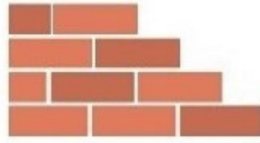


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APRIL – A MONTH OF ANNIVERSARIES

April was a month of many public holidays. It was also a month of many anniversaries for the Denis Goldberg House of Hope.

On 9 April 2023, we reached the first anniversary of the official opening of the DGHOH, as well as the anniversary of the day, in 1954, on which Denis married his first wife Esme. Two days later, 11 April, was Denis's birthday; Denis would have turned 90 this year. And 29 April was the anniversary of Denis's death in 2020.

We are very pleased with how far we have been able to come in our first year in the DGHOH. During term-time, we now have at least one scheduled activity every day of the week except Sundays, as well as regular activities for youth on Thursday mornings.

Too much happens in these sessions to include everything in this newsletter. But the table below shares some of the highlights for each activity.

Monday	The Art of Circus	Circus skills sessions for primary school learners with "Bob" Swelindawo Currently the children in both classes are preparing for a show-and-tell sessions at the end of the second term.
Tuesday	Drama	Drama sessions with Jungle Theatre This is our newest regular activity, with a performance by Jungle Theatre's artists in the second session. Thanks to the principals and teachers of Disa and Sentinel Primary Schools in helping with recruitment of participants.
Wednesday	Reading-Plus	Reading-plus sessions for high school learners Each week we explore a different topic. Recent topics have been artificial intelligence, (including experimenting with ChatGPT), how journalists uncovered the story of Thabo Bester, and censorship using Roald Dahl's books and Michelangelo's David as examples.
Thursday	Exploratory Art	These sessions are for Waves for Change mentors and for youth beneficiaries of Hangberg Dreams. Zentangling – a meditative (and potentially addictive) form of doodling that produces amazing images – was a great hit among both groups!
Thursday	Music	Group music sessions for primary school learners with Mulalo Mphaphuli On 30 March, Gareth Lubbe was our guest facilitator. The best part of the session was probably Gareth's demonstration of his strange and wonderful overtone singing.
Friday	Creative Movement	Movement sessions for high school learners with Liam Mckgivergan Exercise that is enjoyable, interesting and sometimes challenging to end off the week!
Saturday	Hip Hop Dance	Hip-hop sessions with Jazzart Dance Theatre The building is filled with trendy beats on Saturday mornings when Jazzart instructors mix hip hop fusion and other street dance styles. We have some talented young dancers in our midst.



MOVEMENT WITH LIAM

One of this year's new activities is our movement sessions for high school learners. Our teacher is Hout Bay resident Liam (or Lilo) Mckgovern. Liam has a drama degree and is now studying for a teacher's diploma. For his practice teaching, he chose Silikamva High School in Imizamo Yethu, Hout Bay.

Liam describes himself as a "movement facilitator and enthusiast", and has experience in gymnastics, yoga as well as Capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian martial arts form. His weekly sessions of structured but diverse movements challenges participants to explore and learn how their bodies can move, and to do so enjoyably.



BIRDS, MONKEYS AND MORE

Our three-day holiday programme in April had "Birds" as its theme. We spent the second morning at the World of Birds, where we saw an amazing variety of birds, but also many types of monkeys and their relations. Thanks to Ray Lazarus and Ian Macun who acted as our guides. Ian also introduced the children to the wonders of binoculars.

As always, the arts and craft sessions were very popular. The children made birds with wings that really flapped (with the aid of a mechanism constructed from two straws), and made well-feathered ostriches from toilet roll inners, pipe cleaners, and torn-up magazines.

On the third day, we introduced the children to crossword puzzles – a challenge that they tackled enthusiastically.

Some new children learned for the first time about the wonderful concept of libraries – that although the book is not "yours", you can take it home with you, at least for a time. Bookworm Chloe Colman's generous donation of the books she no longer reads has substantially increased the choice of books on offer for this age group. One or two of the children took out a different book each day!

Thanks, as always, to Massimos for the tubs of pasta, and to Snoekies for the discounted fish and chips.



Outing to World of Birds

STAFF OLD AND NEW

Staff old: **Kaylee Farmer**, our programme assistant, recently started her sixth year of work for the Hout Bay Museum. While Denis was still alive, the Museum seconded Kaylee to assist with our activities when needed. In the first period, for example, she assisted with the cataloguing of Denis's large collection of artworks. She also assisted with holiday programmes.

Since we moved into our own building, Kaylee has been with us full-time. Like other staff, she has to be an all-rounder. But there are some things in which she is a complete star.

She has an endless store of ice-breakers and games, which she manages with a wonderful mixture of control and humour. She is our lead computer training facilitator after getting top marks in the first training course facilitated by SHAWCO volunteers. She manages the library. And more!

And staff new: At the end of March we said goodbye to Aviwe Dulani, who worked for us on a 12-month Expanded Public Works contract with the Hout Bay Museum. In mid-April we welcomed **Sivuyile "China" Somniso**, who has taken Aviwe's place.

Sivuyile obtained a bachelors degree level Grade 12 pass at Silikamva High in Imizamo Yethu, in 2021. He is currently studying commerce part-time at Boston City College.

Thank you to the Museum, and to the provincial Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports who subsidises them, for Kaylee and Sivuyile. We definitely would not manage without them.



THANK YOU and PLEASE

In this newsletter, as in previous ones, we have said thank you to a range of different people and institutions that have helped us. There are many others, unnamed here, who help us in different ways. The help is important both for what each person gives, but also for the assurance it gives us that Denis's dream of the House of Hope is a collective endeavour that has broad support.

We owe a big thanks to **Henry Paine**, who has organised two fundraising events to support the DGHOH. The first was a birthday party at which he played some of Denis's large collection of vinyl records. He asked all his guests to make a donation to the DGHOH instead of giving him a present. The second event was a concert at which **Gareth Lubbe** played selections of Bach concertos, with the proceeds from the tickets coming to us.

We are grateful to **Bob Mowday's Big Band**, who performed so rousing – at no cost to us – at our first real fundraising concert in the DGHOH. Thanks also to Dario's, who provided prizes for the raffle that was launched at the concert.

All this and other assistance is appreciated. We are, in particular, grateful that a small, but growing, number of people have organised monthly donations to the DGHOH. These amounts, whatever their size, provide us with a steady and dependable income stream. We hope that more of you will join this group of regular supporters. We also, of course, appreciate once-off donations.

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