



SAFU CONGRESS

7 - 11 OCTOBER 2024

ST FRANCIS BAY



SAFU KONGRES

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MESSAGE FROM THE SAFU PRESIDENT BOODSKAP VAN DIE SAFU PRESIDENTE

It has been five long years since we last gathered at a SAFU Congress, and it is with great delight that members are invited to attend the 2024 Congress, to be held at "The Links" Golf Estate in St Francis Bay. It is going to be a pleasure meeting up with flower friends from the eight provinces to reignite the enthusiasm and passion for our art form.

The St Francis Links is ranked as the third top golf course in South Africa. Situated on the hill above St Francis Bay, it boasts spectacular sea vistas. All events and activities will take place at the upmarket clubhouse, ensuring a memorable and comfortable experience for all attendees.

In the ever-evolving world of floral art, there are many new developments and changes to keep abreast of. Careful thought and planning have gone into the programme to address as many of these topics as possible. There will only be one meeting held (AGM), allowing more time for other engaging sessions to update and enhance your skills, practical workshops and plenty of opportunities for fun and networking with fellow floral artists.

We look forward to your presence at the 2024 SAFU Congress, where we will celebrate our shared passion for floral art. Let's make this gathering a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved.

JILL HOSKIN: SAFU PRESIDENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE EASTERN CAPE BOODSKAP VAN DIE PRESIDENT VAN DIE OOS KAAP

The ECFAA Committee is thrilled to co-host the Congress in October with SAFU.

The St Francis Bay Links Golf Course, our venue for this Congress, is truly delightful. The beautiful location and excellent facilities make it an ideal spot. Ample top-notch accommodation is available both on the Links estate and in the village of St Francis Bay.

We are confident that we have put together an interesting and stimulating program. There will be workshops, presentations, demonstrations, and refresher courses to engage all SAFU members. Additionally, we are organizing a small National SAFU Show, which promises to be exciting and creative.

Please ensure that you register and book as soon as possible to participate in the events that interest you.

We warmly invite all SAFU members to join us and we look forward to sharing friendship and floral art once again with our SAFU friends and members.

With very best wishes.

JOAN JORRITSMA (ECFAA PRESIDENT)

SAFU CONGRESS 2024 PROGRAMME

SAFU KONGRES 2024 PROGRAM

MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2024 / MAANDAG 7 OKTOBER 2024

Delegates arrive by 11:30 at Gqeberha airport
Aankoms van afgevaardigdes teen 11:30 by Gqeberha - lughawe

10:00 – 14:00 Registration at the Links Clubhouse / Registrasie by die Links Klubhuis
12:00 – 14:00 Drop off time for competitors / Aflaaityd vir deelnemers
14:00 – 18:00 Staging of SAFU National Show designs at the clubhouse /
Opstel van ontwerpe vir die SAFU Nasionale Skou by die klubhuis
18:30 Welcome get-together / Saamkuier om almal welkom te heet

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2024 / DINSDAG 8 OKTOBER 2024

7:30 – 7:45 Watering of designs only / Slegs om ontwerpe water te gee
8:00 Judges' briefing / Beoordelaars inligtingsessie
8:15 – 11:00 Judging of SAFU National show / Beoordeling van skou
9:00 – 10:30 Teaching demonstration / Onderrigdemonstrasie "Designing with Nature" by Neels Scott
10:45 – 11:30 Tea / Tee
11:30 – 13:00 Judges' Refresher - feedback on judging and discussion on virtual judging, etc. /
terugvoer oor beoordeling en bespreking oor virtuele beoordeling, ens.
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch (own account at clubhouse or self-catering / self of by klubhuis)
14:00 – 16:00 Judges' Refresher (cont) – discussion points
14:00 – 16:00 Workshop / Werkswinkel "Versatile Woven Panels" by Rochelle Marchesini and Jackie Theron
16:00 – 16:30 Tea / Tee
16:30 SAFU AGM / SAFU AJV
19:00 "Seaside Social" - main deck, clubhouse / hoofdek van klubhuis

WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024 / WOENSDAG 9 OKTOBER 2024

9:00 – 12:30 Demonstrators' Refresher/ Demonstrateursopknappingskursus
"A New Approach to becoming an excellent demonstrator" by Schalk van Dyk
10:30 Tea / Tee
9:00 – 11:30 Workshop / Werkswinkel "Wire Works and Sickle Stories" by Hendra Gouws and Odette Paxton
12:30 -14:00 Lunch (own account at clubhouse or self-catering / self of by klubhuis)
14:00 – 15:30 Presentation on Photography / Aanbieding oor fotografie by Sharon Welman
15:30 – 16:00 Tea / Tee
16:00 – 17:00 Workshop / Werkswinkel "Adornment" by Anita Jordaan and Hendra Gouws
18:30 SAFU Executive Committee meeting / SAFU Uitvoerende Komiteevergadering (tbc)

