



Tulbagh hosts heritage symposium to commemorate 50 years of reconstruction after 1969 quake

Fifty years after the devastation of Tulbagh by an earthquake in 1969, heritage lovers will descend on the historic Boland town to celebrate its dedication to restoration success, and to contemplate the transformation of heritage conservation and other topical issues.

A four-day symposium consisting of lectures, workshops and field trips – open to all heritage professionals and enthusiasts – is timed to be part of Tulbagh's half-century commemoration of the devastating 1969 earthquake.

The earthquake was followed by the complete architectural reconstruction of much of the old town back to its historic form.

The commemorative long weekend centres around the 18th annual symposium of the Heritage Association of South Africa (HASA), and will be hosted by Tulbagh Valley Heritage Foundation in association with the Tulbagh Oudekerk Volksmuseum, from 3 to 6 October 2019.

Keynote lectures at the symposium will appropriately examine heritage as a political construct and trace the events that have shaped the heritage environment of the district.

The programme will examine issues around the transformation of heritage in South Africa from the tangible, exclusively colonial, built heritage to a broader and more inclusive heritage. The weekend's talks and outings thus take a much broader view than that of local history with its fascinating characters that have shaped the cultural landscape and heritage of the Witzenberg Valley.

It is expected that both heritage professionals and conservation enthusiasts – many of whom represent various South African heritage and conservation bodies – will stream to Tulbagh from all corners of the country, including Gauteng, the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal for the annual symposium. The programme line-up includes lectures by noted academics, heritage professionals and published authors who are all regarded as experts in their fields. In total, sixteen lectures, three workshops and a book launch are scheduled – themed around South African heritage issues, many with a Tulbagh slant.

Jayson Augustyn-Clark, a councillor of the Heritage Association of South Africa and the organiser of this year's symposium, says: "It is important that in these crisis times for South African heritage that all heritage organisations stand together for the common good of furthering their individual and collective heritage agendas on the national stage."

Symposium outline

On Day 1 – i.e. on the afternoon of Thursday 3 October – the Heritage Association of South Africa will hold its annual general meeting, which will be attended by representatives of many heritage organisations around South Africa, from as far away as Mpumalanga.

On Day 2 – Friday 4 October – the programme is open to all. While it is aimed at heritage professionals and those heritage enthusiasts who work and volunteer for heritage organisations, general heritage lovers are also welcome. The day includes a keynote lecture by Dr. Mxolisi Dlamuka, the CEO of Heritage Western Cape, as well as workshops and panel discussions on various related topics.

Other topics covered will examine the ongoing restoration at Dal Josafat and Wupperthal, the professionalisation of the heritage industry, and the important role of local heritage organisations in facilitating heritage conservation and tourism.

On Day 3 and 4 – Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October – the programme offers a more general programme of lectures aimed at anyone with an interest in Cape history and heritage issues. The formality of the weekend lectures will be peppered with fascinating visits to heritage properties and outings to many historic sites of the valley.

Lecture topics

- The initial lectures will look at the first nations of the Cape, the pre-colonial indigenous peoples of the area, as well as the introduction of slavery and arrival of the missions.
- Later sessions examine the legacy of the Bain's family through the extraordinary construction of many Cape mountain passes, and the enigmatic life and times of Dutch governor Rijk Tulbagh.
- Le-Motte Wine Estate in Franschhoek will be exhibiting some of their artworks to accompany their fascinating talk on "Pierneef in Tulbagh"
- Other sessions will unravel the pre-earthquake Tulbagh history as well as the mid-20th century South African sociopolitical situation and concurrent events that resulted in the extraordinary restoration of Tulbagh after the quake.

Outings and field trips

A number of tours and visits to historic sites are planned, including an 'Open Street' on Saturday and an 'Open Heritage' afternoon on Sunday. Twee Jonge Gezellen, Montpellier and Schoonderzicht estates and the old Tulbagh Drostdy are among the significant sites that will be opened for heritage enthusiasts over the weekend. There will also be an opportunity to visit some sites further afield such as the heritage gems of Wolseley, a beautifully restored Anglo-Boer South African War block house, and some of the astounding mountain passes of the region.

