

KZN MUSEUM NEWS

Monthly update on everything that happens in the KZN Museum!



Heritage Day Quiz

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum closed off Heritage Month with a Heritage Quiz Competition which saw over 15 local primary schools participate. The Quiz was based on the KZN Museum's Mammal Hall and Nelson Mandela Gallery and aimed to promote understanding and appreciation of the heritage preserved at the museum.



Following a three-way tie for first place between Thornville Primary School, Kwamyeza Primary School and Inkanyezini Primary School the Quiz went into a tie-breaker round which saw Kwamyeza Primary School crowned champions of the 2022 Heritage Quiz.

Final positions:

1st Kwamyeza Primary School (Pictured first frame)

2nd Inkanyezini Primary School

3rd Thornville Primary School



Knowledge is power!

Heritage Month

Heritage Month is celebrated annually in September. It is celebrated to mark our nation's diverse culture and heritage. All South Africans are called upon to use Heritage Month to foster greater social cohesion, nation building and a shared national identity.

This year Heritage Month was celebrated under the theme, *"Celebrating the life of Solomon Linda and South Africa's indigenous music"*.

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SciFest Representation

The KZN Museum was well represented at the Scifest Africa 2022 Science Festival.

Chief Education Officer (Outreach), Marsha Kalika participated in the SciFestAfrica festival from 6/09 - 13 /09 and facilitated presentations on the impact of plants (Gardening: Being Climate Smart), whilst also conducting workshops with local schools from the Makhanda area, highlighting the use of CO2 and activities utilising the "miracle plant" spekboom and seed bombs. The KZN Museum claimed 2nd placed at the SciFest Africa Awards in the workshop category.



3rd Annual Storytelling Festival

The 3rd Annual KwaZulu-Natal Museum Storytelling Festival kicked off at Arthur Blaxall School. The festival is aimed at celebrating the art of storytelling and provides learners with a platform to express themselves through various forms of performance art such as poetry, singing, reading and acting.

The 2022 edition of the KZN Museum's Storytelling Festival took a more inclusive approach and visited schools such as Arthur Blaxall and Indaleni Primary school which caters for visually impaired and deaf learners respectively.



World Literacy Day

The KZN Museum celebrated World Literacy Day with Mfundwenhle Primary School and Ndeleshane Primary School.

In keeping with the theme of World Literacy Day, **"Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces"** the Museum's Library and Education Departments donated books and bookshelves to Mfundwenhle Primary School, which is looking to build its first library through an initiative spearheaded by Libraries 4 Learning. The day's activities concluded with a visit to Ndeleshane Primary School where the team spent some time with the foundation phase learners (Grade 1 - 3), working on their reading and writing skills.



Deaf Awareness Month

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum's visit to Indaleni provided a platform to promote and celebrate inclusivity through the art of storytelling. Learners grabbed the opportunity with both hands and gave a sequence of meaningful performances touching on issues such as drug abuse, Gender-Based Violence as well as deaf awareness.

The KZN Museum also collaborated with MDSA (Miss/ Mrs/ Mr. Deaf South Africa) which saw the Education Outreach team facilitate a creative science candle making workshop, aimed to impart participants with support and skills that allow them to feel more confident and independent.



Ukuphosa itshe esivivaneni

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum hosted the opening of ***Ukuphosa itshe esivivaneni***, an art installation by UKZN's Centre for Visual Arts. The installation is an extension of CVA/KZN Museum collaborative creative experiment held at the Museum in November 2021. This year, the collective focused on story-telling and performance, while honoring the central values of izivivane – the spirit of community, collaboration, and commemoration

Ukuphosa itshe esivivaneni will be on display at the KwaZulu-Natal Museum's Mammal Hall from the 19th of September to the 26th of October 2022. Interact with the installation and join in the conversation.



Readers Cup Event

Following the success of KZN Museum's 3rd Storytelling Festival, the museum's Education Outreach team was invited to attend the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education's Readers Cup Event which was recently held at Newton Pre-Vocational Primary School.

The readers cup event is an ongoing initiative from the KZNDOE which champions and promotes reading at the foundational phase of learning. The event saw various primary schools from the Umgungulndlovu District participate with learners from the respective schools showcasing their reading skills through storytelling, debates, book reviews, performances as well as reciting poetry.



