



MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Monday 31 October 2016, 09h00 for 09h30.
Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch, Stilbaai West.

**Wild Rescue: a wildlife sanctuary & nature reserve.
Gill Simpson.**

Gill Simpson is the founder and Executive Director of Wild Rescue, a wildlife sanctuary situated at the Klipfontein Nature Reserve north of Stilbaai. A qualified senior school teacher with a post graduate degree in Marketing, she had a successful career as a senior strategist and media director in advertising. Gill has a passion for wildlife and animal rights, and is in the process of setting up an establishment for the rehabilitation of wild animals. She had recently been a volunteer manager at the Jane Goodall Institute's Chimp Eden outside Nelspruit in Mpumalanga.

She will discuss wildlife rehabilitation and establishing the sanctuary in her illustrated talk.

Guests and non-members are welcome to attend the talk, admittance is free.

NOTICE

It is with sadness that we learnt of the death of Roberto Anastagi this week. Members will remember that Roberto gave us an interesting talk on historical and current developments in what is now modern day Syria at our August general meeting. We extend our heartfelt condolences and support to ReINETTE.

MEMBERSHIP

U3A Stilbaai currently has 122 paid-up members. Twenty-five people who joined last year have not renewed their membership, but we hope that some will rejoin sometime. But the membership is still growing, at every general meeting new members are signing up.

Although we are trying to spread the "good word" about U3A Stilbaai, there are still many people in Stilbaai who do not know what we are doing, and how being a member of U3A can benefit them. Please spread the word to friends, family and acquaintances, encourage them to attend just one general meeting and hopefully they will become a member.

We have a few members who do not have email, and thus do not receive our newsletter or other notices. If we receive a special request, we will print the newsletter for such members, but if we have to print a number we will have to charge extra for it. Notices of our general and special meetings are now up on the notice boards at the Library, at Spar and at OK Grocers.

THIS AND THAT ...

General Meeting on 26 September

Jan de Vynck discussed how archaeologists usually only find pieces of puzzles; but are dependent on multi-disciplinary studies to support their interpretation of their finds. In his research for his PhD Jan uses experiments of modern analogues to show how stone-age man survived. He gave fascinating examples of how the people used subsistence economical strategies for survival—their inter-tidal

seafood sources, bulbs for carbohydrates, locally available types of firewood and the combustion temperatures of various woods. Jan had lots of information to share with us and we wish him success in his final work towards his PhD.

Jagersbosch Fund

U3A Stilbaai established this fund to improve the facilities in Die Waenhuis for use as a public venue. A projection screen was bought for R2,622 and installed. The Committee invited other organisations in Stilbaai who also use the Jagersbosch facilities from time to time to contribute towards the purchase of a data-projector, the cost of a high-definition projector is about R6,000.

The wine raffle at the September meeting raised R246-20, and we gratefully acknowledge donations from Chris Pretorius (R100), Max Döckel (R250), Hessequa Society for Archaeology (R1,000), and Stilbaai Writing Circle (R1,000). Thanks to all and also thanks to the Stilbaai Interests Forum for pledging R500. For a full list of contributions to the Fund, please view the 'Jagersbosch Fund' page on our website: www.u3astilbaai.org.

We will welcome contributions to the Jagersbosch Fund from any member or organisation, even anonymous donations.

Donations may be made at the monthly general meetings or paid into: ABSA Business Savings Account:- Name: U3A Stilbaai; No: 9321782429; Code: 632005. Please enter 'Jagersbosch Fund' as the reference, and email us at bank@u3astilbaai.org to confirm the payment.

Once again, we will raffle a bottle of wine at the October meeting to raise money for the Fund.

Name Tags

Lost name tags will be replaced at R5 each, please inform Brian or Cheryl at the general meeting if you need a replacement, or email Brian at info@u3astilbaai.org so that we can have a replacement for you at the next general meeting.

U3A STILBAAI COURSES

Courses are for members only. The following courses are offered or being planned:

- **Beginners Art** : Draw or paint in medium of choice. Meet first Thursday of the month. Contact Julie at wilson.julie222@gmail.com.
- **Hiking Groups** : The group walks every Friday morning, contact Cheryl at cheryl@kmintsa.co.za.
- **Historical Tours** : Tours of Stilbaai, Jongensfontein, Riethuiskraal & Melkhoutfontein are in the planning phase, these will be conducted in Autumn 2017 when the weather is more amenable. Numbers for the tours are limited. Indicate your interest now to Hella at dockel@vodamail.co.za. Dates and times will be finalised in March.
- **Italian Cooking** : Reinette's first two cooking lessons were much enjoyed by all participants. She will continue her courses and Euchu Yazbek will show us how to cook moussaka in January 2017. Numbers are limited to 8 per course. Please book your place with Stefan at info@u3astilbaai.org.
- **Art Appreciation** : Bonnita Davidtsz is offering this course which begins in early 2017. Contact her at wingover@myconnection.co.za.
- **TED Talks** : "Dan Ariely: Are we in control of our own decisions?" - 16 November @ 18h00. This is the first of a new series of courses which will provisionally be called "TED Talks"; this one is on 16 November at 18h00 in Die Waenhuis, Jagersbosch. We play a YouTube clip of the original talk at a TED event which lasts 15-20 minutes; afterwards members discuss, comment on, agree, disagree with the contents of the talk. Please contact Stefan at info@u3astilbaai.org if you wish to attend this first TED Talk.

From next year these will run on the third Wednesday of every month; we will ask members to suggest topics from the 4,800 talks available from TED, or submit a short list by email and ask for preferences for a topic each month. Contact Stefan at info@u3astilbaai.org for more information.

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Please feel free to give us feedback on any of the courses that you have attended, or proposals for any new courses you would like to see introduced to U3A Stilbaai. Email: info@u3astilbaai.org.

TALKS TO COME ...

- 28 November 2016: Dave & Sal Carter enjoyed a trip through the South Atlantic and Antarctica earlier this year. Join them on this fantastic trip, the photographs will be out of this world!

In December and January we have two special talks arranged, both of these will be sunset meetings at Jagersbosch, starting at 18h00. We expect many people to attend, so we may have to limit the numbers; it will thus be “first come, first seated”.

- 28 December 2016: Marié Heese will discuss researching and writing her new book “Maestro” – a novel about the formative years of the 17th century Italian sculptor Gianlorenzo Bernini.
- 3 January 2017: Hermann Giliomee’s “Historian - An Autobiography” will be released in November. He will talk about the book and also offer advice on writing an autobiography.

Our programme for general and special meetings is on the notice boards at the Library, Spar and OK Grocers.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION : WWW.U3ASTILBAAI.ORG