

# Elephant's Child

Newsletter of the Albany Museum



Museum donates gifts at Wilson's Party Farm School outside Grahamstown in celebration of Mandela Day

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"The programme is enriching. Learners will gain insight on forms of art, human rights and responsibilities, financial intelligence, democracy and values and career development". (P.6)



# MUSEUM REMEMBERS MANDELA DAY - AGAIN

By: Zongezile Matshoba

The Mobile Museum under the guidance of Nozipho Madinda once again hit the road to spend 67 Minutes in celebration of Mandela Day with farm schools outside Grahamstown. Donations were warmly given by Grahamstown individuals and businesses for distribution to four needy farm schools and communities.

Manley Flats, Zintle, Martindale and Wilson Party were once again visited for 67 Minutes to show the open hearts, humbleness and humanity of Grahamstonians.

Listed below are some people and places the Mobile Museum wishes to mention and thank:

*Ms P. Mntonintshi; D&A Timbers; Diamond Cash & Carry; Ms V. Mabutya; Ms C. Lambley; Dr B. De Klerk; Kodak Express; Ms N. Madinda; UPB Booksellers; NELM; Ms K. Mhlekwana; City Fashions; J.Chan Henry; Ms Angie Mariner; Mr Zola Klaas; Pick 'n Pay (Mr Jon Campbell); Ms Shireen Badat; Dr J. Cambray; Prof Julie Wells; Ms Hannah de Wet; Ms Sue Marais; Ms Cathy Gus; Dr Fred & Sarah Gess; Ms Phindiwe Maselana; Poogendri Reddy – SAIAB; Good Shepherd Primary; Mr Sibusiso Mtshali-Rhodes University; Ms Fundiswa*

*Matyolo; Ms Helen James; St Mary's Primary; Nombulelo High School; Ms B Tana; Mr B.Mgijima.*

Clothes, paint, cricket bats, tennis balls, water bottles, books, SA flags, sweets and biscuits were some of the many things that were received with smiles and ululations. The Wilson's Party Farm School walls were plastered with former State President Nelson Mandela pictures, paper clips and writings in appreciation of his 92nd birthday and 67 years in struggle for humanity.

Madinda told learners, teachers and parents that Mandela has done more than enough in the past 67 years. Everyone started singing: Nelson Mandela, akekho ofana nawe! (Nelson Mandela, there is no one like you).



"There is indeed no one like Mandela. Now is the time for all of us to pick up where he left and make a difference in our communities," said Madinda.

Thulani Lombo and Anelisa Deliwe who were guests of honour spoke with passion of the benefits they have received after being associated with the legacy of Mandela.

"Mandela studied law, but spent 27 years in prison fighting for equality and humanity. He helped to teach even white prison warders to read and write by asking them to write letters for him," Lombo, a grade 10 learner from Nombulelo High told the farm learners.

Sindi Sijadu, the principal of Wilson's Party Farm School wanted to cry when recalling the conditions farm schools and learners find themselves in.

"We live our home everyday only to encounter deep-rooted poverty and appalling conditions," she said. "Farm learners never attend pre-schools, and we have to teach them everything from scratch".

She appreciated that the Museum is always thinking about farm schools.

Nolindile Mrhalaza, an unemployed parent thanked the teachers and the Museum for celebrating Mandela's birthday with the farm community. "These children are fortunate. We never attended school. It is true that as a person you learn new

things everyday until you die". She promised to retell what happened today to all those parents who missed out because they had to go to work.

Noloyiso Mcekana, the principal of Martindale Farm School recalled where we all come from. "We are coming from afar, from darkness, but today we are a rainbow nation in brightness and sitting here as brothers and sisters".

She then led the grade 1s, and the house joined in counting Mandela years: 10, 20, 30 ... 70, 80, 90, 91, 92!

Songs about Mandela, diski dance, reading, human rights narration and vuvuzelas kept everyone singing and clapping endlessly.



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Left: Mandela Day at Zintle Farm School



# MUSEUM ENCOURAGES YOUTH TO FOLLOW MANDELA LEGACY

By: Zongezile Matshoba

Visiting Qunu and the Former State President Mandela's birth place was amazing for Anelisa Deliwe and Thulani Lombo from Rhini township in Grahamstown. Embracing the theme "Enhancing Nelson Mandela's legacy through youth beyond 2010", the group started by visiting eMqhekezweni. They were welcomed by Chief Zanomthetho. He told and showed them where Mandela attended school, played and swam as a child, and where they met as traditional leaders.

The two were selected by Albany Museum as part of nearly 60 youth from all over South Africa that were attending the winter school camp organised by the Nelson Mandela Museum from the 12 to 21 June 2010.

Deliwe, impressed by the diski dance during Fifa 2010 World Cup, took up dance as part of her art basic intro. Lombo opted for photography to broaden his technological skills.

The group further learnt about the importance of banking, and the use and misuse of credit cards. They were also exposed to culture relations and diversity, and the value of knowing one's roots and customs. They were then showed the film "Ityala Lamawele" (the court case of the twins).

Human rights issues also came up in their camping, with the emphasis on equality and responsibilities. As learners, they were told that they have a right to education, and a responsibility to listen to their teachers and to learn.

A trip to King William's Town saw the group visiting Steve Biko's home and grave. They progressed to Queenstown where they performed in the city centre, and distributed flyers about drugs abuse, violence, tolerance and human rights. They then took a train to Bloemfontein to learn more about the National Museum and nano technology.

