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#### Front Cover Picture:

Desert Blooms by Louise Hunter – a photo of **Sea Lavender, *Limonium axillare***, known locally as **Qataf**, taken in April after the rain.

### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The summer is now upon us and we have concluded another successful season of events. This would not have been possible without the hard work of all of our Steering Committee members and other volunteers. Special thanks to two committee members who are leaving us: David Mundie who ran a great season of Rambles and Field Trips as well as for his Webmastery, and our Social Secretary Miranda Moloto, who made sure we had refreshments at meetings and organised our recent Dhow trip. We will miss both of them.

We have a new coordinator for Rambles and Field Trips for the next season (and I might add, the committee, now headed by John Tribuna, has already organised a trip or walk for almost every weekend from mid-October). We have two new Webmistresses, April Conkey and Jill Foster, who are working on improvements to [www.qnhg.org](http://www.qnhg.org) and our somewhat cranky email system and welcome also to Roeland Weisfelt as our new Treasurer (for whose services the

former Treasurer, now Chairman, is grateful). We do, however still need a new Social Secretary and a Steering Committee Secretary. Volunteers are encouraged!

Planning for our program of talks arranged by our Talks Coordinators, Fran Gillespie (and where would we be without Fran, who also handles our media liaison and PR?) and Orlin Lavallie, is also well underway, with the programme resuming on the first Wednesday in October. **Note that we will be starting the meetings half an hour earlier in the Fall, at 7:00 PM.** The location will stay the same, at DESS, although we hope to use the larger **Multi Purpose Hall**, rather than the **Gym** as often as possible.

We have also, after considered discussion by the Committee, decided to raise our dues to a still modest QR 50 (QR100 for a family membership) and eliminate the QR 10 car charge for our field trips.

Whilst at the October meeting be sure to browse our Library and chat with our Librarian, Mark Murase. I invite you to check out our overseas trips, planned by our coordinators Jane Hoelker and Fathima Zahir, for the Eid holidays in September & November (and detailed elsewhere in this newsletter). Fathima will be stepping down from this post shortly and my thanks go out to her for her efforts. Again, if any of our members can help out in this area, please let me know.

I also extend my appreciation for the efforts of Louise Hunter in putting together this wonderful newsletter (not to mention the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, which she coordinated), Tissa Salter for Membership (and where would we be without members?) and our Qatari Liaison Officer Mubarak Al-Khulaifi. There are many others as well, who I have not named, whose efforts made our year successful and I offer my thanks to them too.

I hope all of you have an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

**Michael Lesser**  
**Chairman, QNHG**



**NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S MESSAGE**

Many thanks to the following for their contributions to the third newsletter of the 2008/9 Season:

- Brian Hunter
- Dileep Kumar
- Fran Gillespie
- John Tribuna

This issue of the newsletter is available on the QNHG website, together with previous issues which can be found in the archive section.

The QNHG Newsletter needs your input! If you have any announcements to make, information of goings-on in Qatar, news concerning natural history or any other item that you think members would be interested in, then we want to hear from you.

Please send any articles, information or announcements to [newsletter-editor@qnhg.org](mailto:newsletter-editor@qnhg.org) or [hunterlm95@yahoo.com](mailto:hunterlm95@yahoo.com) and put 'QNHG Newsletter' in the subject line. Please send photographs separately and make sure to label them.

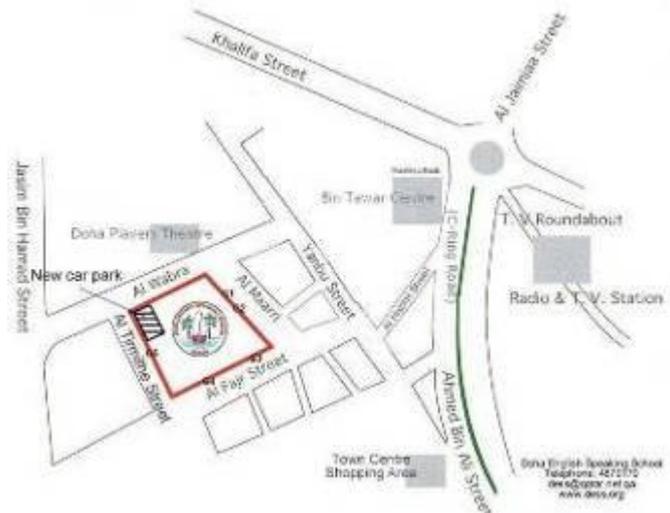
In the next issue, if there is sufficient interest, we will be including any 'Odd Ads', either items 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'. Please only send ads that might be relevant to QNHG members, eg. camping equipment, binoculars, natural history resources etc.

