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Summer Loving

Rare Plant Sale

Where: Mukuvisi Woodlands

Absolutely

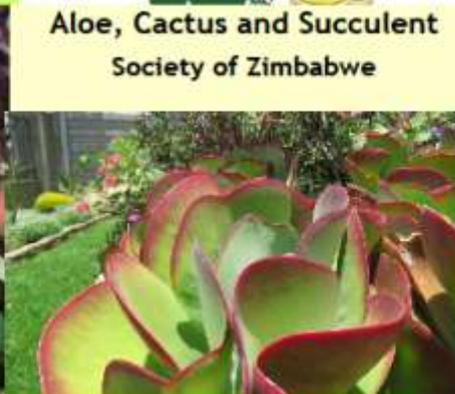
When: Saturday 4th December

Free Entry!!!!

Time: 8.00 am to 2 pm



Aloe, Cactus and Succulent
Society of Zimbabwe



Hi Everyone,

This Saturday, at Mukuvisi Woodlands, brought to you by popular demand, the

Summer Loving Rare Plant Sale

Entry is free to the sales area, there will be refreshments on sale and there will be absolutely spectacular plants to buy and admire. All the top sellers will be there.

Do **NOT** miss this opportunity to restock your garden, office landscape or road verges with the very best plants for a hot dry environment.

Harare is hot. Harare is dry. Harare is Here!

You are here and you are not going anywhere, so get gardening.



Very pertinent when we have a Rare Plant Sale on, is exactly who are our sellers and how do they go about their business? This time we feature the indomitable Manfred Spindler who has been an absolute stalwart of the ACSSZ since time immemorial. He almost single-handedly led the Society out of the wilderness during the financial crisis times in the early to mid 2000's and when the economy briefly got back on track during the United States Dollar era. We were able to stage, then under the Chairmanship of Malcolm Thackray and with the hard work of Bill and Lynne Kinsey, Xerophyta 2014 and meet up again with and hear brilliant presentations about succulent plants from experts who jetted in from all over the World. Special times indeed.

Manfred is a great collector of plants and seeds and he passionately loves to multiply these up so that you, the general plant-loving public can then find these plants stocked at your nearest nursery or buy direct at ACSSZ Rare Plant Sales. He is relentless in his pursuit of new knowledge on anything in his collection, noting details like are "Are spines single or double" or "Are leaves crenulated, jagged or simple" and many other attributes.

The great thing is that when he shows you around his wonderful collection, he treats you as an expert even though you may be completely clueless on subjects he raises. So briefly, you feel important.

And as you can see right, when you show interest in a particular plant and ask the price, he says "It's a thumb-suck" gives an outrageous offer and after much banter, a deal is struck. Keep it up, Manfred!





Simplicity is very often the best way to achieve gardening or landscaping balance. Many of us tend to clutter up our spaces with far too many plants, trees, sculptures, driftwood and the like.

We recently spent some time at a great spot out at Lake Manyame which, although it didn't have too many of the plants we love, there was just enough to keep our interest focused. The lodge has lovely rolling green lawns but here and there were little islands of plants, many of which had been collected in the local surrounds and aloes were some of the key participants.