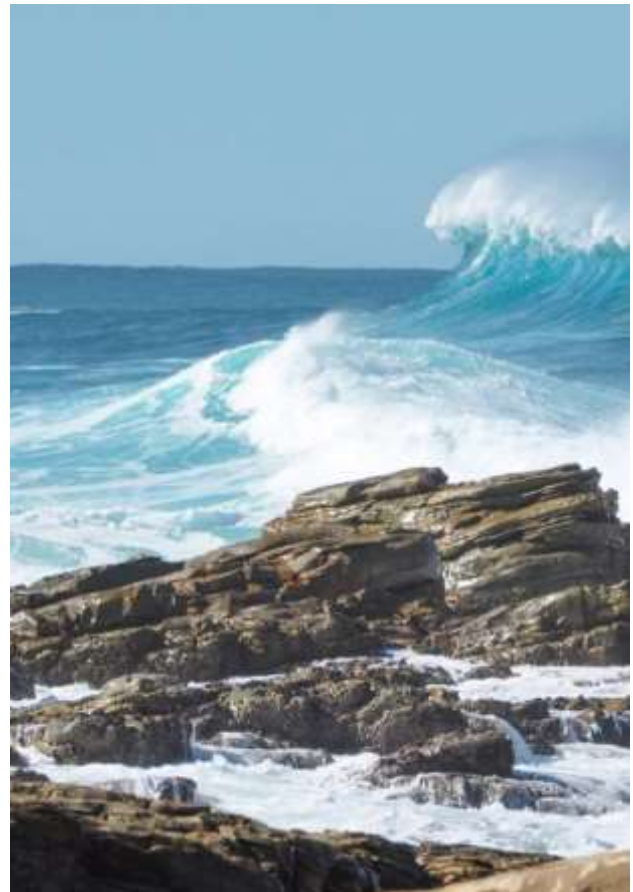
FREE EVENING/AAND VRY

THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2024 / DONDERDAG 10 OKTOBER 2024

9:00 – 11:30 Virtual Teaching demonstration / Onderrigdemonstrasie by Mark Pampling
12:00 - 13:30 Lunch (own account at clubhouse or self-catering / self of by klubhuis)
13:30 – 15:30 Presentation / Aanbieding “Upcycling and Sustainability” by Sue Hoffman
14:00 – 17:00 Dismantle show designs / Opruim van ontwerpe
18:00 Demonstration / Demonstrasie “The Bright Side of Life – A Realistic Fantasy”
19:30 Dinner / Aandete

FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2024 / VRYDAG 11 OKTOBER 2024

Delegates depart / Afgevaardigdes vertrek



Photographs taken at St Francis Bay by Sharon Welman

CONGRESS INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION / AKKOMMODASIE

There are 2 options on the Links estate:

- Beautifully appointed homes comprising 2, 4, 6, or 10 bedroomed accommodation with self-catering facilities. This accommodation is suitable for delegates with their own transport and for groups wishing to stay together. For further details and bookings, please contact Carol Horlock: afrikhaya@racomp.co.za, 082 371 3050.
PRICE: R600 per person sharing (per night). There will be a small one-time cleaning fee - Carol will give you details.
- Studio suites, apartments and villas with 1, 2, or 3 rooms, each with en-suite bathrooms and self-catering facilities. These apartments are newly built, stylishly appointed and are conveniently located adjacent to the clubhouse, where all congress activities will take place. They are ideal for those without their own transport. For further details and bookings, please contact Kerry Dickinson: info@stfrancislinksvillas.com, 082 553 7188.
PRICE: R645 per person sharing (per night).

- **WE RECOMMEND MAKING BOOKINGS FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACCOMMODATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**
- **PLEASE SPECIFY THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING THE SAFU CONGRESS TO ACCESS THE SPECIAL NEGOTIATED RATES.**
- **KINDLY PROVIDE YOUR NAME, CELL PHONE NUMBER, E-MAIL ADDRESS, CHOICE OF UNIT AND THE NAME(S) OF THE PERSON(S) WITH WHOM YOU WILL BE SHARING.**

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION:

- In St Francis Bay: "Fig 'n Berries", a farm style home nestled in a secluded garden, very close to the Links Golf Estate. 3 Bedrooms (2 single beds, 2 queen beds) – 2 bathroom.
PRICE: R2,400.00 per night for **ENTIRE HOUSE**. Contact Sharon 0828052084
sharon@fantusconcepts.co.za

There are many other options for B&B's and guesthouses in the charming village of St Francis. Please note that delegates staying in the village are responsible for arranging their own bookings and transport to and from the Links. Local taxi services as well as a Tuk-Tuk (for the adventurous) are available. For more details, refer to the St Francis Bay Tourism website or booking agencies such as Bookings.com or Lekkerslaap.

