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VAKANSIEPROGRAM BY SPEELGOEDMUSEUM AANGEBIED

Foto Bo:
Van die leerders wat die vakansieprogram bygewoon het.

'n Vakansieprogram vir leerders van graad 2 tot graad 7 is tydens die skoolvakansie op 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 en 27 Junie by die Speelgoedmuseum aangebied.

Verskeie interessante aktiwiteite is elke dag aangebied waartydens leerders onder andere handwerk items kon maak, inheemste speletjies kon leer en speel, na storievertellings kon luister en dit dramatiseer asook kuns beoefen.

'n Gesonde versnappering is aan elke leerder voorsien na afloop van die aktiwiteite. Altesaam 346 leerders het die program bygewoon.

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Lamees Petersen, Museum Opvoedkundige Assistent, verduidelik die Inheemse Speletjieprogram aan die leerders.

Photo Above: Natalie Cloete handing over the donated items to the Manager of the Hesketh King Centre

MANDELA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Acting on the realization that drug and alcohol abuse affects large parts of the community, Stellenbosch Museum's management and staff devised a way in which they could assist. They did this in May by launching a project to collect toiletries for men undergoing drug rehabilitation.

The Museum would like to thank the staff, Friends of the Museum and community members who supported the effort by donating toiletry items.

These items collected were donated to the Salvation Army's Hesketh King Treatment Centre on Mandela Day.

VOC KRUITHUIS RE-OPENS AFTER EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS

After nearly two years of being closed to the public, one of Stellenbosch's most recognizable landmarks – the VOC Kruithuis – has reopened. Visitors are once again welcome to peruse the Stellenbosch Museum's collection of firearms, canons, uniforms, and military artefacts.

The last remaining munitions store in South Africa dating from the time of the Dutch East India Company, and the only building in Stellenbosch to bear their emblem, the VOC Kruithuis is one of the many unique buildings that the Stellenbosch Museum has the pleasure of presenting to its visitors. Situated in Bloem Street, off the south-western edge of the Braak, the VOC Kruithuis was completed in 1777.

The City of Oak's relatively peaceful history meant that it lost its strategic value early on and served as a marketplace for over a century, as well as a brief stint as an Africana museum.

Photo Above:
A variety of antique military hardware is displayed in the VOC Kruithuis.

Since 1971 the Kruithuis has welcomed visitors from all over the world to view the artefacts kept there, including antique firearms and military uniforms, canons retrieved from a shipwreck, and other military paraphernalia that all history fans are sure to find fascinating.

Late in 2017 it was found that part of the wooden floor was rotten and had to be restored. In order to undertake the restoration the necessary permits had to be obtained from Heritage Western Cape before the work could start. After work to the floor was completed, the Stellenbosch Erfenistrust decided to also repair the building's damaged plaster. This in turn led to the Board of Trustee's decision to upgrade the display cases in the museum. The old cases were built with the focus on security, which made them unattractive, difficult to access and prevented good housekeeping from taking place. The new cases give a more contemporary look to the museum and while being easily accessible to the cleaners don't compromise any safety measures.

Now, after the nearly two-year closure, the VOC Kruithuis is once again the proud historic jewel it deserves to be.

Photo Above:
New display cases were installed to house the smaller artifacts in the collection.

KONFERENSIELOKAAL VIR VOORGELEN

Die Voorgelegengebou in Dorpstraat spog nou met ‘n splinternuwe konferensielokaal danksy die finansiële hulp van die Het Jan Marais Nationale Fonds.

Die museum se opvoedkundige programme word nou in die nuwe lokaal aangebied. Die museum ontvang jaarliks besoek van ongeveer 3 000 leerders wat die opvoedkundige programme bywoon. Hierdie programme sluit aan by die skool kurrikulum. Die WKOD is in noue kontak met museums en moedig skole aan om die museumgebaseerde programme by te woon of vir museums om die program by skole aan te bied. Skole het die opsie om die museum te besoek, wat ‘n begeleide toer deur die museumgeboue insluit, of die museum assistente kan die program by die skool gaan aanbied.

Dit is ‘n feit dat onderrig moet stimuleer en vermaak en om leerders slegs in die klaskamer te hou, is nie effektiewe onderrig nie. Die hand van die onderwyser word dus versterk deur die programme wat die museum aanbied waar leerders ‘n praktiese leerervaring kan beleef.

Foto Bo:
Die nuwe konferensielokaal in die Voorgelengebou.

Buiten die opvoedkundig programme kan die lokaal ookteen ‘n minimale fooi gehuur word vir vergaderings van groepe tot ‘n maksimum van 40 persone.

KULTUURTOER TER VIERING VAN ERFENISMAAND

Stellenbosch Museum se jaarlikse kultuurhistoriese bustoer het op 21 September plaasgevind. Die toer is die museum se bydrae tot die e’Boschfees. Vanjaar het die toer ‘n interessante nuwe kinkel gekry. Benewens ‘n besoek aan ‘n paar van die e’Bosch-dorpies (kleiner gemeenskappe in die Stellenbosse munisipale area), kon deelnemers ook ‘n *Amazing Race* in Jamestown meemaak.
Die toer het voor Erfurthuis afgeskop. Vandaar het deelnemers na die Idasvallei Biblioteek vertrek om ‘n uitstalling te besigtig oor die 50ste bestaansjaar van die St Idas Primêre Skool. Hierna het die toer ‘n draai gegooi by die Breughel in Cloetesville gegooi waar ‘n uitstalling oor die ontstaan van Cloetesdal op deelnemers gewag het. Volgende op die skedule was ‘n deurritbesoek aan Khayamandi.
Die toer het in Jamestown geëindig waar deelnemers die strate ingevaar het vir ‘n opwindende *Amazing Race* avontuur. Na al die aktiwiteite is ‘n heerlike potjiekos-middagete geniet in die tuin by River Garden.

Foto Regs:
Deelnemers besoek die Breughel in Cloetesville tydens die Kultuurtoer