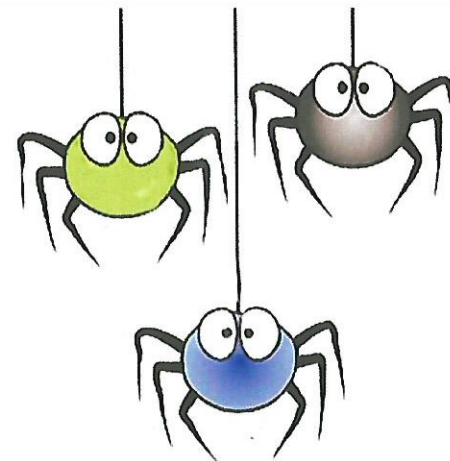


SPIDERS
17.30
TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY
CLUBHOUSE



MANY PEOPLE THINK SPIDERS HAVE TOO MANY LEGS, THAT THEY ARE PROBABLY POISONOUS, DIRTY AND THAT THEY BUILD UGLY WEBS IN NEGLECTED CORNERS. THIS IS ENTIRELY UNTRUE. SPIDERS ARE, IN FACT, CLEAN CREATURES WITH VARIED AND INTRIGUING LIFESTYLES.

All are invited to an illustrated talk by well known expert Astri and her photographer husband John Leroy to learn about Spiders and their fascinating lifestyles.

Astri and John Leroy:

Although Astri has no formal training she has more than 40 years experience studying arachnids in general and spiders in particular.

She has contributed to and authored various publications as well as many articles for magazines and ephemeral literature.

Astri and John Leroy have studied, collected, photographed and written about spiders of Southern Africa. They were instrumental in launching The Spider Club of Southern Africa in 1975 and have served as office bearers for many years.

They undertake research for national parks and conservation bodies, lead field trips and deliver illustrated talks. John's photographs have been widely exhibited.

Astri is a founder member of AfrAS (the African Arachnological Society) and a long standing member of both the International British and American Arachnological Societies.

Both John and Astri have given many illustrated talks for beginners, advanced identification and lecturing at tertiary institutions. Astri is part of a team for SpiderMap the spider Virtual Museum run by the animal Demography Unit at UCT.