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Vision and mission statement

OUR VISION

To be a Museum that is an integral part of our community, contributing to the process of nation-building through nurturing a society that is aware of the value of the past and is constructively engaged in the present in order to create a better future.

OUR MISSION

- To develop representative collections reflecting our social and natural environment with particular reference to the Eastern Cape;
- Preserve and hold these collections in trust for the nation;
- Enrich our knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the collections through research;
- Render our collections accessible and usable to all;
- Assert that education for all is integral to all our activities and central to our public service role.

BOOKINGS

The Education Department offers museum lessons throughout the course of the year.

A booking form can be found at the back of this booklet. Complete it and send it to the following;

TEL: (046) 622 2312

FAX: (046) 622 2398

Ms N Madinda on n.madinda@am.org.za

NB. It is essential that you make your booking well in advance as education section of the museum is experiencing staff shortages.

VISITING THE MUSEUM

Opening Hours

Monday – Fridays: 9h00 – 16h30

Weekends programmes are available on request.

Contact Ms Nozipho Madinda Tel (046)622 2312 or E-mail: n.madinda@am.org.za

MUSEUM LOAN SERVICES

The Museum Loan Service is available to both facilitators and learners. The Mobile loan Service consists of boxes containing fixed museum objects from both the social and natural sciences. Boxes may be loaned for a maximum period of 4 weeks. The service is facilitated by the Mobile Museum co-ordinator Ms N. Madinda

Tel: (046) 622 2312

E-mail: n.madinda@am.org.za

RATES, FEES, DONATIONS

Visitor Rates:

Adults R20.00, Children R10.00, Students & Pensioners: R15.00

The Museum's Education Department does not have an admission cost. However, donations to the museum are always welcomed.

Museum galleries

NATURAL SCIENCE BUILDING

Earth in Space gallery

Dinosaur gallery

Mammals gallery

Birds gallery

Blue Planet gallery

Invertebrate gallery

Hewitt gallery

Traditional Fishing Methods gallery

Traditional Plants gallery

Rock Art / Archaeology Galley



HISTORY BUILDING

Contact and Conflict gallery

1820 Settler gallery

Grahamstown in WW1 gallery

Ukuza kukaNxele gallery

Landscapes of the Eastern Cape

AmaXhosa Kingdom Exhibition



Front of house officials are happy to conduct tours for groups that need to gain more insight in museum galleries.

Please feel free to ask for a tour on arrival.

School lessons and programmes

FOCUS WEEKS

These are lessons that are designed for schools. They are based on schools' curriculum content. Educators will be able to identify suitable grades for the lessons that the museum is offering. Furthermore, educators are encouraged to advise museum educators about the lessons, workshops and any other programmes that will enhance classroom teaching and learning. Interested educators must complete the attached form.

MYTH AND LEGENDS OF SOUTH AFRICAN REPTILES B. Mills

Plants and animals on planet earth: Live snakes, spiders and other creatures are on show! Learners get to understand the behaviors of various creatures and why they are important.

Dates: 6 – 9 February 2018



HISTORY OF GRAHAMSTOWN G. Zomelele & B. September

G. Zomelele & B. September

History of Grahamstown: The lesson traces the origins of the city of Grahamstown from stone age era to the present. It uses the exhibition "Contact and Conflict" to illustrate some of the events that took place in the last 196 years of the town's existence.

Dates: 12 -16 February 2018



GREAT LEADERS G. Zomelele & B. September

Makhanda. This lesson explores qualities of great leaders. Nxele as he was known, is remembered as one of the greatest leaders in the struggle against white encroachment in Xhosa territories. He led Xhosa warriors in 1819 in what became known as the War of Grahamstown. Albany Museum hosts an exhibition and facilitates a lesson that explores the qualities that made Makhanda a great leader.

Dates: 5 – 9 March 2018



EXPLODING MYTHS: ENTERTAINING SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS J. Sewry

Chemical reactions; what happens when one element mixes with the other? Be amazed by some of the products of the experiments.

Dates: 16 - 20 April 2018



GRAHAMSTOWN AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR G. Zomelele & B. September

The years 2014- 2018 commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First War War (1914- 1918). Just over 250 men (Black and White) from Grahamstown and neighboring towns lost their lives during the war. Albany Museum hosts an exhibition that will greatly enhance the knowledge of grade 10 learners about the First World War.

