



Warm Welcome:

We welcome the following companies as new SANA members:

Garden Centre Association:

Mercury Mega Mica Hardware
Garden Boyz Pomona

Growers Association:

Skukuza Indigenous Nursery
Plantwise

Closing of SANA Office:

Kindly note that the SANA Office will close on Thursday, 24 December at 12:00 for the Festive period and will reopen on Monday, 4 January 2010.

Feedback: SANA Executive Council Meeting: 19 November 2009

Election of President Elect:

Nick Stodel of Stodels Nurseries has been elected as President Elect with his official term starting at the SANA AGM on 19 May 2010.

Alternative Sources of Revenue:

The Standing Committee is investigating alternative sources of revenue to collect funds that will be used for much needed market research in the industry.

Regional Membership:

The need for more comprehensive administration support in regions and association branches was realized. The SANA office is busy compiling a procedure document as guideline for association chairpersons and will also act as coordinating body in the planning and execution of meetings and regional events.

SANA Trade Fairs 2010:

The dates for the SANA Trade Fairs are:

- 10 March 2010
- 18 August 2010

It was decided that the format of the SANA Trade Fair: Bloemfontein will be changed to a networking function between suppliers and retailers in the region, combined with a SANA Information Meeting. This event will be held in September 2010.

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Life is a Garden:

The current 'Life is a Garden' contract is coming to an end, and will be put out to tender to any interested party. Information will be sent out shortly.

Supplier of the Year Competition:

The 2009 Supplier of the Year Competition was a great success and the 2010 competition will start in the new year!

Biodiversity:

Important input regarding IAP species and the NEMBA list, was given to SANBI by Jacques Malan, SANA Biodiversity Representative. A copy of the letter is available from the SANA Office.

Green Business Magazine:

The SANA Green Business Magazine Issue 4 is being compiled at the moment and will be released in March 2010.

Amendments to Constitution:

SANA has approached lawyers to give attention to the legal aspects of making amendments to the Constitution. More information will be sent out in due course.

SANA Golf Day – 18 March 2010:

The SANA Golf Day will be held on 18 March 2010 at Roodepoort Country Club, Ruimsig. More information will be sent out in the new year.

Recycling:

A recycling committee, under the chairpersonship of Marié Cloete (Starke Ayres), has been formed to look at a recycling project for members.

Emerging Members:

SANA is giving attention to an initiative to approach emerging nurseries to join as SANA members.

Calendar Dates: January – March 2010

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| 20 January | Skeerpoort Market Day |
| 21 January | SANA Standing Committee meeting |
| 26 January | BPGA meeting |
| 27 January | Exotica Highveld Bronkhorstspruit – Eastern Plant Mart |
| 3 February | Malanseuns Trade Day |
| 17 February | GCA Pretoria meeting Cape Green Forum Open Day |
| 18 February | SANA Executive Council meeting |
| 24 February | ABSTA meeting |
| 2 March | BPGA meeting Elands Nursery Open Day |
| 3 March | GCA Gauteng meeting |
| 10 March | SANA Trade Fair |
| 18 March | SANA Golf Day |
| 25 March | SANA Standing Committee meeting |

SANA Trade Fair: 10 March 2010

Exhibition space at our SANA Trade Fair in March 2010 is limited ... if you are interested in exhibiting, please contact Gerdie for more information and booking forms.

SANA Convention 2010:

Diarise 19 – 21 May 2010 the SANA Convention 2010 will be held at Champagne Sports Resort and Hotel, Drakensberg, KZN don't miss it!

On a personal note...

Congratulations to Nicholas & Ilse Heijman (Plantland) on the birth of Matthew Logan on 19 November 2009.

Flowering Favourite – December: *Hypoestes*

December's Flowering Favourite is ***Hypoestes phyllostachya***. They will be promoted in a wide range of publications, newspapers, websites and radio stations, including, but not limited to Garden & Home, The Citizen, Gardening Eden and Radio 702.

Top Tips:

- Well known as a novelty indoor plant, the Polka Dot Plant has emerged as a striking outdoor bedding plant that can be used to brighten borders or containers in those difficult shaded areas.
- They look good following the contour of a path and combine nicely with New Guinea impatiens.
- *H. phyllostachya* grow best in filtered sunshine and the plants will exhibit more pronounced colour in partial shade than full sun. Fortunately, this vivid beauty has few pest problems.

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Vacancies:

Malanseuns is looking for an independent Agent for the Johannesburg - North area. Self motivated person can contact Henk Meyer for more information. Contact details: (012) 549-2128 or 082 446 6702.

Looking for Work:

Christopher Mashaphu is looking for a suitable position in the green industry. Obtained ND: Landscape Technology from TUT in 2006. Contact details: 076 729 7434 or cmashaphu@yahoo.com

Madumetja Pitlo is looking for work in the green industry. Currently busy with his 3rd year of study in ND: Horticulture. Gained experiential training at Booyens Nursery. Contact details: 073 023 7664 or pitlomcm@yahoo.com

Greetings, Gerdie

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