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EVENTS CALENDAR



Lady Garden



Spier's Comedy in the Vines



Last Thursdays

Summer Diary

KARIN DE BEER serves up summer with an intoxicating whiff of culture and an exhilarating dash of adventure. You will be spoilt for choice with fantastic music and art experiences, outdoor activities, and food and wine events.

ART & CULTURE

LADY GARDEN

Until 21 January
Cavalli Art Gallery

An expressive group exhibition that explores the natural world which is often personified as female and with two faces: one the passive and nurturing mother and the other wild and uncontrollable.

021 855 3218, galler@cavalliestate.com,
www.cavallistud.com

FESTIVAL OF WHITE LIGHTS

8 December

Spier Wine Farm

Welcome the festive season at Die Werf, where a dazzling display of light awaits you. Sculptures and light installations illuminate a diverse collection of artistic performances choreographed by the acclaimed Jay Pather. Book a Spier Farm Kitchen picnic basket or indulge in hearty farm-style food from the Hoghouse BBQ and Bakery.

Time: 7pm

Cost: R165 per person (includes complimentary glass of wine); R65 for under 12s
www.spier.co.za/events

ART @ MOK

10 December–10 January &
13 January–1 February

Muratie Wine Estate

The gallery is celebrating its first birthday with an exhibition of colourful and expressive paintings by Thembaletu Manqunyana, from 10 December. The second exhibition, from 13 January, showcases the budding talents of Gabriela Orzechowski and Nicole McComb.

072 553 5547, ceciblelevi@gmail.com,
www.mokgallery.com

COMEDY IN THE VINES

23 December, 27 January & 24 February

Spier Wine Farm

Spread your picnic on Die Werf's lawn and laugh until you cry at Spier's hour-long Comedy in the Vines shows. Barry Hilton will have you in stitches on 23 December, Stuart Taylor's fusion of comedy and magic will cast a spell on you on 27 January and on 24 February Marc Lottering will crack you up with his favourite stories.

Arrive from 5pm, show starts at 6.30pm
Cost: R70 per adult; add a gourmet picnic basket for two and a bottle of Spier Signature wine for R550
www.spier.co.za/events

IN PURSUIT OF FLESH

22 January–15 February

Imibala Gallery

The exhibition is a heartfelt study by Sharon Strydom of the endangered African wild dog, as well as an expression of the artist's passion for the human form. This duality deepens the conversation of what it means to be human.

021 852 2411, galler@imibala.com,
www.imibala.com

LAST THURSDAYS

25 January & 22 February

Stellenbosch

Last Thursdays is Stellenbosch's version of the global art initiative First Thursdays. Explore the town's art scene on foot on the last Thursday of every month, listen to live music and enjoy a glass of wine at selected galleries.

Time: 5–8pm

Last Thursdays Stellenbosch Facebook page

MUSIC

AMAZINK LIVE

Friday evenings

Kayamandi

Amazink Live, now in its fifth season, is a



Brendt de Wet



Sharon Strydom



Tygerberg Children's Choir

pulsating, interactive music-theatre show that recreates the vibrant township street life. The restaurant-theatre is managed by the SU Woordfees and is open for dinner daily but the shows are only on Fridays. Book via Computicket or send an email to bookings@amazinklive.co.za.

Time: Dinner from 7pm, shows start at 8pm. Cost: R150 per person for a two-course or R180 for a three-course meal and the show.

GESKENK/GIFT

1-3 December

Drostdy Theatre

Get into the swing of the festive season with popular singers Anna Davel, Marlie Katzke, André Terblanché and Hilandi du Toit, as well as the talented Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Time: 8.15pm

Cost: R150; R120 for students and pensioners 071 931 9954, info@drostdytheater.co.za, www.drostdytheater.co.za

BRENDT DE WET

8 December

Drostdy Theatre

Pniel-born music artist Brendt Wayne de Wet performs hits such as "A Time to Dance" and "Reach for the Stars". The show includes a surprise duet with one of South Africa's best-loved singers.

Time: 8.15pm

Cost: R120

071 931 9954, info@drostdytheater.co.za, www.drostdytheater.co.za

MUSIC REVIVAL

14 & 15 December

Bouchard Finlayson

Christopher Duigan's Music Revival presents the

annual Bouchard Finlayson Christmas Charity Concert in aid of the Hermanus Cancer Fund.

