



One year's seeding makes seven year's weeding.

Anon.

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NEXT MEETING

Monday, 5 February 2024 at 19:30 at The Athenaeum

Members: No entrance fee

Visitors: R30 per person

SALVIAS - EXPLORING THE GENUS

Morné Faulhammer of Super Plants, Tokai, will be looking at the discovery and distribution of this genus across the world, focusing on our indigenous salvias and looking into how the hybridisation of these plants have revolutionized the colour spectrum.

Come along and find out more about these plants we so love.

NEXT OUTING

Sat, 10 February at 09:30 to visit two gardens in Constantia, both having established trees when bought. The owners have lovingly worked at restoring a neglected garden and starting as a beginner, respectively. It is a case of "if it thrives, it gets multiplied". They both sound like treasures not to be missed.

Limited to 15 members. RSVP to Glenda by no later than Wed, 7 February.

VACANCY: TREASURER

Observant readers of the CHS newsletters may have noticed that the position of Honorary Treasurer has been vacant since May 2023. The duties have been handled by me, a fast-fading ghost who will disappear into thin air in the near future. It is therefore necessary for a member to step up and take over these duties; otherwise the Society will have no option but to appoint an entity such as a bookkeeper/accountant, which is not a terribly efficient way of using the Society's hard-earned funds.

It strikes me that many members are unnecessarily frightened of the perceived need to be a financial genius in order to handle the CHS's financial transactions. Believe it or not, it's not actually rocket science. The work requires no additional expertise that members – both male and female – don't already have, and use, with their own personal banking.

CHS's transactions consist of EFT subscription payments by members, which require no action by the Treasurer other than making sure that every member has paid (I've always done this in collaboration with Glenda), and the EFT payments of, on average, two to three invoices a month. Once a year there will be the need to bank cash after a Plant Sale.

Granted, making up the accounts at the end of the financial year is not everyone's cup of tea, but if the Treasurer cannot manage it, CHS won't be the first, nor the last, Society that will hand a friendly bookkeeper/auditor a shoebox full of slips etc together with a note saying, "Please sort out for the AGM".

I'm more than happy to hold the new Treasurer's hand until he/she is happy with doing it on their own. As the Honorary Auditor for 2023, I will help the Treasurer to prepare the "shoebox" for the AGM report.

Henry 'Dutch' Diesveld

REPORT BACK

Tokara visit in November:

Our small group was enchanted by this charming and incredible garden. Most of us had not been there before so it was well worth finding the time to join the group.

These photographs show the lovely quirky statuary, attractive tree barks and the new Moss Garden, a work in progress.





Every piece of ground between the paving stones is covered in indigenous species of moss. Who knew there were so many?
Gert, the visionary and designer, telling us about the stonemasonry and plantings that make this garden so spectacular.



The site of a future



Japanese tea house



Member, Lynne Jarché, had a separate invitation to Tokara. Here is the story of her visit.

<https://adamastorbacchus.blogspot.com/2023/12/the-moss-garden-at-tokara.html>

End of year party

A great time was had by those who attended our last meeting of the year – our annual party. Christmas headgear was the order of the day. These photographs will give you an idea of the occasion:





The lucky prizewinners:

L: Isabella and her giant Aeonium

R: Linda with her Streptocarpus

Below: Cherry with her bottle of bubbly



SOMETHING OF INTEREST

- Jenny found this link to Le Jardin de Stéphanie. The photos of this garden are outstanding. It's well worth a look.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02J27PEu2hGxyJNH8cUJ6cWCvpy5TC6TESlvob9BYRWEYb14TTmkMeNvNZJE5bPXZ7I&id=100065697450511&sfnsn=scwspwa&mibextid=6aamW6

- 27 Jan from 08:00 to 14:00:** Succulents for sale in Cape Farms (Wilma's territory).
- Lost Property:** This bag, with a plastic sheet, was left at the year-end party. Is it yours?



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Summer Schedule

6:00 am - 6:00 pm 6:00 pm - 6:00 am

Flexi hours

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