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Drumblade Conservancy

We Serve to Conserve



Winter Newsletter: April, May June 2020

If you would like to receive our newsletter via e-mail please mail us at info@drumblade.co.za



Nature's Little Piece of Heaven

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

Become a member of the Conservancy for only R150 per annum. Sign up now and become part of the biggest growing private conservation initiative in the country

Over 4,000,000 hectares of private land registered in South Africa and growing by the day.

July started our new financial year so membership renewals were due then. Please complete the last page of the newsletter and return to info@drumblade.co.za with your proof of payment.

Follow us and share your photos and questions on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/163122811007262> / or join our whatsapp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/H92SzHBolDECrzX6yviP4E>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Elaine Potgieter – Treasurer and Admin
- Ann Clarke – Researcher (when required)

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or suggestions for events and talks.

FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION - SECTOR 9

It's time to renew your FPA membership. Fees are due not later than 30th June 2020. No late payments will be accepted and no cash deposits please. Fees are R100 per plot, R250 per farm and R1,750 per high risk property per year.

Banking details are: Account holder name: Midvaal II Fire Protection Association – Sector 9. ABSA account: 93-3988-2029, Savings account, Branch code: 632005

Please use your FPA number as the reference. If you do not know your number please contact Amanda on 083 539 3203. Please send the proof of payment to fpasector9@gmail.com

The Fire Brigade should always be contacted on 016 362 7500 and they will inform the necessary persons. For any further information or to inform us if your details have changed, send us an email on fpasector9@gmail.com

WINTER FLOWERING PLANTS

Indigenous, drought and frost hardy



Which plants are great to withstand our harsh highveld winters?

Try these in your garden

Diospyros lycioides:
Transvaal Bluebush



A deciduous or ever green shrub (depending on climate), with a cream flower in spring and produces a red fruit. The shrub attracts birds

and butterflies and has a non-aggressive root system. Becomes +- 3 meters wide and approximately 5 meters high in size. This shrub can be used for screening, as a specimen, in informal hedging or is a good container plant. This shrub is frost and drought hardy, requires moderate water and full sun.



Barleria obtusa (Bush Violet) This evergreen shrub is frost resistant, water wise and fast growing in the sun, shade or semi-shade. The pale mauve trumpet shaped flowers occur in summer and autumn. They

attract birds, the insect eaters as well as butterflies as it is the larval host plant for the

Yellow, Brown and Blue Pansy butterfly. It is great for containers and it's a low maintenance plant, other than an annual pruning at the end of winter. It is ideal for small gardens, but needs to be kept as a bush as I've seen ours scampering up the trees when left to their own devices!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Soft, sensational and sure to enthral ...

ALPACAS

Meet South Africa's best kept secret!

SAVE THE DATE!

Save the Link!
www.alpacasociety.co.za

VENUE: Alpaca Visitors Centre, Home of Drumblade Alpacas, 7 Irene Drive, Drumblade AH
TEL: 0798954121. www.drumbladealpacas.co.za
Open 9.30 – 3pm. R50pp ENTRANCE FEE. Children under 12 half price.
Learn about the gorgeous alpacas and their uses – tours every hour.
Tea & coffee, other foods and drinks for sale. Unicorn rides.

SA National Alpaca WEEKEND Sat - Sun 18 & 19 APRIL 2020

Yebo Gogga Yebo amaBlomo 2020

Dates: 6 – 10 May 2020

Time: 08:30 – 15:00 weekdays, 9:00 - 16:00 weekend

Venue: Oppenheimer Life Sciences Building, East Campus, University of the Witwatersrand

Theme: Coming of age

Free entrance. ALL are welcome

Enquiries - cheryl@innercs.com

Corkwood Function Venue
127 Club Road (R557)
Off the R82, just past Dogon,
Golfview, Walkerville
-26.447056, 27.945588

Tea and coffee will be served. Cold drinks for sale at the venue

Bite Me!

How Spiders Can Help Us Overcome The Challenges Of Our Time.

 **JONATHAN LEEMING**
 SPEAKER • AUTHOR • CONSERVATIONIST

Tickets at the door: R30 for adults / R20 for children under 14

Plus question and answer session.

Hosted by the Drumblade Conservancy



Bite Me! an exploration of our current understanding of spiders and their bites

10th May 2020, 10h30 – 12h00

Presented by Jonathan Leeming, renowned conservationist and author

Mail info@drumblade.co.za to book in advance or any other enquiries



Jonathan Leeming is an exciting and passionate speaker, guaranteed to be lots of fun! Book tickets in advance by sending proof of payment with your names as the reference to info@drumblade.co.za. Bank details are on the membership application below. Or speak to Elaine 082 573 2780 (plot 137) or Mellory (plot 121) 082 851 6094

ECO FRIENDLY PROJECTS

Greenify Your Living Space

Houseplants can improve indoor air quality by reducing carbon dioxide and absorbing airborne toxins. Not all plants are created equal, however. Spider plants, snake plants and rubber trees are among some of the easiest plants to grow with the best indoor air quality benefits.

Switch to Energy-Efficient Windows

Poorly sealed or aging windows can decrease your energy efficiency dramatically. Consider investing in a more energy-efficient option to improve your home's overall comfort and reduce your energy costs. If new windows aren't in your budget, try repairing or updating your existing ones. Improving the caulking around window seals and adding

treatments can also help reduce your overall energy consumption.

Install a Low-Flow Toilet

Low-flow toilets use 25 to 50 percent of the water used by conventional toilets per flush. A variety of options exist depending on your budget and the type of toilet you're looking for.

(If you are a Conservancy member and would like to advertise your business (for free) please email info@drumblade.co.za)



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Application for New Membership / Renewal of Annual Membership

I,

Of Plot / Farm No , Street, Area,

Would like to include my property in / be a member of the Drumblade Conservancy, and hereby agree to pay the annual membership fee of R

Payment of membership fees will entitle me to certain rights and benefits as a Conservancy member, as per the Constitution of the Drumblade Conservancy. Bank account details are:

Drumblade Conservancy NPO
Standard bank - Meyerton
Branch 01-45-37
Acc No 027 994 678

Type of Membership: (please tick) Pensioner Ordinary Corporate
(R120) (R150) (R500)

Postal Address: P O Box

..... Postal Code

E-mail address:

Telephone No:

Signature:

Date:

