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## Newsletter - January 2019

### Best wishes for 2019!

With two new Adenium selections  
available for the first time

**'Wunderbar'** and **'Twinkle Star'**

**SURPRISES** is the fun in growing in plants! One grows and sows the plants as one always do, but somewhere, sometime, between the seedlings, the odd comes up!! The one, you keep for sure, like these two selections of Adenium obesum which we want to share with you. Grafted on our very hardy rootstock, they ensure long lasting joy for many years. It is the best season, for many Adeniums to flower now and we made **many** available, selecting the best for beautiful shapes and sizes, from small to very large, available as a pot plant, bonsai, focus plant, or for the garden. Not to mention all the other different, indigenous to Africa, Adeniums, that are available for a special corner of "Out of Africa" in the garden!



## Good News for 2019!

### **” The secret life of plants”**

**Prof. Braam van Wyk**

Our dear and world renowned, **Prof. Braam van Wyk**, will capture and take us on the intriguing secrets of the life of plants – so out of the ordinary, so unique and so fascinating!! A real once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity! Where? On our farm, in the pristine and unique nature of the Waterberg.

**9 February 2019.** Not to be missed! The event is for free!! **Space is limited and booking essential. First come, first serve! ...contact: [brachy@vodamail.co.za](mailto:brachy@vodamail.co.za) (Ralph Peckover)** please share the names and contact information of interested individuals with Ralph. Please bring your chairs, own food, cool drinks and walking shoes for the day.

**You need to get confirmation of attendance from him.**

## More good news!

### Biological control of the common aloe scale *Duplachionaspis exalbida* on large aloes

Ralph G. Peckover



An Aloe showing severe infestation of scale insects. The clear area is so cleaned by wind during the night.

Many a gardener and succulent collector, especially in southern Africa, will have seen the almost overnight, spectacular plants of alocasia.

The plants around one month in summer but longer in winter. They feed from the plant through two long protrusions which are inserted permanently into

some cases, there may be thousands of these parasitized insects on a leaf. A orange predatory coccinellid which carries its victim's body shell

**Scale on Aloes**, is no good news! Would you not have sprayed them, as I would have done?

Ralph, my husband, left all of them on the Aloes in our drive-way and kept watching them as a whole new world of inter relationships of creatures unfolded. Just so fascinating!! And the scale problem was solved..... Without spraying!

Read more about it in this issue of ALOE 54:1:2018 or

on Flora-Africa's website.

## **New to mankind!**

### A distinctive new species of *Pterodiscus* (Pedaliaceae) from Angola

Ralph G. Peckover

#### Abstract

A new species, *Pterodiscus angolensis*, is described from Angola. *P. angolensis* is a rare species known only from the dry semidesert area inland from the small fishing village of Chagoa, Amboimbo in Angola. Its closest relative is *P. senegalensis*, from which it is easily distinguished by its smaller, pale yellow flowers and decumbent growth habit. Illustrations and a comparative table to distinguish between these two species of *Pterodiscus* are provided.



In Angola, with its harsh desert type of climate, a *Pterodiscus* is quietly growing and surviving. It was given to Ralph to observe and to describe. ***Pterodiscus angolensis*!**

The article is available in the new edition of ALOE 54:1:2018 or on Flora-Africa's website.

**Congratulations!**

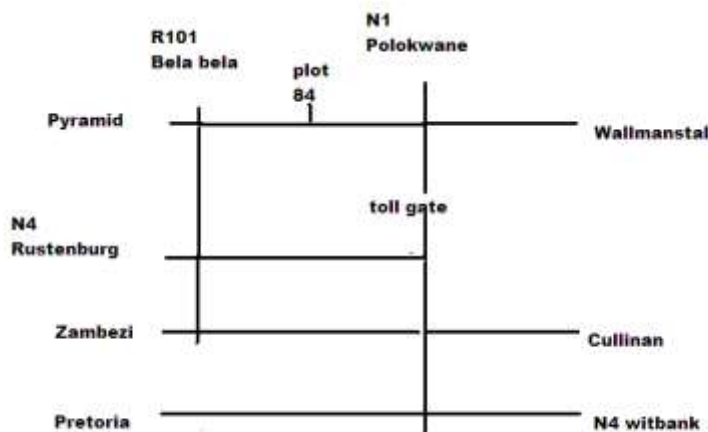
Attached is the latest **plant list** of the plants on offer for this season. There are selected individual, beautiful and big plants, which we cannot capture on a plant list, which are better to be seen by yourself when you come and visit the nursery.

We also offer a **postal service** for smaller plants (minimum order of R400. Packaging and postage cost is a minimum amount of R50 for the customer, depending on the size of the order)

- Come and visit the nursery in the growing season, **the last Friday and Saturday of the month (8h00-14h00):**
  - o **25 & 26 January 2019**
  - o **9 & 10 February**
  - o **22 & 23 February 2019**
- **Also @ EKSKLUSIEWE VETPLANTE SKOU: 7 April 2019** @Yscor Club, Eufeesweg 8h00-16h00 (with show plants, auctions, refreshments)

Attached is a street map for directions to come to the nursery.

- For more info visit the **Website**.
- For the **latest news**, look and **like** us on **Facebook**.



From the N1 North take the Pyramid/Wallmanstal off-ramp (nr 163). Turn left, west for 2km. Then turn right into Plot 84.

With best wishes  
Christiane and Ralph Peckover



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