NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL/ MAY 2025

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Greetings, U3A members!

1 Plett u3a event calendar

We have prepared a one-page calendar of planned future events for your convenience. You will note that this calendar includes a summary of all of the Monday programmes at Formosa Garden Village. Remember that the full calendar is available on the website.

Sun	*27*	*Apr*	*Freedom Day*		
Mon	*28*	*Apr*	*Freedom Day observed*		
Wed	**30**	**Apr**	**Outing to Stanley Island on the Keurbooms River - Celestine Davids**	**10 – 12am**	**Keurbooms Ferries**
Thu	*1*	*May*	*Workers' Day*		
Mon	**5**	**May**	**Early Settlers in Plett - Talk by Mike Kantey**	**10 – 11am**	**Formosa Garden Village**
Sun	**11**	**May**	**Mother's Day**		
Mon	**12**	**May**	**A Brief History of the World – "The United States in World History" & "Contemporary Democracy" by Prof Peter Stearns**	**10 – 11am**	**Formosa Garden Village**
Wed	**14**	**May**	**How to find what is where in the night sky - Talk by Henry Timme**	**10 – 11am**	**Formosa Garden Village**
Mon	**19**	**May**	**Classical Destinations S1 - Finlandia - and Venice (Monteverdi, Vivaldi & the Four Seasons)**	**10 – 11am**	**Formosa Garden Village**
Thu	**22**	**May**	**Outing: Nature's Way - Steve Audon on market gardening and vegetable supplies**	**10 – 12am**	**Nature's Way Farmstall**
Mon	**26**	**May**	**Classical Destinations S1 - Germany (The Towns of Bach's Travels) - Tuscany (Verdi & Puccini).**	**10 – 11am**	**Formosa Garden Village**
Sun	*15*	*Jun*	*Father's Day*		
Mon	*16*	*Jun*	*Youth Day*		
Fri	*18*	*Jul*	*Nelson Mandela Day*		
Sat	*9*	*Aug*	*National Women's Day*		
Tue	**2-5**	**Sep**	**History and Fossil Trip to Graaff-Reinet**	**All day**	**Graaff-Reinet**

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Welcome to new members

The Committee welcomes the following new members to Plett U3A:

Gill Goodall *Penny and Steve Hochfeld*

Sandy Webb

Janine Tuson *Dolly and Michael Winterton*

Ella Buhler *Rui Digby/Tang*

Mariette Troxler

2.2 Overview of forthcoming events

There are two presentations and two outings planned for this month of April into May.

The first presentation will be by Mike Kantey who is well known to many of us; on 5 May, he will talk about the early settlers in Plett. His background was given in the last month's newsletter together with an overview of his presentation so there is no need to repeat it; however a brief reminder is given in 3.1 below.

Our second presentation this month is by Henry Timme and will be of interest to all of us who look up at the night sky and ask ourselves "what is that …. Is it a star or planet or whatever?" Henry is a resident of Formosa Garden Village.

The outing to Stanley Island is on the 30th April. The U3A Committee is pleased to note that this visit was well-oversubscribed and the limit on numbers was reached in just a day or two after the booking invitation was made.

Please diarize the next outing which will be to the Natures Way Farm Stall …. to hear Steve Audon talk about his organic market garden. This will be on Thursday 22 May and details are given below.

Finally, Beth has arranged a visit to Graaff Reinet later in the year and details were sent to members recently. Again, this event has been very well supported and the limit on numbers was reached within a day or so. I understand from Beth that the waiting list is now full.

3 DETAILS OF SOME OF OUR FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3.1 Presentation by Mike Kantey: 5 May

Mike's presentation will describe very briefly the early settlers in Plettenberg Bay. However, reference will also be made to the whole area between modern-day Sedgefield and Plettenberg Bay.

Mike's background – by Mike

We described Mike's background in some detail in the last newsletter. To summarize:

- In 1982, Mike Kantey majored in both English and isiXhosa at the University of Cape Town;
- he joined Longman Penguin in 1982 as a book editor;
- later, he joined David Philip Publishers, as Education Manager; and
- in 2007, Mike moved to Plettenberg Bay and started the Watermark Press. A professional panel-beater of text, he also loves to research and edit books and other media for English-speaking people,

3.2 Presentation by Henry Timme: 14 May

In his talk, Henry will describe a reference frame known as the Kepler's Orbital Elements. He will describe how we can tell somebody else where something is in the sky (without pointing at it) when everything turns and moves minute by minute.

He will examine how we can build an earth- based reference frame against which we can define sky positions that everybody can use.

Henry's background

Henry has been an active member of Plett U3A, serving on the committee for many years. He and Lynette have recently moved into Formosa Garden Village.

3.3 Outing to Nature's Way Farmstall: Thurs. 22 May 9.30 for 10am

Beth reminds us that we will meet at Nature's Way Farmstall where Steve Audon will talk to us about the development of his organic market garden and the beautiful fresh produce he provides to his customers. Refreshments will be provided afterwards by the Farmstall.

4 History and Fossil Trip to Graaff-Reinet - 2 – 5 September 2025.

A Notice was sent to members recently inviting them to take part in a planned visit to Graaff Reinet later in the year. The response was very good and within a few days all the available places were booked. There is now a waiting list.