Dates: 9 -12 October 2018

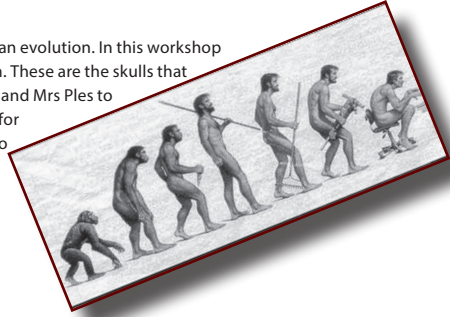


HUMAN EVOLUTION

R. Prevec

One of South Africa's great national treasures, is its wonderful fossil record of human evolution. In this workshop participants get to handle replicas of the skulls that demonstrate human evolution. These are the skulls that are household names in many parts of the world. The Taung Child, Naledi, Karabo, and Mrs Ples to name a few. But how do we know that humans evolved? Participants will discover for themselves how the skulls, stone tools, and genetic evidence can be organised into evolutionary trees- revealing a common ancestor between humans and chimps.

Dates: 22 – 26 October 2018



WHAT IS HERITAGE?

G. Zomelele & B. September

This lesson explores the concept of heritage in its entirety. It is followed by a 20 minutes walking tour of monuments. Grade 10 history learners who are doing research on heritage will greatly benefit from this lesson.

Dates: 14 - 18 May 2018

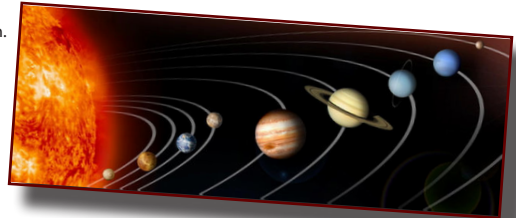


SOLAR SYSTEM

N. Madinda

Solar system, Phases of the Moon, Planet Earth and the Earth and the Sun.

Dates: 5 – 9 Nov 2018



PLANT IDENTIFICATION

P. Cimi

This lesson will assist the learners to distinguish between alien and indigenous plants, uses of certain plants and importance of biodiversity.

Dates: 6 – 11 August 2018



Dates: 24-29 July 2017

TAXIDERMY TALK

T. du Toit

He explains the process involved in preparing animals for display.

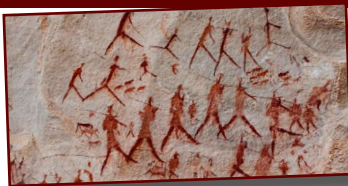
Dates: 4 – 8 June 2018



HUNTER GATHERERS C. Booth & B. Tana

The lesson explores the occupation of hunter-gatherers on the South African landscape in trying to expand on the information provided in text-books. Reference to hunter-gatherers in a global context will also be mentioned.

Dates: 19 – 23 February 2018



BIRDS "Weaverbirds - an African speciality" A. Craig

"Living in Africa, one has surely seen weavers building nests and displaying near them. Not only are they master builders, but also adaptable to every environment in Africa. Often in groups, sometimes huge flocks, they have very varied social lives. Our Eastern Cape species show most of this diversity."

Dates: 7 – 11 May 2018



LIFE IN THE POND: What do you know about freshwater invertebrates?

H. James & M. Mlambo

Learn about the importance of these tiny insects in improving the quality of our water.

Dates: 15 – 19 October 2018



AMAXHOSA KINGDOM

P. Mntonintshi

AmaXhosa speaking ethnic group is the 2nd largest mixed group found in South Africa. Currently they are mostly found in the Eastern Cape and Western Cape and other areas. In 2015 King Zwelonde Cornelius Sigcawu of amaXhosa became the 5th ruling King of amaXhosa. He therefore took over the reign of power to continue servicing his nation under democracy making sure that our Norms and Customs are observed and performed so that the future generations may learn from Xhosa people.

