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## NEWSLETTER

### Be a Friend in 2016

#### Mission Statement

The Friends of the Nelson Mandela Bay Art Museum are a committee of local art patrons who take pride in Nelson Mandela Bay Art Museum's Visual Art Collection and who are investing in its development, preservation and celebration.

The Friends play a vital role in assisting the Art Museum, and are always looking for new members to join.

Members can assist with fundraising, assist at Art Museum events, recruit new members and appreciate Eastern Cape visual art!

#### Marketing News

The Art Museum is updating their website [www.artmuseum.co.za](http://www.artmuseum.co.za).

Art Museum website features:

- Contains information on the current and past exhibitions, events and education programmes
- You can book workshops or guided tours
- Request information
- It has a search functionality built in for you to search the Art Museum's Permanent Collection where you can view the artworks

Don't forget to follow and like the 'Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum' Facebook page.

#### Important Notice

Please note that the Friend's subs will increase on 01 January 2017. The new subscriptions fees will be: Friends: R100, Couples: R150, Students: R50, and Life: R 750 .

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#### **Renewal of Membership**

We continue to enjoy and to rely on your Friendship. The Subscription renewal only applies to Friends who subscribe to an annual payment.

The classes of membership are:

##### **Life Members**

An individual making a single donation of R500

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Annual Subscription of R75 per individual

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##### **Junior members**

Annual subscription of R 25 per junior member

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## Purchase of Artworks

The Friends of the Art Museum were incredibly proud to have purchased the following four artworks and donated it to the Art Museum in celebration of its 60 years.

- "Premonition" (Video) by James REED
- "Coal Dig with a Flash in One Hundred Days" (Video) by James REED
- "Autohagiography" (Mixed Media) by James REED
- "Party Blanket" (Seed beads, material) by Unknown Xhosa Artist



Along with the artworks the Friends also donated cardboard cards with mother-of-pearl buttons. This style of button is no longer produced and will be used in the repair and conservation of the Art Museum's existing Southern Nguni collection.

## Annual General Meeting 2015

The Friends of the Art Museum's Annual General Meeting was held on 23 March 2016. It saw an increase in new faces, many of whom are active members of the committee.



## 60th Anniversary

On 22 June 2016, the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum celebrated its 60th anniversary.

The exhibition YEYETHU, SONKE (THIS BELONGS TO ALL OF US): 60 YEARS OF COLLECTING was officially opened to the public of Nelson Mandela Bay. Visitors were entertained by local musicians Brown Sugah and birthday cupcakes were served.

The Friends sponsored the refreshments, purchased the wine, juice and cupcakes.



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### Grant in Aid and Outreach

As part of the Grant in aid programme, the Friends of the Art Museum sponsored the travel expenses for Yellowwood Farm School from Witteklip, ward 40, to attend guided tours and art workshops at the Art Museum. The school attended guided tours and art workshops on the 9 and 16 and 18 February 2016.



The Friends of the Art Museum also paid for the transport of four class groups, of Elufefeni Primary School, from Motherwell, ward 57 to attend guided tours and art workshops on 2, 3, 8, and 14 June 2016.



On 18 May 2016, to celebrate International Museums Day, the Art Museum collaborated with a local artist, Mkhonto Gwazela, who is the founder and a coordinator of Art Station, a group of self-taught artists from New Brighton. The Friends of the Art Museum paid for the transport and refreshments for the two days for the artists to attend a lino-printing workshop.

As part of the Grant in aid programme, the Friends of the Art Museum paid for the transport for Booyenspark Primary School, ward 41, to attend four art workshops on 25, 26, 29, and 31 August 2016.



### The Friends of the Art Museum Events

24 February 2016: The Friends of the Art Museum arranged a walkabout of the exhibition, "Elevating the Object."

The Friends of the Art Museum invited Stephen Long to present a lecture on beadwork on the 20 April 2016 at the Art Museum.

And on 15 April 2016, the Friends of the Art

Museum held a fund-raising event, an Art and Music Trivia. The Art and Music Trivia was well attended and the participants were entertained by local comic legend, Roland Gaspar.



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## JUST PAINTING EXHIBITION

The Friends of the Art Museum, in partnership with the Nelson Mandela Metro Art Museum are planning a special exhibition that will run from 07 December 2016 to 03 February 2017.

It intends to celebrate artistic excellence in the Eastern Cape, and local artists from across the Eastern Cape are invited to make and submit work to this exhibition.

### Please note:

- Submissions must be made at the Art Museum between 28 November 2016 and 02 December 2016
  - Each submission must be accompanied by: A completed entry form
  - Artists must ensure that their selling price includes this 20%
  - Artists to insure their own work
  - Submitted works will be selected for the exhibition by a selection committee prior to the opening
  - Artists will be notified that their work has not been selected for the exhibition, and will have 3 days to collect their work from the Art Museum
- The exhibition is open to artists who live and work predominantly in the Eastern Cape. The artworks must consist predominantly of acrylic paint, oil paint, or watercolours or canvas, paper, or board, although some mixed media may be allowed at the selector's discretion, with additional consideration given to work that is challenging, novel, and representative of the highest artistic standard.

**Painting, n.: The art of protecting flat surfaces from the weather, and exposing them to the critic. (Ambrose Bierce)**

**To a painter paint is “the life's blood: a substance so utterly entrancing, infuriating, and ravishingly beautiful that it makes it worthwhile to go back into the studio every morning, year after year, for an entire lifetime.” (James Elkins)**

Entry forms can be found at your local gallery, or at the Nelson Mandela Metro Art Museum, or downloaded directly from:  
<http://artmuseum.co.za/assets/1/Exhibitions/Justpainting.pdf>



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