

Upcoming Events

2019:



WITWATERSRAND ORCHID SOCIETY

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Fun & Friendship Through Orchids

JANUARY 2019

Meeting: **SUNDAY, 20TH JANUARY 2019**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

TOPIC: Your Orchids and their resting period.
SPEAKER: Tinus Oberholzer
Date: 20th January 2019
TIME: 12h00 for 13h00
VENUE: The Floreum, Johannesburg Botanical Gardens,
off Oliphants Rd, Emmerentia

TEA DUTY

The members doing tea duty are:

Kaitlin McNally and Keith Palmer

RAFFLE

There was no raffle last month

A Fresh New Year Ahead.

The Committee would like to wish all Members and their families a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2019, and may it be filled with lots of blooming promises.



WOS Subscription Fees 2019

Please note that SAOC has increased their subscription fees for 2019 by R10.

The WOS has not increased its subscription fees and thus the WOS subscription fees for 2019 are:

Full Membership: R320
Family Membership: R370
Associate Membership: R140 (only if SAOC fees paid through another Society)

The few members that have already paid per EFT, but at old rates, please can you make sure the fees are adjusted soonest either by an additional EFT or cash at the next meeting

The membership fees are due on 1 January 2019 and there is no 30 day from invoice or statement allowance. Please pay your membership fees as soon as possible to the following unchanged bank details:

Standard Bank
Universal branch code (00) 051001
Account number 02-309-249-1
In name of: Witwatersrand Orchid Society

For reference please use your surname.

WOS YEAR-END FUNCTION

For our Year-End Function, we hosted the event at the Eagle's Fare restaurant in the Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens in one of their buffet room for a special Sunday lunch buffet from 13h00 to 15h00 on Sunday 25 November.

Members arrived at the Gardens to find dark threatening clouds overhead and the wind started to pick up. During the long walk to the restaurant, light rain started falling but fortunately, the vast majority of members reached the venue before the heavens opened. Only the last 2 members to arrive got caught in the violent storm. The storm lasted about 30 minutes with strong winds and driving rain and making talking difficult.



The waterfall in the Gardens, some 2 hours after the storm had passed



Marinus Kort's address

Before the meal commenced, the President, Marinus Kort, discussed some of the important events of the past 12 months, presented prizes to the winners of the Plant Table competition (see details under Plant Table section) and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy 2019.

Halfway during the meal. Andrew Hankey, Assistant Curator of the Gardens, gave an interesting talk on the Gardens and the critically endangered Albertina Sisulu Orchid.

Below are some pictures showing members chatting and enjoying their meals





THE PLANT TABLE – NOVEMBER 2018

By Allan Abel

There was no Plant Table last month due to our Year-end Function. However, the Section Winners of the annual Plant Table Competition prizes were announced at the Function, and the winners were presented with their prizes.

The winners for 2018 were;

- 1st Place:** Chris Steckner
- 2nd Place:** Erhard Schmid
- 3rd Place:** Dave Eastman
- Novice:** Sheila Davis and Margret & Mike Peters

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