

# CHS NEWS

## NEXT MEETING

**Monday, 3 April 2023 at 19:30 at The Athenaeum**

The CHS Nursery is open. Bring excess potted plants to sell. Please remember to take your plants home if they do not get sold. Cherry who mans the table is not able to look after leftover plants until the next meeting.

Also available will be *Crinum mooreii* seed heads, *Orbea variegata* seeds and purple Poppy seeds.

## GARDENS OF HOLLAND

Morné Faulhamer of Super Plants, Tokai, will tell us of his trip to the Netherlands.

## NEXT OUTING

**Saturday, 15 April at 10:00 to visit Richard Theron's quirky Constantia garden**



A good friend of Lyn McC, she says, "A late convert to the pleasures of gardening, Richard's garden has evolved over several years (left: before and after pictures) starting with him converting his seldom used swimming pool into an eco pool and then the rest of the garden followed. He has amazing green fingers – everything grows for him. This garden is filled with every nook and cranny being used for plants and/or wildlife, including chickens and bees." Many of his ideas have been borrowed from Lyn.



Place for another 10 members. Please RSVP to Glenda by Wednesday, 12 April, if you want to join the group.

## REPORT BACK

**Membership fees** for 2023 are now due at R200 for single and R330 for family memberships. Payment can be made by EFT from home, or debit/credit card at meetings. Cash is acceptable if these options are not available to you.

The 2023 AGM will take place on **1 May** despite it being a public holiday. The relevant documentation will be sent to you in April.

## MARCH 2023

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Laurie Powis Marianne Alexander

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*"He who plants a garden,  
plants happiness."*

*Chinese Proverb*



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### March Plant Table

#### Exotics:

*Encliandra* subsp *encliandra*, from New Zealand to the Americas – a section of the Fuchsia group; not all Fuchsias look like Fuchsias.

*Indigofera jucunda* "River Indigo" from Eastern Cape to Mozambique – small, slender tree; dark pink to pale pink flowers; flowers prolifically from December to March; likes semi-shade; suitable for small gardens. This specimen grown from seed.

*Bougainvillea* branches: these show branches that have been gnawed at until only one half of the branch is left. As you can imagine, the branches die off. Niek said that this was the work of a squirrel. The shavings from the top half of the branch cover the ground. He was advised to spray Citronella on the branches.

Glenda commented that a rat had eaten their *Bougainvillea* branches. It is probably for the sap within the branches (see below) which she and Andrew found when shredding the branches being cut back.



*Encliandra* subsp *encliandra*



*Indigofera* *jucunda*

Chewed *Bougainvillea* branches  
(now dried out)



The inside of a fresh, untouched  
branch



*Indigenous:*

*Aloe cooperii* (below left) from KwaZulu Natal and Mpumalanga – grassland Aloe; striking flowers in summer; makes a big clump in the garden.

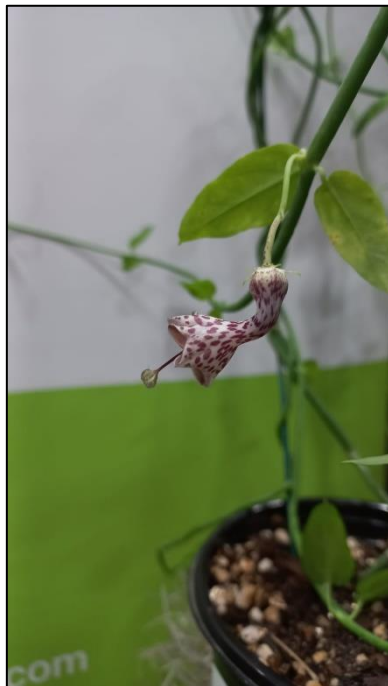
*Ceropegias* are succulent creepers, indigenous to SA. In the wild they are hardly seen because they just twine in amongst the shrubs.

*C distincta* occurs more to the east on the Mozambique side; summer rainfall; but no trouble growing them in Western Cape

*C sandersonii* – has parachute flowers

*C ampliata* occurs throughout South Africa, along the edges of the borders of our province.

