# MONTE DO CASARÃO
Holidays in the Alentejo, Portugal

# Newsletter 70

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A solar eclipse on a-hill-of-your-own. We really didn't want to miss that.


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## Not Kariba but Julie

Things didn't quite work out as expected. The arrival of Kariba, the first elephant due to come to the reserve, has been postponed once an abscess was discovered on her paw. Subsequently, further infections were diagnosed; vets even amputated part of her ear. As soon as she has sufficiently recovered, she will be allowed to go to the Alentejo, to Pangea, to enjoy her retirement.
Julie, the last Portuguese circus elephant is already there. She will be happy to show Kariba around in her new world.
The October issue of BBC Wildlife Magazine features a lovely article about Julie.



## Save the date

7 & 8 november
Christmas Arts Fair *Arrifana*

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It took a while before I could send this newsletter. My computer had given up the ghost.
Mind you, it was an oldie. I do have another one, now, but getting a new computer up and running is never a smooth process.
An additional disadvantage is that various apps are no longer supported, as the jargon goes. And getting used to new apps is a bit of a bother.
However, here it is, number 70. It feels like a kind of anniversary. I intend to bundle all the newsletters; they provide a history of Portugal and ourselves. After all, we have been here for 19 years. It remains to be seen whether it will actually get done. I'm always full of plans. Watch this space.
By the way, you can find most newsletters on the website.
https://www.montedocasarao.com/en/guestbook/newsletter/

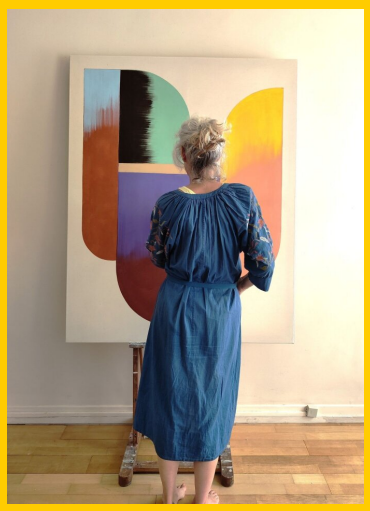
## FREE ADVERTISING



One of our guests was recently interviewed by the Dutch weekly magazine *Libelle* regarding her favourite tour operator, Eliza Was Here, which also mediates for Monte do Casarão. Esther told them about us in great detail, singing our praises.
For years, Eliza was Here has been the only tour operator we do business with. Their clients fit seamlessly into our concept.
Otherwise, we hardly advertise. We bought mini-adverts in the Dutch daily *Volkskrant* for 19 years, until its publisher stopped offering those tiny classifieds. Then, we switched to the Dutch daily *NRC* using the same slogan: *www.montedocasarao.com Peace and quiet, space and privacy on the Alentejo coast.*
We don't use booking.com, airbnb, trivago or similar sites. They impose requirements we really do not want to meet.

## MARGOT VERHOEVEN

By the time you are reading this, the painting week has started. The 33rd. Which is the tenth for Margot Verhoeven, who has been our teacher since 2020.
Margot has her own studio. Her work is all about colour. In large abstract shapes, she explores how colour affects your feelings and your experience, grounded in nature. She paints using home-made egg tempera.
Margot participated in various training courses. At the Athens art academy, she studied icon painting techniques, which still form the basis of her paintings.
You can admire her work at Galerie Oode in Amsterdam. Last month she took part in an icon exhibition in Belgrade and two months ago her work was published in Scandinavian Living magazine and exposed at Studio Slow & Jan de Jong in the Frisian capital, Leeuwarden.
We are so lucky to be taught by someone so talented!



## NEW WINE AGAIN



Once again, the grapes have been picked and pressed; and after stalks and leaves were stripped, they were put in barrels. The harvest is enough for about a hundred bottles of red wine and 25 bottles of white. It will take about six months before the red is bottled, whereas the white wine is due to be bottled by the end of November.



By now, we have our own wine press. In past years, we'd borrow one from our neighbours, but now we have our own. It's brand new, with red staves. We are (Wynand is) very happy with it.

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