Remember to check the website regularly for updates regarding our talks programme and regular rambles.

**Louise Hunter**  
**Newsletter Editor**

**QNHG MEETING DETAILS**

QNHG meetings take place between October and June, usually on the **first Wednesday of the month**. They are held at **7.00 pm in the gymnasium of the Doha English Speaking School (DESS)**. [See location map below]. However, due to the growing membership, the location of meetings may sometimes be changed to the larger **Multi purpose hall at DESS**. An illustrated talk follows the announcements, and there is a small lending library of books available to members.



**Plate 1: DESS Location Map**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN QATAR & THE MIDDLE EAST**

Katrin Scholz-Barth is an internationally recognized expert in Green Roof technology and has practised for over 16 years in the USA. Notable projects include: the National Institute of Health; the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in Charlotte, North Carolina; Queens Botanical Garden in New York; O'Hare Airport in Chicago; and the World Bank headquarter office in Washington, DC.



Katrin Scholz-Barth

Ms. Scholz-Barth moved to Doha, Qatar in August 2008 and has since become the first



president of Sustainable Qatar, an organization that promotes environmental awareness and action within the community. She is a member of the Qatar Green Building Council and a contributing author to the Qatar Better Building Guidelines published by UNESCO.

Her presentation to QNHG members in June, focused on water management; energy efficiency and sustainable landscape design. She explained how these can go hand in hand with Qatar's ambitious infrastructure expansion through the adaptation of known technologies to the climate of this region. For example, in the creation of green roofs and facades of buildings, merging landscape architecture designs with building technology.

She identified particular issues for Qatar and The Middle East including: urban heat island mitigation; insulation and energy efficiency; storm water management and the improvement of air quality. Appropriate planting, she suggested, can be used to combat all these issues. Most of the opportunities for green infrastructure require technologies to be incorporated at the design stage of any development and can bring the benefit of lower costs, more sociable and more environmental friendly design.

The incorporation of a green roof system can reduce heat gain and increase the energy efficiency of buildings and reduce the need for year round air conditioning. Shade is created which prevents the direct impact of the sun on solid surfaces and reduces the problem of radiant heat. Species with shallow root systems are best, particularly those that are low growing. Grass is not the best choice compared to other species which have lower water needs.

Tree planting along road sides was promoted as a means of filtering the air. Highways are associated with poor air quality with problems of high carbon emissions and particulate matter. Tree leaves 'catch' particulate matter and thus improve air quality, create shade and help to improve the greening and attractiveness of urban areas.

In a country such as Qatar, where annual rainfall is very low and seasonal, you might not think that storm water would be much of a problem. However, high run-off and little or no infiltration to ground water can lead to problems with the use of underground water sources in the future,

such as increased salinity levels in aquifers. Waste water production, at 600 liters per person per day, was identified as both a problem and a potential resource. One solution could be for waste water collection and treatment systems to be incorporated into the design of buildings and compounds with the reuse of treated water in irrigation systems.

There was also plenty of advice from Katrin Scholz-Barth for individuals wanting to improve their own gardens and living spaces. Top tips include the use of grass cuttings, if you have a lawn or can obtain them elsewhere, as an excellent source of nutrients. Similarly, if non-glossy newspaper is torn into thin strips and used to cover areas of bare ground around plants it will help to improve the nutrient levels of the soil. The grass cuttings and paper provide essential nitrogen and carbon in the same way as adding compost and increase soil water retention. Further, by reducing the amount of bare ground surface, soil erosion and water loss through evaporation is reduced too.

For more information from our June speaker, Katrin Scholz-Barth, or to purchase a copy of her book, co-authored with Susan Weiler, *Green Roof Systems: A Guide to the Planning, Design, and Construction of Landscapes over Structure*, visit her website at [www.scholz-barth.com](http://www.scholz-barth.com).

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WITH QNHG

EID – SEPTEMBER 2009

### PALACE ON WHEELS – INDIA, TURKEY & JORDAN

The QNHG Overseas Trip Co-ordinators, Jane Hoelker & Fathima Zahir have been working with Mannai Travel to offer trips during Eid, in September, 2009.

