

KZN MUSEUM NEWS

Monthly update on everything that happens in the KZN Museum!

KwaZulu-Natal Museum says NO to GBV!



KwaZulu-Natal Museum held a sports tournament, wherein different government departments and entities from the private sector took part to raise awareness and commemorate 16 Days of Activism.

The purpose of the tournament was to raise funds for a local charity organisation that advocates against Gender Based Violence (GBV), whilst promoting health & wellness.

A total sum of R3000 was raised during the tournament and was donated to Families South Africa Pietermaritzburg branch (FAMSA PMB), to help aid with the social work they provide to people affected by GBV and other social injustices.

16 Day of Activism



Making a Difference

The KwaZulu-Natal Museum hosted its first annual GBV Indaba. The event was held to create awareness and help stop the surge of gender-based violence in our societies, under the theme “*Inkunzi Isematholeni*” a Zulu idiom which when translated means, ‘*how the calf is raised determines the quality of the bull*’.

This year the focus was on addressing issues concerning the boy child, through a dialogue that aims to educate, create awareness and empower young boys and girls.





Long Service Recipients 2022

Congratulations to our staff that received long service awards today! Your years of service at the KwaZulu-Natal Museum are a true testimony of your dedication, and you are all valued for your contributions. Wishing you the best for continued success!

Dr Gavin Whitelaw - 30 years of service
 Ms Ntombenhle Xaba - 20 years of service
 Mr Roshan Maharaj - 20 years of service
 Mr T. Letele - 15 years of service
 Ms Selina Mncube - 15 years of service
 Mrs Lindiwe Molefe - 15 years of service
 Mr Wesley Flanagan - 10 years of service

**Well done on reaching your
respective milestones.**

Pictured from left to right:

KZN Museum Director Mr Luthando Maphasa, Mrs Molefe, Mr Maharaj, Ms Mncube, Ms Xaba and Dr Whitelaw. Absent (Mr Letele and Mr Flanagan)

International Day of Persons with Disabilities



International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is a UN day that is commemorated every year on 3 December.

The day is about promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities at every level of society and development, and to raise awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic, and cultural life.

In commemoration of this day, the KZN Museum joined the United Nations in observing this day by visiting New Hope School, to share with the learners the Museum experience. The Museum staff played a video that showed the Museum displays and they were then given an opportunity to touch some artefacts, which included a skull of a chimpanzee, dinosaur fossil, puff adder, tarantula, African bullfrog and other artefacts. The learners showed great interest for the programme and educators were very happy for being chosen for this programme, and promised to bring their families and learners to the Museum soon.



KZN Museum School Tours & Lessons

School Tour Fees

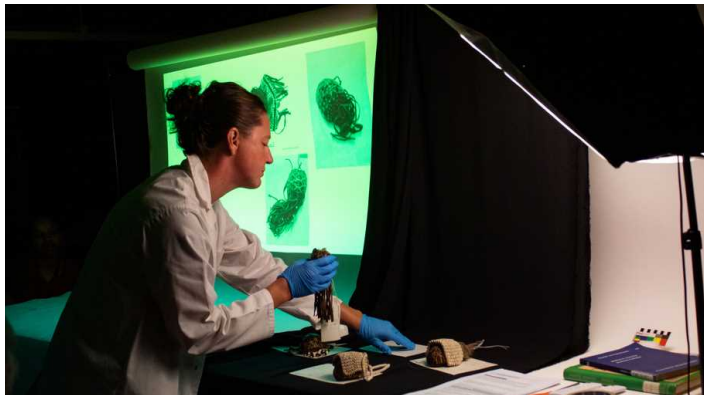
Learners on Tour: R2.50 per learner
 One Educator per 20 learners is FREE
 Teachers/Adults: R15.00

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.

KZN Museum Storeroom Talks



"This little thing of ours"

The tortoise-shell box is known from most ethnographically documented San contexts and can even be identified in the rock art of South Africa. Yet it has rarely been described or explained other than as an ornament, and a container of medicines, powdered fragrant herbs and roots.

During the talk, Dr Vibeke M. Viestad explored the making, appearance, use and importance of the tortoise-shell box among the Omaheke Jul'hoansi in Namibia, from the early 20th century to today.

With the help of the collections of the KwaZulu-Natal Museum, Dr Viestad also aims to widen the scope, to include other San groups to the equation, by discussing similarities in use, over time and space, and cultural notions of place, potency, and protection associated with the beauty and fragrance of the tortoise-shell box.

Snakes, Snakes, Snakes

Over the last few months, our successful outreach programmes led by the Education and PR & Marketing departments have regularly utilised items from our natural science collections. Among these, the snake collection has reportedly been the most preferred by the members of our community to look at. We have learned that our visitors are fascinated with snakes and most often some would not believe that these specimens were a real 'thing'.

If you have visited the KZN Museum before and did not see as many snakes as you anticipated, well don't worry! We have more snakes in the collection room. Come visit again and let us know your wish.

Natural Sciences Collection



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

Refurbishment work on the ground floor area



The KwaZulu-Natal Museum closed for a week (12/11/2022 - 22/11/2022) during the month of November as it underwent some much needed refurbishment work on the ground floor area. The refurbishments came just in time for the busy December period, Museum patrons can now look forward brighter Museum thanks to the newly refurbished floors, adding to an overall pleasurable experience.

What to look forward to during the December Holidays

New Exhibitions to Explore

Lady in the Pink Sari Display:

Celebrates the remarkable achievements of Judy Umraw, who in 2019 climbed to the top of Uhuru Peak of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania to shine the spotlight on gender based violence (GBV).

SAWW1 Virtual Reality Exhibition:

SAWW1 tells a broader story: of South Africa's harbour workers; of the country's rich natural resources in funding the war economy; of the fate of its interned civilian 'enemy aliens'; of battlefield experiences and much more. SAWW1 fosters joint commemoration that speaks to all ages and population groups.



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)



Holiday hours

16 December 2022: 9h00 - 16h00

28 December 2022: 9h00 - 16h00

29 December 2022: 9h00 - 16h00

30 December 2022: 9h00 - 16h00

04 January 2023: 9h00 - 16h00

A Never Ending Journey of Discovery!

Events This December



KwaZulu-Natal Museum

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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

