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The winter period of 2013 has not been a dormant time for the Friends of the Faerie Glen Nature Reserve. Numerous matters have been attended to during this time:

As discussed in the AGM on 22 May, some of the dustbins located in the Faerie Glen Nature Reserve have been in a dilapidated state for some time. From the Friends' funds, three new (reconditioned) drums were purchased and installed by Nature Conservation. Thank you to Johan and his team.



A photograph taken of one of the dilapidated dustbins during May, showing the bottom of the drum completely rusted away. Rubbish can be seen littering the surrounding area, which is often blown around and transported by the wind.

Nuusbrief Augustus 2013

Die afgelope winter periode was beslis nie 'n tyd van hibernasie vir die Vriende van die Faerie Glen Natuurreservaat nie. Menige sakies het aandag geniet gedurende hierdie tydperk:

Tydens die Algemene Jaarvergadering vroeër vanjaar, is uitgelig dat sekere van die asblikke in die Faerie Glen Natuurreservaat in 'n vervalde toestand is. Uit die Vriende se fondse is drie nuwe (herwinde) dromme aangeskaf en geïnstalleer deur Natuurbewaring. Dankie aan Johan en sy span.



A photograph taken of the newly installed dustbins, sponsored by the Friends of the Faerie Glen Nature Reserve.



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On Saturday 17 August members and volunteers assisted in the continued eradication of *Lantana Camara* on the northern side of the 'koppie'. We thank Willie, Egmont & Sieglinde, Dieter & Adri and their two daughters Diandri & Bea. Afterwards a picnic and lucky draw was held at the entrance of the reserve. Congratulations to Willie who went home with the Dune crow-berry (*Searsia crenata*). This shrub was sponsored by **Die Tuinmark** located in Zambesi Drive.

As stated in the previous newsletter, the Moreletaspruit Sewer Outfall project's section in the reserve is nearing completion. Rehabilitation of the pipeline strip will resume in the month of September. Hydro-seeding is scheduled for this period with a mulch of indigenous pastoral and winter grasses.

Visitors to the reserve would have noticed the transformation taking place in the garden. This is possible due to the dedication of Tessa Joubert, who is in charge of the eco-garden, together with Simon, who is the gardener sponsored one day per week by Tony & Beverley Moore. We are also grateful for the generous donation received by one of our members as well as for the tremendous donation made by **Newlands Garden Centre**, namely an entire truck load of mushroom compost. Furthermore we would like to thank VF Munisi Civils for delivering excess excavation rock to the garden from the MOS project's main site. Please visit our website (www.fgnr.co.za) to read more about the eco-garden. If there is anyone who would like to contribute towards this project, contact Jaco/Louise at admin@fgnr.co.za.



Mike, driver from **Newlands Garden Centre** standing next to the donation of mushroom compost delivered to the Faerie Glen Nature Reserve.

Op Saterdag 17 Augustus het lede en vrywilligers voortgegaan om *Lantana Camara* uit te roei aan die noordekant van die koppie. Ons bedank Willie, Egmont & Sieglinde, Dieter & Adri en hulle twee dogtertjies Diandri & Bea. Ons het weer 'n inheemse plant weggee na afloop van die aksie. Geluk aan Willie wat die ontvanger was van die Duinekraibessie (*Searsia crenata*). Hierdie stuik is geborg deur **Die Tuinmark**, geleë in Zambesi Rylaan.

Soos genoem in die vorige nuusbrieff, is die Moreletaspruit Sewer Outfall projek se seksie in die reservaat byna voltooi. Rehabilitasie van die pyplyn strook sal hervat word in Septembermaand met die warmer weerstoestande. Die 'hidro-saai' van grasse sluit 'n deklaag-mengsel van inheemse weiding en winter grasse in.

Besoekers aan die reservaat sal die gedaanteverwisseling by die ingang opgemerk het. Hierdie verbeteringe is te danke aan Tessa Joubert, wat in beheer is van die eko-tuin, met behulp van Simon, wat een dag van die week werk in die tuin en geborg word deur Tony & Beverley Moore. Ons is ook dankbaar vir 'n donasie van een van ons lede, asook die groot donasie van 'n lorrie-vrag sampioen kompos, geborg deur **Newlands Garden Centre**. Vêrder bedank ons VF Munisi Civils vir die aflewering van klip vir die tuin, wat afkomstig is van die opgrawings van die MOS projek. Vir diegene wat meer wil lees oor die eko-tuin, besoek gerus ons webwerf (www.fgnr.co.za). Enigeen wat 'n bydra wil maak tot hierdie projek, asb. kontak Jaco/Louise by admin@fgnr.co.za.