In previous issues of the newsletter we presented details of one of the world's most luxurious trains – The Palace on Wheels and gave details of the proposed itinerary, 9 nights seeing the wonderful palaces and forts of Dehli, Bharatpur and Agra and more. Truly a trip of a lifetime! The official website for Palace on Wheels is: <http://www.palaceonwheels.net>

The second trip offered in association with Mannai Travel is a holiday in Turkey.



The tour starts and finishes in Istanbul (18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September) and includes visits to Canakkale, Kusadasi, Pamukkale, Konya, Cappadocia & Ankara. Highlights include visits to the Blue Mosque, Tokapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul.

The cost of the package includes a return economy flight to Istanbul, full board and all local transport; prices given are based on two people sharing a room.

A number of people have already signed up for the Palace on Wheels trip and the trip to Turkey.

A third trip offered to QNHG members for the September Eid holiday is to Jordan.

## DISCOVER JORDAN

### Itinerary: 5 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS

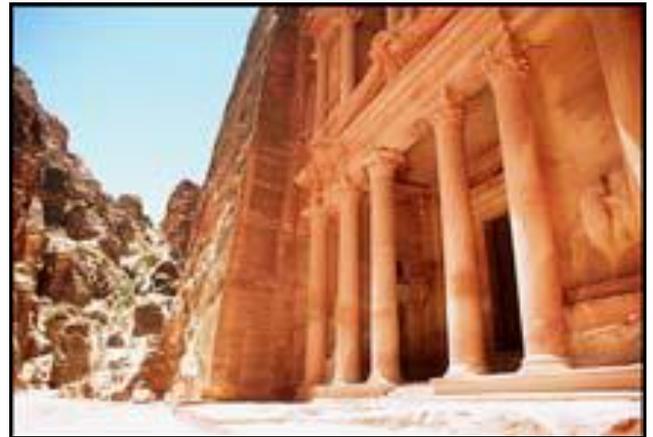
**18th Sep '09:** Arrival at Queen Alia International Airport, where the Airport representatives will meet and assist the guests through formalities and passport control. Later on, the guests would head to the hotel in Amman. Evening free at leisure. Dinner & overnight at Hotel.

**19th Sep '09:** After breakfast, guests would be transferred to Jerash, (A Local English-speaking guide would be available on site). Lunch at Lebanese rest house, Continue to visit Ajlun, after the visit, guests would proceed back to Amman Hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

**20th Sep '09:** After breakfast, guests would proceed to the South to Petra visiting en route

Madaba, Mount Nebo (only the site as the church will be closed for renovation) and Kerak. Lunch at King castle. Later continue to Petra hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

**21st Sep '09:** After Breakfast, full day visit of Petra including (short horse ride from entrance till Siq+ *Local English-speaking guide would be available from entrance till Qaser Al benet*).Lunch at Basin restaurant. Dinner & overnight would be at Petra Hotel.



**22nd Sep '09:** After Breakfast at hotel, transfer to the lowest point on earth to the Dead Sea Hotel for 2-3 hour swim & relax, (lunch at Dead Sea Spa Hotel). Dinner & overnight at hotel in Amman.

**23rd Sep '09:** After Breakfast at hotel, transfer for *city tour* of the capital city of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, lunch at Tawaheen Alhawa, continue to *Queen Alia International Airport* for departure with full assistance.



### Tour Rates:

Based on 10 – 19 pax

Package price per person :

Double Room : **QR 5275 per person**

Single room supplement : **QR 680 per person**



Based on 20 – 30 pax  
 Package price per person:  
 Double Room : **QR 4970 per person**  
 Single room supplement : **QR 680 per person**

#### **PACKAGE COST INCLUDES:**

- Return Economy class airfare Doha-Amman-Doha.
- Meet and assist upon arrival and departure.
- All tours and transfers by A/c vehicle.
- All entrance fees to the mentioned sites as per the program with English speaking guide.
- One-day pass to Petra + mandatory short horse ride from entrance till Siq
- Accommodation sharing single & double/twin room at preferred hotels 4star hotels.
- 5 Lunches en route. at Lebanese rest house/ King castle/ Basin restaurant/ Dead Sea Spa Hotel/ Tawaheen Alhawa ,
- Breakfast & Dinners at Hotels.

