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## NEWSLETTER

### LOOKING BACK ON 2016 AND 2017

#### Mission Statement

The Friends of the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Art Museum are a committee of local art patrons who take pride in Nelson Mandela Metropolitan 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!

#### Artworks Purchased

In May 2016 the Friends purchased a mother of pearl blanket with beads for the value of R 7,470.

On the 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. The Friends sponsored the refreshments. The Friends purchased artworks to the worth of R 60,000.

The committee also committed to purchasing 3 artworks by James Reed as a gift to the museum. They are "Coal dig with a flash in a 100 days" (Video), "Premonition" (Video), and "Suspended sentence" (Multimedia)

In July 2017, the Friends purchased a table cloth and serviette set hand printed by Ethna Frankenfeld for the value of R 750.



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## AGM 2017

The annual general meeting was held on 22 March 2017. This was followed by a book launch by Brenda Shepherd, book title: Men of the Mendi.

## EXHIBITIONS

**JUST PAINTING** (7 December 2016 – 5 February 2017), with an opening function held on 7 December 2016, and a closing function held on the 2 February 2017.

The Friends of the Art Museum in conjunction with the Art Museum presented a selected exhibition celebrating artistic excellence in the Eastern Cape. A few paintings that the Friends donated to the Art Museum were also chosen to be part of the exhibition. Local artists from across the Eastern Cape were invited to submit work.



**THE ART OF THE KITE** (7 December 2017 – 2 February 2018)  
Middle Gallery Hall  
Opening function: 7 December

**Winners:** Lisa Walker and Sipho Foley; Junior winners were Tyler and Reece Wilson and Cassandra Dicke Wyatt.



The Friends held their annual exhibition, the Art of the Kite. Refreshments and prizes were bought. Junior prizes were sponsored. Artists in the Bay were invited to submit one artwork in response to the theme of wind, kites, mobiles, flying machines. All entries including the adult entries and juniors were on display.

## SPONSORSHIPS

The Friends paid for the transport of Rocklands School to attend an art workshop on 1 and 3 February 2017.

**7 February 2017:** The Friends sponsored the refreshments for the Just Painting exhibition closing function.

The Friends paid for the transport of Phakama Primary School to attend an art workshop on 8 and 10 February 2017.

**15 February 2017:** The Friends arranged that Mary-Rose Dold conducts a walkabout of the Vibrant City Exhibition.



The Friends paid for the transport of Jarvis Gqamlana School in New Brighton, Ward 15, attended a creative writing presented by Brian Walter on 24 February 17.



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**21 February 2017: Remembering the SS Mendi** exhibition opening function. The exhibition was opened by the artist Hillary Graham. The opening address was complimented by live music provided by Mo Jazz and poetry by Lelethu Mahambehlala (Poetic Soul) who performed the famous poem Ukutshona Kukamendi (The Sinking of the Mendi) by S.E.K. Mqhayi. Poet Brian Walter also performed a selection of poems from the collection entitled Mendi: Poems on the Sinking of the Mendi by Cathal Lagan, Basil Somhlahllo and Brian Walter published in 1994.

The Friends sponsored the refreshments, and paid for Prof. Graham's transport to travel to PE in order to attend the opening and conduct the walkabouts and a workshop in February.

**22 February 2017:** Professor Hillary Graham conducted 2 walkabouts of the exhibition, **Remembering the SS Mendi**, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

On 10 June 2017, a drawing workshop was presented by Hillary Graham at the harbour. The Friends of the Art Museum paid Hilary Graham's travel costs.

The Friends of the Art Museum bought refreshments for the closing function of the Mendi exhibition held on 8 June 2017. Hillary Graham, the artist, spoke about his artworks and Brian Walter spoke about the poems written by the school learners and community members that participated in the creative writing workshops. Various poems were read from the new poem book.

The Friends paid for the transport of Molefe Primary School in New Brighton (Ward 14), Helenvale Primary School in New Brighton (Ward 13), Hillcrest Primary School in Helenvale (Ward 13), Cowan High School in New Brighton (Ward 14), Newell High School in New Brighton (Ward 14), who all attended creative writing workshops presented by Brian Walter.

**25 February 2017:** Brian Walter conducted a creative writing workshop for the public. The Friends sponsored the refreshments.

A group of ladies from the New Brighton area were invited to attend a walkabout of the **Pemba** exhibition in celebration of Mandela Day on 18 July 2017. They also attended a basic workshop. The Friends bought the refreshments.



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The Friends of the Art Museum provided refreshments for the Museum's day event held at the Art Museum on the 18 May 2017. Kuyga Public Primary School from Greenbushes, ward 40 attended a guided tour and a creative drawing workshop at the museum.

The Friends of the Art Museum bought refreshments for the Sketchbook participants that attended a drawing session on 26 June at the campanile with Emma and a lino-cut workshop on 28 June at the museum with Amanda.

The Friends bought refreshments for the opening function of the **Pemba** exhibition on 19 July 2017, the Way of the Water exhibition on 27 September 2017, wine for the opening of the **Palladio and the Modern** exhibition.

Furthermore, the Friends paid for the transport for Khoisan Chiefs, a dance group and community members to attend the **Way of Water** exhibition opening on 27 September 2017.

The Friends of the Art Museum also paid for the transport of students from Newell High School (Ward 14), the art club of Triomf Primary School in Salsonville (Ward 32), to attend art workshops and guided tours at the museum.

The Friends arranged a birthday function for Dr Levy's 100th birthday at the Art Museum on the 27 September 2017. The Friends sponsored the refreshments and bought a gift.

The Friends arranged a volunteer meeting and the community was invited to attend on 11 November 2017.



A moms workshop was presented by Leah Hughes and was held on the 18 November 2017 and was arranged in conjunction with the **Motherhood** exhibition. The Friends sponsored the refreshments.



Lastly, on 28 November 2017, a special outreach programme was arranged with the Chief of the Khoisan from Uitenhage. 5 Primary schools sent teachers and students for a walkabout of the **Way of Water** exhibition. The schools were Dalrose, Caritas, Verites, CW Hendricks and Uitenhage Primary Schools. The Friends sponsored the transport and refreshments.



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A word about Dr. Denzil Levy from Cedric Vanderlinden, Chairman of the Friends



"It is with profound sadness that the Friends of the Art Museum learn of Denzil Levy's passing.

Denzil was one of the founding members of the Friends of the Art Museum, and certainly one of its most dedicated members over the years. Even though well over a hundred, he still attended meetings regularly, and supported the museum and the Friends in any way that he could. I think it will take years for people to gauge adequately his impact on the artistic life of the Nelson Mandela Metro.

Men and women like him, who selflessly and generously donate their time, their effort, their money, and their passions towards the greater good of their fellow men and women are rare. We will all miss him. He was a Friend in every sense of the word."



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