For Lombo, the camp helped him to choose friends, to be aware of drugs and violence, as well as volunteering in non-paying projects.

"Money is not always the main thing," Lombo said. He is glad to have met different people from various backgrounds.

The camp helped Deliwe on the other hand to be a better girl. "It built me to learn to share experiences affecting us girls in particular".

Deliwe and Lombo, like the rest of the youth coming from the camp, are expected to make a difference in their communities and schools and submit written reports if they want to be part of the camp in the future.

More report by: Sino Majangaza – Daily Dispatch  
Source: <http://www.dispatch.co.za/article.aspx?id=410301>

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Below: The two learners selected to attend the winter school camp hosted by Nelson Mandela Museum



# MUSEUM JOINS NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

By: Zongezile Matshoba

Nozipho Madinda from the Mobile Service and Ntombekhaya Mtyobo of Visitor Services joined the Makana Science Alliance to launch the National Science Week (NSW) at the University of Fort Hare in Alice on 29 July 2010.

The NSW programme was attended by the Minister Naledi Pando and Derek Hanekom, Minister and Deputy Minister of the national Department of Science and Technology respectively. It was beamed live on SABC 2 Morning Live Show.

Their stall, with all the Museum's natural science departments' information, posters and artefacts was prepared by Zach Taljaard of the Exhibition Department at Albany Museum.

Learners visiting the stall were informed of the museums scarce skills in fields such as palaeontologist, entomologist, anthropologist, ichthyologist, archaeologist, and botanist.

For more, please visit:  
[http://albanymuseum.blogspot.com/2010\\_08\\_01\\_archive.html](http://albanymuseum.blogspot.com/2010_08_01_archive.html)

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Below: Staff members Nozipho Madinda and Theodora Mtyobo pose with Naledi Pandor, Minister of Science and Technology



# YOUNG GRAHAMSTONIANS OFF TO ROBбен ISLAND

By: Zongezile Matshoba

Albany Museum has been invited to send four learners and one staff member to the Robben Island Museum's Isivivane Solwazi 2010 Spring School Nation Building Camp. Nozipho Madinda, the Head of Mobile Museum Services will be leading the delegation consisting of four learners from the farm and urban areas. The learners are Asiphe Stoffel, 15, from Farmerfield, Bill Jokani, 18 from Nombulelo SSS, Luthando Dyan, 14 from Wilson's Party Farm School, Sibabalwa Quma, 17 from VG High School. The Spring School is from the 24 September to 03 October 2010.

The learners will be privileged to learn more about Robben Island from the ex-political prisoners. They will have to engage their peers around the theme:

"Resistance and Resilience of the Human Spirit against the Forces of Evil - Africa Unite & Fight Xenophobia".

The learners have two pre-tasks that they have to work on. Firstly, they have to conduct research in their community on Xenophobia. This will help in knowing what their communities say, feel and think about xenophobia, and how it can be stopped.

Secondly, they have to bring along a cultural or traditional attire. They need to find out what their special attire says about them and their immediate community, when is it worn, by whom and why is it important to them or their community. This will be an opportunity for the learner to celebrate and introduce their culture to their peers from South Africa and Namibia.

During their time on the island the journey will take the participants through the layered history of Robben Island,

which are banishment, hardship, isolation and imprisonment interwoven with resistance, resilience, tolerance and the triumph of the human spirit over hardship.

"Resistance and Resilience of the Human Spirit against the Forces of Evil - Africa Unite & Fight Xenophobia".

Below: Nozipho Mandinda, head of Mobile Museum Services with some of the learners at the Robben Island camp





# ALBANY MUSEUM IN MEDIA

## Touring the City of Saints

*(Grocott's Mail, 02 July 2010)*

The tour begins at the Albany Science Museum, the second oldest museum in the country, which was founded in 1855.

## Locals get busy for Mandela

*(Grocott's Mail, 16 July 2010)*

In Grahamstown, the Albany Museum is busy collecting donations of any kind.

## Shared Legacies / Umboniso ngabantu bakudala

*(Upstart Vol.3 No.4 – 20 July 2010)*

At the Albany Museum exhibition called 'Shared Legacies' we were shown photographs taken by photographers Alfred Duggan-Cronin and Edward Curtis.

## Getting excited about science

*(Grocott's Mail, 6 August 2010)*

The Makana district was well represented with six exhibitions including ... and the Albany Museum.

## Thanks for the support on Mandela Day

*(Grocott's Mail, 13 August 2010)*

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, management and staff of Albany Museum, the Albany Museum Manager Bongani Mgijima, and Nozipho Madinda would like to thank the Grahamstown community and businesses for their support towards Mandela Day activities.

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Below: Picture of the Albany Science Museum, featured on 02 July Grocott's copy.



# ALBANY MUSEUM IN PICS



Clockwise from above left: Amy and Fleur dressed Victorian style for the Walking Tours; Zach Taljaard engaging disability workshop participants; Pumeza Mntonintshi gets to know diviner's initiation





# ALBANY MUSEUM IN PICS



Clockwise from top left: Nozipho getting experience behind bars in Robben Island; staff members answering call to give to the needy; Luvuyo explaining to learners what the museum has to offer; Nozipho and Theodora rubbing shoulders with tv personality LeeAnn Manas

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