ADDITIONAL ATTRACTIONS: If you find yourself with some free time amidst the packed programme, consider exploring some of the attractions/activities in the area. Indulge in retail therapy at the speciality shops in the village, embark on a scenic canal cruise, take a leisurely stroll around/up the Cape St Francis lighthouse or pay a visit to The Gallery in Lyme Road. Further information will be provided in your registration package.

SHOPPING: If you need to stock up on self-catering basics, visit the Spar supermarket in the Village. For personal delivery service contact "The Trolley Dolly" 082 376 1356.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: The kitchen at the Links can cater for vegetarian, vegan and gluten free requirements. However, the kitchen is not Halaal certified so there may be additional costs involved for these meals as the catering will have to be outsourced.

TRANSPORT / VERVOER

OWN TRANSPORT: Delegates travelling to congress in their own vehicles - see map and directions below.

EIE VERVOER: Afgevaardigdes wat met hul eie motors reis - sien kaart en aanwysings onderaan die bladsy.

TRANSPORT TO HIRE: Delegates arriving by plane have the option of hiring a vehicle at the airport. 2 or 3 friends could share a vehicle to make it more affordable.

VERVOER OM TE HUUR: Afgevaardigdes wat per vliegtuig reis kan 'n motor by die lughawe huur. 2 of 3 vriende kan miskien 'n motor deel om dit meer bekostigbaar te maak..

SHUTTLE SERVICE: A shuttle service from the airport to the venue and back will be arranged if there is sufficient interest among delegates. Shuttle times will be scheduled according to the flight times.

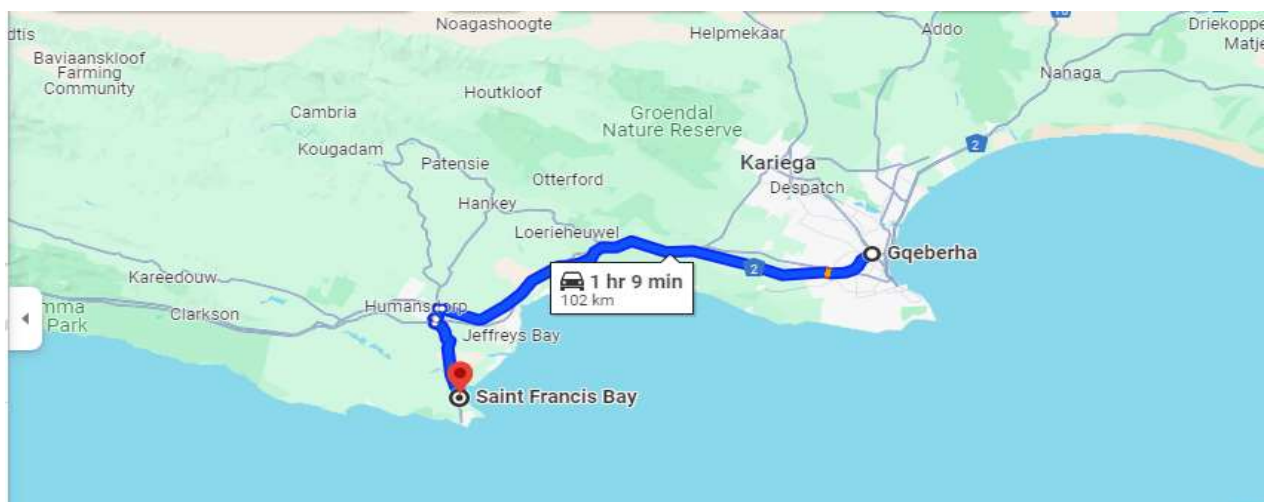
PRICE: R600 return

PENDELDIENS: 'n Pendeldiens sal vanaf die lughawe na die lokaal en terug sal gereël word indien daar genoeg belangstelling onder afvaardigdes is. Die tye van die pendeldiens sal volgens die vlugtye geskeduleer word.

