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Welcome, all members to the first newsletter of 2012

We may be experiencing the first chills of autumn but it is a great time to be out walking. The parks are still quite green, the autumn leaves spectacular and the sun not so harsh.

It is heart-warming to know that there are many people interested in keeping our public open spaces looking good. I regularly walk at Delta Park. The park is looking good as the grass has been cut by City Parks but sadly private initiative is necessary for other upkeep of the park. Just last weekend I came across the intrepid Shirley Tebbutt and Elizabeth Gettliffe clearing the awful hyacinth from the Bird Sanctuary dam. The dam had been clear but owing to the tenacity of this weed constant vigilance is needed to stop it taking hold again. Well done to these ladies and others who undertake similar work in our parks and along the spruit.

For our first walk in **January** we could see another area where the residents work to improve the environment when we joined Rick & Judith on the Sandspruit walk. If you missed this walk you can go along on most Sundays by contacting Rick on 011 802 2685

February saw us taking part in the Zoo Trot at the Johannesburg Zoo. We had a lovely morning exploring the zoo. However owing to the huge numbers taking part on what was the first walk of the year we were unable to meet up as a group so probably will not repeat this walk.

The **March** walk at Modderfontein was very well attended. We had a knowledgeable guide taking us around this area. With some land already taken for the Gautrain it is very sad to learn that further development is planned that will reduce the size of the reserve drastically

B.S.T. GUIDED WALKS/ACTIVITIES - 2012

- Please note starting times vary according to the seasons and the nature of the walk/event.
- Whenever possible, information will be supplied during the walks, on points of special interest.
- What to wear: Hat, comfortable shoes and clothing. Bring: Liquids, light snack and walking stick.
- Please remember that it is not advisable to bring cameras, jewellery, cell phones etc.
- Please diarise dates and times.

THE WALKS ARE NOT LED BY A QUALIFIED TOUR GUIDE

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SUNDAY APRIL 22nd 2012	08.00 for 08.15
Venue: EMMARENTIA TO DELTA	
Address: From Beyers Naude Drive, turn into Thomas Bowler Avenue at the traffic lights at the T-Junction at West Park Cemetery. Keep the Botanic Gardens on the right. Thomas Bowler joins Oliphants Avenue. Turn right. Continue to just before the Dam Wall where a sign will point you to the Floreum and parking on the right. From Barry Hertzog Avenue, follow the signs, cross the Dam Wall and turn left into the Floreum parking where we will meet.	
Picnic & Toilet facilities: Yes bring picnic basket. Dogs are welcome in part of the park but unfortunately not allowed access to the picnic area.	
Admission fee: No fee.	

SUNDAY MAY 20th 2012	08.00 for 08.30
Venue:	MORELETA KLOOF, PRETORIA
Directions: Take N1 marked to Polokwane. Take Rigel/Delmas turn off. Coming off Highway, then turn right into Delmas Road. At 2 nd set of robots, turn left into Hans Strydom. First set of robots turn right into Rubenstein Drive. Third road to the left is Helios Street. Take this turning and take this road all the way along, following green railings of Moreleta Reserve. Entrance is on the left. Meet in first car park on the right hand side just after you enter the Reserve. There are several marked unguided walks and a lot of game. The area is most attractive with a river running through. No dogs.	
Picnic and Toilet facilities: Toilets Yes. Take picnic – there are benches and tables.	
Admission Fee: None.	

SUNDAY JUNE 24th 2012	08.45 for 09.00
Venue:	KENSINGTON HISTORICAL WALK
Directions: Meet at 136 Derby Road, Kensington. Continue up Queen Street from Langerman Drive with Shell garage of the right. Still in Queen Street, Derby Road is the third road on the right hand side. Car parking is available at both 136 and 138 Derby Road. Margaret will lead the tour incorporating Jeppe Boys School, the Scottish Memorial, The Lion House, Foster Gang Cave, etc. We will picnic afterwards in the garden at Peggy's house. No dogs.	
Picnic & Toilet facilities: Yes, bring picnic basket.	
Admission Fee: None	

SUNDAY JULY 22nd 2012	08.45 for 09.00
Venue:	HENNOPS HIKING TRAIL
Directions: Take R511 (continuation of William Nicol) and follow it all the way as if going to Hartebeespoort Dam. Approximately 16kms before Hartebeespoort you will see a sign for Hennops Pleasure Resort on the left hand side of the road by the river. Do not turn here. Go to the next turning left which is marked Hennops Hiking Trail. Meet in car park to the right. We will walk the 6.5km trail and picnic afterwards. <i>IF YOU ARE JOINING THIS WALK PLEASE PAY MARGARET BY JULY 8TH AT THE VERY LATEST AS JACANA NEED TO BE PAID AND FINALISE NUMBERS BY THAT DATE.</i>	
Picnic & Toilet facilities: Yes. Bring picnic basket. No dogs	
Admission fee: R40 per person (We have secured this discounted price through our Chairman, Tim Hartwright).	

