

Philadelphia
trip—artists
amongst us

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NEWSLETTER

Philadelphia - July

Our day started off in Philadelphia with a power cut at Peppertree Coffee Shop. Eskom had repaired the problem 10 minutes before the coach arrived. Time to boil the kettle and filter the coffee. The artists started their work—and the rest of us wandered around the shops. **The Mineral shop** seemed the most attractive. The lady who does the weaving has to 'share' her day between her loom and the post office, selling stamps. So small town philosophy—but at the end of it all, a good day was had in Philadelphia.



Gillie was taken off to hospital mid-morning which made us all very sad. (At time of print, Gillie is still in the Constantiaberg Medi -Clinic. Get Well soon Gillie!) Thanks to Annalet for speedily driving her to the Durbanville Medi-Clinic.

Our lunch was served in the courtyard and thankfully the rain held off so we could finish lunch. Then as we boarded the coach, the heavens opened!

Solid rain all the way back to Tableview (a total distance of 30 km).

Rain stopped as we needed to get off the coach—talk about lucky!



Thursday
20th August

COACH
LEAVES
TABLEVIEW
AT 08H45
AND
CONSTANTIA
AT 09H30

Book by
Monday
10th August
&
payments by
Friday 14th
August

Come & Explore Elgin

We start our day at the **Oak Valley Estate**. They have 16 hectares of flowers growing under greenhouse conditions. They are the largest supplier of cut flowers and have the Woolworths account. We do a short tour of the flower warehouse followed by a wine tasting on their property. (Wear comfortable shoes!)

We then take the coach along to the **Highlands Road Estate**. You could think you are in the UK. The day Brian and I did our 'rekkie' the mist rolled in, and the green fields reminded us so of a time spent in the UK years ago. The lady who runs the Deli is, in fact, originally from Scotland. **Mary** is known in the area for her scotch eggs, she cures her own ham, and will prepare platters of her delicious product for our lunch. The farm overlooks a trout dam and has a wine estate on it as well.

I guess many of you will know the **Feast-de-Renaissance** products. **Mervyn and Louise Howell** have been winning awards since they developed their product of delicious preserved summer fruits. Their range includes Pears in Red Wine Raspberry and Cinnamon, Citrus Stingers, Plum-Coulis, Spiced plums in Merlot. Their products are used by Mary and she will have some available for purchase.

What You Need To Know

Cost for the day which includes your transport and two course lunch is R275 per person for members and guests are welcome at R295 per person.

New Format Newsletter

Yes, the Newsletter has a new format from this month. Brian decided that I needed to inject new life into the publication and this is the result. Hope you like the setup.



Time Out is Nine

Wednesday
9th September

This is the Day We Will Celebrate our 9th Anniversary at a SURPRISE VENUE

The NINTH day of the NINTH month of the year 2009.

It has been suggested that we come DRESSED TO THE NINES.

This can be a bit of fun, but, please ladies no pressure—if you are not comfortable in dressing up—as long as you are comfortable and happy to be part of the celebrations is all that matters to me!

There is a competition again—**ONE** phone entry. You may sms as often as you like (sms cost R3.00!) I will **ACCEPT PHONE CALLS & SMS ENTRIES on Tuesday 11th August** . The first person to give me the correct name of the restaurant wins a complimentary luncheon on the 9/09.

The spot where our lunch will be held is 72 km from town!

The town has one Main Road which ends down-town.

The name of the Restaurant, you must guess

Has 2 words—First starts with R..... & second with G..... and gives you the chance to show how you can dress!

Cost for the day is R 310 per person and includes your transport and lunch.

Hint:

Second word is a person who takes great pleasure in food

There will be two coaches.
One from Tableview and one from Constantia!

Book by
Monday 17th
August &
payments by
Monday
24th August
Coaches leave
Tableview &
Constantia at
09h30

Please note!

For our birthday celebration this year, I have to, unfortunately, operate on a different basis. I have heard rumors from members that some **guests** are booking and coming along JUST TO GET THE GOODY BAGS on our special luncheon. Whilst I have always encouraged guests to come along, this saddens me. My purpose in including guests, is that perhaps when they come along to the anniversary lunch, they would enjoy it so much that they would join the club! (To be honest this has not often happened and now I know why!) I will, this year, give **FIRST OPTION** to members and then, as I am restricted to 65 ladies at the venue, I will add the visitors' names to a waiting list, pending availability. I hope I do not offend anyone by this action—but, members **must take** preference.

A SUGGESTION FROM A MEMBER

Goody bags & Gifts:

With the current economic climate, I have found it difficult to obtain large sponsorships for your goody bags and gifts! Last year a large 'committee' worked many weeks on sourcing gifts. This year a lot of the regular companies that I have approached no longer want to "come to the party".

Two of our regular ladies have decided they have talents in various fields and have donated hand-made product to go for prizes, or into your goody bags.



If you feel you have a hidden talent and have the time to 'make' 'produce' some type of hand made product please contact me.....suggested baked goods for the main prizeshand made novelties..... Whatever you can!