Time: 5.45pm for wine and canapés;

concerts start at 6.30pm

Cost: R200

028 312 1485 (Helen), 028 3131633

(Debby), www.musicrevival.co.za

HUBERTE RUPERT CONCERT

1 December

Stellenbosch

The phenomenal young pianist Roelof Temmingh is the soloist in the annual Huberte Rupert Memorial Concert presented by the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra (CPO) in the Endler Hall. The CPO, conducted by Brandon Phillips, will also perform a work by local composer Kristi Boonzaaier. Tickets from Computicket.

Time: 8pm

Cost: R120

www.cpo.org.za

TYGERBERG CHILDREN'S CHOIR

2 & 3 December

Stellenbosch

The angelic voices of the Tygerberg Children's Choir fill the Endler Hall at its annual Christmas concert. Tickets from Computicket.

Time: 4pm

Cost: R120

www.tcc.co.za

DU TOIT-PEARCE & STEVENS

9 December

La Motte Wine Estate

Mezzo-soprano Minette du Toit-Pearce and baritone George Stevens return to La Motte for the annual concert of oratorios, songs and carols. Johann Nel narrates the Christmas story.

Time: 6pm for 7pm

Cost: R200 per person

021 876 8000 (Angela), concerts@la-motte.

co.za, www.la-motte.com

FOOD & WINE

THE MAGIC OF BUBBLES

2 & 3 December

Franschhoek

Dress up in black and white with a dash of colour for the Franschhoek Cap Classique and Champagne Festival presented by Mastercard. Sample local MCCs and Champagnes from France in the grand marquee, as well as delicious food from local restaurants. Book at www.webtickets.co.za; pay with your Mastercard and receive 10% discount on your ticket and on purchases made at the festival.

Time: 12-5pm daily

Cost: R375 per person (includes a tasting glass and coupons); free for under 18s. www.franschhoekmcc.co.za

GROOTE POST COUNTRY MARKET

17 December, 28 January & 25 February

Darling

The seasonal market on Groote Post farm in the Darling Hills is well worth the drive for its country hospitality, great produce, fine wine and live music. Look out for gourmet products such as Darling Mushrooms, WeskusWorswa, Darling Pomegranate Products, Darling Brew and Saucy Boys' organic sauces.

Time: 10am-3pm

www.grootepost.co.za

HARVEST PARADE

27 January

Stellenbosch

The grape harvest season is ushered in with a



Eikendal Cheesecake and Wine Pairings



fanfare when the winemaking community takes over the streets on colourful 'chariots'. The parade will be followed by a harvest blessing ceremony at the town hall.

Time: 9am

www.wineroute.co.za

STELLENBOSCH WINE FESTIVAL

23–25 February

Coetzenburg Sports Ground

The three-day festival showcases hundreds of Stellenbosch wines from award-winning producers and boutique wineries. You can also sample fresh artisanal foods and signature dishes from top restaurants, and enjoy live music and fun activities such as grape stomping.

www.stellenboschwinefestival.co.za

CHEESECAKE & WINE PAIRINGS

Throughout summer until 30 April

Eikendal Vineyards

Decadent and delightful pairings include the crisp Sauvignon Blanc with creamy lemon cheesecake, the Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay blend with plump berry cheesecake and the award-winning Janina Unwooded Chardonnay with salted caramel cheesecake.

Time: Tuesdays to Sundays between 10am and 4.30pm

Cost: R80 per person

021 855 1422, info@eikendal.co.za

WORKSHOPS

CHRISTMAS IN THE WINELANDS

8 December

Leopard's Leap Family Vineyards

Chef Pieter de Jager presents a cooking demonstration with a lighter approach to the traditional Christmas meal without losing the familiar flavours.

Time: 6–9pm

Cost: R450 per person

021 876 8002, reservations@leopardsleap.co.za, www.leopardsleap.co.za

THE ART OF BONSAI

24 January

Babylonstoren

Master the art of bonsai by learning how to prune it, care for it and maintain it. Several different styles of bonsai will be on show. Maximum 20 participants, so book early.

Time: 10am–4pm

Cost: R700 per person (includes lunch in the Greenhouse Restaurant)

021 863 3852, reservations@babylonstoren.com, www.babylonstoren.com

WATERWISE GARDENING

14 February

Babylonstoren

Botanist Ernst van Jaarsveld discusses the wonders of indigenous vegetation and helps you to propagate waterwise plants for your own garden.

