

A Tribute to Gill



Family and friends gathered in the grounds of the Museum on a chilly evening to celebrate Gill Esler's colourful life. Gill's family had proposed this venue as Gill had devoted so much of her time to the Museum. There were braziers burning outside the barn and strings of colourful fairy lights which created a magical air. Gill's family had prepared a slide show and her daughter Karen walked us through parts of Gill's life. The evening was a wonderful tribute to a wonderful lady. We will miss you Gill.



Crafters' Market

On Saturday 21st May we celebrated National Museum Day by inviting Crafters from the village to demonstrate their work. There was also a car boot sale and an outdoor pop-up tea room. It was a most enjoyable morning and we would like to thank all those who took part.



Focus Visit to the Museum

The Museum hosted a group from the Darling Fokus Old Age Group on 9th June. This group has been running since 2000 and has about 48 members, all Darling residents. Meetings are held every Tuesday, involving various activities such as exercises, crafts and talks. On the last Tuesday of every month, they watch a movie at the Evita se Peron or at Die Lewende Woord Church. Revenue is generated by fundraising events twice a year and donations are very welcome. The group also participates in the Golden Games which is a government initiative to improve the quality of life of older persons. For further information contact Hester de Roubaix on 082 396 2258 or oldbiker@axxess.co.za.

The group meandered around the Museum and were then served tea and eats. The visit ended with the group singing in beautiful harmony as a gesture of their appreciation. It was a lovely few hours and we look forward to their return.



Darling's Magical Mystery Trail



In 1853 Darling was named after the then Governor of the Cape, Sir Charles H Darling. Why did he choose this little valley nestled between the Swartland and the West Coast for the new settlement? Fragments of the mysterious story still exist. You can put them together on the Mystery Trail in our picturesque village. Cycle or walk (a 1,5 to 2 hours easy stroll) to solve the Darling Mystery Trail by sorting out the riddles. A personal trail map is available at the Museum for R25 per person. You can use your GPS, QR-Code reader and compass on your smartphone to solve the riddles. Everyone finds a treasure and has a chance to win a Darling weekend for two worth R2000. A draw takes place annually. Pop in to the Museum for your personal trail map.

Membership

Just a reminder to members that new membership cards are available for collection at the Museum. For those who may have inadvertently allowed your membership to lapse, please pop into the Museum and Dianne will happily relieve you of your R30,00 annual membership fee.

Upcoming Events

Save This Date: The next Museum talk will take place on Friday 22nd July and will be given by Peter Shout on Diamond Smuggling, followed by curry & rice. Details to follow.