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REPORT BACK YEAR-END LUNCHEON



A very special day was enjoyed by us all at the Cascades Manor Guest House in Paarl at the end of November. A full 48-seater coach ensured that there was a merry bunch of ladies all geared to enjoy themselves before the rush of Christmas started. There is a wonderful waterfall within a stone's throw from the guest house. They even provided a golf cart for those ladies who felt they would prefer not to walk. Lunch was changed from the original choice of the patio to one of their function rooms—better because the wind was howling by the time we needed to eat & the original choice would have had challenges! A good meal even if the choice of sirloin steaks for everyone proved to be a challenge for the chef! Everyone left Paarl in good spirits, many of the ladies armed with brochures to make sure they returned for a weekend to this gem!

Thursday
27th
January

COACH
LEAVES
CONSTANTIA
AT 08H45
AND
TABLEVIEW
AT 09H30

Book by
Monday
17th
January
&
Payments
by Friday
21st
January

TIME TO EXPLORE THE BREEDEKLOOF



I have discovered a place in the Bredekloof area where tulips are

grown throughout the year for Woolworths and Shoprite.

PROMINENT TULIPS grow their tulips hydroponically to ensure long lasting quality. I love their saying "**Tu-lips say it with a kiss**"

We will enjoy a guided tour through their tunnels, and you will be served morning tea in the garden with a stunning view.

Of course, you will be able to purchase tulips to take home with you.

After our visit we will take a drive back over the N1 to the **Opstal Restaurant**. Some of you who have come on other tours to the Bredekloof with me will have gone there - it is another favorite of mine! This estate is in the heart of the Slanghoek Valley, with awesome views from the restaurant, and I know you will enjoy lunch at their restaurant.



Cost for this day which includes your transport and two course lunch is R330 per person. Guests are welcome at R350 pp for the day with us.



The stunning view from the Opstal Restaurant.



WHY NOT DARLING FOR THE NEW YEAR?



Time Out has not visited Darling for many a year. I did some research and have found a lady who has amazing talents. **Margee Gough** originally comes from Worcester and her early days were spent in the Karoo before she moved to JHB. She started off in decorating in JHB with Ian Calder and later in David Hicks Décor with Andre Louw and Monique Lion-Cachet. She then lived with husband, Dave, an airline pilot in Singapore for two years. This is when she really got into her stride with needlepoint. She came back to SA and opened a shop called Lavender Blue in Parkhurst. Her love of creative needlework will amaze you. She will host us in her garden.

We need to split the group as you will enjoy being with Margee if the group is smaller. Half of us will visit Evita se Perron /or the Darling Museum, until we do our swap-around. I know there are a few of you who will have come with me to both the Museum and Evita se Perron on my last flower tour, but I am sure you will find something new in Darling to occupy yourself for an hour—even if you browse their shops in the main road. **The butcher is excellent - bring a cool-box!**



Lunch will be at the **Marmalade Cat**. Owner Sandi Collins runs a superb restaurant that is a unique and trendy hotspot for locals and tourists alike. She has a flower and fountain filled courtyard where we will enjoy our lunch.

Cost for the day is R310 (Guests R330) which includes your transport and lunch. I am trying this year, for some of the tours with 'budget' type lunches to reduce the overall cost. Sandi has given me a lovely light 2 course lunch which I feel sure will be enjoyable in the heat of February in Darling!

Thursday
24th
February

Coach leaves
Constantia at
08h45 and
Tableview at
09h30

Book by
Monday 14th
February
&
Payments by
Friday 18th
February



Margaret all dressed up in her favourite colours for the luncheon at the Cascade Manor Guest House.

DATE TO DIARISE.....

THURSDAY 31ST MARCH

BABEL on BABYLONSTOREN.....I visited this new estate over the December holidays and was very impressed! It is a 300 year old estate that has had a dramatic change, but is still keeping with the old traditions of how life was on a farm all those years ago. Where the vegetables were grown on the land; and the produce went into the farm house - now it goes into their restaurant. Karen Roos of the Sarie Magazine has been instrumental in the planning of everything, and you are assured of a superb day 'on the farm' with me! We will do a guided walk-about on their farm so make sure you wear comfortable shoes, & bring some bottled water and a hat as well. More details of this superb estate in the February newsletter.

