

MOUNTAIN CALL – No 3 of 2011

Dear Verlorenkloof Owner & Friend

The name Verlorenkloof stems from the fact that over ages the valley has been a refuge, and it still plays that role in our owners' lives. Our owners do however, make their livings in a world which is presently quite fraught with economic uncertainty, which threatens to spill over to Verlorenkloof. The simple reply from the Directors and management is to assure your investment at Verlorenkloof by making it the most desirable timeshare in the country: in terms of quality, experience and value for the levy that you pay. Everything that happens at Verlorenkloof is measured by this yardstick. We will be approaching our owners shortly with a proposal for an enhancement project for every Croft.

We also have some excellently priced weeks on offer, so if you believe in where we are going, and you are in a position to take advantage of these times, talk to us.

The first rains of the season came early this year and Verlorenkloof is looking as if someone wielded a giant green paintbrush. We had a beautiful spring display of first *Dombeya rotundifolia* - the Wild Pear, then the rather smelly *Gymnosporia buxifolia* and now we are seeing *Scadoxus puniceus*, the very aptly named Blood Lily or Paintbrush, appearing in mass all over the place. On 25 September Eric and I celebrated 28 years in the valley and we still appreciate it every day.

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After 18 months in the new lodge building, Foodspace has earned a reputation for refreshingly original food. We would like to thank everyone for the ongoing support, suggestions and shared delight in this venture. Foodspace can add to your stay at Verlorenkloof in a number of ways:

Faith's **themed brunches** are now quite an event on Sunday mornings, which you must experience. We send out the theme before your stay - please book in good time.

On Saturday afternoons you can idle down to the lodge to enjoy Foodspace's (soon to be famous) **English Cream Tea** - our delectable variation of tea with the vicar. Not to be missed or taken lightly.

"Great things are done when men and mountains meet...." - we would like to host and cater your company's next **breakaway @ Verlorenkloof** - bring your team to come and work it out here in a beautifully energising environment. We will do it all for you, whatever your requirements.

Special occasions - turn an anniversary or celebration, or even a wedding, into a memorable weekend at Verlorenkloof. We source Crofts for you and your guests, and tailor the menu and the event to be something really special.

Call Faith on 084 804 0251 or mail her on faith@verlorenkloof.co.za for a chat, advice and a quote.

SPECIAL INTEREST EVENTS:

Our **Archaeological evening** on 20 September at the Woodmead Country Club was attended by an enthusiastic and very knowledgeable group of 120 owners and friends. Both Tim Maggs and Peter Delius were at the top of their game, the content of their talks very enlightening and the venue perfect. For those of you who missed it, we made a professional recording and we will make it available at Verlorenkloof soon. We were extremely heartened by how much our owners care for Verlorenkloof and to what an extent the custodianship of this special place is shared by all. We will certainly do this again next year!

Fishing: Suffice it to say that we have experienced the best EVER fishing at Verlorenkloof this winter season. Daniel Factor's clinics twice a month, the ongoing training of Karel and Buffel, Richard's administrative efforts and the diligence with which the fishing records are filled in, has made fishing at Verlorenkloof a lot more fun. Thank you and keep up the wonderful catches! Buffel and Karel also participated in the Bell's classic at Dullstroom late in August, a sponsored team effort against some of the most experienced fishermen in the country. Their team came a close second and won the prize for the finest sportsmen. Thank you to Croft 17 owner, Rodney Katzew, for sponsoring Karel.

Birding Day: Our next special event is Birding Big Day at Verlorenkloof on Saturday 25 November 2011. Knowledgeable local ornithologist Frans Krige will

lead the twitchers on the day. We still have a few crofts available for **rental** that weekend, so give Natalie a call and join in.

OPEN DAY @ Verlorenkloof:

Last year around this time we had a very successful OPEN DAY, themed Local Food Heroes. This year, we would like to invite you to join us on Saturday, 25 November, from 11h00. Our theme is **CRAFT HERITAGE**. We have many gogos in the area who do traditional crafts; grass mats, shwe-shwe work, moswelo (brooms as seen in your croft), etc. We would like to keep these skills alive. So join us, take the opportunity to do some Xmas shopping and partake in a delicious buffet lunch or English Cream Tea.

We hope that you will be well in this final countdown of 2011.

Warm regards

Eric, Heidi and the team

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