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Dear Alumni and friends,

Tour of Rosemary Ladlau's Renowned North Coast Garden



Rosemary Ladlau is a UKZN alumnus, distinguished flower arranger and a former chairperson of the World Flower Association as well as an honorary member of the South African Flower Union. She has given flower arrangement classes, lectures and demonstrations all over the world, won the top awards locally and internationally, wrote the book: *Flowers for the South African Home*, judged competitions and represented South Africa at prestigious flower events abroad. In her honour, she has a variety of garden roses with the more unusual shapes and colours named after her, easily identified by their very deep mauve-violet colour and sweet and powerful fragrance.

Rosemary lives in her Beverley Estate homestead in Simbithi. The house is magnificently framed by Rosemary's world famous garden. She moved into her house shortly after marrying her husband (Winston "Mannie" Ladlau) in the 1940s and started her garden from scratch from that time.

The garden was wild and Rosemary took its transformation head-on and with focus and determination she created a breathtaking sub-tropical oasis under a canopy of indigenous trees, attracting visits from garden enthusiasts from all over the world. The forests adorning Simbithi today are the same ones saved by the policy that the Ladlau family made to ensure the indigenous forests and wetlands are not choked by alien vegetation, a proactive move ensuring the areas are not only preserved, but also improved.

Join us for what promises to be a most inspiring and informative tour of one of KZN's most famous gardens.

DATE : Friday, 28 September 2018
TIME : 10h00 to 12h00
VENUE: Simbithi Eco Estate, Cussonia Way, Ballito, 4390
COST : Nil
RSVP : Places are very limited, early bookings are advised to Nomcebo Msweli on 031 260 2016 or email: mswelin@ukzn.ac.za

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