

# KZN MUSEUM NEWS

*Monthly update on everything that happens in the KZN Museum!*



## Celebrating Africa Month at the KZN Museum!



Africa Month celebrations brought out a cacophony of joyous jubilation as we celebrated Africa's diverse cultures and traditions.

The Africa Day event saw local schools join in the festivities, as learners shared presentations on the unique cultures and customs practised in countries across the continent of Africa. The presentations were followed by a tour of African artefacts, artistic works and traditional attires from all corners of Africa displayed at the museum's Mammal Hall.

## Celebrating African Unity



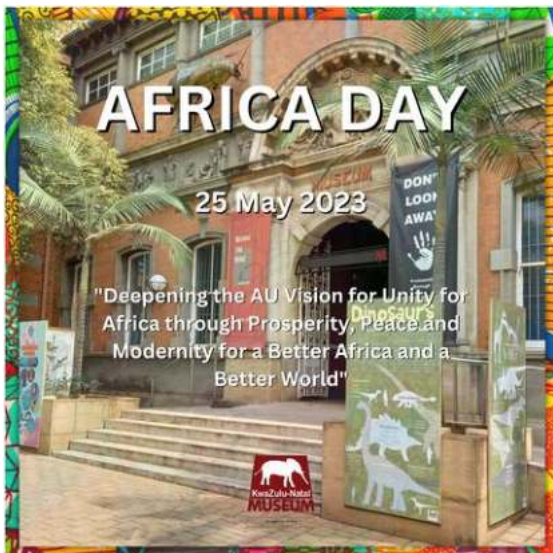
## African Textile Workshop

Africa Month celebrations have begun at the KZN Museum, with an African Textile workshop headed by our Exhibitions Department. The workshop highlights the diverse textiles and patterns from across the African continent. Learners from Nobhala High School, Sobantu Secondary, Fundokuhle Secondary and Mashaka Primary School were tasked with creating their own interpretation of African textile panels, which will feature in a new African Textiles display at the KZN Museum.

Be sure to visit the museum to see the final outcome of the textiles and the new African Textile display.



## Africa Month Celebrations!



This year, Africa Day was celebrated under the theme, "*Deepening the AU Vision for Unity for Africa through Prosperity, Peace and Modernity for a Better Africa and a Better World.*"

The African Union's vision is that of: "*An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena.*"

## 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

## International Museum Day

Promoting wellness and sustainability this International Museum Day!

The KZN Museum hosted a morning yoga session led by the Head of the Exhibitions Department, Wesley Flanagan. The Yoga session was followed by a mindfulness session which involved colouring in mandalas and animal templates.

The sessions looked to explore creative ways museum spaces could be utilised in an ever-changing world, whilst encouraging patrons to take better care of their mental and physical wellbeing.



## Biodiversity Day

Sharing South Africa's rich heritage of biological diversity!

The museum's Department of Natural Science and the Education Department hosted local schools to celebrate Biodiversity Day.

Learners and teachers were treated to a unique display of specimens from our Natural Science collections and were able to engage with departmental staff on the research they conduct and the role it plays in giving a better understanding of our biodiversity.



## 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

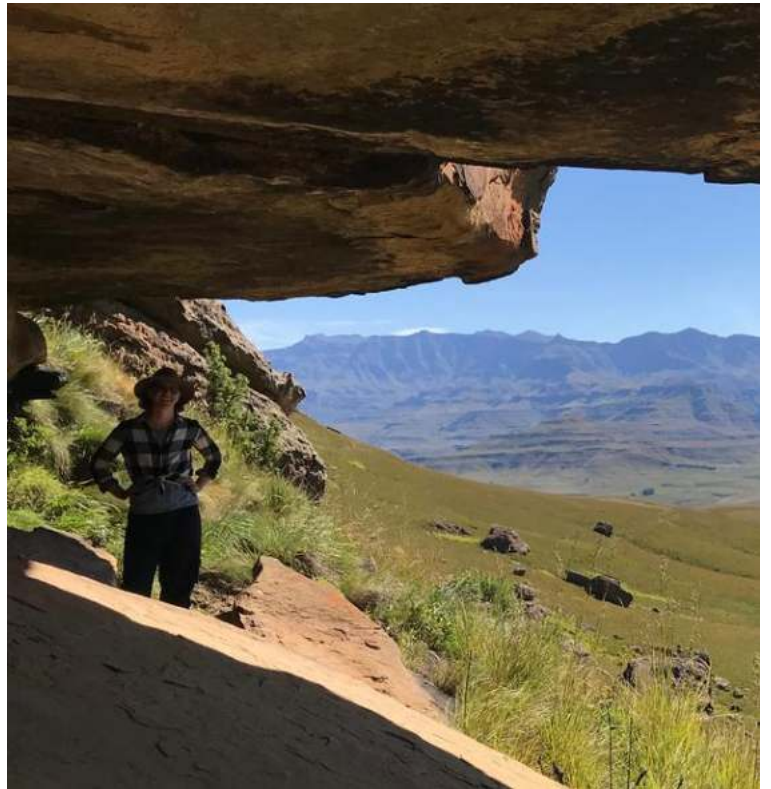
A wide range of curriculum enrichment lectures/talks are available for all grades. Lectures make use of specimens and exhibits and the talks are also enriched by the use of notes and worksheets. Lectures can be designed to suit the educator's/ school's need.

