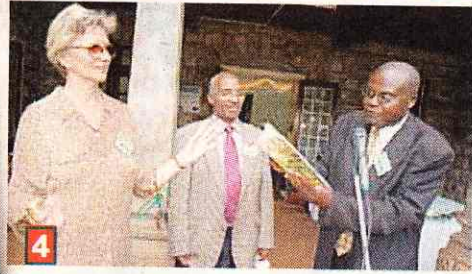


NAIROBI ARBORETUM GUIDE BOOK LAUNCHED

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“WHAT is the difference between a general park and an arboretum?” asked **Susanna Alanson** a committee member of the Friends of Nairobi Arboretum (FONA) at The Arboretum this past Tuesday afternoon.

She was speaking to guests who had come to witness the launch of the third edition of the guide book for The Arboretum titled *Nairobi Arboretum; Place of trees* that has been published by FONA. The first guide of what is considered the green heart and lungs of the city was first launched in Kenya in the 1950s retailing at the princely sumcost of 50cents. This new version shows just how inflation has affected the city with the new one selling at Sh500, 1000% more than the original!

Back to the question then; what is the difference between a general park and an arboretum? The short answer is that the latter is a space specifically meant for trees while a park could host any manner of natural resources .

The Nairobi Arboretum is 105 years old and the book being launched showed the different trees in the park. The book project, sponsored in a large part by Finlay Tea and Unilever Tea, had a large showing from the people in the environment industry.

SPOTTED

Kiss TV news anchor **Kobi Kihara** having lunch at the River Cafe Restaurant on Limuru Road in Nairobi yesterday afternoon.

1. Nani Croze with Yony Waite. 2. Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya's James P.T. Foster with Cathy Watson. 3. FONA Founder Ann Birnie. 4. Susanna Alanson FONA Committee Member, John Mbaya Vice Chairman and William Wambugu Chairman FONA showing the new guide after the launch. 5. The new guide. 6. Jim Birnie with Johanna Maukonen. 7. William Wambugu Chairman FONA, Dr Najma Dharani of World Agroforestry Centre and Firoz Dharani. 8. Zarina Patel, Zahid Rajan and Jameela Hassanali.

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