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NEWSLETTER

“Fun with stamps”

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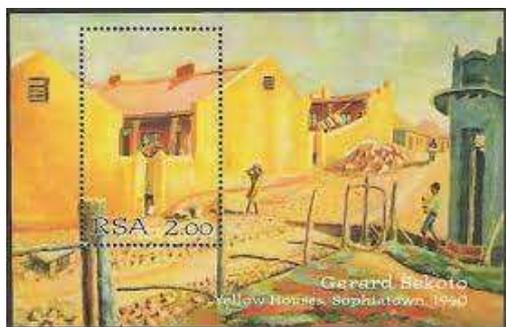
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ARBOUR WEEK

South Africa celebrates Arbour Week in the first week of September annually. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, as the custodian of forestry in South Africa, is responsible for the campaign. September is also heritage month and as we celebrate Arbour Week, the department also focuses on the country's champion trees which include some of the oldest, largest and culturally significant trees. These include the Sophia Town Oak Tree and the Sagole Baobab Tree in Limpopo, which are part of our heritage.



1995 – Tourism – Northern Transvaal



1990 – Yellow Houses, Sophia Town by Gerhard Sekoto

Whilst in the UK recently, Ian Horrell, our Club Secretary, targeted a visit to the Cambridge Botanical Gardens to view the Dawn Redwood - *Metasequoia alyptostroboides*, which has a history there. It is also featured on the postage stamps from China and Korea shown below.



Ian is desperately searching for these two stamps- can anybody help him?

HERITAGE DAY

We celebrate Heritage Day (or Braai Day as it is fondly called) on Saturday 24 September this year. On this day, South Africans are encouraged to celebrate their culture and the diversity of their beliefs and traditions, in the wider context of a nation that belongs to all its people. Zulu members named it Heritage Day



Proclaimed by ex-president F W de Klerk it was approved on 24 April 1994 & inaugurated seven days later.

SPRING

Spring weather comes to RSA with the very first days of September and lasts through November

It is the most pleasing season when the weather is not too hot! Wear some floral clothes on 01 September to celebrate!



Tree Pelargonium

CLUB EVENTS

At the last meeting on 20 August, Fred Handman continued with his presentation on British Stamps when he discussed King Edward VII and King George VI.

John Handman showed a bundle of interesting envelopes that he acquired at the Sunbird Auction and Roger Porter fully described what he had bought.

Pat Izaaks showed three pages about three countries and Tony Evans showed his collection of Christmas stamps that included the first ever Christmas stamp issued by Canada.

NEXT MEETING

Don't miss the next MPS meeting on Saturday 17 September at 10h00 when there will be something for everybody including:

- >Queen Elizabeth II by Fred Handman
- >"How not to collect stamps" by Dave Wyllie
- >The alphabet show **DEF** Please do something!
- >Show and Tell : there is always something that will be of interest to Club Members so do bring an item along and ask or tell us something about it!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!