The trip we are offering during the **November Eid** is to **Croatia** - the jewel of the Adriatic! We received requests from QNHG members asking if we could arrange for a trip to Croatia and so... Here it is!

### **EID - NOVEMBER 2009**

#### **THE BEST OF CROATIA**

#### ***Suggested Itinerary: 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS***

##### **Day 1: ZAGREB**

Arrive in Zagreb. Transfer from the airport to the hotel.

##### **Day 2: ZAGREB - PLITVICE (140 km)**

Sightseeing in Zagreb featuring Upper Town, historical centre of the city, Church of St. Mark with the famed multicoloured roof, Cathedral, the Croatian National Theatre and University. After the city tour, we head towards the Plitvice Lakes. The Plitvice lakes complex was registered on the UNESCO's List of World Natural Heritage in 1979. Thickly wooded mountains embrace sixteen smaller and larger crystal turquoise lakes, interconnected by foaming cascades and deep falls. Sightseeing in the National Park.

##### **Day 3: PLITVICE - !IBENIK (180 km)**

Drive to !ibenik, a quaint and oldest Slavic city on the Dalmatian coast. Organized visit to the Mediterranean garden of the St. Lawrence

Convent, along with the St. Jacob's Cathedral, one of the most important renaissance architectural monuments of Croatia, built in XV and XVI centuries.

##### **Day 4: !IBENIK – DUBROVNIK (275 km)**

Drive along the Adriatic coast towards Dubrovnik, one of the most beautiful stone cities in the world. This city-monument has been registered on UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage. Arrival at the hotel. Afternoon free for leisure activities, shopping and individual visits.

##### **Day 5: DUBROVNIK**

After breakfast, a guided tour of Dubrovnik including visits to the Franciscan and Dominican Monastery and Rector's Palace. This is followed by the panoramic bus drive above the City with the breathtaking view of Dubrovnik and surrounding islands. Afternoon at leisure.

##### **Day 6: DUBROVNIK - SPLIT (240 km)**

Morning departure for Split. Upon arrival in Split, a guided city tour of the Diocletian's Palace which is under UNESCO's protection, its cellars, the Cathedral of St. Domnius and the Peristyle. Rest of the day is free for shopping or coffee at one of many Split's cafés.

##### **Day 7: SPLIT - TROGIR - ZADAR (160 km)**

Departure for Trogir, a picturesque mediaeval town. Short sightseeing tour, including the beautiful St. Lawrence Cathedral. Then it is on to Zadar.

##### **Day 8: ZADAR - ZAGREB (280 km)**

City tour of Zadar. The rest of the day is free until departure for Zagreb.

##### **Day 9: ZAGREB**

Morning free until transfer to the airport in Zagreb for the flight home

#### **FLIGHTS:**

Return Economy class flights Doha-Zagreb-Doha based on Turkish airlines.

**For further details of accommodation, meals and prices etc. please see the full account of the proposed itinerary on the QNHG website.**

[www.qnhg.org/activities/overseastrips](http://www.qnhg.org/activities/overseastrips) .

Jane and Fathima are working with the staff at Mannai to make the trips as cost-effective as possible, looking at 3\* hotels to reduce costs whilst still offering an attractive package. If you



are interested in making a booking on any of the four tours, please contact Jane Hoelker by email [overseas-trips-coordinator@qnhg.org](mailto:overseas-trips-coordinator@qnhg.org) .

QNHG members have expressed an interest in making a trip to India's temples, Thailand and Lebanon and/or Syria. Fathima will be stepping down next season, if you would like to help Jane with the planning for future trips please let her or another committee member know.

**RAMBLE REPORT**

Members of Qatar Natural History Group took a step up during this ramble – literally! Stranded in Al Khor by the unexpectedly heavy rain one Friday morning in early April. Members who had planned a wildlife photography workshop with the eminent visiting Danish photographers Jens and Hanne Eriksen were forced to take shelter and hold the event in the stairwell of a block of flats.

The Eriksens, who have lived in Oman and the UAE for more than 20 years and are famed for their photographs, published in countless books and on stamps, coins and bank notes, had given a presentation on wildlife photography to the QNHG on Wednesday evening, attended by almost 150 people.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April an early trip to sites around Al Khor was on schedule for Qatar's dedicated birders, followed by a photography session when the Eriksens were slated to demonstrate their state-of-the-art Canon and Nikon cameras and give tips to the photography enthusiasts.