Dates: 10 – 15 September 2018



Mobile Museum events and other activities

MUSEUM LESSONS

- Walking tour of the town's monuments: The #RhodesMustFall heightened awareness and stimulated interest in heritage. This tour takes visitor to some of the gems of the town and stimulates discussion about memorialization and public representation all year round.
- Mammals – A general tour to Mammals Gallery
- Blue Planet Hub Gallery – A short presentation, stories and models to learn about the importance of water and how to conserve it.
- Landscapes of the Eastern Cape
- Xhosa plants Gallery

MOBILE MUSEUM SERVICES

This service enables the museum to carry out programmes in communities especially those that are unable to visit the museum. Various programmes including road shows, career exhibitions, public lectures, etc are conducted.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM – 5 TO 13 YEARS OLD LEARNERS

This event is for families to get out and have some fun. There will be various activities taking place throughout the evening such as the gallery tours by torchlight, treasure hunt, dress up in the costumes and masks. Bring your own lunch. The cost will be R100 per family.

Dates: TERM 1: 13 March 2018
TERM 2: 17 May 2018
TERM 3: 07 August 2018
TERM 4: 17 October 2018

ALBANY MUSEUM HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES – 7 TO 14 YEARS OLD LEARNERS

A fun and educational holiday programme where children take part in a variety of activities including art, games guided tours, story time and resourceful packs. The cost for the holiday programme is R50 per child if accompanied by a parent is R100. Bring your own lunch snacks will be provided.

Dates: 3 & 4 April 2018

PUBLIC LECTURES

Human Rights Day
Youth Day
Nelson Mandela Centenary 2018 programme
Heritage Day
International Museums Day

OTHER PROGRAMMES

Learners between Grade 10 and 11 are invited to attend Annual Nelson Mandela Museum Winter School and Robben Island Spring School to learn about heritage related issues. Only four learners in each Province are invited to attend these programmes.

* Nelson Mandela Museum Winter School: June – July

* Robben Island Spring School: Sept – Oct

ALBANY MUSEUM CAREERS DAY - 16 August 2018

Learners between Grade 10 and 11 are invited to attend and learn about careers available in the Museum.

KHANYA MATHS AND SCIENCE CLUB

Khanya Maths and Science Club is organised and run by Joyce Sewry from Rhodes Chemistry Department on Saturday mornings from 9h00 – 11h00 at the Natural Science Museum. It has been operating for more than 13 years, helping students with extra Maths and Science lessons.



For more information please contact

Joyce Sewry 046 - 603 8259 or Nozipho Madinda 046 - 6222 312

In order to attend any of the events above please complete the attached form and fax or email it to Ms Madinda at n.madinda@am.org.za

Advisory committee form

Name of the educator.....

School.....

Learning area.....

Grades taught.....

I would like to assist in the following area (s). Please tick

- Would like to suggest some interesting museum educational programmes
- Facilitate educator's workshops and seminars
- Assist in the development of educational resources like worksheets, etc
- Assist in designing museum's teaching strategies
- Other (explain)

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Suggest meeting times that are suitable to you.

Scan and email to

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or

Fax: 046 622 2398

KAROO FOSSIL SAFARI



The fossils of Nieu-Bethesda - South Africa's own Permian Park The Kitching Fossil Exploration Centre

Is situated next to the world famous Owl House in the picturesque Eastern Cape Karoo town of Nieu-Bethesda. This centre tells the story of life in South Africa 253 million years ago during the Permian Period. Discover why the Karoo is an Internationally important place for fossil finds and about the extinction event which destroyed most of the Earth's life 251 million years ago. Learn about James Kitching and the other world famous palaeontologists who worked in the Nieu-Bethesda area.

Karoo Fossil Safari

Take a half-hour stroll with a guide to the nearby Gats River bed to find real fossils then walk back to the Centre via the historical foot bridge. Hats and strong shoes are recommended for the walk. Note: Fossils are protected by law and may not be collected or traded.

Visiting the Exploration Centre

Take the Nieu-Bethesda turn off from the Graff Reiniet -Middleburg road, in Nieu-Bethesda follow the signs to the Exploration Centre.

December holidays: 09:00 - 18:00

Normal times: 09:00 - 17:00

Telephone: 011 717 6682 Cellphone: 081 475 4095

www.wits.ac.za/KFEC





Outreach programme



Robben Island spring school



Antic Centre Albany Road Grahamstown