Tessa, Simon and extra helper Habit, busy in the garden at the entrance of the Faerie Glen Nature Reserve.

The following activities are scheduled to take place during September which is also known as Arbour Month:

- The Centurion Academy will be visiting the Faerie Glen Nature Reserve on 6 September. Students will assist in the garden, plant indigenous trees next to the parking area as well as aid in the elimination of alien vegetation.

- On **Saturday 7 September** the FFGNR, together with the Dendrological Society will have a tree-planting morning at 09:00 at the reserve entrance, followed by a guided walk. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Photo competition:

The Adopt Moreletaspruit Facilitation Team is working on a book of the Moreletaspruit. When completed it will be a useful resource for students and professionals but also for members of the general public who are interested in the river.

There is an open competition for a photograph of the Moreletaspruit that will be used as the cover of the book. An attractive photograph of the river is needed, displaying clean water and only indigenous vegetation (for instance no willow trees).

There is also a category for the most interesting photograph: e.g. photos of the olden days (perhaps scanned from your family album) or of major events such as the great floods which have occurred along the river or any other really interesting pictures – these could be of the river itself, birds, animals or historic or unusual happenings along the river.

Please state where and when photos were taken and give all relevant information. Size: 1 MB – 5 MB.

Adopt Moreletaspruit reserves the right to use any of the photographs submitted in this book or future publications whether they are the prize winners or not. The senders of the photographs will be credited in the publication/s.

Entries must be received **by 16 October 2013**.

Please email entries to: anneli.kuhn@gmail.com. Winners will win a Game Drive together at Rietvlei Nature Reserve.

Lastly we would like to thank **Jetline Printers** located in Glenwood Ave for sponsoring the printing of this newsletter as well as our posters.

Die volgende aktiwiteite is geskeduleer om plaas te vind gedurende September, ook bekend as Boomplant-maand:

-Die Centurion Akademie gaan die Faerie Glen Natuurresewaat besoek op 6 September. Studente sal bystand verleen in die tuin, inheemse bome plant langs die parkeerarea, asook indringer plante uitroei.

-Op **Saterdag 7 September** gaan die VFGNR saam met die Dendrologiese Vereniging 'n boomplant oggend hou om 09:00 by die ingang van die resewaat, gevolg deur 'n begeleide stappie. Enigeen is welkom om dit by te woon.

Foto kompetisie:

Die Neem Moreletaspruit Aan Fasilitering Span is besig met 'n boek oor die Moreletaspruit. Wanneer dit klaar is sal dit as 'n behulpssame bron dien vir student en kundiges, maar ook vir diegene wat belangstel in die rivier.

Daar is 'n oop kompetisie vir 'n foto van die Moreletaspruit wat gebruik sal word vir die voorblad van die boek. 'n Aantreklike foto van die rivier word benodig wat skoon water en inheemse plantegroei vertoon (bv. geen wilgerbome).

Daar is ook 'n kategorie vir die mees interessante foto: bv. 'n foto uit die verlede (dalk geskandeer uit 'n familie album) of van 'n groot gebeurtenis soos 'n vloed wat afgekom het met die rivier, of enige ander interessante foto's - dit kan insluit die voël en dierlewe of historiese of selfs vreemde gebeure langs die rivier.

Asb. verklaar waar en wanneer die foto geneem was, asook enige relevante inligting. Grootte: 1 - 5 MB.

Neem Moreletaspruit Aan behou die reg op gebruik van enige van die foto inskrywings in die boek of toekomstige publikasies (dit sluit in nie-pryswenners). Diegene wat die foto's ingeskryf het sal erkenning ontvang in die boek/publikasie.

Inskrywings moet ontvang word teen **16 Oktober**. Asb. e-pos inskrywings na: anneli.kuhn@gmail.com. Wenners sal saam op 'n wildrit gaan by die Rietvlei Natuurresewaat.

Laastens wil ons **Jetline Printers**, geleë in Glenwood Laan bedank vir hul borgskap met die druk van hierdie nuusbrieff, asook ons plakkate.