

# ELGIN OPEN GARDENS 2016

Sat 29 Oct – Sun 30 Oct and Sat 5 Nov – Sun 6 Nov • 10am to 5pm

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W = wheelchair friendly PW = partly wheelchair friendly

## 1 Lothian Vineyards Rockview Dam Rd, Grabouw The Wilson Family PW

Bordered by the Palmiet River on one side and a tranquil lake on the other, this 3 ha garden features a rose arbour underplanted with thyme leading to a chamomile lawn, a vertical garden, numerous ponds, a perennial country garden, a woodland garden, an indigenous garden, natural fynbos areas and an orchard. **Entry R20. Charity: Siphila Sonke, GAWS. Wine tasting, teas and pizza. Trampolines, a jungle gym and croquet, gentle walks and picnic areas along the river. 3.6 km down Rockview Dam Rd. Ph: 021 859 9901 / 082 565 7869. [www.lothianvineyards.com](http://www.lothianvineyards.com)**

## 2 The Stone Kitchen E22 Essenhout Ave, Klipkop Jane Touwen

Organic garden on rocky koppie with pergolas, indigenous plantings, olive trees; organic permaculture kitchen garden, cob building. **Entry R10. Food by arrangement only. Charity: Humane Education Trust, GAWS. From Grabouw Main Rd, turn up opposite FNB; left at T-junction into Bosboul/Forest Drive, 1st right into Karee through stone pillars, 1st right into Celtis & 1st left into Essenhout. Ph: 021 859 2282 / 084 781 1936**

## 3 Palmiet River off Main Rd, Grabouw Wanda Molteno

One of the oldest gardens in Elgin, created by Kathleen Murray. In a formal English style with wide stepped terraces, now planted with flowers, shrubs, rare plants and trees, including a large variety of heritage & species roses, a woodland garden, two formal rose gardens, and a cherry tree room. Majestic old trees. **Entry R25, children (5-12) R10. Teas. No dogs. Off Grabouw Main Road, entrance diagonally opposite R321 to Villiersdorp. Ph: 082 418 9439**

## 4 Oak Valley Flowers Oak Avenue, off R321

Oak Valley is the largest grower of cut flowers in the Western Cape. Tours of the greenhouse production units will leave either at 10am or 2pm from The Pool Room Restaurant at Oak Valley on all Open Days. **Flower tour prebooking essential, R50 pp. Bring walking shoes. Tour time is +/-1.5 hours. Lunch at the The Pool Room Restaurant at Oak Valley, prebook. Wine tasting & sales open. Turn onto the R321 direction Villiersdorp, after 500m turn right into Oak Avenue. Ph: Flowers 021 859 3245 to book tours or Restaurant 021 859 4111 to book lunch. [www.oakvalley.co.za](http://www.oakvalley.co.za)**

## 5 Eikenhof Villiersdorp Rd, R321 Alastair & Francie Moodie PW

A very well established, English-style garden from the 1920s, with magnificent trees and rare plants. **Entrance R25. Teas and cakes served under the oaks. Charity: Siphila Sonke. 3.6km from the Grabouw turnoff to Villiersdorp on the R321. Ph: 021 859 3451**

## 6 Fresh Woods off N2 Peter & Barbara Knox-Shaw PW

Rambling, romantic plantsman's garden with major collection of heritage & species roses; many rare trees & shrubs, some wild-collected, incl. rhododendrons (esp. Maddenias), serrata & wild hydrangeas, deutzias & over 70 Japanese maples; also collections of cyclamen, epimediums & lilies; woodland garden under pine. Bamboo walk. WFRS Award of Garden Excellence 2003. Featured in *Remarkable Gardens of SA* (2012); *Gardens to Inspire* (2013), *Veld, Vlei & Rose Gardens* (2011) and *Old Roses: Survival & Revival in SA* (2015). **Entry R30, children 2-12 half-price. Teas, unusual plants for sale. 2nd right turn off the N2 after Peregrine Farmstall. Ph: 021 844 0154 / 078 021 2101**

