

DE DOORNS 2007
53rd PSSA's Annual Congress
(part 1)
& 8th Audio-Visual
Convention



Hosted by the **CAPE PHOTOGRAPHERS**
Sunday 27 May – Friday 1 June 2007

Venue: Hexvallei Ledeklubsaal - De Doorns Wynkelder, Hex River valley

Congress is early this year as the dates have been chosen to coincide with the wonderful autumn colours in the Hex River Valley. Because of this early date, traditional PSSA business such as the AGM, Honours and Awards Show and Honours Banquet will take place at a special weekend function at the end of September in the Vanderbijlpark area (Gauteng).

The programme at De Doorns will follow the proven format of Velddrif Photo 2006:

- an early morning outing each day, guided for those who like it that way
- followed by a buffet breakfast 'à la Kiewiet' with time to chat to friends
- then it is lectures in the morning
 - the lectures will be suitable for everyone, it doesn't matter whether you are a film or digital worker an AV or print worker, or "just" a photographer, we have planned our programme to have as wide an appeal as possible.
- A midday photo shoot follows the lectures (which might sound odd to the golden hour photographers, but believe it or not photography underneath the vines is perfect at this time)
- Then a choice of workshops in the afternoon before heading out to take advantage of the late afternoon light across the vineyards.
- The evenings are once again for entertainment with a Finger Supper on the opening night.
- A delegates' print exhibition will grace the walls of the hall and all congress delegates are invited to bring prints with them for exhibition.

On Monday the award winning AV's from PSSA's first "1 to 3" AV circuit (watch out for more information in Image) will be screened and this will be followed by supper offering time once again to socialise. Showtime will precede supper on the next three nights - during these sessions delegates will be able to show their own Audio-Visuals.

Wednesday is a free day - well part of it anyway - as we will be having High Tea at Boplaas farm later that afternoon.

We will be supplying info on photographic highlights with various options available, one of which will be the opportunity to do some aerial photography of the vineyards.

Friday will be a full PSSA day - with group discussions over lunch followed by the PSSA Forum which will give everyone the chance to air their views, complain, compliment and discuss photography and PSSA.

To end our enjoyable week we will be having a PSSA Country & Western evening - dress for the occasion in country attire and bring along your singing voices and dancing shoes.

The programme is subject to change and full details of the workshops, print exhibition and AV Showtime will be available on the PSSA website <http://www.pssa.co.za/> or contact us for the listing, <mailto:bwilkins@telkomsa.net>.

All meals listed on the programme are included in your registration fee, which is still only R650 for PSSA members provided you register and settle promptly by 31 March 2007. This allows us to negotiate keen prices with the various vendors involved in such an undertaking. A discount structure again applies to loyal supporters but after the cut off date of 31 March everyone will pay the full fee of R800, so do plan on getting your registrations together with your payment completed by 31 March. Details on the registration form.

There is no hotel in De Doorns but there are plenty of B&B's in the surrounding farming community and the farmers are opening their homes to us, so rest assured that there is plenty of accommodation available for everyone. Accommodation bookings should be made as soon as possible and you should contact:

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Sunday 27 May

16h00 PSSA Club Reps Meeting
18h00 Finger Supper & Official Opening

Monday 28 May

Sunrise Guided Photo Shoot
09h00 Breakfast & Chat
09h45 Notices
10h00 - 10h45 Landscape photography - Lanz von Hosten
11h00 - 11h45 Aerial Photography - Barrie Wilkins
11h45 - 12h15 How, where & when - guidance to shooting in and around De Doorns - Barrie Wilkins
12h30 - 14h00 Midday Photo Shoot - lunch packs provided
14h00 - 15h30 Workshops
15h45 - 18h00 Free Photographic Time
18h00 - 19h30 **1 to 3 AV Circuit Award Winning AV's**
19h30 Supper

Tuesday 29 May

Sunrise Guided Photo Shoot
09h00 Breakfast & Chat
09h45 Notices
10h00 - 10h45 My Photo Book - Jill Sneesby
11h00 - 11h30 **How to Achieve Better Sound - Marius Saunders**
11h45 - 12h15 Fine Art Photography - Thomas Niemeyer
12h30 - 14h00 Midday Photo Shoot - lunch packs provided
14h00 - 15h30 Workshops
15h45 - 18h00 Free Photographic Time
18h00 - 19h30 **Showtime – Delegates' AV's**
19h30 Supper

Wednesday 30 May

Free Photographic Day
15h30 High Tea at Boplaas
18h00 - 19h30 Showtime - Delegates AV's
19h30 Supper

Thursday 31 May

Sunrise Guided Photo Shoot
09h00 Breakfast & Chat
09h45 Notices
10h00 - 10h45 Shooting & Writing for Magazines - Luc Hosten
11h00 - 11h45 "Macro photography" - Hennie Cronjé
12h00 - 12h30 **AV - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow - Thomas Niemeyer**
12h45 - 14h00 Midday Photo Shoot - lunch packs provided
14h00 - 15h30 Workshops
15h45 - 18h00 Free Photographic Time
18h00 - 19h30 **Showtime – Delegates' AV's**
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Friday 1 June

Sunrise Guided Photo Shoot
09h00 Breakfast & Chat
09h45 Notices
10h00 - 10h45 Visual Design - J J van Heerden
11h00 - 11h45 **That's Entertainment - Jill Sneesby**
12h00 - 12h30 Forthcoming Attractions
12h30 - 14h00 Lunch & discussion
14h00 - 15h30 PSSA Forum
19h00 PSSA Country & Western Supper

Honours applications in AV will be judged on Monday afternoon - everyone is welcome to attend.

WORKSHOPS

These will be hands on wherever possible - full details should be on the PSSA website by now <http://www.pssa.co.za/> or contact us at <mailto:bwilkins@telkomsa.net>. The details will include information as to what to expect from the workshops, who will be leading them and at what level they are aimed. In addition to the photographic workshops, the townsfolk will be offering craft workshops so spouses are once again very welcome and I am sure they will find plenty to entertain them.

AV Workshops - presented by Marius Saunders, Antenie Carstens, Thomas Niemeyer, Adri van Oudheusden

Music as an art form - Advice on your AV's - AV Software

Digital Workshops - presented by Tony Heald & Barrie Wilkins

RAW processing - Sharpening & Resizing - Black and White

General Photographic Workshops - presented by Luc Hosten, Barrie Wilkins, Jill Sneesby, Hennie Cronjé

What's in my camera bag - Wildlife Macro - Macro
- Multiple Exposures in the Camera & in the Computer

Photo Shoots (other than the vineyards) - presented by Hannelie Swanepoel, Ferdinand Bruwer, Helen Wilkins

Models at the historical homes - farm workers and children -
historical tractors

Practical assisted workshops -

groups of 10 photographers will be assigned a guide who will assist them in shooting in the vineyards. Delegates must bring a tripod and after setting up and composing their shots their guides will make suggestions and comments on the image as seen through the viewfinder.

Yoga for Youth - Helen Wilkins will once again offer Yoga classes each morning.

All the workshops listed in **bold type** are included in your Congress fees - no extra charges will be made.

The craft workshops as run by the townsfolk will attract an additional cost to cover materials.

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to De Doorns for a week in which you can submerge yourself in photography.

BARRIE WILKINS
CONGRESS CHAIRMAN