



# ELGIN OPEN GARDENS 2020

31 Oct- 1 Nov & 7-8 Nov  
9.30 am to 5pm

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W = wheelchair friendly PW = partly wheelchair friendly

Dog policy: some allow, some don't; please ask the garden first

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

Waterwise organic garden on rocky, sandy koppie with pergolas, indigenous plantings, olive trees; two organic permaculture kitchen gardens, stone and 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 Bosbou/Forest Drive, 1st right into Karee through stone pillars, 1st right into Celtis & 1st left into Essenhout. Ph: 021 859 2282 / 062 529 2558 V248+2X (-34.1449484, 19.0174825)

## 2 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, including rhododendrons (especially Maddenias), serrata & wild hydrangeas, deutzias & over 70 Japanese maples; also collections of cyclamen, epimediums & lilies; woodland garden under pine. Bamboo walk. VFRS 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 R35, children 2-12 half-price. Teas, unusual plants for sale. Snapscan, Zapper, contactless cards. 2nd right turn off the N2 after Peregrine Farmstall. Ph: 021 844 0154 / 078 021 2101. R2HR+MQ (-34.1707916, 19.0419520)

## 3 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 R20. Charity: Elgin Animal Welfare. 2km from N2 along Viljoenshoop Rd. Ph: 021 848 9060 / 082 877 3550. R28Q+X4 (-34.1825593, 19.0378170)

## 4 Keurbos Nursery Garden & Sonop Restanwold Farm, Highlands Rd Jessie Walton PW

A large natural garden designed for birds, with both indigenous and exotic sections as well as acer and heritage rose beds and a large nursery area. Collections of bulbs and buchus, acers and azaleas, rhododendrons, heritage roses and more.

Sonop: we are also opening a new 3ha section of old contoured farmland which I am slowly rehabilitating with indigenous planting. Bring walking shoes if you would like to see a work in progress. A tractor and trailer will leave every half hour to take you there. Entry R30. Garden teas, lunches, bird hide on lake, picnic area, plant sales include Vireya rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias & Japanese maples, and a range of indigenous plants. Card, EFT payments. 8km from N2 on Highlands Rd. Charity: Bird Research & GAWS. Ph: 083 458 3790 [www.jessiewalton.com](http://www.jessiewalton.com). Facebook: Keurbos Garden and Nursery Q3H5+F8 (-34.221352, 19.058320)

## 5 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 R30. Charity: Grabouw Animal Welfare Society. Tea & rosemary biscuits R10. Plant sales. 8.5km from N2 on Highlands Rd. Ph: 083 500 0276 Q27Q+F3 (-34.236314, 19.037700)

## 6 Houw Hoek Outspan Houw Hoek off N2 Peter & Tessa Goemans

This ever changing garden boasts fantastic views of the Houw Hoek mountains. Each year massed annuals are planted in the borders of colourful beds reminiscent of the English Garden style. There are over 300 roses and many interesting plants that encourages a vibrant bird population making this an enjoyable experience for both keen gardeners and bird lovers alike. Featured in SA Garden and Home (May 2017) and 'The Best Gardens and Parks in Cape Town 2018' by The Inside Guide. Entry: Donations appreciated. Tea/coffee and cake on the stoep. Homemade chicken wraps and pies for lunch, booking preferred - goemans@twk.co.za. Picnickers welcome. Plant sales. From N2 as for Houw Hoek Hotel, then turn right at the hotel. Ph: 082 740 3590 Q5V3+GC (-34.206139, 19.153500)

## 7 Wildekrans Country House Houw Hoek Barry Gould & Alison Green

Named after the "wild cliffs" at the bottom of the rambling garden, the Wildekrans farm dates back to 1811. The traditional Cape Dutch architecture countered by a contemporary art collection offers a city energy with a country soul, while the Houw Hoek Mountains make for a dramatic natural backdrop. This is an established garden of colourful roses, indigenous shrubs, aged trees, an olive grove and water gardens. Entry: Donations to Bot River Education Fund. Tea, lunch, picnic boxes and farm shopping in the old barn. Book ahead for lunch and picnic boxes. Off the N2 at Houw Hoek Village, as for Houw Hoek Hotel, turn right at hotel Ph: 028 284 9827 [info@wildekrans.co.za](mailto:info@wildekrans.co.za) Q4WX+H6 (-34.2035821, 19.1480156)

