

AFTERNOON TEA AT KINNORD HOUSE

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“As we entered the gardens of Kinnord House, I felt as if we were about to ‘gate crash’ the Queens tea party”

Anonymous member

Such was the splendour of the setting, lawns just made for boules and croquet and the magnificent Kinnord House, the home of our Chairman. The occasion was an afternoon inspired by **Afternoon Tea at the Mount Nelson** in Cape Town.



Members and guests rose to the occasion and the ladies looked elegant in their summer frocks and hats. A glass of fine French Champagne on arrival and the afternoon was under way.



TEA TASTING

Cuth Bland of Nigiro Tea Merchants in Cape Town, who are the finest purveyors of loose leaf teas in South Africa gave a tea demonstration where she took us through 7 different types of tea— a great opportunity to expand our knowledge and appreciation of tea and tea culture! Members and Guests had the opportunity to order their favourite teas, beautifully packaged and ideal as gifts if you were willing to part with them. We also had the opportunity to purchase glass teapots, teapot warmers and exquisite tea canisters.



A magnificent spread awaited us after the tea demonstration whilst a pianist deftly coaxed smooth melodies from a Baby Grand in the background.

Storm Ferguson assisted with the opulent flower arrangements and **Kinnord House** rose to the occasion with the aplomb of a Grand Old Lady.