FRIENDS OF THE ART MUSEUM
NELSON MANDELA METROPOLE

NEWSLETTER

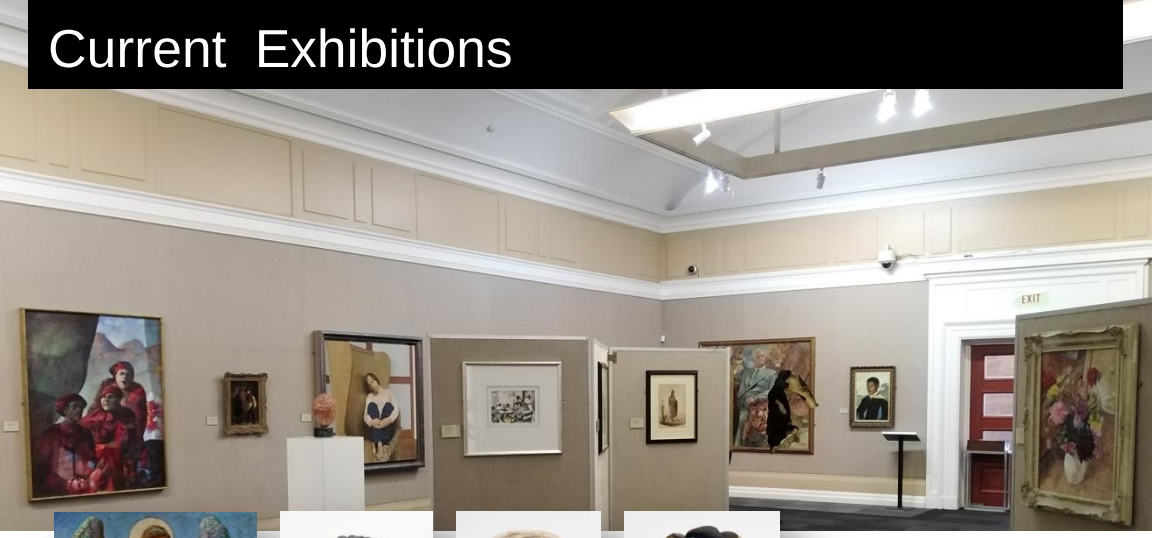
OCTOBER

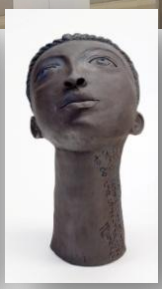
Amabhokobhoko!

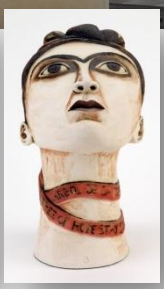
Mzimasi Gotyanu: 1996: *Amabhokobhoko*

This work is currently on a dynamic exhibition of Museum staff favourites; *Art our passion – Museum our home.* From exhibition label: Art Museum front of House staff team member; Melisizwe Boloti says: ***I selected this art work in support of our rugby team Amaboko-boko in Japan 2019 rugby world cup tournament. Also in memory of the late Chester Williams the first black player to lift the world cup trophy in 1995. Go Bokkie, Do it for Chester!***

Current Exhibitions







*Above: 19th and 20th Centuries: The Francis Pickford Marriott angel made it into the **Art our passion – Museum our home** exhibition! Find out why by visiting the Art Museum: Take time out to gaze into the beautiful eyes of the "Sisters" from Jessie Mooy's ceramic portrait group or encourage children to chose their own favourite work on exhibition.*

ART OUR PASSION – MUSEUM OUR HOME

14 September 2019 – 8 February 2020

Join the staff of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum in celebrating art from the museum's collection. Selected and curated by all members of the Art Museum staff; from the front of house team, admin support team, conservator, framer, educator and Director; selected artworks are exhibited alongside quotes and stories which share staff experiences and observations of the art works with the viewers.

