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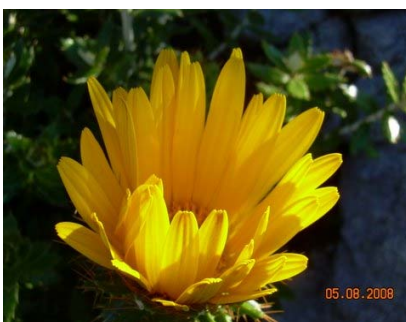
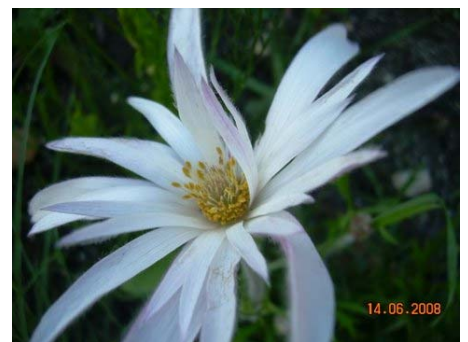
WHAT IS FLOWERING IN FERNKLOOF?

This pictorial newsletter gives you the latest botanical news and views on the fynbos scene. It also appears on our website www.fernkloof.com. Unfortunately, we only have e-mail addresses for about 50% of our members. If you know of a member who has e-mail but has not received this newsletter, please forward the address to us at leeburman@telkomsa.net.

The newsletter is the combined work of a small botanical team in the Society. Enjoy the new look.

Spectacular 'specials' on the Big Burn end August

If you take the mountain path at the far end of Mountain Drive and walk towards Fernkloof, you will see graceful scented gladiolus, in shades of mauve and tan. They are *Gladiolus gracilis* and *Gladiolus maculatus* (left and middle below).



The gold 'fried egg' flowers of *Berkheya barbata* (above left) line the path, and pale blue *Aristea spiralis* (middle) light up the starkly black bushes, together with creamy-pink clumps of *Anemone tenuifolia* (above right), and the striking white *Gerbera tomentosa* (below left) in its glossy green leafy surround.



Mauve and pink scented *Echiostachys ecklonianus* (middle) has crowded flower spikes, while small Mauve babiaantjies *Babiana ambigua* flower in low clusters.



With this botanical menu at hand, it was small wonder we followed a path of baboon devastation with bulbous plants pulled up and scattered. The special double oxalis *Oxalis obtusa* (left) was in total disarray and the lambs tail *Lanaria lanata* had also provided a juicy chew.

A display of 'fire ephemerals' is ongoing at the Fernkloof Visitors' Centre.

Hermanus Wildflower Festival'08

This will take place from 18th – 21st September'08, at Fernkloof Nature Reserve, 9am –5pm.

Come and enjoy floral displays, mini-gardens, delicious refreshments, plants for sale and marquee shopping!



Food and Wine Fair Auction

The auction raised an amazing R22,000.00 for the Botanical Society!

Thank you to Paul and Kathy du Toit of the Wine Village for sponsoring the event and to everyone who supported the occasion.

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