





You are cordially invited to attend the exciting launch of the Liliesleaf Trust
and to celebrate a group of extraordinary people who devoted
themselves to the cause of freedom in South Africa.



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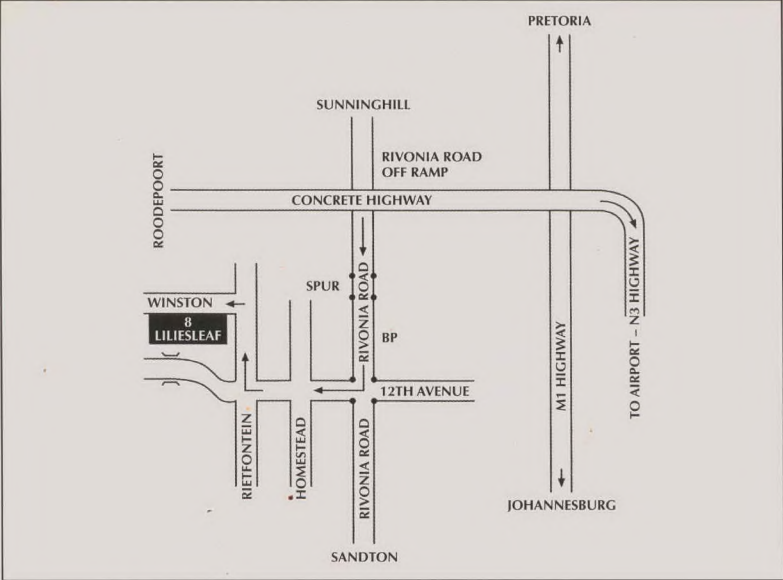
Time: 11:00

Place: Liliesleaf Farm
(see map on reverse)

RSVP: By 10 December 2001
Kirsty on (011) 484 4501
By invitation only

90 Years of Struggle

Service • Sacrifice • Struggle



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 12H30 - 12H35 Welcoming Remarks
Comrade Mendi Msimang
- 12H35- 12H45 Video Presentation by
Comrade Ahmed Kathrada
- 12H45 - 12H55 Liliesleaf Trust Presentation
Comrade Brigitte Mabandla
- 13H00 - 14H00 Lunch
- 14H00 - 14H15 Keynote Address by the President
Comrade Thabo Mbeki
- 14H15 - 14H30 Dessert / Coffee
- 14H30 Toast and Vote of Thanks
Arthur Goldreich





MENU

STARTER

Moi - Moi with Green Vegetables
(Black-eyed Bean Pate)

MAIN COURSE

Tagine of Chicken with Prunes
Savoury Rice
Morogo
Pumpkin Fritter with Cinnamon

Malamogodu (On Table)

VEGETARIAN

Stir Fried Spaghetti with
Juliennes of Vegetables
Served with Sauce Romaine

DESSERT

Chilled Mango Fool

Filter Coffee / Tea / Rooibos Tea



Liliesleaf just after the police raid in July 1963

Liliesleaf was an old house that needed work and no one lived there. I moved in under the pretext that I was a houseboy or caretaker that would live there until my master took possession. I had taken the alias David Motsamayi, the name of one of my former clients. At the farm, I wore the simple blue overalls that were the uniform of the black male servant.

Nelson Mandela,
"Long Walk to Freedom"



Liliesleaf Farm personifies the beliefs, inspiration and aspirations of a unique group of leaders who were committed to bringing about socio-political transformation predicated on democratic principles and beliefs.

History

The South African Communist Party bought Liliesleaf Farm (a 28 acre farm situated in Rivonia) in August of 1961. The purchase of the farm coincided with the shift away from passive resistance by the ANC to armed struggle. Today, the Liliesleaf Trust owns eight of those acres on which the Liliesleaf Legacy Project will be developed.

Liliesleaf Farm became the nerve centre and hub from where the leadership of Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) operated and from where the struggle for liberation and justice was planned. Liliesleaf Farm is acknowledged to be the birth place and natural home of MK (Spear of the Nation).

The police raid of Liliesleaf Farm on July 11, 1963 was symbolic and critical. The arrest of so many senior ANC leaders was a major blow to the movement and the struggle for liberation. The raid on the farm crippled the ANC and was considered a victory by the apartheid government. The subsequent trial, which became known to the world as the *Rivonia Trial* focused world attention and scrutiny on South Africa and its oppressive regime.

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The Liliesleaf Legacy Project consists of two distinct but interdependent and interrelated projects - a **Learning Centre** and the **Liliesleaf Lekgotla Retreat** (insuring that the Learning Centre is sustainable).



1. The Learning Centre

The Learning Centre will tell the story of Liliesleaf Farm, the liberation activities that took place on the farm, and its link and association to the Rivonia Trial. The aim of the Liliesleaf Trust is to turn the historical precinct of the Liliesleaf Legacy Project into a Learning Centre comprising of - an **Experiential and Interactive Exhibition** and a **Struggle Library, Research & Archive Centre**.

It is anticipated that the historical precinct will be declared, by cabinet, a Legacy Project.



Thatched cottage and outhouse buildings at Liliesleaf where liberation struggle activities were planned

The Experiential and Interactive Exhibition

The Experiential and Interactive Exhibition will be laid out among the existing historic buildings (Manor House, Thatched Cottage, Outbuildings, Radio Freedom Brick Structure and Coal Bunker) and will be restored and fitted out with exhibits and materials that recreates the working and living environment at the time of the 1963 police raid. There will be visitor facilities including an Internet Café, Coffee/Snack shop and Gift/Craft shop.

The objectives of the exhibition are to offer an incite into the formation of MK, its operational methods, the secret networks, the activities that took place on the farm and the circumstances that led to the discovery of the farm by the police.