THE 2019 SKETCHBOOK 2.0: VISUAL ART PROJECT

12 October 2019 – 15 November 2019

Young artists were given the opportunity to strengthen their skills through a developmental art training initiative, coordinated by the Red Location Gallery, Chief Curator, Uthando Baduza and fully sponsored by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality.

The event was an out-right hit. On exhibition at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum; the works made by participants are for sale.

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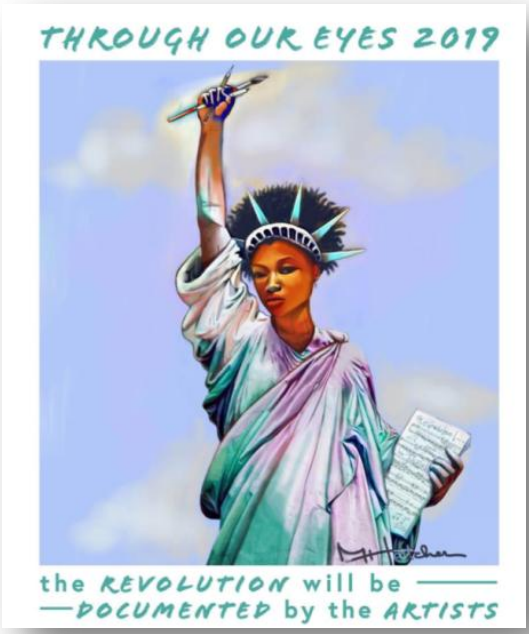
From the Sketchbook project; watch out for the new kids on the Metro art block!



Coming up

THROUGH OUR EYES:
JOURNEY TO AMERICA
14 November - 4 December 2019

Exhibition opening:
14 November 2019 - 18h00

Local Eastern Cape Artists were invited to submit works for a selected exhibition titled *Through our eyes: Journey to America* to be exhibited at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum during November and December.

Artists selected for this exhibition will have the opportunity to have their works travel to Jacksonville, USA, be exhibited at the Ritz Theatre and Museum in 2020.

Invitation to artists and teachers

VISUAL CULTURE SLIDE SHOWS FOR LEARNERS

TEACHERS RESOURCE

Call for participants:

Share your knowledge

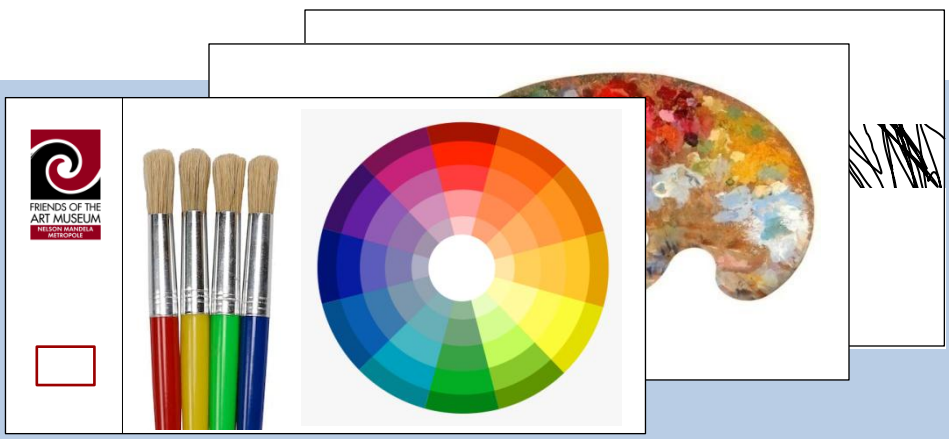
Compile a slide show!

