

HERITAGE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA 23rd ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM 22-24 OCT 2024



Andre Botha
Symposium Convenor

SECOND CIRCULAR
CALL FOR PAPERS
JULY 2024

Debra Stewart
CHA President



Dear delegates and friends

On behalf of the Organising Committee we are delighted to invite you to participate in the Heritage Association of South Africa 23rd Annual Symposium which will be held from 22nd to 24th October 2024 at *The Clarens Golf & Leisure Estate* in association with Clarens Heritage Association. (CHA).

You are cordially invited to submit a paper or presentation for possible inclusion in this symposium. Abstract submissions are via email to ajbotha1953@gmail.com by 01 September 2024. Abstract should be 200 to 300 words and a 35 minute timeslot will be available for presentation.

Areas of interest for this symposium include, but are not limited to the following topics:

Cultural and historical conservation and protecting heritage assets

Archaeology, including structures, infrastructure or monuments

Dark heritage, including human depravity and suffering, tragedy, battlefields, concentration camps, funerary heritage, or rituals about them.

Gastronomy, including the art of cooking or choosing food, drinking and eating.

Historic and industrial heritage

Living and movable cultural heritage, including practises and skills handed down from generation to generation, including arts, crafts, literature and music.

Natural heritage including geology

Anything else deemed important because of its history, artistic or scientific value.

We would like to thank each of you for attending our symposium and we look forward to your expertise, knowledge and vision.

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Dates to be noted

Paper/Presentation abstract submission	01 September 2024
Symposium Registration & Payment	02 October 2024
Fun Photo Competition entries	02 October 2024
Heritage related Photo competition	02 October 2024

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PROGRAMME

Day 0	Itinerary		Venue
Monday 21 October	18:00 - 19:00	Registration	The Posthouse
	18:00 - 20:00	Ice Breaker	The Posthouse

Day 1	Itinerary		Venue/Starting point
Tuesday 22 October	07:30 - 11:00	Bibliophile & Heritage Book Sales Kiosk	
	07:30 - 08:15	Registration	
	08:30 - 09:00	Welcome Address & Symposium Opening	
	09:00 - 10:30	Presentations & question/discussion time	Clarens Golf Estate
	10:30 - 11:00	Tea/coffee and snacks	
	11:00 - 12:00	Presentations & question/discussion time	
	12:00 - 14:00	Lunch and & travel to excursion starting point	
	14:00 - 15:30	Walking tour of Clarens Landmark Buildings	Bibliophile
	15:30 - 18:00	Walking tour of Clarens Nature Reserve	Clarens Primary School
	18:00 - Late	Dinner & free evening for delegates	
19:00	HASA AGM	360 Boutique Hotel	

Day 2	Itinerary		Venue/starting point
Wednesday 23 October	07:30 - 11:00	Bibliophile & Heritage Book Sales Kiosk	
	08:00 - 08:30	Registration	
	08:30 - 10:00	Presentations & question/discussion time	Clarens Golf Estate
	10:00 - 10:30	Tea/coffee and snacks	
	10:30 - 12:00	Presentations & question/discussion time	
	12:00 - 13:30	Lunch & travel to excursion starting point	Basotho War Memorial
	13:30 - 16:30	Anglo Boer War tour with own transport	Clarens Town Square
17:45 - 22:30	Gala Dinner Address by Kathy Munro, HASA Chair Gold Medal Awards Certificates of Achievement Music by Lily and Bear	Brandwag Hotel, GGHNP Bus departs Clarens Golf Estate 17:45 & returns at 22:30	

Day 3	Itinerary		Venue/starting point
Thursday	07:30 - 11:00	Bibliophile & Heritage Book Sales Kiosk	
	08:00 - 08:30	Registration	
	08:30 - 10:00	Presentations & question/discussion time	Clarens Golf Estate
	10:00 - 10:30	Tea/Coffee and snacks	
	10:30 - 11:30	Presentations & question/discussion time	
	11:30 - 13:00	Lunch	
	13:00 - 17:30	Golden Gate Park and Basotho Village outing	Bus departs Clarens Golf Estate 13:00 & returns after the braai by 22:30
	17:30 - 22:00	Symposium Closing address from CHA. Farewell braai in the "Grot van Genot " at the Brandwag Hotel.	

