

# The Witness

# ARTS

Thursday, July 21, 2016



Anthea Martin will exhibit her watercolours of the Drakensberg at Arusha Designs Art Gallery, which is a new gallery opening in Hilton on July 30.

PHOTO: SUPPLIED

## New gallery at Hilton

### Meet the artists behind functional art and fine watercolours

ARUSHA Designs Art Gallery opens in Hilton on July 30 with an exhibition of watercolour paintings, sculptures and wooden pieces.

Marcus and Margaret Kruger are the new owners of the gallery, which is situated in the Winterskloof valley.

The gallery will show the work of Marcus and other local artists.

Marcus is a cabinet maker and turner trading under the name of Marcwoods and generally works on bespoke commissions. His attention to detail is evident in his design, timber selection, grain orientation, joinery and finishing. Each item made is a work of functional art.

Arusha Designs Art Gallery will open on July 30 from 10 am, with most of the artists present

for the formal opening at noon.

The gallery offers an intimate space for the public to view and acquire Marcus Kruger's turnings, plus the work of other wood artists including Neil Knight and Brian Coetzee.

Knight makes intriguing wooden fountain pens and Coetzee makes finely finished boxes in indigenous woods, perfect for storing precious objects.

Also on exhibit will be wood, coral and bone sculpture made by Carl Roberts, who has a national and international reputation for his work.

Roberts is inspired by the natural forms in found objects of wood and bone to create sculpture using an intuitive process, which meta-

morphises into organic forms of beauty.

Anthea Martin will also show watercolours of the Drakensberg.

Her work is inspired by the dramatic rock formations of the Berg and the weather patterns created by the mountains.

In the future, Arusha Designs Art Gallery offers the space for book launches, or for private functions and demonstrations plus individual exhibitions.

The exhibit closes on August 28. Gallery opening hours: 9 am to 5 pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and public holidays.

For enquiries contact Margaret Kruger at 033 343 1850/ 078 522 4607 or e-mail [marcwoodslimited@gmail.com](mailto:marcwoodslimited@gmail.com) — Arts Editor.