PRYS: R600 retoer

WARNING:

- WHEN DRIVING INTO/OUT OF HUMANSDORP, BEWARE OF SPEED CAMERAS – STICK TO THE SPEED LIMIT!
- THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE LINKS GOLF ESTATE IS 40kmph AND THERE ARE CAMERAS!



St Francis Bay is 102km from Gqeberha. Take the N2 towards Cape Town, turn off to Humansdorp and follow the signs to St Francis Bay. Turn right at the circle as you reach St Francis Bay. NB. When entering the Links you will be required to produce your driver's licence.

St Francisbaai is 102km vanaf Gqeberha. Neem die N2 na Kaapstad, neem die afrit na Humansdorp en volg die aanwysings na St Francisbaai. Draai regs by die sirkel wanneer julle St Francisbaai bereik. LW. Wanneer u die Links betree, sal daar van u verwag word om u bestuurlicensie te toon.

WELCOMING / VERWELKOMING “GET TOGETHER”

It will have been an incredibly long, busy day, yet we mustn't go our separate ways without gathering to warmly greet and welcome our enthusiastic delegates.

DATE / DATUM: MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2024 / MAANDAG 7 OKTOBER 2024
TIME / TYD: 18:30
VENUE / LOKAAL: LINKS CLUBHOUSE / LINKS KLUBHUIS
PRICE / PRYS: R100 PER PERSON (INCLUDES WELCOME DRINKS AND PIZZA SLICES)
VERWELKOMINGDRANKIE EN PIZZA INGESLUIT
DRESS / KLEREDRAG: COME AS YOU ARE – CASUAL / INFORMEEL

JUDGES' REFRESHER/OPKNAPPINGSKURSUS VIR BEOORDELAARS

There are so many changes taking place in the world of floral art and the judging thereof that it is essential for judges to gather for a session of good, honest discussion and exchanging of ideas. NB. Attending a Refresher at least once in 6 years is a requirement to remain an active SAFU judge.

DATE / DATUM: TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2024 / DINSDAG 8 OKTOBER 2024
TIME / TYD: 8:15 – 11:00 JUDGING
11:30 -13:00 JUDGING MATTERS;
14:00-16:00 DISCUSSION POINTS
VENUE / LOKAAL: CONFERENCE ROOM, LINKS CLUBHOUSE
PRICE / PRYS: R120

TEACHING DEMONSTRATION / ONDERRIGDEMONSTRASIE

“DESIGNING WITH NATURE”

Neels Scott, a talented and resourceful floral designer and judge from Zimbabwe, will present this teaching demonstration. As a master of creating striking designs with natural materials, he is sure to provide a wealth of information and inspiration.

DATE / DATUM: TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2024/DINSDAG 8 OKTOBER 2024
TIME / TYD: 9:00 – 10:30 (Please note that this Demonstration will take place while the show is being judged)
VENUE / LOKAAL: CONFERENCE ROOM, LINKS CLUBHOUSE
PRICE / PRYS: R100 PER PERSON

“VERSATILE WOVEN PANELS” WORKSHOP/WERKSWINKEL

It is such a pleasure to welcome two new faces into the arena, Rochelle Marchesini and Jackie Theron from the Western Cape. These two innovative ladies will present this hands-on workshop, teaching you how to create a panel that could be hung on the wall or incorporated into a design.

DATE / DATUM: TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2024 / DINSDAG 8 OKTOBER 2024
TIME / TYD: 14:00 – 16:00 (Please note that this workshop takes place at the same time as the Judges’ Refresher)
VENUE / LOKAAL: VERANDA LINKS CLUBHOUSE /LINKS KLUBHUIS
PRICE / PRYS: R110 PER PERSON (includes wire panel)
REQUIREMENTS: INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO PARTICIPANTS

SEASIDE SOCIAL

This promises to be a relaxing, fun evening – time to chat, laugh, eat and don the dancing shoes!

DATE / DATUM: TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2024 / DINSDAG 8 OKTOBER 2024
TIME / TYD 19:00
VENUE / LOKAAL: LINKS CLUBHOUSE/LINKS KLUBHUIS
PRICE / PRYS: R185 PER PERSON
DRESS / KLEREDRAG: SEASIDE CASUAL / INFORMEEL

DEMONSTRATORS’ REFRESHER

OPKNAPPINGSKURSUS VIR DEMONSTRATEURS

Schalk van Dyk, the dynamic and knowledgeable head of the SAFU Demonstrators’ Panel, will present “A new approach to becoming an excellent demonstrator”. Schalk is sure to get everyone “movin’ and a’groovin’” and this promises to be a highly worthwhile, fun filled morning.