Symposium Cost

Ice Breaker	Monday	21 October	Free
Symposium	3 day Symposium fee	22-24 October	R750 full registration cost
	Single day cost Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	22,23,24 October	R280 per day
Mid-morning tee/coffee/water and snacks		22,23,24 October	Included in Registration fee
All Lunches			Own cost
Dinners	Monday & Tuesday	21,22 October	Own cost
Gala Dinner & live music	Wednesday	23 October	R360
Braai	Thursday	24 October	R260
Excursion	Thursday	24 October	R80 Basotho Cultural tour cost
All other Excursions	Wednesday to Thursday	22-24 October	Free
Gala Dinner & Braai	Transport to and from venue Limited Wine and Beer Cash bar	23 & 24 October	Free Free Own cost
Excursion bus transport	Thursday		Free
Extended excursions	Friday	25 October	Own cost

Photo Competitions

1. Fun Photo competition with a bottle or two of excellent wines....Sponsored by the organising committee.
2. Heritage Related Photo competition with a book prize..... Sponsored by the organising committee.

Competition entries are welcome. Submit your photos by 02 October.

Please mark it no. 1 or 2 and email it to ajbotha1953@gmail.com.

The 10 best photos in each category will be on display during symposium for voting.

EXCURSIONS

WALKING TOUR OF CLARENS LANDMARK BUILDINGS

Date: Tuesday 22 October 2024
Time: 13:00 – 14:30
Duration: 1H30
Start: Bibliophile
Ends: Clarens Primary School
Presenter: Jacquie Le Roux. JRL Architects

This guided tour starts at Bibliophile for a brief 15 minutes presentation on the history of Clarens and a slide show of the most notable buildings. The walk will include some of the oldest buildings around the main square, the old Butchery, Clementine's, Frost House and the Posthouse. The tour continues to the Methodist Church and the DR Church. The last visit will be to the Clarens Primary School.

The unveiling of Blue Plaques will take place during this excursion. Participants will receive a pamphlet and map of the landmarks for their own exploration.



WALKING TOUR OF CLARENS NATURE RESERVE

Date: Tuesday 22 October 2024
Time: 14:45 – 17:30
Duration: 2H45
Start: Clarens Primary School
Ends: Bibliophile
Presenter: Lothar Vogl, Clarens Village Conservancy

A short discussion on the proclamation, establishment and management of Clarens Nature Reserve during a guided tour will demonstrate the value of this natural asset and the effort made by the local community to sustain its beauty. We will examine the region's biodiversity to show the value and quality of the grassland, water preservation and the constant battle against soil erosion.



ANGLO BOER WAR TOUR (Own transport)

Date: Wednesday 23 October 2024
Time: 12:00 – 16:30
Duration: 4H30
Start: Clarens Town square
Ends: Mile High Vineyard
Presenter: Dr Gideon Ellis & Trish Critchley

This self-drive guided tour will start at the Clarens Town Square Basotho War Memorial in honour of the burghers who died on 26 September 1865 during the Siege of Naauwpoort.

On our way to Surrender Hill, declared as a national monument, we will pass Mushroom Rock on the farm Clifton, viewed from St Fort.

Our final destination will be the Mile High Vineyard and the lovely restored Rose House, home of Bald Ibis wines. This vineyard at an altitude of 1700 metres is most likely the highest producing vineyard in South Africa.



GOLDEN GATE HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK AND BASOTHO CULTURAL VILLAGE TOUR

Date: Thursday 24 October 2024
Time: 13:00 – 17:30
Duration: 4H30
Start: Clarens Golf & Leisure Estate
Ends: Brandwag Hotel
Presenter: Paddy Gordon, Golden Gate Highlands National Park Manager.
Basotho Cultural Village guide

Free transport tour to Golden Gate Highlands National Park. Nestled at the foothills of the Maluti mountains of the Eastern Free State, the park has a rich palaeontological history of the oldest and most spectacular fossilised dinosaur nesting sites in the world. We end the tour at the Basotho Cultural Village which offers depictions of the architecture and lifestyle of the Basotho people from as early as the 16th century to the present day. Visitors are invited to experience authentic hospitality and the traditional ways of life of the Basotho people.