Michael Grunwell & Jens Eriksen

This was intended to take place on one of the birding sites around Al Khor, but nature intervened. It is not often that it rains in Qatar, but the Friday of the ramble was an exception. The rain steadily increased, and with cameras worth thousands of dollars, the experts could not risk any damage to their equipment.



David Mundie talking to Hanne Eriksen

Finding somewhere under cover on a Friday morning in Al Khor is a problem. There are no hotels or public meeting rooms, and the schools are closed. The palm-thatched shelters along the sea front, intended for protection from the sun but not the rain, all leak. One possibility was a restaurant or juice stall, but these proved to be all shut for the duration of the prayer time. But, any port in a storm!

Finally the group of bedraggled but enthusiastic photographers crowded into the stairwell of a modest residential block on the main street, where for the next two hours the Eriksens held court, to the surprise of the residents, demonstrated their photographic skills and answered innumerable questions. All agreed that it had been well worth the journey from Doha, despite the unusual and unscheduled venue.

**Fran Gillespie**

This article was first published in the Gulf Times, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## QNHG LIBRARY NEWS

Qatar Natural History Group has its own library covering a wide range of natural history subjects focussing on the Arabian Gulf - especially Qatar.

A full inventory of all books and publications held in the library is available on the QNHG website and may be found by using the following link [qnhg.org/Library/Inventory](http://qnhg.org/Library/Inventory).

Many thanks to all those people and organisations for their generous donations to our library, if you are leaving Qatar and would like to make a donation to the library please contact Mark Murase or any other committee member. All publications are gratefully received!

**Mark Murase**  
QNHG Librarian

## BIRDING NEWS FROM THE QATAR BIRD CLUB

### BIRDS OF QATAR

The Qatar Bird Club has prepared a list of bird species recorded in Qatar. A total of 266 species are listed plus species that are considered to have escaped or been introduced into the wild, along with other species where records are in doubt due to insufficient documentation. The authors, Jamie Buchan and Michael Grunwell, both members of the QBC recording and surveys subcommittee, have worked diligently to compile data from records dating from the 80's. The data shows that Qatar is an important location for migrating species. To details go to [www.qnhg.org/imp\\_links](http://www.qnhg.org/imp_links) and click on The "Official" Qatar Bird List (compiled for the Qatar Bird Club by M Grunwell and JA Buchan).

## NEW BREEDING RECORDS FOR QATAR

With the formation of the Qatar Bird Club and the increasing interest in birds and birding, and the growing number of ornithologists in Qatar, the data base for species is growing all the time.

Two species of particular note have been recorded in recent days as breeding in Qatar.

The breeding record for Squacco Heron, *Ardeola ralloides*, recorded previously as a passage migrant, is a first for Qatar. At least 2 pairs of Pied Avocets *Recurvirostra avosetta* have been observed with chicks. The last record for this species, which is generally a scarce visitor on migration, as a breeding bird in Qatar was made more than 20 years ago.



Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*

## A SOUND RECORD!

Earlier this year, Fran Gillespie had the pleasure of listening to a nightingale singing close to her home in the centre of Doha. Fran was able to make a recording of the bird song which she later played to members of the QBC at their recent meeting.

**Brian Hunter**  
**Dileep Kumar – Photograph**

## THE MALDIVES WHALE SHARK RESEARCH PROGRAMME

In our last issue we published an article from the MWSRP director Adam Harman describing the pioneering research of the group into the demographics and movements of the whale shark population in the Maldives. Adam has sent through further information about their research which we will feature in the next newsletter in October, including details of their new charity



status. Meanwhile, there are opportunities for anyone interested in helping with the research as there are a number of volunteer places available on a forthcoming trip starting in December. A donation is required to cover costs and people are invited to stay for a minimum of 2 weeks. So, if your ideal winter holiday is 2 weeks snorkelling in the Maldives with a chance to study the behaviour, biology and ecology of whale sharks and assist in furthering the cause of the MWSRP then look no further!

Please email Adam Harman directly for further information: [adam@whalesharkresearch.co.uk](mailto:adam@whalesharkresearch.co.uk), please mention that you are a member of QNHG. Information about the group can be found at [www.maldiveswhalesharkresearch.org](http://www.maldiveswhalesharkresearch.org).