DATE / DATUM: WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024 / WOENSDAG 9 OKTOBER 2024
TIME / TYD: 9:00 – 12:30
VENUE / LOKAAL: CONFERENCE CENTRE, LINKS CLUBHOUSE
PRICE / PRYS: R100

“WIRE WORKS AND SICKLE STORIES” WORKSHOP/WERKSWINKEL

Hendra Gouws, our energetic and skilled head of the Teachers’ Panel, together with Odette Paxton, the inspirational President of WCAFA, will guide you through the process of creating various wire components and sickles frequently used in contemporary design work.

DATE / DATUM: WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024 / WOENSDAG 9 OKTOBER 2024
TIME / TYD: 9:00 – 11:30 (Please note that this workshop takes place at the same time as the Demonstrators’ Refresher)
VENUE / LOKAAL: VERANDA LINKS CLUBHOUSE/LINKS KLUBHUIS
PRICE / PRYS: R100 PER PERSON
REQUIREMENTS: INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO PARTICIPANTS

“FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY” PRESENTATION / AANBIEDING

Sharon Welman is a photographer and artist based in St Francis Bay. She shares: “While photography is my first love, I’m drawn to anything creative and I don’t limit myself to taking photos”.

Sharon will present a session aimed at assisting floral artists to capture the best photographs of their designs using cell phones. Her talk will cover essential topics such as lighting, backgrounds, transferring photos, editing and checking photo details. This information is especially valuable for virtual show entries!

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TIME / TYD: 14:00 – 15:30
VENUE / LOKAAL: CONFERENCE ROOM, LINKS CLUBHOUSE
PRICE / PRYS: R100

“ADORNMENT” WORKSHOP / WERKSWINKEL

Floral body adornment has become very fashionable these days. Join Anita Jordaan and Hendra Gouws as they team up to present two exciting ideas. You will choose one of these ideas and design a unique piece to spruce up your outfit for Thursday evening!

DATE / DATUM: WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024 / WOENSDAG 9 OKTOBER 2024
TIME / TYD: 16:00 - 17:00
VENUE / LOKAAL: CONFERENCE ROOM, LINKS CLUBHOUSE
PRICE / PRYS: R80 PER PERSON
REQUIREMENTS: INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO PARTICIPANTS

VIRTUAL TEACHING DEMONSTRATION BY MARK PAMPLING

Mark Pampling is a renowned International Floral Designer, Presenter, Judge and Teacher based in Australia. He holds the prestigious title of “World Flower Art Contest Champion” (2019) and has repeatedly won Australia’s top floristry prize, the Interflora Australia Cup. Mark is celebrated for his structural approach to designing that respects plant material and elevates its inherent beauty.

Mark will join us on the big screen to demonstrate 4-5 different designs, with discussion time between each one. Attendees will also receive a recording of Mark’s presentation. An opportunity not to be missed!

DATE / DATUM: THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2024 / DONDERDAG 10 OKTOBER 2024

TIME / TYD: 9:00 – 11:30 **(PLEASE BE SEATED BY 8:45)**

VENUE / LOKAAL: CONFERENCE ROOM, LINKS CLUBHOUSE

PRICE / PRYS: R250 PER PERSON

PRESENTATION ON UPCYCLING AND SUSAINABILITY

This presentation will be led by Sue Hoffmann of ECFAA, a fundi on all things environmental. Sue will share a wealth of information and insights about the current environmental landscape. She will demonstrate innovative designs using various packaging and waste materials. In addition, there will be a display of alternative and sustainable mechanics. This promises to be an eye opening and stimulating presentation.

DATE / DATUM: THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2024 / DONDERDAG 10 OKTOBER 2024

TIME / TYD: 13:30 – 15:30

VENUE / LOKAAL: CONFERENCE CENTRE, LINKS CLUBHOUSE

PRICE / PRYS: R80 PER PERSON

DEMONSTRATION AND DINNER/DEMONSTRASIE EN DINEE

Schalk van Dyk and his demonstrating team will entertain delegates and visitors with a unique demonstration: “The Bright Side of Life – a Realistic Fantasy”. Following this extravaganza, it’s time to relax and enjoy a delicious dinner.

DATE / DATUM: THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2024 / DONDERDAG 10 OKTOBER 2024

TIME / TYD: 18:00

VENUE / LOKAAL: MAIN DECK, LINKS CLUBHOUSE

PRICE / PRYS: R320 (INCLUDES DEMONSTRATION, MEAL AND WINE)

DRESS / KLEREDRAG: SMART