SUNDAY AUGUST 26th 2012	08.00 for 08.15
Venue:	DELTA PARK WALK FOLLOWED BY AGM
Directions: Proceed north along Barry Hertzog/Rustenburg Road/1 st Avenue Linden. Turn east at the traffic lights at the Engen Garage, corner 1 st Avenue, Linden, and Road No: 3 Victory Park. Signpost to Delta Environment Centre. Continue to the gate at the T Junction at Road No: 5. Turn left and follow signs to Delta Environment Centre. Meet in car park. We will take a scenic walk along the Braamfontein Spruit followed by the AGM at the Delta Park Environment Centre 10.00am for 10.15am.	
Picnic & Toilet facilities: Tea/Coffee and snacks will be provided by the Committee. Dogs welcome on walk but not in the Convention Centre.	
Admission fee: No fee.	

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd 2012	08.00 for 08.30
Venue:	SUIKERBOSRAND NATURE RESERVE - HEIDELBERG
Directions: From Johannesburg take the N3 towards Heidelberg. Take left hand off-ramp shown with the brown tourism sign marked for Suikerbosrand. At stop street turn to the right and follow the game reserve signs which are well marked. Meet in car park. We will walk the 5km Cheetah Walk and then go into the Reserve for a braai/picnic afterwards and drive around the Reserve. We will not return until early afternoon.	
Picnic & Toilet facilities: Yes. We will be braaing so bring your own meat, salads etc. or your own picnic basket if you do not want to braai. Charcoal will be provided by BST. No dogs.	
Admission Fee: As at time of printing, R20 per person and R10 per car for parking but there is probably a discount for pensioners.	

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14th 2012	08.15 for 08.30
Venue:	MELVILLE KOPPIES WEST
Directions: Parking in cul de sac Arundel Road/3 rd Avenue, Westdene. From Beyers Naude Road turn right into Ayr Road which becomes Korea Road. Then into Arundel. Melville Koppies West has beautiful views of Johannesburg and the Kloof gorge is filled with White Stinkwood and Wild Peach. On a Sunday many of the African Independent Churches worship on the Koppies on Sunday afternoons. Well behaved dogs welcome.	
Picnic & Toilet facilities: TBA	
Admission fee: No fee	

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11th 2012	07.45 for 08.00
Venue:	KLIPRIVIERSBURG NATURE RESERVE
Directions: Take the M1 South and follow the Vereeniging road signs. At South Gate take the Columbine off ramp and turn left into Columbine Avenue. Cross one traffic light. At the next traffic light turn right into Ormonde Drive. Continue along Ormonde Drive for ± 1.2 kilometres until a little stream is crossed. Just after the stream turn right into Frandaph Drive, a dead-end road. Park at the end of Frandaph Drive. The Klipriviersburg Nature Reserve is an urban conservation jewel, just 10km from the heart of Johannesburg. It consists of grasslands and wooded hills and covers some 700 hectares. It contains larger game such as zebra, red hartebeest, black wildebeest and blesbok. The walk will be a Guided walk led by one of the Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve Association members.	
Picnic & Toilet facilities: Yes. Bring picnic basket. No dogs.	
Admission fee: None	

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2nd 2012	10.15 for 10.30
Venue:	ZOO LAKE WALK
(Followed by lunch at the Zoo Lake Bowling Club)	
Optional walk around Zoo Lake and the rest of this well kept park and an interesting look at Artists Under the Sun, followed by our year end luncheon at the Zoo Lake Bowling Club at 12noon. <i>(Please confirm with Margaret at the November walk if you are attending the lunch so she can pre-book).</i>	
Directions: Turn off Jan Smuts, opposite Johannesburg Zoo, going towards Parkview. Meet in the car park of Zoo Lake Bowling Club.	
Picnic and Toilet facilities: Yes No dogs due to lunch.	
Approximate Admission Fee: None but pay for lunch.	

We look forward to seeing you on the above walks and encourage you to bring any friends or colleagues that you think would enjoy the walks.

If you have any ideas for new or favourite walks for 2013, please let Margaret know.

Thank you all for your support.

Until next time.

Mary Kolb

Trustees: Dr Ian Player, Geoff Lockwood