## 7 Belfield Wine Estate off Viljoenshoop Rd (7) Mike & Mel Kreft W

Old informal homestead garden with magnificent trees and majestic views of the Groenberg. The gardens are open to the surrounding vineyards which are interplanted with corridors and pockets of indigenous flora to attract birds, butterflies and chameleons. **Entry R20, pensioners half price, children under 12 free. Wine tasting and sales of Belfield reds. Charity: Grabouw Animal Welfare Society. 1st right off the Viljoenshoop Rd from the N2. Ph: 082 575 1849. [www.belfield.co.za](http://www.belfield.co.za)**

## 8 Fairholme Viljoenshoop Rd Duncan & Liz Henderson

A large and many-faceted garden with a magnificent view of the valley. Plants grown in the nursery are showcased in a 100m long walkway. Other features include a formal rose garden, woodland garden, grass garden, parterre garden and terrace with swimming pool. Featured in Keith Kirsten's *Gardens to Inspire*, and in *Garden and Home*, *Condé Nast*, *Country Life* and *The Gardener*. **Entry R25. Plant sales from Fairholme Nursery which specialises in perennials, grasses and lavenders. Charity: Siphila Sonke. 2km from N2 along Viljoenshoop Rd. Ph: 021 848 9738 / 082 550 8703. [www.fairholmeplants.co.za](http://www.fairholmeplants.co.za)**

## 9 Lavenham Viljoenshoop Rd Norma Bridgman and Bert Touwen PW

A picturesque English thatched cottage set in a large peaceful woodland garden with extensive lawns, roses, herbaceous borders and groundcovers. Paintings by local artist Bert Touwen in the stable gallery. **Entry R15. Charity: Elgin Animal Welfare. 2km from N2 along Viljoenshoop Rd. Ph: 021 848 9060**

## 10 Heideland Viljoenshoop Rd Arno Reuvers

A suburban-sized rose garden with companion plants on a working farm flowing into the adjoining apple orchards. Part of the garden has evolved into an indigenous waterwise section with aloes and restios. Groundcovers and alstroemerias in abundance. **Entry R20. 3 km from N2 along Viljoenshoop Rd. Charity: Helderberg Animal Welfare. Ph: 083 658 2213**

## 11 Dennegeur Viljoenshoop Rd Josias & Antoinette Beukes

Large established garden filled with roses and hydrangeas with awesome views towards the Kogelberg Dam. Picnickers welcome. Light refreshments will be available. **Entry R10. Charity: DRC Grabouw. 3 km from N2 down Viljoenshoop Rd. Ph: 082 944 9902 / 082 944 9901**

## 12 Almenkerk Wine Estate Viljoenshoop Rd (50) Natalie & Joris van Almenkerk PW

Newly-landscaped garden on a steep slope, designed to embed the winery buildings firmly in the landscape with massed indigenous plantings. Magnificent valley views onto the Kogelberg. **Free entry. Wine tasting & sales; oysters and cheese platters, coffee/tea & homemade sweet pastries. Kid friendly (hotdogs, candy, fun). From N2, 6.5km down Viljoenshoop Rd. Ph: 021 848 9844. [www.almenkerk.co.za](http://www.almenkerk.co.za)**

## 13 Keurbos Nursery Garden Restanwold Farm, Highlands Rd Ian & Jessie Walton PW

A large natural garden designed for birds, with both indigenous and exotic sections as well as new acer and heritage rose beds and an enlarged nursery area. Collections of bulbs and buchus, acers and azaleas, rhododendrons, heritage roses and more. **Entry R20. Garden teas, lunches, bird hide on lake, picnic area, plant sales include vireya rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias & Japanese maples. 8km from N2 on Highlands Rd. Charity: Black Harrier Project. Ph: 083 458 3790 [www.jessiewalton.com](http://www.jessiewalton.com)**

## 14 Auldearn Highlands Rd Jenny Simpson PW

A plantswoman's hilltop garden that skilfully mixes unusual indigenous and exotic plants, with a focus on colour combinations. Panoramic views over the Kogelberg biosphere are framed by informal mixed plantings dominated by flowering cherries and roses. Also two ponds & a stream. Featured on TV, in *House and Leisure* and *SA Gardening*. **Entry R25. Charity: Grabouw Animal Welfare Society. Tea & rosemary biscuits R10. Plant sales. 8.5km from N2 on Highlands Rd. Ph: 021 849 8762**

