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Karoo Writers FESTIVAL



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SKRYWERSFEES / UMNHYADALA WABABHALI

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Tickets on sale at each venue from 30 mins
before starting time
info: 0829328864

Thursday 23 July 2015

All day Vusubuntu Centre

NELM Youth Programme (students from Calata, Goniwe, Michausdal and Cradock High Schools).

16:00-17:00 Start at Victoria Manor R60

'In the footsteps of James Calata and Matthew Goniwe' Lingelihle Township Tour (by minibus) with Amos Nteta.

17:30-19:30 Sonskyndienssentrum R40

Annual Neville Alexander Evening. Focus on multi-lingualism and translation. Keynote: Rainbow literacy "Soveel talen als je kan / Soveel malen ben je man" by Malcolm Hacksley.

Friday 24 July 2015

All day Vusubuntu Centre

NELM Youth Programme. Festival observers are welcome.

09:00-13:00 Schreiner House R100 for all four talks

Dorothy Driver on her new edition of *From Man to Man, or Perhaps Only* – by Olive Schreiner. (Win one of 5 copies.)
Prof Paul Walters & Jeremy Fogg on Olive Schreiner at Matjiesfontein (with slides).
Olive Schreiner and the politics of publicity & print culture by Dr Clare Gill (University of St Andrews, Scotland).
Historic photographs of Cradock by WW Lidbetter – slide show with commentary by Liz de Wet.

14:00-15:30 Schreiner House R50 for both talks

'The Lairds of Matjiesfontein' (James Logan & David Rawdon) by Dr Dean Allen (author of *Empire, War and Cricket*).
Isizwe Esinembali – WW Gqoba's Xhosa Histories and Poetry (1873-1888) by Dr Pamela Maseko.

15:30-16:30 Start at Schreiner House R30

A Literary Walking Tour of Old Cradock with Brian Wilmot.

16:30-17:30 Victoria Manor R30

Etienne van Heerden reads – a rare opportunity to hear the author himself read a passage he has chosen specially for us. Followed by **Open Microphone**: featuring Helen Walne, Jill Wolvaardt, David Muller, Dean Allen et al.

20:00-21:15 St Peter's Hall R80 (Age: 16+)

'Cape of Rebels' a new play by Tony Jackman.

Saturday 25 July 2015

09:00-10:30 Schreiner House R50 for both talks

Writers in Conversation: author and columnist Helen Walne talks to Diane Cassere about writing in the Karoo and other matters of the heart.
'Of dagga, dictionaries and rainbow English' by Jill Wolvaardt, Dictionary Unit for South African English at Rhodes University. Jill is passionate about her work and much in demand for her lively, witty presentations.

10:30-12:15 St Peter's Hall R40 incl screening

'Toorwoorde' – Etienne van Heerden & Coenie de Villiers talk about creativity and about making the Karoo documentary for the KykNet series 'n Ander Wêreld.

12:30 St Peter's Hall R20

Wine-tasting presented by Highlands Road Estate (Elgin)

14:00-15:00 St Peter's Hall R30

'Wickets & War' – the early days of cricket in SA by Dr Dean Allen (author of *Empire, War and Cricket*). The shenanigans are fascinating even if you aren't cricket-crazy.

15:00-16:00 Schreiner House R25

Repeat: Historic photographs of Cradock by WW Lidbetter – a slide show with stories and anecdotes by Liz de Wet.

15:00-16:00 Start at Schreiner House R30

Repeat: A Literary Walking Tour of Old Cradock with Brian Wilmot (Curator of Schreiner House).

16:00-17:30 Victoria Manor R30

Open Microphone – speakers of the day & readings of work by Toast Coetzer and Guy Butler, and some surprises.

17:30-19:00 Victoria Manor R30 incl sherry

Launch: *The Journey Man* by Chris Marais: adventures from his days as a *skrik-vir-niks* journalist. Followed by a slide show celebrating Karoo people who make a difference; by Chris Marais & Julienne du Toit; readings by Jurie Taljaard.

From 19:30 Victoria Manor R80 incl soup & sherry

'Oom Schalk, from the heart'. Favourite Bosman stories relived by David Muller. The very best winter warmer!

Sunday 26 July 2015

10:00-12:00 Start at Victoria Manor R60

'Stories in Stone' – bus tour: discover Cradock's old buildings with architect Theresa Hardman.

VISIT THE SCHREINER SARCOPHAGUS, Buffelskop – privately organised. Write to Dirk Visser cradocksad1@isat.co.za at least 24 hrs in advance for quote/booking.

11:30 True Living restaurant free wine tasting (Highlands Road) with Sunday lunch (R140; booking essential 0488813288 iani.trueliving@gmail.com)

wine tasting

All the way from Elgin, Highlands Road Estate will present a tasing at St Peter's Sat 25 at 12:30. R20. Wine table at Vic Manor from 17:30.

On Sunday from 11:30 at True Living, the wine tasting is a free extra with Sunday lunch (It is essential to book in advance: 0488813288).

Where to eat

see story inside for more detailed info

LUNCHES

- Thursday 23 – restaurants in town
- Friday 24 – Schreiner House courtyard with braziers, potjie (veg option), glühwein, good coffee; or restaurants in town
- Saturday 25 – Writer's Market (St Peter's) roti, curry, springbok sosaties, treats from True Living etc; or restaurants in town
- Sunday 26, 11:30 – True Living (includes free wine tasting – booking essential 0488813288)

EVENING MEALS

- Sat evening: soups and sherry are included in your ticket for 'Oom Schalk from the heart'
- Victoria Manor (0488811650) Dinner Thurs, Fri & Sat (please book in advance at reception) or choose from town restaurants including
- Buffalo Dan's (0488814321)
- Mila's (0488810036)
- You & Me (0488813355)

DIRECTIONS : Sonskyndienssentrum, Michausdal

Meet at Victoria Manor at 17:00 and we can travel as a group. Or, if you're going independently from the CBD, take the N10 South. Pass the turn-off (left) to R61. Look out for the next turn-off (left) into Michausdal. You will see the Vusubuntu Centre (pink) ahead on your right. The landmark on the left is the double-storey Cradock Inn. The Sonskyndienssentrum is behind that and there is a large sign saying 'sponsored by Lottery'. Easy parking and a car-watch team.

2015 festival venues

Vusubuntu Centre is home to the youth programme. Our Neville Alexander evening (23 July) takes place at Michausdal's Sonskyndienssentrum. (directions right of map). From then on, everything happens in three historic venues (Schreiner House, St Peter's Hall and Victoria Manor). They are all an easy walking distance from one another.