The annual Gala Awards dinner will announce this year's recipients of the prestigious Simon van der Stel Awards for outstanding individual and organisational contributions to both South African and local heritage. In addition to a fundraising auction of recently donated valuable books, several blue plaques will also be unveiled during the weekend festivities.

Most of the lectures will take place in the Old Tulbagh Drostdy and the gala event in the Old Mission Church of Tulbagh. The latter building was constructed in 1840 to educate the recently emancipated slaves of the valley. In 2019 the building was donated by Badisa to the Tulbagh Museums, which will utilise the space for exhibitions about rural slavery. Funds

raised during this year's symposium will be put towards the restoration of this wonderful building.

The 2018 symposium of the Heritage Association of South Africa, previously known as the Simon van der Stel Foundation, was held in Barberton, Mpumalanga and was attended by over 130 delegates. Other previous host towns include Heidelberg, Clanwilliam, Genadendal, Paarl, Port Elizabeth, Potchefstroom, Mossel Bay and Johannesburg.

The Tulbagh symposium is organised by the Tulbagh Valley Heritage Foundation in association with Tulbagh Museums. For more information visit www.heritagesa.org

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Heritage Association of South Africa

SYMPOSIUM – TULBAGH, WESTERN CAPE

Thursday 3 October – Sunday 6 October 2019

Presented by Tulbagh Valley Heritage Foundation, in association with Tulbagh Oudekerk Volksmuseum

PROGRAMME

- Day 1 Thursday 3 October (AGM and alternative programme)**
Day 2 Friday 4 October (Professional programme)
Day 3 & 4 Saturday 5 – Sunday 6 October (General programme & outings)

DAY ONE

Thursday 3 October

Heritage Association of South Africa (HASA) AGM & Alternative partners programme

- 12:00 – 13:00 Welcome lunch for HASA councillors and partners, sponsored by the Tulbagh Hotel, (24 Van der Stel Street)
- 13:00 – 18:00 **HASA AGM** – Tulbagh Hotel Conference Venue (tea break at 15:30)
- 13:00 – 17:00 **When art meets wine** – alternative programme for partners of councillors and others not attending AGM
An insider's view of the Tulbagh Valley. An explosive experience with wine and olives with Marcel Augustyn-Clark. Delights include a private tour by Jan Barend Wolmerans of the Christo Coetzee Art Gallery, Oakhurst Olives, Saronsberg and Lemberg Wine Estates, plus a tractor trip to the top of the Oudekloof wagon track with stops at a historic watering hole, and snacks and wine-tasting at the summit.
- 19:00 Dinner at Readers Restaurant (12 Church Street) for HASA councillors and partners (for own account).

Professional programme at the Tulbagh Drostdy (2km north on Winterhoek Road)

