

KZN MUSEUM NEWS



Monthly update on everything that happens in the KZN Museum!

Planting seeds for the future with SANBI



The KwaZulu-Natal Museum's outreach team were invited to attend the SANBI High School's Career Expo at the KZN National Botanical Garden (PMB), which took place on the 23rd of February.



The event saw Grade 10/11 learners from different high schools around the Richmond and Mbumbulu area engage with multiple stakeholders, which included Umgeni Water, uMsunduzi Museum, EDTEA, Durban University of Technology, UKZN and University of Zululand amongst many others.

The aim of the event was to provide learners with the opportunity to consider their future and interact with various avenues of employment, training and/or further education in the environmental/conservation sector.



Education Is The Key

World Read Aloud Day & International Mother Tongue Day

The KwaZulu – Natal Museum's Education Department continues its efforts of playing a pioneering role in the educational system by offering educational programmes that enhance and supplement the learners learning experience.

Over the month of February the Education Department visited Sombongangani Primary School and Hawkstone Primary School to commemorate World Read Aloud Day and International Mother Tongue Day respectively. Celebrating the art of reading and helping to preserve native languages whilst instilling a love of reading at the foundational and intermediate learning phases.





In-House Lessons

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum's in-house formal educational lessons commenced at the beginning of February. The programme features the use of specimens/artefacts, gallery tours and lectures on CAPS aligned topics, saw an influx of local schools visit the KZN Museum to take full advantage of the learning experience.

The Grade 13 programme also made its long awaited return and aims to aid History learners in finishing schools looking to gain an in-depth understanding of topics outlined in the subject as they prepare for their re-examination.

In-House & Outreach lessons

Outreach Lessons

The museum's education outreach team visited grade six and seven learners from, Vezamafa Primary School and Etshelihle Primary School for some enthralling Natural Science and Social Science lessons.

The lessons featured some captivating experiments, highlighting the photosynthesis process, detecting bacteria as well as a look into the history of the Kingdom of Mali and the city of Timbuktu.

If you would like us to visit your school or know of a school that would benefit from our education programmes, contact us on **033 345 1404** or send an email to info@nmsa.org.za



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.



South Coast Sampling by Dr T Nxele

Another interesting earthworm survey at Oribi Gorge took place in December 2023, where sugarcane was one of the sites sampled at Minnehaha and Lynton farms. This project is part of the project that documents earthworms in agroecosystems. Minnehaha and Lynton farms practice conservation agriculture and indigenous earthworms belonging to the family Microchaetidae were found in all sampled sites. The *Microchaetus* sp. that were found make large casts on the surface of the soil.

Digging out the large earthworms is not easy - most of the time you end up with just tails, as they cut their tails off to quickly escape danger. It was possible to collect full specimens on the surface of the soil after heavy rains, especially in mature sugarcane. Earthworms can consume food twice their body mass and having such large species in your soil is double the benefit.

Recent book donations to the KwaZulu-Natal Museum Library!

Our warmest thanks go to recent donors of art, history, and archaeology books to the KwaZulu-Natal Museum Library:



Julia Charlton of Wits Art Museum for thirteen of their exhibition catalogues, including *Activate/Captivate: collections re-engagement at Wits Art Museum* (edited by Laura De Becker and Anitra Nettleton, 2015) and *A long way home: migrant worker worlds 1800–2014* (edited by Peter Delius, Laura Phillips and Fiona Rankin-Smith, 2015)

Carolyn Hamilton of the Archive and Public Culture Research Initiative, University of Cape Town, for two copies of the double-volume box set of *Tribing and untribing the archive* (edited by Hamilton and Nessa Leibhammer, 2016)

Tšhegofatšo Mabaso of the Iziko South African National Gallery for the exhibition catalogue *Not the usual suspects* (Iziko South African Museums and Ingrid Masondo, 2020)

Elizabeth Perrill for her book *Burnished: Zulu ceramics between rural and urban South Africa* (2022)

Andrzej Rozwadowski for his book *Visual culture, heritage and identity: using rock art to reconnect past and present* (with Jamie Hampson, 2021)

Jill Weintroub for a copy of the book *Dress as social relations: an interpretation of Bushman dress* (Vibeke M. Viestad, 2018)

We salute you for these wonderful contributions to our book holdings.

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)

Upcoming Events at the KZN Museum



Get ready to slither into adventure! Join us at the KwaZulu-Natal Museum for a scaly educational experience like no other! Our Reptile Show featuring Reptile Party Time - where parties come alive, will showcase the incredible diversity of these fascinating creatures and leave you in awe of their beauty, from colourful snakes to fearsome lizards, come learn and be amazed!

Limited spots available, so don't miss out! Food and drinks will be sold on the day.

Tickets available at www.webtickets.co.za or at your nearest Pick n Pay store.

 :<https://tinyurl.com/52x54sfp>

Save The Date!

Get your diaries out and mark the dates, here is what's happening at the museum.



Follow us on our social media platform for updates on all KZN Museum events.

WHAT'S ON KWAZULU-NATAL MUSEUM	
MARCH	
08 March	International Women's Day
20-26 March	Library Week
21 March	Heritage Day
21 March	World Poetry Day
APRIL	
01 April	Reptile Show
23 April	World Book and Copyright Day
27 April	Freedom Day
28-29 April	Outreach (Northway Mall)
MAY	
09-11 May	Tourism Indaba (SAMA Exhibition)
18 May	International Museum Day
22 May	Biodiversity Day
25 May	Africa Day
26 May	Royal Show Exhibition
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

