

ELGIN OPEN GARDENS 2018

Sat 27– Sun 28 Oct and Sat 3 – Sun 4 Nov • 10am to 5pm

Enquiries: Barbara Knox-Shaw 021 844 0154/ 078 021 2101 Jessie Walton 083 458 3790

www.elginopengardens.co.za • info@elginopengardens.co.za

W = wheelchair friendly **PW** = partly wheelchair friendly

- 1 Lothian Vineyards** Rockview Dam Rd, Grabouw The Wilson Family **PW**
Bordered by the Palmiet River on one side and a tranquil lake on the other, this 3 ha garden features a rose arbour underplanted with thyme leading to a chamomile lawn, a vertical garden, numerous ponds, a perennial country garden, a woodland garden, an indigenous garden, natural fynbos areas and an orchard. **Entry R20. Charity: Siphila Sonke. Wine tasting and sales, pizza and wine pairing, gourmet teas. Trampolines, jungle gym and croquet, gentle walks along the river. 3.6 km down Rockview Dam Rd. Ph: 021 859 9901 / 082 565 7869. www.lothianvineyards.com**
- 2 The Stone Kitchen** E22 Essenhout Ave, Klipkop Jane Touwen
Waterwise organic garden on rocky, sandy koppie with pergolas, indigenous plantings, olive trees; two organic permaculture kitchen gardens, stone and cob building. **Entry R10. Food by arrangement only. Charity: Humane Education Trust, GAWS. From Grabouw Main Rd, turn up opposite FNB; left at T-junction into Bosbou/Forest Drive, 1st right into Karee through stone pillars, 1st right into Celtis & 1st left into Essenhout. Ph: 021 859 2282 / 084 781 1936**
- 3 Fresh Woods** off N2 Peter & Barbara Knox-Shaw **PW**
Rambling, romantic plantsman's garden with major collection of heritage & species roses; many rare trees & shrubs, some wild-collected, incl. rhododendrons (esp. Maddenias), serrata & wild hydrangeas, deutzias & over 70 Japanese maples; also collections of cyclamen, epimediums & lilies; woodland garden under pine. Bamboo walk. WFRS Award of Garden Excellence 2003. Featured in *Remarkable Gardens of SA* (2012); *Gardens to Inspire* (2013), *Veld, Vlei & Rose Gardens* (2011) and *Old Roses: Survival & Revival in SA* (2015). **Entry R30, children 2-12 half-price. Teas, unusual plants for sale. 2nd right turn off the N2 after Peregrine Farmstall. Ph: 021 844 0154 / 078 021 2101**
- 4 Elgin Vintners Manor House** Appletiser Rd Elgin Vintners **PW**
A recently restored formal garden from the 1920s with original stonework, wisteria pergola, rose beds, and oak copses. The trees include a mature *Magnolia grandiflora* and a huge tulip tree which must be one of the largest in the country. Magnificent views. **Free entry; donations to GAWS welcome. Elgin Vintners wine tasting and sales; light refreshments. 2 km from the N2 on Appletiser Rd; follow the signs for Elgin Vintners. Phone: 021 848 9587. www.elginvintners.co.za**
- 5 Fairholme** Viljoenshoop Rd Duncan & Liz Henderson
A large and many-faceted garden with a magnificent view of the valley. Plants grown in the nursery are showcased in a 100m long walkway. Other features include a formal rose garden, woodland garden, grass garden, parterre garden, terrace with swimming pool and new formal kitchen garden. Featured in Keith Kirsten's *Gardens to Inspire*, and in *Garden and Home*, *Condé Nast, Country Life* and *The Gardener*. **Entry R25. Plant sales from Fairholme Nursery which specialises in perennials, grasses and lavenders. Charity: Siphila Sonke. 2km from N2 along Viljoenshoop Rd. Ph: 021 848 9738 / 082 550 8703. www.fairholmeplants.co.za**
- 6 Lavenham** Viljoenshoop Rd Norma Bridgman and Bert Touwen **PW**
A picturesque English thatched cottage set in a large peaceful woodland garden with extensive lawns, roses, herbaceous borders and groundcovers. Paintings by local artist Bert Touwen in the stable gallery. **Entry R20. Charity: Elgin Animal Welfare. 2km from N2 along Viljoenshoop Rd. Ph: 021 848 9060 / 082 877 3550.**
- 7 Almenkerk Wine Estate** Viljoenshoop Rd (50) Natalie & Joris van Almenkerk **PW**
A landscaped garden with magnificent views onto the Kogelberg Mountains. The garden and planted courtyard form the backdrop to the modern prize-winning Almenkerk cellars. **Free entry. Wine tasting & sales; freshly shucked oysters and sweet pastries, coffee/tea. Small playground for the little ones. From N2, 6.5km down Viljoenshoop Rd. Ph: 021 848 9844. www.almenkerk.co.za**