**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY**

**Did you know that this year is The International Year of Astronomy?**

The Int. Year of Astronomy 2009 is a global effort initiated by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) and UNESCO. It is a year long celebration of astronomy planned to coincide with the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Galileo's first telescopic observations of space. The aim is "to help the citizens of the world rediscover their place in the Universe through the day- and night-time sky, and thereby engage a personal sense of wonder and discovery".

The official slogan of the IYA2009 is "**The Universe, Yours to Discover**".

IYA2009 activities are taking place locally, nationally, regionally and internationally. 'National Nodes' in each country, of which there are 141 around the world, are running activities throughout 2009. The contact for Qatar is shown on the web as: Qatar Astronomical Club. For further information about the IYA2009 and events planned for your home country, go to: [www.astronomy2009.org](http://www.astronomy2009.org)

**LECTURE PROGRAMME**

Since many of our members leave for cooler climates during the summer, QNHG will take a break from talks and activities from July through September 2009. We will start our 2009/10 programme on the first Wednesday in October!

Although dates may vary from our usual format of the first Wednesday of each month, please put the following dates in your diary:

October 6<sup>th</sup>; November 3<sup>rd</sup>; December 1<sup>st</sup>

The details of the speakers for the autumn will be announced on the website in due course.

**RAMBLE / FIELD TRIP PROGRAMME**

**Rambles? Field trips?** Is there a difference between the two? What do you think? Please email and let us have your views. The weekend perambulations around Qatar (usually on Fridays, but occasionally on Saturday) will now be organised by a sub-committee of the QNHG, headed by John Tribuna. You can expect an interesting event almost every weekend during the season. We look forward to your continued participation. See John's comments below for a brief taste of what can be expected:

'We're planning on kicking off in early October doing a dhow trip with the Qatar Birding Project. One of the next trips will be to Sheikh Faisal's Farm and Museum, followed by a 10 km hike along the beach in the Sealine area.



Sheikh Faisal's Farm & Museum

We hope to round out the month with a desert rose, caving and shark tooth hunt camping trip, with an astronomy night mixed in, weather permitting. November will also be packed, with a combined QNHG/QAWS dog walk; an SUV/4WD desert driving ramble for all those who want to hone their desert driving skills; a 10 km urban ramble and over the Eid, perhaps another camping trip in the Fuleiya area. As



usual, the schedule is a bit tentative at the moment, but it looks like we will be starting off with a busy season.'



John Tribuna

Details of the field trip program for the 2009/10 season may be found on the QNHG website in due course. For information about rambles/field trips please check the website <http://www.qnhg.org/activities/fieldtrips> or contact the coordinator, John Tribuna (details given below).

### SITUATIONS VACANT!

QNHG is saying 'Goodbye and Thank You' to a number of committee members this summer which leaves us with a few vacancies to be filled. If you would like to join the committee please contact Michael Lesser, the QNHG Chairman, details given below.

Miranda, our wonderful 'Social Sec' sends a personal 'Goodbye', in her own inimitable style.....

### Packing up the Boxes

It's been 3 years, 10 months and 2 weeks...I still cannot believe how time flies!  
I am exactly where I am meant to be. It is time for Maasalama,  
Packing up the boxes now...  
In one box go the clothes, my pots and pans...  
The pictures, it is not really the images on these pictures but the stories they tell.  
In my next big box, I wish to pack up the sand.

I wish to pack up all the dunes and take their beauty with me,  
In another all the QNHG "rambles", "field trips" and "starry nights" under the Arabian skies.  
All my desert excursions up North to Zubara Fort, South-East to the Inland-Sea, in the West Zekreet with its amazing jebels and white beaches.

Digging up desert roses, sliding down the "singing dunes"...

Ahhh...no box is large enough to contain these memories.

The Chilly desert nights. The Hot, scorching summer days,

My role in the Steering Comm. as "social secretary" for the QNHG...for the season 2008-2009...What a joy ride!

It was such fun to serve all of you.

I'm packing up your joyful faces on a Wednesday evening - as you savour the chocolate cake, biscuits and a cup of tea after a hard day at the office.

I pack away the joyful smiles after our beautiful, peaceful Dhow trips,

It's been an honour and a pleasure.

I'm heading down south to sunny South Africa. Keep "rambling"!

### MIRANDA



Miranda at the QNHG Anniversary Dinner



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