MK Exhibit

It is recognised by the ANC that Liliesleaf Farm is the birthplace of MK, giving the site special significance. Discussions are underway to develop an MK exhibit as a special project within the Liliesleaf Legacy Project.

Linking with other heritage sites

It is envisaged that the Liliesleaf Farm Historical Precinct would form part of a broader **Struggle Route** by linking into the Freedom Park Project, the Apartheid Museum, Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum, and the Constitutional Court complex.

Visitor facilities

- ☞ **Internet Café** The café will enable both visitors to the museum and scholars to the Struggle Library, Research & Archive Centre to link into the centres electronic database and other historical sites like Freedom Park, Constitutional Hill, Robben Island and other academic institutions.
- ☞ **Coffee/Snack shop** This commercial facility will be outsourced on a *for profit* basis providing light refreshments. It should be noted that it will not be a full restaurant.
- ☞ **Gift/Craft shop** This will also be a commercial facility and outsourced on a *for profit* basis. The shop will sell articles relating to Liliesleaf Farm, the Rivonia Trial, MK, and other artifacts relating to the struggle for liberation and freedom as well as other South African arts and crafts.

The Struggle Library, Research & Archive Centre

Printing press used to produce freedom material



The aim of the Struggle Library, Research & Archive Centre will be to provide academics, scholars and the public access to historical material, records and critical theoretical writings and analysis on the liberation struggle. This will enable them to gain an insight and understanding into the liberation, events and the socio-political analysis that influenced and defined the focus of the liberation struggle against the apartheid regime.

2. The Liliesleaf Lekgotla Retreat

Inspired by the historical nature and legacy of Liliesleaf Farm, the intention of the Liliesleaf Trust is to create the Liliesleaf Lekgotla Retreat. The retreat will be built adjacent to the historical precinct, on a portion of the original Liliesleaf Farm, modelled on the legacy of *Camp David*. The income generated from this commercial component (a boutique hotel, conference facilities and the **Liliesleaf Leadership Centre**) will contribute towards ensuring the long-term sustainability of this historical site.

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As South Africa and the African continent, through the positive and constructive adoption of NEPAD and formation of the African Union, strive to redress the social, political and economic imbalances and legacies of the past, sites like Liliesleaf Farm can become not only symbols of hope, but also monuments to the testimony of what can be achieved through a dedicated commitment to a shared vision.



Police photographs



Liliesleaf Leadership Centre

The key objective of the Liliesleaf Leadership Centre is to create a practical Leadership Centre of excellence that:

- Draws inspiration from the vision, courage, selflessness and transformational example of the Rivonia Trialists that characterised South Africa's political negotiating and transformational process.
- Reflects best practice in the field of modern leadership development and studies as it evolves.

The Rivonia 12, accused of treason, after the *Liliesleaf* raid

(* Escaped)



* Arthur Goldreich



* Harold Wolpe



Lionel Bernstein



Dennis Goldberg



James Kantor



A M Kathrada



Nelson Mandela



Govan Mbeki



Raymond Mhlaba



Andrew Mlangeni



Elias Motsoaledi



Walter Sisulu

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Liliesleaf Farm's history

The Liliesleaf Trust

In December 2001, the Rivonia Trialists held a reunion at Liliesleaf Farm. The occasion remembered the past, honoured the struggle and looked to the future and was also the platform from which President Thabo Mbeki launched the Liliesleaf Trust.

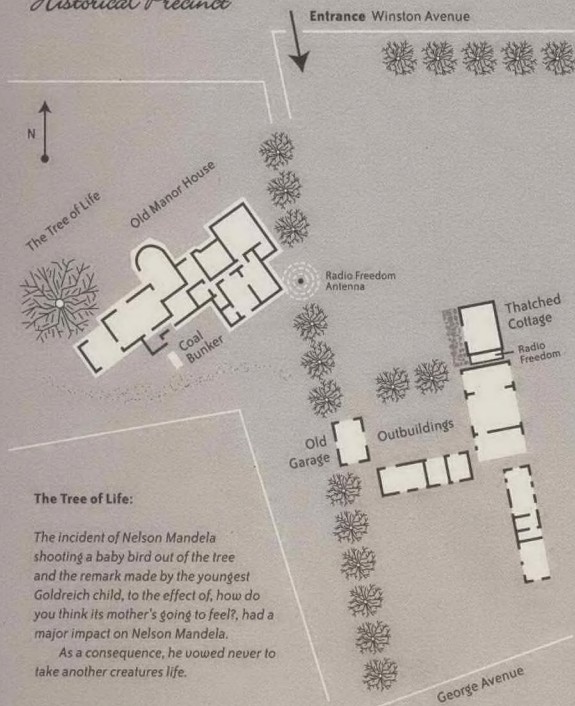
Objective

The Liliesleaf Trust has been established to ensure that the unique heritage, history and legacy of Liliesleaf Farm is preserved. The focus is to preserve the historic buildings and the activities which took place on this significant site, to ensure that the essence, spirit and soul that Liliesleaf Farm embodies are maintained for current and future generations.



Liliesleaf historic guesthouse (Manor House)

Liliesleaf Farm Historical Precinct



The Tree of Life:

The incident of Nelson Mandela shooting a baby bird out of the tree and the remark made by the youngest Goldreich child, to the effect of, how do you think its mother's going to feel?, had a major impact on Nelson Mandela.

As a consequence, he vowed never to take another creature's life.

In order to protect the historical legacy, heritage, political vision and objectives of the Liliesleaf Trust, Liliesleaf Farm must remain ultimately the property of the people of South Africa to ensure that all are able to gain and benefit from this historically unique, culturally important symbol of South Africa's past, which can serve as a bridge to the future and a link to the past.

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