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Dear members of the Botanical Society and all other plant lovers

Namibia's environment has experienced a stunning transformation! And there are too many telling photos for this edition – therefore, only a few words from me!

Come and enjoy nature's beauty with the Botanical Society at the guided walk in the Botanic Garden, or a presentation on *Lithops* by Harald Jainta or a botanical outing to Solitaire and surrounds or maybe all three events, this month. Please find information in this Green Ink.

Try and get out there and enjoy what nature has to offer!

Green greetings from

Ellen Gudde

In safety and in Bliss,
 May all creatures be of
 a blissful heart.
 Whatever breathing
 things there may be,
 Frail or firm. . . long or
 big . . . short or small,
 Seen or unseen,
 dwelling far or near,
 Existing or yet seeking
 to exist.
 May all creatures be of
 a blissful heart.

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Seen around recently



Left: *Lapeirousia avasmontana*, endemic to the hills in the Khomas Highlands (Manda Steynberg)(all others Barb Curtis) Right: *Hibiscus* sp. Below centre: The shy *Hermannia modesta*



Below: The elegant *Cleome elegantissima*



Right: The secretive, semi-aquatic *Craterostigma plantagineum* was found hiding among *Nerine* lilies on a stream bank



A walk at Avis Dam

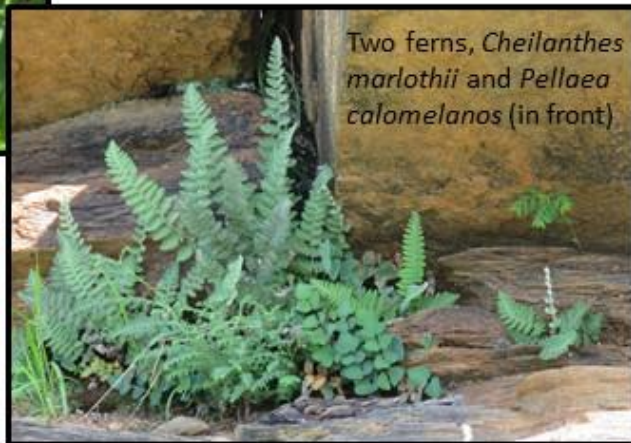
Barb Curtis



The floodplain is covered in *Nidorella resedifolia* (below, yellow) & *Persicaria lapathifolia* (pink), interspersed with the sedge, *Cyperus fulgens* (right)



Becium filamentosum



Two ferns, *Cheilanthes marlothii* and *Pellaea calomelanos* (in front)



Kalahari Christmas tree (*Dichrostachys cinerea*) needs no introduction



Namibian endemic, *Manuleopsis dinteri*



Above: Wild morning glory, *Ipomoea bolusiana*.
Left: *Solanum capense*
Right: *Commelina livingstonii*

Evolvulus alsinoides



Some more living legends



Three submissions by Ivor Powel from his farm in the ProNamib, from L to R: *Moringa ovalifolia* (Sprokiesboom, Phantom tree); *Euclea pseudebenus* (Wild ebony); *Aloe dichotoma* (Quiver tree, Kokerboom)



Cyphostemma curreri
(Kobas, Butterbaum) on
the D1958 south-west
of Okahandja.
Barb Curtis



Coming up...

Saturday	12 March	8h00	Guided walk in the Botanic Garden
TUESDAY	15 March	19h00	Wild Lithops: Namibian Botanical Treasures - Harald Jainta
Saturday 19 March to Monday 21 March – excursion to Solitaire Lodge – contact Diana			
Saturday	9 April	8h00	Guided walk in the Botanic Garden
Thursday	21 April	18h00	AGM 2022 –
		19h00	Sonja Loots will talk on Lithops and other protected plants

Special Membership Categories

Welwitschia	...
Moringa	Nina Maritz Architects
Lithops	Avril and Norman Green

*Please note: the March talk will be on a **TUESDAY** and not Thursday as usual. And we are back to the **NBRI lecture room**, unless otherwise stated. Watch the media for confirmation*

Botsoc turns 25 this year

Time flies and we all get left behind. Any suggestions from members as to how we should celebrate this would be welcome. The first thing to do is a much-needed revamp of our website. For this we need lots of lovely pictures of plants, scenery involving plants, and plant-related activities. While the professional botanists in the society have plenty of photos, we would also like to involve all members as much as possible. So if you have any nice photos, please send them to curtis.namibia@gmail.com. Does anyone have pictures of Botsoc events from years gone by? Garden walks, plant sales days etc. ? Please share. Or reminiscences - interesting or amusing stories from back then. Or notes on what Botsoc means to you. These can be used in a special edition of Green Ink.

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