## Rock art at Bamboo Mountain - Part 1

In April Drs Justine Wintjes and Ghilraen Laue of the Department of Human Sciences, KZN Museum, along with Dr Vibeke Viestad from the University of Oslo, Norway, visited seven rock art sites in the Underberg area.

One of the things we wanted to see was a site on Bamboo Mountain from which rock art was removed over a century ago.

Full article: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxb5utk>



## Rock Art at Bamboo Mountain - Part 2

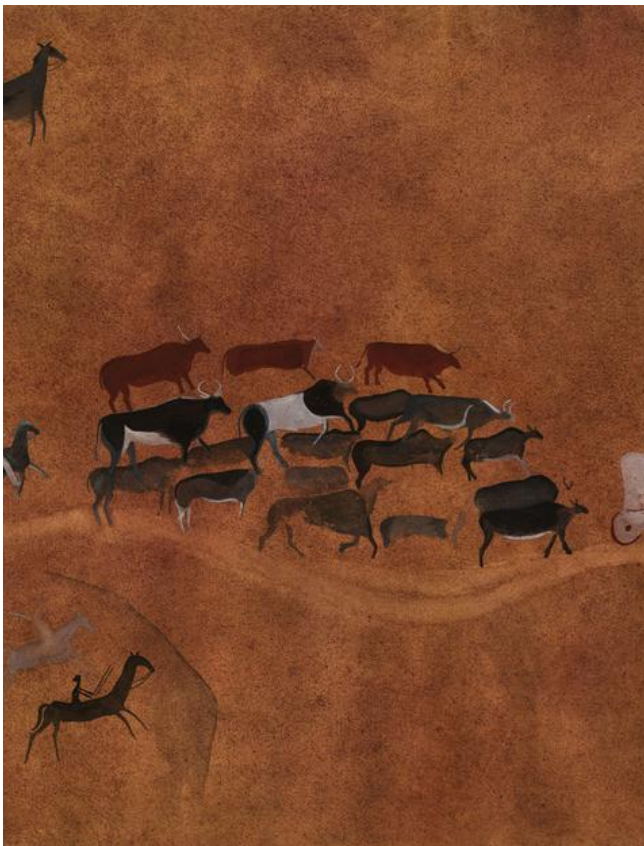
In 1961, [Patricia Vinnicombe](#), renowned rock art copyist and scholar, visited the sites on Bamboo Mountain. Many of Vinnicombe's photographs and copies are housed in the KwaZulu-Natal Museum. Armed with digital copies of her photographs and a physical copy of her 1976 book *People of the Eland*, we set off to visit the sites and note any changes in the paintings.

Some of the panels include images of horses which mean they were in all likelihood made after 1835. The Bamboo Mountain sites were first recorded by Trooper Whyte in 1910, and at the time of Vinnicombe's recording, at least some of the imagery would have been between 60 and 125 years old – so possibly almost two centuries old now.

The red paint appears relatively stable, and the most startling changes involve black.

For a long time, we searched for the cattle pictured in the photograph below. Our difficulty in locating the images was not due to poor observation, but due to us looking for the wrong colour. In the intervening years, the images have changed from black to white!

Full article: <https://tinyurl.com/yc5jke5j>



## 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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## Storeroom Talks

KZN Museum's most recent storeroom talk on the Jojosi Donga 1, presented by Gunther Möller (University of Tübingen).

The presentation featured actual artefacts from Aron Mazel's excavation of the Jojosi Donga 1 (1991), and discussed insights that could be gained from the artefacts in relation to the technology and raw material use of hunter-gatherer groups in the region in the distant past.



## Celebrating Past Archaeological Staff



Celebrating Fifty Years of Archaeology-Remembering Past Staff; is a series profiling past archaeological members of staff at the KZN Museum and their contributions to the field. Follow the series on our website and our social media platforms.

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# Royal Agricultural Show & Travel Indaba

Royal Show Exhibition



Travel Indaba

## Upcoming Events at the KZN Museum

*Youth Empowerment*  
**Workshop**  
 15 June 2023  
 9am - 1pm

- Enhance your job-hunting skills.
- How to put together a perfect CV.
- How to apply for a job.
- Internship opportunities.
- How to apply through a recruitment agency.

Attendance is free • booking is essential.

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South Africa  
 Youth Month 2023  
 KwaZulu-Natal Museum

**KWAZULU-NATAL MUSEUM**  
**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
 Date: 26 - 30 JUNE 2023

**NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM**  
 WINTER EDITION

**14 July 2023**

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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