- **Aim: A file of power-point shows for our Art Museum to gift to school teachers**
- **To be used as visual teaching aids and resource material for Cultural Studies**
- **For use at school art clubs and resource centres**

Dates: First file: March 2020 and then on-going
Template: Use a basic Power-Point template
Length: 5-12 slides per presentation
Age Group: Aim at Learners aged 9 – 13
Headings and Content: English – keep it brief – Translations welcome!
Voice-overs and videos: Give us your ideas
Teachers access: Via disk/flash /public domain

What's in it for me: Having fun and being part of a wonderful new Friends project!
Template, information and assistance contact: friendsoftheartmuseum@gmail.com
Note: Participation is voluntary and without payment
Assistance with power-point design and lay-out on hand

Current topic: Elements of art making:
Form
Line
Light and Shade
Space and/or Perspective
Texture
Colour Wheel, Hue, Value and Intensity, Blending
Composition – Traditional to contemporary



Friends sponsorships 2019

2019 has been an auspicious year for the Friends, with the Museum Gala being a highlight, the Friends have supported the Art Museum in many ways that cut right across disciplines, ages and expectations!

Starting in February the Friends transported a group of learners from Cowan high school to travel in the Algoa Bus to attend a theatrical: *Broken Lens*. Sixty high school learners attended.

Transportation of learners from schools to the Art Museum and back remains a Friends priority.

Wine served at a very enjoyable opening of the *Lithuba Lakho* arts and crafts exhibition was sponsored by the Friends.

In April, wine and juice was served at the *Keiskamma* exhibition opening for 163 visitors. Other events around the *Keiskamma* exhibition were made possible by support from the Friends.

Transport was made available to the group that came from Hamburg to attend the exhibition opening including the ladies that were part of the embroidery group and the young musicians who played at the opening.

Refreshments were supplied for the ladies that travelled from Hamburg to present a very well attended embroidery workshop. The team also held an interesting felt making workshop that attracted many participants.

The Friends send felicitations to the Hamburg ladies, we hope to meet again soon.

The best Friends!

A staff gathering: *Art our Passion – Museum our Home:* Visit the Art Museum and ask the Museum's friendly floor staff about family exhibition tours.

New Ceramic works for the Holding Collection

The Friends purchased ceramic works by Leslie-Ann Hoets and Margie Higgs from the GFI gallery where a ceramics exhibition was held in collaboration with the Art Museum.

Book launch

Below: The Friends sponsored refreshments for Ruth Nesbit's children's book launch held at the Art Museum in July. Children's book writer and well known ceramic artist, Ruth Nesbit, read and told stories to twenty enraptured children!

Junior Friends

Look our for more events, workshops and exhibitions that children will enjoy. Museum Staff and Friends always have something planned for Junior art lovers.

Exhibitions and events

A closing event was held during May for the exhibition *When dust settles;* linked to *International Museums day* and held in collaboration with the South End Museum. Friends sponsored refreshments for sixty guests.

Research

The Friends commissioned Dr. Hillebrand to undertake research for the examination and documentation of the Art Museum's Chinese Collection.

Making it happen: The Friends AGM

The Friends held their AGM on 13 March, the meeting was well attended and adjourned on a high note. The Friends Executive Board meets monthly at the Art Museum. Please join us, or volunteer your time and support to the Art Museum.

Comments of the month

The Museum has had visitors from France, Brazil, London, Johannesburg and Kwazulu Natal. One visitor from, South End, London commented that the Museum has *a beautiful collection and excellent curation.*

A big thank you to all our visitors, members, sponsors and art patrons!

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OF THE ART MUSEUM

Be a Friend to the Art Museum

Membership renewal reminder

- Friends annual sub of R100
- Couples annual sub of R150 per couple
- Students annual sub of R50 per student
- Corporate Patrons - Single donation R5000
- Life Membership - single donation R750

No renewal for Life memberships and Corporate Patrons!

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FRIENDS OF THE ART MUSEUM
The Friends is a non-profit public benefit organization run by volunteers that was founded in 1975. The Friends play a vital role in the development of the Art Museum and its collections. Membership, donations and sponsorships are welcome!

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Weekdays: 09h00 – 16h30 [closed Tuesday mornings]
Second Saturday in the month and the last Sunday in the month: 09h15 – 12h45

Entrance to the Art Museum is free

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