Time: 10am–4pm

Cost: R700 per person (includes lunch in the Greenhouse Restaurant)

021 863 3852, reservations@babylonstoren.com, www.babylonstoren.com

ADVENTURE

YOGA IN THE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Every Saturday until 24 February

Botanical Garden, Stellenbosch

Stretch, breathe deeply and greet the sun as it rises. Yoga, mindfulness and meditation teacher Nicci presents Vinyasa-style classes next to the herb garden. The flowing style is suitable for all levels. No booking necessary, but bring your own mat.

Time: 9–10am

Cost: R50 per class plus R10 entrance fee (or purchase a Botanical Garden membership card for R50, which entitles you to 365 visits annually)

078 563 8152, www.yogawithnicci.co.za

BOSCHENDAL NIGHT RIDES

Last Tuesday of the month

Boschendal

Explore by bike after dark as BMT leads groups of riders according to their experience level on the farm's trails. Treat yourself to a burger and beer afterwards at the Farmshop & Deli. No booking necessary.

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm

Cost: R50 for a day permit or R500 a year. Available at the farm or BMT in Stellenbosch.

www.boschendal.com, www.bmtsa.co.za

DELVERA FALKE FULL MOON HIKE

2, 3 & 31 December

Delvera Farm

The hike to the top of Klapmutskop is rewarded with a sunset over Table Mountain and stunning views of the Winelands. Book a picnic two days ahead (menu options are on the Dirtopia website) or bring your own.

Time: From 4.30pm for 6.30pm start

Cost: R150 per person; R60 for under 10s (includes shuttle, map, glass of bubbly/juice)

021 884 4752, info@dirtopia.co.za,

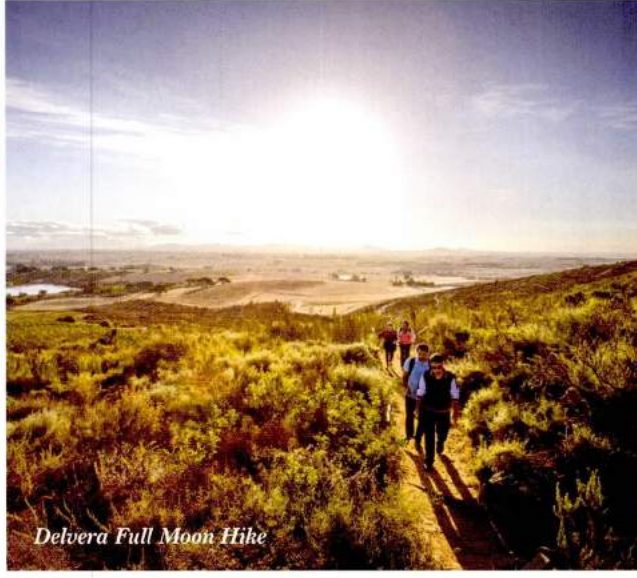
www.dirtopia.co.za

TOP OF THE HILL FUN WALK

9 December, 27 January & 24 February

De Waal Wine Estate

Listen to Pieter de Waal's interesting stories on a 2,5 km fun walk to the oldest existing Pinotage block in the world and taste the Top of the Hill Pinotage 2014 in the vineyards. Booking essential.



Cost: R195 per person (includes a wine tasting and a cheese luncheon with a glass of wine)

Time: 9.45am at the tasting venue for 10am start.

021 881 3711, admin@dewaal.co.za, www.dewaal.co.za

WINE WALK TO WARWICK

9 December

Delvera Farm

A social walk from Delvera to neighbouring Warwick Estate for a wine tasting and back for a buffet lunch at Dirtopia Café. Book at least a week ahead.

Time: Registration and coffee 9am for 9.30am start

Cost: R225 per person; R150 for under 18s (includes food, wine/juice, coffee and permit)

Distance: +/- 6km

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RESOLUTION TRAIL RUN

14 January

Delvera Farm

Put your new year's resolutions to the test on the Klapmutskop trails. The run offers four distances and is suitable for newcomers and experienced runners.

Distances and start times: 15km at 7pm; 12.5km at 7.15pm; 7.5km at 7.30pm; 5km at 7.45pm

Cost: R80-R150

021 884 4752, info@dirtopia.co.za, www.dirtopia.co.za

FAIRTREE MTB STAGE RACE

3 & 4 February

Delvera Farm

This race is the only event that gives you the opportunity to ride the 10km singletrack Never Say Never Ending Again trail in the Simonsberg. One of the longest continuous trails in the Western Cape, it offers unrivalled views.

Distances and start times (both days): 60km at 7.15am; 40km at 7.30am

Cost: R425-R975

021 884 4752, info@dirtopia.co.za, www.dirtopia.co.za

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