8 Carmel Country Club 60 Highlands Rd Cecilia Hiemstra

A recently planted mixed garden on top of a hill, with lovely views of the Kogelberg. The steeply sloping area below is a work in progress, with a succession of ponds overlooked by a winding path along the adjacent hillside which has been partially planted with indigenous trees. **Entry R20. Charity: Siphila Sonke. Teas and light lunches. 6.5km from N2. Ph: 082 903 8699**

9 Keurbos Nursery Garden Restanwold Farm, Highlands Rd Ian & Jessie Walton **PW**

A large natural garden designed for birds, with both indigenous and exotic sections as well as new acer and heritage rose beds and an enlarged nursery area. Collections of bulbs and buchus, acers and azaleas, rhododendrons, heritage roses and more. **Entry R20. Garden teas, lunches, bird hide on lake, picnic area, plant sales include vireya rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias & Japanese maples. 8km from N2 on Highlands Rd. Charity: Bird Research & GAWS, Ph: 083 458 3790 www.jessiewalton.com**

10 Auldearn Highlands Rd Jenny Simpson **PW**

A plantswoman's hilltop garden that skilfully mixes unusual indigenous and exotic plants, with a focus on colour combinations. Panoramic views over the Kogelberg biosphere are framed by informal mixed plantings dominated by flowering cherries and roses. Also two ponds & a stream. Featured on TV, in *House and Leisure* and *SA Gardening*. **Entry R25. Charity: Grabouw Animal Welfare Society. Tea & rosemary biscuits R10. Plant sales. 8.5km from N2 on Highlands Rd. Ph: 083 500 0276**

11 Her Harvest Rosenhof Farm, Highlands Rd Clare Kuiper

A 2 ha organic vegetable garden with hundreds of different herbs and vegetables, many unusual, grown in raised beds. The young owner's aims are to reverse the industrialisation of food, and to avoid polluting the land that produces it. The vegetable garden is surrounded by biologically grown raspberries in greenhouses and apple orchards. **Free entry. Market shop and fresh organic produce for sale. Breakfast, lunch and teas. Pick your own raspberries. 9km from N2 on Highlands Road. Ph 083 268 7832 www.rosenhoffarm.co.za**

12 South Hill Valley Rd Sandy & Kevin King **PW**

Expansive indigenous gardens surround manicured lawns with views overlooking the Kogelberg and across the valley to Sir Lowry's Pass. The organic kitchen garden supplies the restaurant. **Free entry; donations to GAWS appreciated. Art exhibition; activities for kids. Restaurant open 8-5 for breakfast, lunch, teas and wine tasting. 7km from the N2 or 8km from Highlands Rd. Ph: 021 844 0888 www.southhill.co.za**

13 Wildekrans Country House Houw Hoek Barry Gould & Alison Green

A rambling garden at the foot of the Houw Hoek mountains, bisected by indigenous shrubs and established trees. The historic homestead (1811), colourful rose garden, olive grove, water gardens and pool area are dotted with South African art. New this year, Greta Davis explores coziness, comfort and balance in 'Network', and The Little Things - a sculpture installation with works by Wilma Cruise and Guy du Toit. **Entry: Donations to Bot River Education Fund. Tea, lunch, dessert, picnic boxes and farm shopping in the old farm barn. Book ahead for lunch and picnic boxes. Off the N2 at Houw Hoek Village, as for Houw Hoek Hotel. Ph: 028 284 9827 info@wildekrans.co.za**

14 Houw Hoek Outspan Houw Hoek off N2 Peter & Tessa Goemans

A sunny, ever-expanding garden with lovely open views of Houw Hoek Peak. Large, sprawling and overflowing with colour, the garden boasts many flowering treasures including over 300 roses, imported dwarf alstroemerias, irises and annuals in masses of harmonious colour. Featured in *SA Garden and Home* (May 2017) and 'The Best Gardens and Parks in Cape Town 2018' by *The Inside Guide*. **Entry: Donations appreciated. Tea/coffee and cake on the stoep. Homemade chicken wraps for lunch, booking preferred - goemans@twk.co.za. Picnickers welcome. Plant sales. From N2 as for Houw Hoek Hotel, then turn right at the hotel. Ph: 082 740 3590**

15 Beaumont Wines Bot River Beaumont Family **PW**

Overlooking a willow-clad dam, this free-flowing country garden surrounds an historic house with the oldest cellar and watermill in the Overberg. **Free entry. Light lunches & high tea by Zest Catering. Wine, art and deli products for sale. Charity: Bot River Primary School. From the N2 take exit 92 to Bot River; entrance is opposite garage. Ph. 028 284 9194 info@beaumont.co.za**

Most gardens do not allow dogs. Please ask the owner's permission before you bring yours. All gardens are giving a proportion of their takings to charities of their choice.

www.elginopengardens.co.za • info@elginopengardens.co.za