "Black" garden almost solely propagated in containers and watered in unique fashion. Rob will entertain you with his knowledge of bromeliads and his vast experience of plant life which has been culled as a set constructor for the SA exhibit at Chelsea. He grows much of own stock and is a proponent of organic methods.



CLARINA OCTOBER

12 Rothman Street
-34.03790, 20.42991

Rina's interesting garden is an object lesson in gardening on a shoestring. Set just over the Rothman Street drift from Voortrek Street, enter past a long colourful street border and find the most extensive and quirky use of resources. The main garden is an exciting mix of succulents and other perennials or walk the short riverside trail. This beautiful, successful garden is a tribute to Rina's gardening vision and imagination.

KIIPPERIVIER HANNEKE DIPPENAAR Voorhuis Road -34.045529, 20.410205

A stately Oak tree perfectly frames this beautiful Cape homestead set in relaxed sweeping lawns. Colourful beds of flowering perennials and roses guard the traditional stoep with views back over the dam. The pool area and cottages sit within modern hardscape 'rooms' that show off their surrounding romantic lavender and roses and there is a special picking garden producing masses of blooms for the house in season. The newest feature is a planting of nearly 200 young trees incorporating a water feature with a special place in the owners' hearts.

EENUUR KOP TERSIA PUREN R60 towards Ashton -34.01687, 20.40468



This expansive established farm garden laps lovingly around the restored barnstyle home and shows Tersia's artist's eye for plant combinations. Trees are the stars here, with a mix of indigenous and exotics including the palms with special family stories attached. This is a garden to stroll in. The peaceful mountain views and many surprising vistas encourage quiet reflection and unwinding. A garden for all ages with open flow and naturalistic plantings and features. Don't miss the children's forest!

NEVILLE EDEN AND VAL GLASS Plot 4477, Hermitage Road North -34.00546, 20.42530



Invisible from the road, Val and Neville's garden is a wonderful surprise. Formerly covered in wattles, 10 years of hard work have produced this colourful indigenous jewel. Set firmly in its mountain habitat, meandering gravel paths take advantage of the slopes to easily direct you to the natural pond and deck with stunning views. All this beauty uses only rainwater. Their plants are for sale at the market with proceeds to the SPCA.







GARDENERS' MARKET

Come and browse our garden-themed market at the Drostdy Museum Schuur. where there is ample parking. Shop for a wide variety of garden goodies including indoor and outdoor plants and succulents plus unusual planters and garden ornaments. Find gardening books, tools, hats, aprons and so much more. Round off your visit with a delicious cuppa or a glass of wine while you watch local botanical artist Geoff Visser at work!

ACCOMMODATION -SPECIAL OFFERS FOR GARDEN EXPO VISITORS

Visit our website at: www.swellendamgardenexpo.co.za

Aan de Leisure Group info@adlc.co.za (use code "GardenExpo2022") De Kloof Heritage Estate and Spa info@dekloof.co.za (use code "Garden Expo SWD") A Hilltop Country Retreat: info@ahilltop.co.za The View admin@theviewswellendam.co.za

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OFFICIAL OPENING

18h00-20h30

Mayor François du Rand will officially open the Expo to our visitors, honoured guests and valued sponsors. Olivedale wines and delicious snacks accompany the Charity Auction of Scarecrows, book treasures and other surprises with a garden photo exhibition.

Swellendam's Heritage Roses

(R30.00)

(R80.00)

11h00-12h00 by CAROL ANN PODD

Wherever gardens were created, the Queen of Flowers, the Rose was there. Planted to complement Cape Dutch buildings, hear Carol tell how Gwen Fagan and Roses became part of Swellendam's history.

Garden Design

(R30.00)

12h30-13h30 by PATRICIA MANICOM

Save time and gardening disappointment. Our experienced local garden designer will guide you in simple techniques to boost practicality, sustainability and impact, all within your budget.

Conducted Tour of Unity Garden

(Donation)

14h00-15h00 by BRUCE FLYINGHORSE and ANDREW MCLACHLAN Bruce and Andrew's vision is uniting people to create food security for all. Join them on this informative tour and see nutritious, organic food crops grown in a communal area.

Honeywood and Miranda's Kitchen

17h30-19h00 by MIRANDA MOODIE

Every third mouthful we enjoy is owed to the Bee. Enjoy tasting and cooking with this superfood at a demonstration by an entertaining and knowledgeable hostess from a bee farm.

The Pleasure of Cooking with Herbs

(R30.00)

11h00-12h00 by MARGIE WERDMULLER

A true herb expert and grower, Margie shares creative uses for herbs to add delectable flavour to every course of the meal as well as snacks, salads, drinks and baking.

Herbs, Flowers and Citrus in Aromatherapy (R30.00)

13h00-14h00 by Michell Parker

Michell demonstrates essential oils, those blessings of the plant kingdom and your own garden. Experience their aromas and timeless benefits in perfumery, health and around the home.

Rieldancing Fun

(Donation)

14h30-15h30 by BARRYDALE RIELDANS TROUPE

Rieldans is a high powered traditional dance form making a comeback in the Overberg and Karoo. Watch the dust fly as our super-energetic youngsters from Barrydale strut their stuff!

Venues will be available on our website

