

KZN MUSEUM NEWS

Monthly updates on everything that happens at the KZN Museum!



Remembering Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi



The KwaZulu-Natal Museum mourns the loss of Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, an iconic figure whose significant contributions to South Africa's political landscape and the preservation of Zulu cultural history have left an indelible mark across the nation.

Prince Buthelezi, a luminary in KwaZulu-Natal and the founder of the Inkatha Freedom Party, is cherished by people from all walks of life for his remarkable political journey and his role as Traditional Prime Minister to three Zulu Kings; King Cyprian Bhekuzulu kaPhumuzuzulu, King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu, and the current King, King Misuzulu kaZwelithini, whose installation he greatly contributed to in August 2022 following the passing of King Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu and Queen MaDlamini Zulu in 2021. His legacy will be an enduring source of inspiration, shaping the history of the Zulu Nation for generations to come.

Shenge, Sokwalisa, Mnyamana kaNgqengelele, Phungashe, Sondiya!

Recognizing Prince Buthelezi's immense impact on the restoration and preservation of Zulu history, KwaZulu-Natal Museum is dedicated to upholding his legacy for future generations. The Museum conducted an extensive interview with Prince Buthelezi on March 29, 2023, covering various aspects of his life, politics, his role as Prime Minister of the Zulu Kingdom, and the installation of Zulu Kings, among other topics. Prince Buthelezi maintained a strong rapport with the KwaZulu-Natal Museum, making frequent visits whenever the opportunity arose.



While Prince Buthelezi's passing leaves a deep void, his legacy will endure through the cherished stories, artefacts, and memories we hold dear. The KwaZulu-Natal Museum Council, management and staff extends its heartfelt condolences to Prince Buthelezi's family, the Zulu Royal Family he served with distinction until his departure, the Zulu Nation, his friends, and all those touched by his extraordinary life. May his soul rest in peace! Uhambe kahle Shenge!

Heritage Month Festivities

As a heritage custodian, the KwaZulu-Natal Museum prides itself in highlighting and celebrating our national holidays with the public at large.

Heritage Month celebrations kicked off with the annual Heritage Day Quiz Competition, which saw eight local high schools participate in this year's edition of the competition. Grade 8 learners were quizzed on the museum's "First World War Gallery" as it forms part of the grade 8 syllabus covered in the 4th term.

Winners of the competition were as follows:

1st Place: Mphophomeni High School

2nd Place: Marion High School

3rd Place: Phayiphini High School



“Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity in a Democratic South Africa”

The Heritage Month festivities culminated at the Princess Magogo Stadium, during the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture Heritage Day & Open Indigenous Games Festival (IGF) in KwaMashu.

Minister of Sports, Arts & Culture, Zizi Kodwa, reiterated the government's mission to drive social cohesion as he stated during his speech, **"In South Africa, we are a people of diverse cultures and a rich heritage. Let us go further together and build national unity by celebrating and embracing this diversity and heritage."**



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



4th Annual Storytelling Festival

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum's fourth annual storytelling festival commenced on the 7th of September at Maria Memorial Primary School, whose learners dazzled us with their fantastic speech presentations and performances in collaboration with Arthur Blaxall School.

The storytelling festival embraces the art of storytelling through performance arts and aims to highlight the significance of preserving oral history. For this year's festival edition, participating schools were tasked with highlighting past Zulu Kings such as King Mpande, King Cetshwayo, King Dinuzulu and King Goodwill Zwelithini during Heritage Month.

The final leg of the Storytelling Festival culminated at the Amazwi South African Museum of Literature, in the Eastern Cape, where a joint festival was held in honour of literary and contemporary authors from South Africa.

“Teaching is the greatest act of optimism.” – Colleen Wilcox

Arbor Week & Recycling Fashion Show

The KZN Museum's in-house education team celebrated Arbor Week by highlighting the beauty and importance of South Africa's indigenous trees and the role they play in our ecosystem, in partnership with the KZN National Botanical Garden (PMB), EDTEA KZN and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. The initiative also featured an outreach component where a total of 55 indigenous trees were donated to local schools around Pietermaritzburg.

The Mall at Scottsville organized a fashion show competition encompassing both primary and high school participants with the aim of highlighting the importance of preserving our natural surroundings, educating people about environmental sustainability, and effectively managing resources through recycling.

The event featured an exhibition curated by the KwaZulu-Natal Museum, and our staff also served as judges in the competition. Siseko Duma and Akhona Lukhozi took the stage, shedding light on the detrimental effects of pollution on our environment and emphasized the significance of recycling, reusing materials, and maintaining our natural ecosystem.

In the primary schools' category, Scottsville Primary School and Hayfields Primary School vied for victory, while in the high schools' category, Carter High School Pietermaritzburg and Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School showcased their talents. The competition's victors would be determined through public votes on The Mall at Scottsville page, underscoring the importance of community engagement in promoting sustainable practices.



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.

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum at the Origin of the World

The exhibition The Origin of the World opened at Wits University's Origins Centre in Johannesburg on Thursday 7 September. Curated by Dr Vibeke Viestad, it offers a fresh perspective on San dress as a complex expression of being in the world, helping people to be themselves and be with others.

Rock art tracings done by Vibeke in collaboration with Drs Ghilraen Laue and Justine Wintjes of the Department of Human Sciences, KwaZulu-Natal Museum, as well as two tortoiseshell boxes from the Museum's collections, are on display among many items borrowed from various other institutions. You'll find lots to see, as well as touch and smell. The exhibition will be up until mid-2024.



Farewell to our HSRC-DSI Interns



It's always bittersweet to bid farewell to valued team members, especially when they've made such significant contributions during their time with us. Muhammad Ally and Nothando Shabalala (both HSRC-DSI interns) have been exceptional assets to the museum for the last two years, enhancing our research departments and leaving a lasting impact.

Muhammad, we're thrilled that you had an amazing and enjoyable two years with us. Your dedication and enthusiasm have been truly appreciated. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours, and may you continue to thrive and excel in your pursuits.

Nothando, your appreciation for the knowledge, experience, and friendships gained during your time here warms our hearts. Your contributions have been invaluable, and you will be missed by all of us. We extend our best wishes for a bright and successful future ahead.

Thank you both for being an integral part of our museum community. Your presence will be fondly remembered, and we look forward to hearing about your achievements and successes down the road. Farewell, and best of luck on your new journeys!

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)

Brenda O'Connor Generous Mollusc Donation

The donation comprises a collection of molluscs collected mostly from Shelly Beach. It includes a wide array of shells that showcase the diverse beauty of these fascinating creatures, from the intricately patterned shells of cowries to the delicate spirals of seashells.

Full Article: <https://tinyurl.com/47xdumrj>



Excavation in the Waterberg

South African's celebrate Heritage Day in various ways. Dr Ghilraen Laue, Department of Human Sciences, KZN Museum, Professor Lyn Wadley and Dr Rosa Moll, Evolutionary Studies Institute, Wits University, and Dr Chrissie Sievers, Department of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies, Wits University, are spending Heritage Day excavating a rock shelter in the Waterberg, Limpopo Province.

The site preserves the rich and extensive archaeological heritage of the northern parts of South Africa, dating from the Earlier Stone Age to our very recent past. The team will be excavating for the next few weeks so look out for updates on further discoveries.

Full Article: <https://tinyurl.com/rzfvk33s>



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In honour of Heritage Month, Neelofar Sayed from Lotus FM chats with the Kwa-Natal Museum's Public Relations and Marketing Executive, Viranna Frank.

[Click on this link to listen to the interview!](#)

KZN Museum, There's Always Something New to See!



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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

