

KZN MUSEUM NEWS

Monthly updates on everything that happens at the KZN Museum!



Women's Day Celebrations!



Inspiring young minds and cultivating a brighter future for women in South Africa as we celebrate Women's Month under the theme "Accelerating Socio-Economic Opportunities for Women Empowerment."

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum celebrated Women's Day with a talk aimed to motivate young female learners to aspire to greatness. Grade 9-12 learners from Thornhill Christian College, Injoloba Secondary, Raisethorpe Secondary, Insikayethu Secondary and Umvuzo Secondary were able to engage and gain knowledge from industry thought leaders such as Takalani Netshipale (Civil Engineer, SAICE), Ashleigh Wegener (Professional Photographer, Ashleigh Wegener Studios) and our very own Dr Thembeke Nxele (Oligochaeta, KZN Museum).

Thank you to our esteemed guests for availing themselves and sharing their knowledge.

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Happy Earth Festival 2023

The KZN Museum, along with 21 other well-established environmental educational organizations gathered at the KZN Botanical Gardens for the annual, **Happy Earth Festival**. The festival aims to help raise awareness of ecological health through hands-on activities based on sustainable environmental practices.

Over 1200 learners from both junior/senior primary and high schools attended the two-day festival.

Thank you to all the organizations that made the event a success, see you all next year!



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



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

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



New Arrivals at the KZN Museum

The museum welcomed some new faces during the month of August who joined the museum as part of the CATHSSETA and HSRC internship intake for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Top row (Left to Right):

- 1 Nombuso Gwamanda (Health & Safety Intern)
- 2 Savuma Mchunu (Human Sciences Intern)
- 3 Senamile Hadebe (Sales & Marketing Intern)
- 4 Siseko Duma (Environmental Management Intern)
- 5 Zola Daniels (Human Sciences Intern)

Bottom row (Left to Right):

- 1 Sandile Msomi (Tour Guiding Intern)
- 2 Thabiso Mavundla (Tour Guiding Intern)
- 3 Lungiswa Buthelezi (Tour Guiding Intern)
- 4 Sanelisiwe Zondi (Natural Science Intern)
- 5 Nomfundo Mthembu (Tour Guiding Intern)
- 6 Mbongeni Mthembu (Digital Art Intern)

We wish them all the best during their stay at the KZN Museum.

Art at the Museum

Re-imagining museum spaces

It was a case of “art meets nature” during the month of August as the museum played host to not one but two schools that saw the artistic value in the KZN Museum’s mammal collections.

Roseway Waldorf took full advantage of the museum’s animal collection and showcased their creative drawing talents during their visit to the museum, whilst art learners from Alexandra High School, drew some inspiration from the displays at the Warren Mammal Hall as they worked on their year-end art projects.



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

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

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.

Congratulations to Dr John Midgley!

The museum is excited to announce that Dr John Midgley, Assistant Director of Natural Sciences, has been elected to the council of not one, but two international scientific organizations. At the recent AGM of the Entomological Society of Southern Africa (ESSA), Dr Midgley was elected as one of two Vice Presidents of the Society and at the International Congress of Dipterology he was elected as the Secretary/Treasurer and Africa representative on the Council of the International Congresses of Dipterology.

The ESSA was founded in 1937 and aims to promote all aspects of entomology in Africa and facilitate communication between entomologists, both amateur and professional, on the continent. Dr Midgley will serve as Vice President for the next two years. The Council of the ICDs is primarily tasked with ensuring that Dipterological Congresses (meetings where entomologists share their research on flies) happen every four years, but also with promoting Dipterology internationally. The term for council membership is eight years. The council was formed after the first Dipterology Congress in 1986.



Two new volunteers for the Human Sciences Department



Mbali Maduna recently graduated from the University of KwaZulu-Natal with a degree in Social Sciences majoring in History and Sociology. She has a keen interest in the history of African cultures and traditions to which has been added a fascination with archaeology through the Human Sciences Department. Her interest in the museum started when she attended the KZN Museum's outreach programme, Sabalala Nalwazi, while still at school.

Anele Bhengu recently completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of South Africa (UNISA), majoring in anthropology and archaeology. Her curiosity about the field of archaeology was sparked in childhood, and she has since developed a keen interest in Iron Age archaeology and archaeozoology. Her interest in the museum was piqued when she visited the KwaZulu-Natal Museum for the first time in September 2022. Her enthusiasm further flourished after interacting with museum staff during an Archaeology Society talk earlier this year

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

Enquiries call 033 345 1407 or email reception@nmsa.org.za (T's & C's apply)

A treasure trove of new rock art sites (re)discovered in the Waterberg

Exploring remote areas of the Waterberg, an area rich in rock art, Dr Ghilraen Laue and Professor Lyn Wadley (re)discovered 18 new sites. We say (re)discovered because while these sites were sometimes previously known to the landowners and were obviously known to the image-makers, they are new to academic scholarship. Dr Laue, who is in the Human Sciences Department at the KwaZulu-Natal Museum is collaborating with Professor Wadley of Wits University to research and document the rock art of the Waterberg plateau for a book devoted to the art of the region.

Much of the Waterberg art is very faded. Dstretch is used to enhance the faded colours so that images can be more clearly seen. This tool, developed for rock art researchers, uses decorrelation stretch. This image enhancement technique was first used on aerial photos. Dstretch works best on red and yellow paintings. Below are some examples of how some of the faded Waterberg imagery has been enhanced and how other barely visible images are made visible with this software.



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DUT WOW 2023 & Eston Show Outreach



Upcoming Events at the KZN Museum

INVERTEBRATE GALLERY
LAUNCHING
12 OCTOBER 2023

WHAT'S ON
KWAZULU-NATAL MUSEUM

SEPTEMBER

4 Sep	Abor Week
08 Sep	World Literacy Day
11-15 Sep	Storytelling Festival
18-22 Sep	Isivivane Art Installation
22 Sep	Heritage Day Event
24 Sep	Heritage Day
25 - 30 Sep	World Deaf Awareness Week

OCTOBER

12 Oct	Invertebrate Gallery Launch
27 Oct	Night at the Museum: Halloween

A JOURNEY OF NEVER ENDING DISCOVERY!

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OPENING TIMES

Weekdays - 9:00 to 16:00
Saturdays - 9:00 to 16:00
Sundays - 10:00 to 15:00
Holidays - 9:00 to 16:00

ENTRANCE CHARGES

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