25 OCTOBER EXTENDED EXCURSIONS

DINOSAUR HUNTING EXPEDITION

Date: Friday 25 October 2024
Time: 09:00 – 12:00
Duration: 3H00
Start: 3 Market Street, Clarens
Ends: Clarens
Presenter: Dr Gideon Groenewald
Transport: Own
To book: 072 335 8768

Dr Gideon Groenewald and family started Clarens Dinosaur Hunting Expeditions more than 30 years ago. Our Dinosaur tour starts at 09:00 with a short talk at our fossil collection in Clarens, then we drive out in own vehicles to the Ash River (about 15km along the Bethlehem road, good road condition but low profile vehicles not advisable.) We walk through the veld for about 800m (easy walk, quite suitable for children and fairly fit older people) while explaining more about the geological history, and how things looked when dinosaurs roamed the area. The final stop of the tour is a large bedrock next to the Ash River where a unique collection of dinosaur footprints can be observed. The tour ends around 12:00. Visitors are advised to take water, wear hats and comfortable closed shoes. Fees are: R500 minimum per group. When 3 or more people join, fees are R200/adult. We accept payment by cash/EFT/Card. We also stock toys and quality books on dinosaurs, fossils and geology.

SANDSTONE HERITAGE TOUR TO FOURIESBURG

Date: Friday 25 October 2024
Time: 09:00 – 15:00
Duration: 6H00
Start: Main Square, Clarens
Ends: Clarens
Presenter: Dr Gideon Ellis
Transport: Arranged by tour guide
Cost: R290 includes transport but exclude refreshments and meals.
To book: Contact CHA

Departs from President Square in Clarens with arranged transport, heading in the direction of Fouriesburg on the R711. The 35 km trip is one of the most scenic drives in the area. Outcrops like “Queen Victoria” will be seen and the Destiny Castle.

The next stop will be in Fouriesburg where the history of the town will be highlighted.

Historical places and sandstone heritage places to be visited include

- The Dutch Reformed Church built in 1893 in Brand Street.
- The galvanised iron block house, a remnant from the Anglo Boer War.
- The Burger Monument for the men who lost their lives during the Anglo Boer War.
- The Fouriesburg Town Hall. The cornerstone of the building was laid in 1926.
- The Intermediary School was originally named ‘Die Goewermentskool’ of 1903.
- The Old Magistrate’s Building, built in 1936. If the court is in session, and provided that we get permission, we will visit the courtroom which is still operable today.
- St Mary’s Anglican Church (Fleck Street) built in 1911, now home to the United Church, a multi-denominational church serving the Anglican, Methodist and Catholic religions.
- President Steyn House, home of the President of the Orange Free State Republic, Marthinus Theunis Steyn, during the Anglo-Boer War).
- Die Ou Pastorie (Rectory in English) built in 1896 and is considered to be one of the most attractive and pleasant sandstone dwellings in Fouriesburg. Now run as a guesthouse.
- The Fouriesburg Cemetery where many of the town’s leaders are buried. The earliest grave is that of
 - * J C van den Berg who lived from 1818 – 1896
 - * Michiel Heyns, the first preacher of the DR Church
 - * British war grave of Bomber F H Owen.

The Sandstone Heritage Tour to Fouriesburg will end at the Fouriesburg Country Inn established in 1892, a sandstone and Oregon pine building with 127 years of history within its walls. (Lunch at own cost)

Recommended Accommodation

Golden Gate Hotel & Chalets	https://www.sanparks.org/parks/goldengate/	+ 27 (0)58 255 1000
Kiara Lodge	https://www.kiaralodgeresort.co.za	
The Clarens Golf & Leisure Estate	https://www.theclarens.co.za	
The Clarens Country House	https://www.theclarenscountryhouse.com	+27(0)82 449 2062
Ridge Road	https://www.ridgeroad.co.za	+279(0)84 656 1832
Booking.com	https://www.booking.com	
Tripadvisor.co.za	https://www.tripadvisor.co.za	
Agoda.com	https://www.agoda.com	



HASA 23rd ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION



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Title	First Name	Last Name	Initials
E mail			Cell No		
Address			Town		

	(Y/N)	R	Cost pp
Symposium(3 days)	750
Symposium (single day)	280 pd
Gala dinner	360
Informal braai	260
Basotho Village entrance fee	80
Ice Breaker	Free	<div style="background-color: black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
Bus transport Wednesday	Free	<div style="background-color: black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
Bus transport Thursday	Free	<div style="background-color: black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
		Total

Payment:	<i>EFT the Total Amount to:</i>
Name:	The Clarens Heritage
Bank Detail :	STANDARD BANK
Acc. No:	10221903818
Beneficiary Ref:	Your Initials and Surname

**Email Registration form and proof of payment to
The Treasurer at clarensheritageassociation@gmail.com**