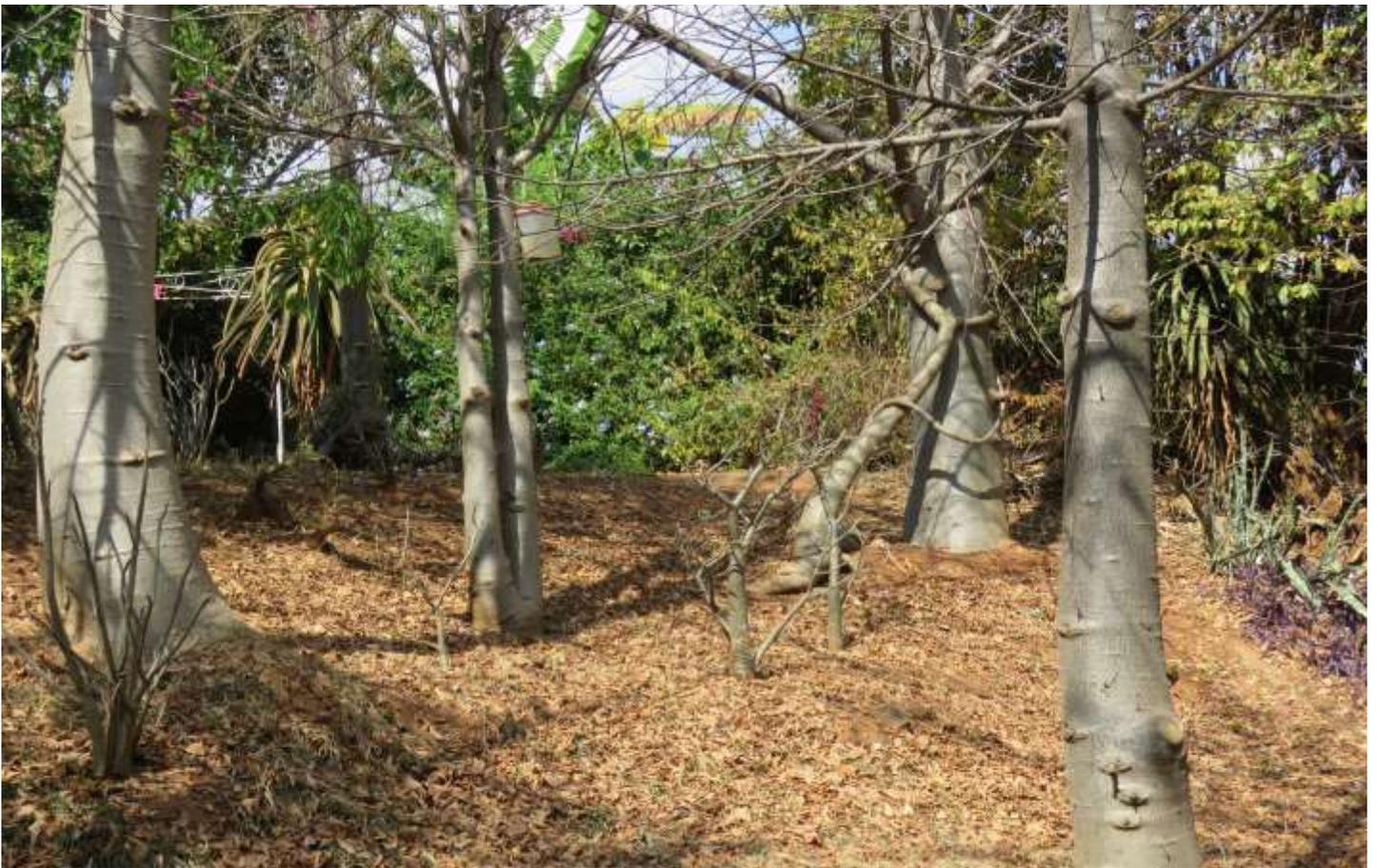
The tented camp is built around a central kitchen/bar/dining area and maximum use has been made of the indigenous trees already growing in situ.

The underlying granite is exposed in places and the proprietors have judiciously placed fossilised rocks, potted plants, driftwood and discreet groundcovers on the granite, to add feel and texture.

Pride of place must go to the flowering heads of the indigenous *Boophone disticha* seen right that must have been more than a metre in diameter.

Quite extraordinary!





There is a huge amount of interest amongst concerned citizens to plant trees in and around our home, gardens and city. These are great initiatives and anyone with a bit of space should consider planting their own baobabs. The copse featured here is at our house in Hillside and the difference between the winter look above and the current summer appearance is very dramatic. Baobabs are one of the first trees to burst out in their spring foliage and hence they can make for excellent shade during the very hot months of October and November if the rains are delayed.

With good gardeners they flower and fruit in 10 years!

Once again we push our agenda, grow all plants in partnership with other plants that they occur naturally with in the wild. So in the photograph above you can see the baobab bark blends in with the *Ade-niums* (left and centre) and the *Fockea* liane (centre right). There are some hard-wearing *Sanseverias* on the right and in the background you can see a very healthy *Aloe excelsa* reaching for the skies.



Baobabs are of course the biggest succulent of them all and no member of the Aloe, Cactus and Succulent Society of Zimbabwe should be without at least one such tree in their garden.

