

KZN MUSEUM NEWS

Monthly update on everything that happens in the KZN Museum!



Empowering and upskilling the youth!



Paving the way for a brighter tomorrow, the KwaZulu-Natal Museum hosted a youth empowerment workshop to celebrate Youth Day and empower the youth with the necessary skills required to navigate the employment sector.

A special thank you to our esteemed guests Cathsseta, Affirmative Portfolios, CV Clinic, Grissenda Euphorias, Express Employment Professional PMB and Mr Sihle Sibisi for being part of this initiative and sharing your invaluable knowledge with our attendees.

Youth Month Celebrations



Youth Month Outreach

Youth Month is all about uplifting and imparting the youth with skills in order to better their future.

During the first week of June, the KZN Museum's Education Department visited two schools, Mariathal Combined School in Ixopo, for a Grade 12 History revision lesson, and Westcliff Secondary School in Durban for a poetry workshop. The visits form part of the KZN Museum's Youth Month celebrations, aimed to empower and upskill the youth.



Africa Month Celebrations!



Education Department outreach team members also conducted a careers exhibition at Clydesdale Senior Secondary School.

The careers exhibition aimed to highlight the various career fields available at the museum and broaden the learner's career scopes as they look to build towards their future studies.

Learner's Resource Centre (Internet Café)

Operating times

Weekdays: 9h00 - 16h00
 Saturdays: 9h00 - 16h00
 Sundays: 10h00 - 15h00

Services

Internet Access: R10 per hour
 Copies: R0.50 per page
 Printouts: R1.00 per page

Services

Scanning: R3.00 1st page thereafter
 R1.00 per page

Winter Holiday Programme



It was a fun-filled winter holiday programme indeed as the kids got creative with some of the KZN Museum staff.



The 5-day programme featured arts and crafts projects linked to the museum's galleries and saw the kids produce some amazing works of art.

Behind the scenes tour with DHS

The Department of Human Sciences (DHS) played host to St Henry's Marist College, which visited the museum for an archaeology lesson with Dr Ghilrean Laue.

The lesson also featured a behind-the-scenes tour of the DHS, providing insight into what researchers get up to on a daily basis in the field of archaeology.



KZN Museum School Tours & Lessons

School Tour Fees

Learners on Tour: R2.50 per learner
 One Educator per 20 learners is FREE
 Teachers/Adults: R15.00

Lessons Offered

A wide range of curriculum enrichment lectures/talks are available for all grades. Lectures make use of specimens and exhibits and the talks are also enriched by the use of notes and worksheets. Lectures can be designed to suit the educator's/ school's need.

Enquiries: 033 345 1404/reception@nmsa.org.za

Processing new insect specimens into the entomology collection.

Insect specimens are collected in the field using different types of techniques e.g. malaise trapping and sweep netting. The traps are emptied twice a day and the material collected is sorted according to sizes - big or small.

Different-sized stainless steel insect pins are used to pin the specimens. Minutens pins are used for very small specimens and standard insect pins are for bigger specimens. The specimens pinned with minutens pins are then mounted onto foam strips and the strips are pinned with standard insect pin.

The specimens are then labelled and given numbers so that they can be tracked in the collection rooms. The labels have information about where and when the specimens were collected and who collected them. They are then identified, and stored in foam-lined unit trays that are placed into wooden drawers. The drawers are then stored in the collection rooms. All the information from the labels is kept in an electronic database so the information can be easily accessed.



Excavations at Emseni

Members of the Human Sciences Department, KwaZulu-Natal Museum joined Kefilwe Rammutloa, PhD candidate at Yale University and Lecturer at the University of Pretoria for continuing excavations at the Early Iron Age of Emseni near Weenen.

This collaborative project is investigating how farmer peoples lived 1000 to 1400 years ago.

The site is around 25 hectares in size. Two excavation areas were opened totalling 25 m2.

KwaZulu-Natal Museum Venue Hire

Pringle Hall	Capacity: 200	Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R350	Daily Rate: R1 500
Ingede Theatre	Capacity: 63	Hourly Rate (min 2hrs): R275	Daily Rate: R1 200

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Further fieldwork in the Groot Winterhoek Mountains, Eastern Cape

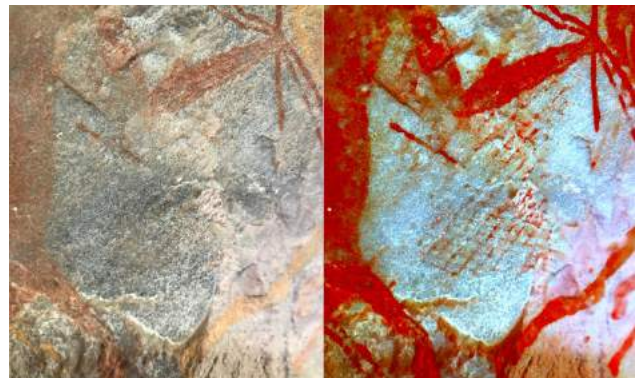
In April 2023, Dr Vibeke Viestad from the University of Oslo joined Drs Ghilraen Laue and Justine Wintjes, Human Sciences Department, KwaZulu-Natal Museum for a second field trip in the Groot Winterhoek Mountains northwest of Gqeberha. We recorded four new rock art sites on our last trip in 2022.

At one of these sites, L Cave, the art is painted across a particularly curvy rock wall. Artists often used natural features of the rock surface in their painting, and we wanted to find creative ways to record this three-dimensionality.

We embarked on an experimental recording project, combining traditional tracing on paper with digital enhancement and 3D modelling, with the help of Adrian Meyer, a Remote Sensing scientist from the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland.

VRcording the art using different techniques involves a great deal of close looking. These rock paintings are highly detailed but also fragmentary, so it is truly a case of the more you look the more you see.

We kept discovering new elements up to the last day!



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East Coast Radio House & Garden Show



Catch us at the East Coast Radio House & Garden Show from the 1st to the 9th of July

Visit our stand G5 and be intrigued by what the KwaZulu-Natal Museum has to offer.

KwaZulu-Natal, A Never-Ending Journey of Discovery!

Upcoming Events at the KZN Museum

The KZN Museum presents, **Night at the Museum: Winter Edition**, a winter treat to warm up the entire Family!

Loads of fun-filled activities to enjoy! Explore the wonders of working at a Natural and Cultural History museum with unique displays from our research departments. Put your wit to the test and see if you can escape from the Room Escape. Get creative with pottery painting and so much more.

Tickets are now available at webtickets.co.za or your nearest Pick n Pay outlet.

Date: 14 July 2023
Time: 18h00 – 20h00 (Doors open at 17h00)
Tickets: R50 per person
Venue: 237 Jabu Ndlovu Street



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ENTRANCE CHARGES
 Adults : R 15.00 (Over 17 years)
 Children : R 5.00
 Scholars : R 2.50 (On tour) per child
 Pensioners & Toddlers : FREE

