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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2012

CAPE COUNTRY MEANDER TOUR NOVEMBER 2011

The Newly Formed **Cape Country Meander** takes in many little platteland towns. At the end of November we visited Villiersdorp; Greyton; Bot Rivier; & Elgin. Great fun was had by the 16 participants that came along! Great art was demonstrated by **Dale and Mel Elliott** and a promise that we will plan a return visit. **The Posthouse in Greyton** proved to be a wonderful place to put our heads down at night; We visited **gardens par excellence** in Greyton; We 'managed' without our early morning showers when the water was off; The **Oaks Estate** outside Greyton has given us a further idea for a tour; The **Shuntin' Shed** in Bot Rivier proved to be a fun place to have early morning coffee & even **Old MacDaddy's** with their s.l.o.w. service with our lunch did not spoil our time away! This Cape Country Meander should feature on our itinerary for many years to come.



THE GROUP OUTSIDE THE POSTHOUSE



"THE WEE CROSSING"-BOTTLE NECK



SHOPPING ON THE PLATFORM

DRIEFONTEIN FARM LUNCH-DECEMBER 2011

Twenty-eight of us celebrated the end of 2011 with a sumptuous buffet on a farm outside Caledon! Hermon and Phillipus operate out of their 'home', when every Sunday they set up a buffet-of-note. When Hermon initially explained the Starter table, and this took him almost 5 minutes - we all wondered where we were going to 'put-all-this-food'. **However, this is 'gesellige-kos' at its best!** I even found a few of the ladies in the kitchen after the meal discussing recipes with Phillipus. We arrived at 13h00 and didn't leave the farm until 16h15. **An absolutely laid-back way to end the year!** There were no problems that even after a quick stop at the Caledon Casino (to collect Linda's sandals), we eventually arrived back in Tableview at 19h30!



Veronica from the UK who came with Linda thoroughly enjoyed her gift of the Rooibos tea and unusual sugar sticks!



Ingrid and Brian took "Time Out" after lunch to settle back into the comfortable couches in the lounge!



Hermon serves Margot some delicious Norwegian Salmon! The food was better than a 5* restaurant in the city of Cape Town.

We have entered 2012. If you follow numerology—you will see that the numbers add up to FIVE! We enter the Year of The Dragon later this month and FIVE is a powerful number - it symbolizes CHANGE & IMPROVEMENT.

Allow TRAVEL TIME to CHANGE and IMPROVE the quality of YOUR LIFE

FEBRUARY



MARCH 2012



Decisions, decisions!

IT'S TIME TO
MAKE UP YOUR
MIND - IF YOU
WANT TO JOIN US
ON THIS TOUR,
PLEASE RESPOND
ASAP OR BY
29.02.2012 AT
LATEST



ART WORKSHOPS

I am working with Denis Hilton-Lees in Jacobsbaai (a follow up to February last year) AND Dale & Mel Elliott in Villiersdorp, to undertake 3 day art workshops for us in February. Unfortunately, I was just not able to finalise all arrangements, as many people are still on holiday!

Proposed dates: Denis: 14-16 February;

Dale 14-16 or 27-29 February.

If you are interested in attending please contact me as soon as possible to allow me to finalise details.



FLAVOURS OF KZN

There is a new **FLAVOURS OF KZN** tour which runs from Durban/ Empangeni/Dundee (Home of the Zulu battlefields) - I will be able to finalize this tour by the beginning of February!

NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

28TH JUNE TO 5TH JULY

Grahamstown

We have already been working hard on the Grahamstown Arts Festival Tour.

Accommodation is AT A PREMIUM - thanks to the major sponsors - **STANDARD BANK & TELKOM** who year-to-year book up most 4* accommodation. However, not daunted we have managed to secure excellent accommodation: **The High Corner Guest House** <http://www.highcorner.co.za/selfcatering.html> where we have secured TWO self-catering cottages AND **Kingsview Cottage** <http://grahamstown-accommodation.co.za/kingsviewcottage.html> where we have secured 3 bedrooms all en suite; AND Kings Garden - where we have an apartment (this is the apartment where Brian and I stayed last year).

We have now come to **"crunch-time"** - **we have 11 people booked** - the accommodation we have on-hand will be sufficient BUT if you have any inkling to come along - **PLEASE let us know by the end of February.** We will still have to work at securing additional accommodation for increased numbers!! We have organized TWO options for the Festival.

- Travel by road from Cape Town (which, so far, seems to be the most popular)
- Fly to Port Elizabeth, then travel by road to Grahamstown.

Our road travel will be handled by Hylton Ross and we have secured accommodation in Knysna for the first night (Thursday 28th June) & Plettenberg Bay for our last night on tour (Thursday 4th July)

However, if time is of the essence for you and you wish to fly - this can also be arranged!

DECISION MAKING TIME IS BY THE END OF FEBRUARY!