- 10:00 – 10:30 Registration at Tulbagh and tea,
- 10:30 – 10:45 Welcome and introduction – Jacques Stoltz, HASA chairperson
- 10.45 – 11:05 **Keynote guest lecture** – Dr. Mxolisi Dlamuka, CEO of Heritage Western Cape, **Heritage for all? A provincial report back on two decades of progress towards a more inclusive heritage environment:** Provincial engagement with local heritage conservation to support the relationship between statutory heritage authorities and local (voluntary) conservation bodies.
- 11:05 – 11:35 **Keynote guest lecture** – Prof. Andre van Graan, **Heritage as a political construct.** Rhodes has fallen: The aftermath and its consequences. The issues represented by the Rhodes statue removal have implications that carry far beyond its immediate fate. Parallels of transformation of the heritage environment in post colonial African, Asian and American countries. Namibia, Vietnam, Mexico.
- 11:35 – 12:05 **Walk-about** (hosted by Len Raymond, restoration expert and HASA councillor)
Architectural history tour of the iconic Old Drostdy buildings.
- 12:05 – 12:45 **Guest lecture** – Jenna Lavin, chair of the Association of Professional Heritage Practitioners
More than Bricks and Mortar. The limitations of statutory heritage surveys for addressing intangible, social and cultural heritage significance and measures to overcome these obstacles (Examine these significances within the Drostdy building)
- 12:45 – 13:30 Lunch canteen style at the Drostdy (included in day programme cost)
- 13:30 – 13:50 **Guest lecture** – Prof. Kathy Munro, Honorary professor, School of Architecture and Planning, Wits University and Johannesburg Heritage Foundation
The Blue Plaque Accolade – South African heritage celebrations and international heritage recognition
- 13:50 – 14:20 **Guest Lecture** – Graham Jacobs, chairman of the Built Environment Committee, Heritage Western Cape.
Emergency rescue remedies for Dal Josephat, Wupperthal, Notre Dame, etc.
- 14:25 – 15:00 **Presentation, discussion and brainstorming** led by Mike Scurr, Director of Rennie Scurr, Adendorff Architects in Cape Town
Adaptive re-use of historic structures such as the Tulbagh Old Drostdy. What is the future of colonial relics in a post-colonial South Africa? Strategise the adaptive re-use of the building. What built changes should be acceptable to give this building new life?

- 15:00 – 16:00 **Workshop** presented by the Tulbagh, Swellendam & Montagu local heritage organisations
Tarting up Tulbagh – The role of local heritage organisations and heritage crusaders in protecting heritage resources and encouraging overall aesthetic improvements to the built fabric and architectural forms of small towns. Heritage Tourism: Heritage as an economic-kingpin – from Tulbagh to Williamsburg
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Summary, thanks and close by Jacques Stoltz**
- 17:00 – 18:00 Free time
- 18:00 – 19.30 **Wine-tasting** at Paddagang (23 Church Street) Sponsored by Oudekloof Wine Estate
- 19:30 – 19:50 **Book launch** – Author of the earthquake commemorative volume Rosette Jordaan's: *Quake effects on the wider community*
- 19:50 – 20:00 **Traditional Cape cooking at Paddagang Restaurant.** Meet the chef and learn about the Cape gourmet tradition (for own account)

DAY THREE

Saturday 5 October

General programme presented in the Old Tulbagh Drostdy

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration of new day-visitors at Tulbagh Museums and tea
- 09:00 – 09:45 **Guest lecture** – Ron Martin, **job/title/credentials**
 First nations – The pre-colonial indigenous people of the Witzenberg and Bokkeveld
- 09:45 – 10:15 **Local lecture** – Calvin van Wijk, manager, Tulbagh Museums
Rural slavery and the Tulbagh Missions
- 10:15 – 10:45 Tea break
- 10:45 – 11:45 **Local lecture** – Jayson Clark – chairman of the Tulbagh Valley Heritage Foundation
An architectural history of Tulbagh and 20th century reconstructive restorations
- 11:50 – 12:30 **Open forum debate** – Prof. Andre van Graan, Len Raymond and others
The great Tulbagh authenticity debate – significant heritage site or nationalist Disney world? What was done at Tulbagh and how does this compare with past and contemporary heritage legislation? Levels of Authenticity/ A “polite” restoration of Aesthetics versus concerns about authenticity as currently defined in both local and international heritage protocols. The continuous issue of reconstruction / conservation and commemoration.
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Guest lecture** – Elzette de Beer, curator, Le Motte Museum and Wine Estate, Franschoek

Pierneef in Tulbagh – Overview of the artist, his fascination with Cape architecture and his linocuts of Tulbagh from 1920–30s. Exhibition of ten original Pierneef linocuts (six of Tulbagh) on loan from the Le Motte Museum in Franchhoek. Wine-tasting of the Pierneef range of Le Motte wines

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch at Paddagang in Church Street

13:00 – 17:00 **Open street and guided walking/GPS-guided VoiceMap tours**

- Five Tulbagh museums with onsite guides and many of the Church Street houses (# 4, 6, 10, 14, 16, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 30, 32, 42 & the parsonage) will be open with guides.
- Historic Church Street guided tours (3 tours of 15 people leaving at 14:00, 14:15 & 14:30 (including museums)
- Unlimited VoiceMap audio tours downloaded onto any Smartphone – 90 minutes @ \$3 per person