These plants are quite forgiving; thirstier than one thinks; feed occasionally with Seagro but not with every watering; try twining the tendrils around different wire shapes.

**Links to find out more about these plants:**

Left:

[Ceropegia distincta](#) | CasaBio

Left below:

<https://pza.sanbi.org/ceropegia-sandersonii>

Right below:

[Ceropegia ampliata](#) | PlantZAfrica (sanbi.org)









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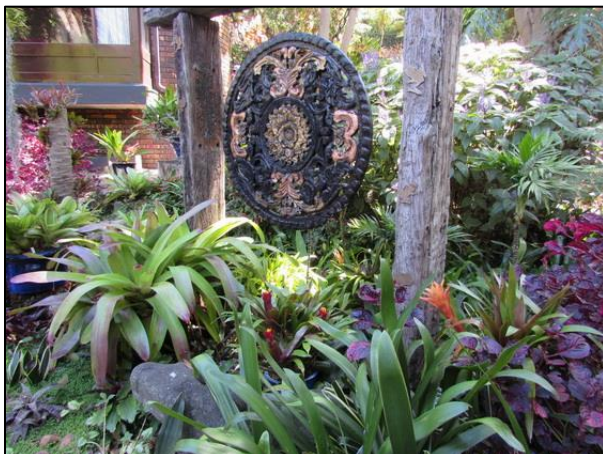
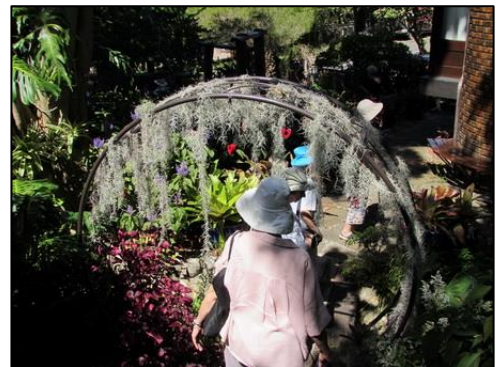
Vegetables of all kinds are grown for high-end restaurants.



Plants, such as Indigo and Marigolds (left), are also grown to make dyes.

**Hartsenest garden**

A wonderful tropical-like garden, full of Bromeliads and lots of other plants and adornments. The photographs speak for themselves.





**Members' plants**

Plants from Wilma:



Wilma's *Crinum campanulatum* and *Stapelia leendertsia*; (above) and *Stapelia verrucosa* (below)

Glenda's *Aloe juvenna* (right), bought at the October Plant Sale, and now showing off with a bloom.



Gardening can become a kind of disease. It infects you' you cannot escape it. When you go visiting, your eyes rove about the garden; you interrupt the serious cocktail drinking because of an irresistible impulse to get up and pull a weed.

Lewis Gannit

**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**

- Should you have heard a good speaker elsewhere, please get contact details and pass onto a committee member.
- Two Facebook posts that Jenny has sent in, which you might enjoy:

Banana peels

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid032uBz8JBcWev7HsKstdCSacRXmq6VP5FxoP5Kg3sCSMgNbas34QeyTjvZjAEs6VFgl&id=100050647862293&post\\_id=100050647862293\\_pfbid032uBz8JBcWev7HsKstdCSacRXmq6VP5FxoP5Kg3sCSMgNbas34QeyTjvZjAEs6VFgl&sfnsn=scwspwa&mibextid=6aamW6](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid032uBz8JBcWev7HsKstdCSacRXmq6VP5FxoP5Kg3sCSMgNbas34QeyTjvZjAEs6VFgl&id=100050647862293&post_id=100050647862293_pfbid032uBz8JBcWev7HsKstdCSacRXmq6VP5FxoP5Kg3sCSMgNbas34QeyTjvZjAEs6VFgl&sfnsn=scwspwa&mibextid=6aamW6)

Bougainvillea

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- 15 – 17 September: Calitzdorp Succulent Society's Vetplantfees.