International Research Conferences



With the relaxation of international travel restrictions, KwaZulu-Natal Museum scientists are able to share their research with a global audience again. Dr John Midgley (KZN Museum) and his collaborators, Dr Terence Bellingan (Albany Museum, Makhanda) and Dr Kurt Jordaens (Royal Museum for Central Africa, Belgium) attended the International Syrphidae Symposium where scientists working on hover flies from around the world meet to share ideas and develop new projects and research strategies.

Full article: <https://tinyurl.com/4m8tz4va>



Dr. Justine Wintjes and Dr. Ghilraen Laue, Human Sciences Department, KwaZulu-Natal Museum had the opportunity to attend the 16th PanAfrican Archaeological Association Congress in Zanzibar. Ghilraen had two papers in the session Reflections into the Past, Insights into the Future: Understanding Africa's Rich Rock Art Heritage. She presented a paper titled Regionality in San Rock Art: More than Simplistic Correlation of Material Culture and Cultural Identity. The second paper 'Not Merely Touching the Surface': a Reinterpretation of Handprints in Rock Art was presented by Ghilraen's co-author, Dr. L. Pinto

Justine presented in a session Imagining Futures: Beyond Archives and Archiving. Her paper, Metsemegologolo: Visions for a Multimodal Landscape Archive of African Urbanisms in Southern Africa, reported on the development of a multimodal archive pertinent to urbanisms before colonialism in southern Africa.

SAMA Conference

Closer to home...

KwaZulu-Natal Museum was well represented at the regional South African Museums Association Conference and the fieldwork in Zululand. The conference aimed to exchange ideas on "How can we sustain museums in the post-lockdown era." The KwaZulu-Natal Museum made five presentations at the Conference from Nelisiwe Manukuza (Research Technician, Mollusc Collections), Mandisa Ndlovu (Research Technician, Natural Science), Siyabonga Zamisa (Research Technician, Databases), Dr Igor Muratov (Curator Mollusca) and Phumlani Madondo (Technical Assistant) all sharing their experiences with colleagues from other museums in the province. Besides the participation at the Conference, some useful fieldwork has been done by the KwaZulu-Natal museum scientists (undertaken during lunch time, in order not to interfere with the Conference Programme) that resulted in six species of terrestrial molluscs recorded in the area of more than 300 square kilometres for the first time. Full article: <https://tinyurl.com/yc59tnt7>



Spring Day

The KZN Museum staff welcomed the beginning of a new season on the 1st of September.

It was a joyous occasion indeed with staff members wearing brightly coloured clothing and faces brimming with smiles as they ushered in Spring Day in style.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Scottsville Mall recently held their "Keep Calm & Recycle Competition" for local schools in Pietermaritzburg. The KZN Museum was invited to give a presentation on recycling as well as to join-in in the festivities of the day. Learners from participating schools showcased their creativity and created some eye-catching art pieces from recycled materials.



#5DHeritageTour

The KZN Museum is honoured to have been featured on 5FM's #5DHeritageTour. The tour sees the 5Drive team travel across the country visiting some of South Africa's must see tourist attraction spots. We hope we'll be seeing you too for a visit at the museum.



**A Never Ending Journey of
Discovery Awaits You!**



The Museum launched its very own soccer team in the month of September. The team was launched to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for employees at the Museum.

Upcoming Event

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
HALLOWEEN
 EDITION
28 OCTOBER 2022
18H00 – 20H00
COME DRESSED UP FOR HALLOWEEN!
 LIVE SHARK DISSECTION • SCIENCE SHOW
 FACE PAINTING • PHOTO BOOTH • SCARE TUNNEL
 FOOD AND SNACKS SOLD • AND PLENTY MORE
R80 PER PERSON
 (AVAILABLE AT WEBTICKETS & PICK N PAY)
 TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR
 SCAN TO BUY YOUR TICKET
 web tickets 237 Jabu Ndlovu Street, Pietermaritzburg 033 345 1404 info@nmsa.org.za
 KwaZulu-Natal MUSEUM

Back by popular demand, it's the **Night at the Museum: Halloween Edition!**

Get your "trick or treat" on with us this Halloween and enjoy an awesome lineup of fun-filled activities suitable for the whole family, featuring a first-for-the-event live shark dissection, an interactive science show plus a scare tunnel that will give you the heebie-jeebies and so much more. Dress up and join in on the fun.

Food and snacks will be sold on the night.

Be sure not to miss out on this awesome experience! Tickets are now available at webtickets.co.za and Pick n' Pay Stores.

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 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