In the picture on the left on the right edge you can see Tamarind tree growing in close association with a baobab. This is how they are often found in the wild here in Zimbabwe and hence a good reason to emulate in your patch. Both trees have fruit that is very high in Vitamin C and again an excellent reason to have them in your garden for health benefits.

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Remember the ACSSZ Birthday
Calendar will be on Sale at Mukuvisi
on Saturday 4th. Just US\$5 each.

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ACSSZ.

The payment options for subs to ACSSZ are as follows:

Payment in USD cash to me at; 24 Southam Rd, Greystone Park. This is off the Harare Drive, just up West of the large traffic circle. Please phone ahead or e-mail the day and time to ensure that this is convenient.

Payment into the Nostro account in the name of M. Caulfield at

CABS, Nostro: Account number, 1125376759

Please use ACSSZ as the recipient. Also notify me that a payment has taken place.

The amount is US \$10 for those under 65 or US \$5 if older or a junior. This covers individuals or the family.

BOND or ZWL

Payments can now be made in ZWL (Bond) , the amount is ZWL\$1 200

Or Zwl \$600, if you are 65 or older , or a junior.

ZWL payments can be made to

CABS account 1002616336

The Aloe, *Cactus & Succulent Society*.

Or Eco Cash (Mike Caulfield) number 0772 241 286.

Please notify me of ANY payments , Thanks

Mike Caulfield Treasurer / Secretary Phone 0772 241 286.

Christmas Function

Mark your diaries now, Saturday 18th December 2021
at Mukuvisi Woodlands Gazebo. 10.30 am onwards.

This will be combined with a show and tell plant display so polish up your best specimens. Big Prizes!!!

Details to follow in a separate e-mail and WhatsApp.



Interesting Plant: September

What is this tree, on the right?

Send your knowledgeable and considered opinions to bo.hoom52@yahoo.com.

The respected judge's decision is final and the winner will get a box of choice Belgian chocolates, provided they are shared.

Last month's plant had not a single entry, not even a wild guess, so no prizes!

Our Readership is clueless!



You can win a box of chocolates!!!

Send your entries to Mafungi at
bo.hoom52@yahoo.com

Photograph taken by Mafungi
Clue. Photo taken in Harare, this tree belongs with the stars

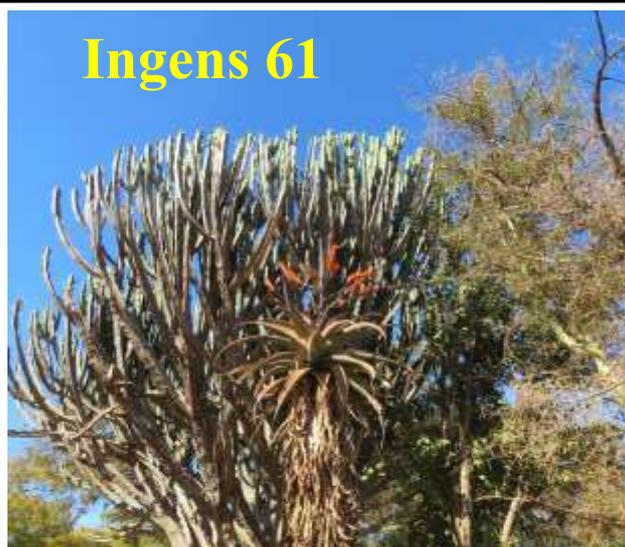
Hi Everyone,

It looks like we now have a full magazine and so *Ingens 61* will be able to go to print very soon. A big thank you to all those of you who contributed to its contents. We have a couple of new authors and some very enthusiastic ones who are prepared to go to the ends of Zimbabwe and even further afield to get copy and material for our magazine.

Well done to all of you!

Cheers

Mafungi



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US\$2 for a junior and US\$5 for a senior.

Foreign members US\$40 per person

We need to replace our US dollar stocks to enable the Society to continue functioning effectively. See previous page for payment details.

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Are due in January each year. Next year is now due. Remember for your US\$10 per year, you get a monthly Newsletter *Ortholopha*, issues of *Ingens* as they are published and you get invited to at least 11 choice venues each year. Big-time Bargain Bonanza! And the Rare Plant Sales!

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