16.00 – 17:30 **Tour of historic Twee Jonge Gezellen Estate followed by a Krone MCC tasting**

19:00 – until late **Unveiling of blue plaque, Annual Gala Dinner & Simon van der Stel Awards** at the Old Mission Church (28 Van der Stel Street)
Guests of honour **Gawie and Gwen Fagan**
MC Local artist **Jan Barend Wolmerans** in character

10:00 Announce winners of silent book Auction with Professor Kathy Munro

DAY FOUR

Sunday 6 October

General programme presented in the Old Mission Church

8:30 – 9:00 Registration of new day visitors at Tulbagh Museums & Tea

9:00 – 9:30 **Guest Lecture – to be confirmed,**
“The enigmatic governor; Rijk Tulbagh (1699 – 1771), his life, chair and laws”

9:30 – 10:00 **Guest Lecture –** Dr. Kate Ekama, History Department, University of Stellenbosch
“Runaways: Resisting slavery at the Cape in the eighteenth century”

10:00 – 10:30 **Guest Lecture –** Prof. Matilda Burden
“The engineering legacy of the Bain family and the five Tulbagh Passes”

10:30 – 11:00 Tea break

11:00 – 11:30 **Guest Lecture –** Gwen Fagan & friends

“How Cape Dutch went green, a revealing history of colour and paint at the Cape”

11:45 – 12:00 **Exhibition Opening** (Friends of the Museum) Old Mission Church
“Remembering and Forgetting – Photographic exhibition & discussions of some of the vanished buildings, settlements and farmsteads that Tulbagh has lost since 1969”

12:30 – 13:30 Light Lunch in Old Mission Church.

13:45 – 15:45 Optional excursion: Tractor trips to the top of the historic ‘Oudekloof’ mountain pass offering superb views over the Witzenberg and Swartland. Includes snacks and wine tasting at the top (R250pp).

Optional excursions:

Self-drive and shuttle tour programmes between 1pm and 5pm

- Historic Tulbagh farmsteads
- Schalkenbosch & Schoonderzicht Estates
- Historic Witzenberg & passes
- Drive the Gaido (SP) &, Mitchell’s passes. Memories of the Quake – (Tolhuis)
- Drive the Nuwekloof pass to view the Bushman Rocks and original Bain’s pass. Alternatively, walk the old pass 2km.
- Montpellier Estate & wine tasting
- Steinthal Library, other historic sites
- Wolseley’s Blockhouse & La Plaisante Estate and then on to Bainskloof



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DAY 1	AGM	Free
Thursday	Alternative Programme	R 400.00
3-Oct	Welcome dinner at Readers Restaurant	Own Account

DAY 2	Professional Programme (including canteen buffet lunch/Tea& Coffee breaks)	R 200.00
Friday	Paddagang Meet and Greet /wine tasting	FREE Own
4-Oct	Paddagang 2 course Buffest Dinner (R150) or menu for own account	Account

DAY 3	General Day Programme (including Tea/Coffee breaks, Open Church Street & all museums)	R 200.00
Saturday	Lunch at Paddagang	R 90.00
5-Oct	Optional tours of Church Street guide (limited to 20 people x 2 groups))	R 50.00
	Optional Church Street 'VoiceMap GPS Audio tour	R 50.00
	Krone Homestead tour & MCC tasting	R 50.00
	Gala Dinner and awards (Wine sponsored by Saronsberg)	R 280.00

DAY 4	General morning programme (including Tea/Coffee breaks)	R 100.00
Sunday	Packed Lunch on the lawns of Church Street Peace Park	R 80.00
6-Oct	Open heritage afternoon passport , own & shared transport (all sites, street and museums)	R 50.00
	Open Heritage afternoon, mini-van shuttle tours transport (excluding passport)	80 - 150
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