## 15 Iona Highlands Rd Andrew & Rozy Gunn

The Herbert Baker homestead with views of the Elgin Valley is surrounded by a garden designed by Dominic Touwen. It features mature trees and includes a working organic vegetable garden. **Free entry and wine tasting. 18km from N2 on Highlands Rd, last 4.3km on gravel. Ph: Karen 079 904 7515 / 028 284 9678. [www.iona.co.za](http://www.iona.co.za)**

## 16 Brookelands Valley Rd Andrea & Rob Semple PW

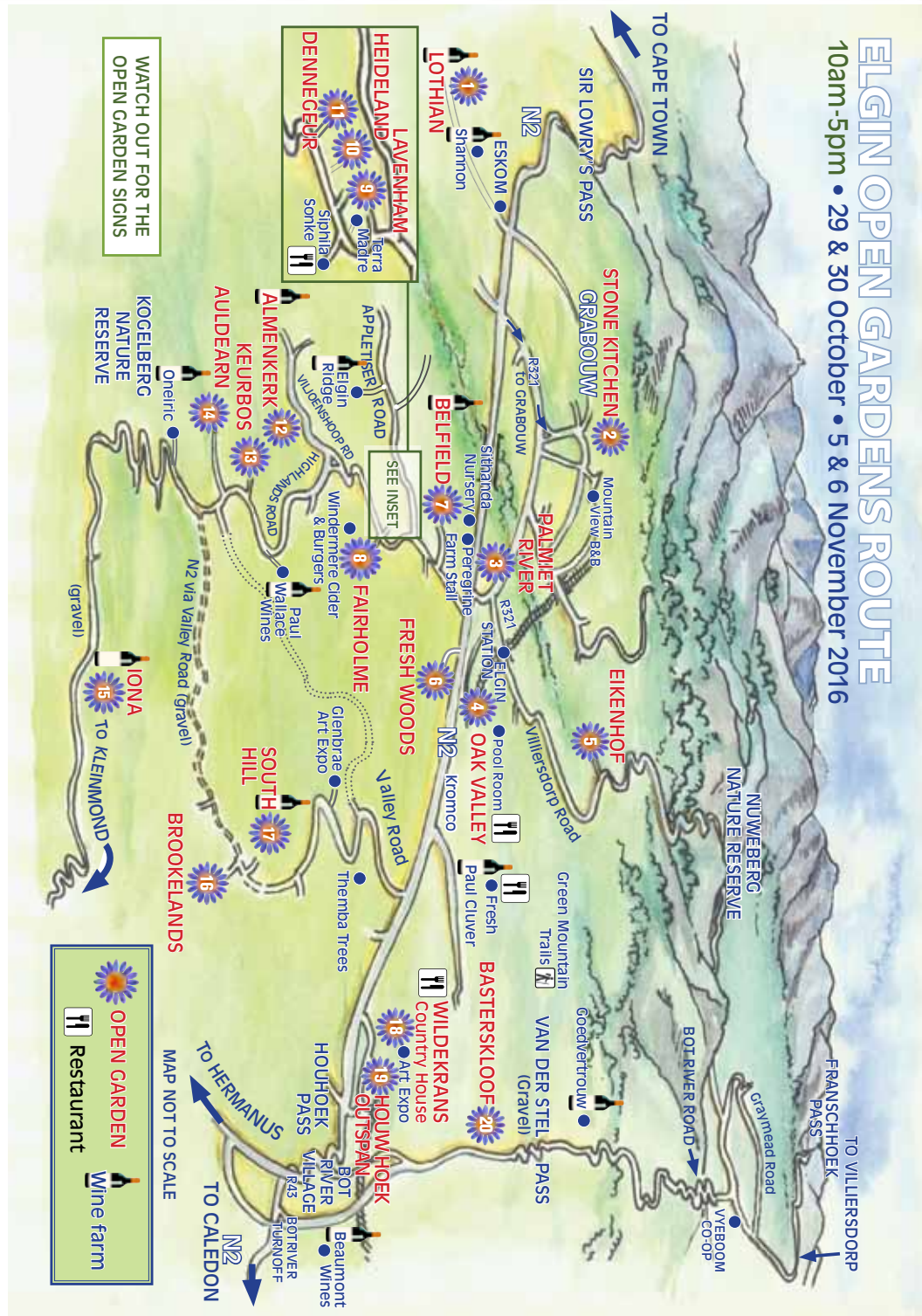
Unusually on sand, this fynbos garden features many indigenous trees grown from wild-collected seed; a natural stream arising from an artesian well and planted along the banks with clivias and ferns; and a succession of dams. Lovely mountain views and prolific bird life. **Entry R20. Charity: Grabouw Animal Welfare. Picnic areas. Andrea's Topiary Creations shop. 8km from the N2 or 7km from Highlands Rd. Ph: 021 300 0943 [www.topiary.co.za](http://www.topiary.co.za) and [www.elginfarmstay.co.za](http://www.elginfarmstay.co.za)**

## 17 South Hill Valley Rd Sandy & Kevin King PW

Expansive indigenous gardens surround manicured lawns with views overlooking the Kogelberg and across the valley to Sir Lowry's Pass. Mass plantings with art sculptures by local artists; working organic kitchen garden. **Free entry. Art exhibition, deli and fresh produce for sale. Breakfast, lunch and tea served; free wine tasting. Donations to GAWS appreciated. 7km from the N2 or 8km from Highlands Rd. Ph: 021 844 0033 [www.southhill.co.za](http://www.southhill.co.za)**

# ELGIN OPEN GARDENS ROUTE

10am - 5pm • 29 & 30 October • 5 & 6 November 2016



## 18 Wildekrans Country House Houw Hoek, Barry Gould & Alison Green

Country garden punctuated by unexpected artworks. Large sculpture from waste materials by Francois Knoetze. The five-hectare garden is structured around a series of distinct spaces – a neatly clipped expanse of lawn near the historic 1811 homestead, a formal rose garden, a pear orchard – linked together by wilder areas of indigenous plantings and winding pathways that encourage discovery – Rene Slee for *House and Leisure*. **Entry: Donations to Bot River Education Foundation. Home made and home grown produce. Lunch, tea and dessert (bookings preferred). Off the N2 at Houw Hoek Village, as for Houw Hoek Inn. Ph: 028 284 9827. www.wildekrans.co.za**

## 19 Houw Hoek Outspan Houw Hoek Peter & Tessa Goemans

A sunny developing garden with lovely open views of Houw Hoek Peak. Big, sprawling and overflowing with colour, the garden boasts endless flowering treasures including over 200 roses, imported dwarf Alstroemarias, irises and a colour wheel of massed annuals. At 5 years, the 'new' garden is maturing nicely. The greenhouses are also open for viewing and sales. **Entry: Donations to Bot River Education Foundation appreciated. Tea, coffee and eats on the stoep. Picnickers welcome. Plant sales. From N2 as for Houw Hoek Inn, then turn right at the hotel. Ph: 082 740 3590**

## 20 Basterskloof Van der Stel Pass, Bot River Elize Smith W

Established country garden with rolling lawns, borders, shrubberies and many indigenous trees. **Entry R10. Charity: Bot River Community Church. Olive oil sales, homemade jams, teas. 5 1/2 km from Bot River on the Van der Stel Pass towards Vyeboom/Villiersdorp (gravel). Ph: 021 200 2603**

Most gardens do not allow dogs. Please ask the owner's permission before you bring yours.

All gardens are giving a proportion of their takings to charities of their choice.

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## Siphila Sonke Outreach Programme LUNCHES & TEAS

Light farmstyle lunches & delicious homebaked teas will be served both weekends from 10am - 5pm at the Elgin United Church [1,8km down the Viljoenshoop Road]. All profits to the charity [www.siphilasonke.org.za](http://www.siphilasonke.org.za) We are also serving teas at Eikenhof! 082 570 7270

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