



PRESS RELEASE:

LITHUBA LAKHO (THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY): TOP EASTERN CAPE CRAFT EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION

CALL FOR ENTRIES TO ALL TOP CRAFTERS WORKING IN THE EASTERN CAPE

Crafters and designers working in the Eastern Cape Province are invited to submit their outstanding creation for an exhibition at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum opening on the **20th of March 2020**.

The *LITHUBA LAKHO (THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY): TOP EASTERN CAPE CRAFT EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION*, supports the development of top export quality craft from a diverse range of disciplines. This competition and exhibition is designed to promote excellence in our local craft market and has been initiated by the Eastern Province Development Corporation and the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum (Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality).

This is the fifth installment of this competition: We are once again asking for your most outstanding piece to be displayed on an exhibition of excellence for the public to view and admire. Works will be for sale but as high end once off objects.

Prizes will be awarded for the most outstanding work. There will be four winners in the categories of homeware, contemporary accessories, traditional accessories and apparel. **Each category winner will receive a prize of materials or machinery of their choice to the value of R 20 000.00.** The top ten crafters will be profiled in a brochure publication that will include professional photographic images of their work.

HOW TO ENTER:

Selection venues will be identified throughout the Eastern Cape where appointed selectors will choose works for the exhibition. Selection will take place in the first two weeks of March. Venue locations will be advertised before the end of February 2020.

Please note you will be expected to bring the final work along with a completed entry form to the venue to be considered for selection. Each entrant will be allowed a maximum of three entries.

Entry forms will be available at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum and Eastern Cape Development Agency's offices. The entry forms will also be sent out on email and be available on the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum and Eastern Cape Development Agency websites.

To find out more information about this great opportunity, interested crafters can contact: Yandiswa Sodaba (ECDC) at Tel: 043 704 5600 and email: ysodaba@ecdc.co.za or Athenkosi Baliso (ECDC) at 043 704 5614 and email: abaliso@ecdc.co.za or Emma O'Brien (NMM Art Museum) at Tel: 041 506 2000 and email: eobrien@mandelametro.gov.za

SELECTION DATES AND VENUES- Team 1

TOWN	VENUE	DATE	TIME	CONTACT PERSON
1. East London	ECDC Offices	24 February 2020	09:00 am – 12:00 pm	Yandiswa Sodaba 043 704 5717 ysodaba@ecdc.co.za
2. Port Alfred	Ndlambe Municipality Offices	25 February 2020	09:00 am – 12:00 pm	Nceba Robiyane: nrobiyane@ndlambe.gov.za 046 624 1140
3. Grahamstown	DSRAC Offices	26 February 2020	09:00am – 12:00 pm	Xola Mveli 046 6034200/4247 Xola.mveli@ecsrac.gov
4. Jeffrey's Bay	Arts and Crafts	09 March 2020	10:00 am - 12:00pm	Estelle de Beer 082 824 3124 info@seashell.co.za
5. Port Elizabeth	NMM Art Museum, Central	13 March 2020	09:00am – 12:00 pm	Emma O' Brien: eobrien@mandelametro.gov.za 041 506 2003

SELECTION DATES AND VENUES- Team 2

TOWN	VENUE	DATE	TIME	CONTACT PERSON
1. Mbizana	Mbizana Craft Centre	24 February 2020	09:00 am – 12:00 pm	Yandiwa Stofile 079 296 7729
2. Mount Ayliff	Umzimvubu LED Offices	25 February 2020	09:00 am – 12:00 pm	Linda Dina Dina.lindile@umzimvubudm.gov.za
3. Maclear	Cooperative Centre	26 February 2020	09:00 am -12:00pm	Siphokazi 073 816 9278
4. Mthatha	Mthatha ECDC Office	27 February 2020	09:00 am – 12:00pm	Mandla Skeyi : mskeyi@ecdc.co.za 047 501 2200
5. Aliwal North	DSRAC Building Aliwal North	03 March 2020	09:00am – 12:00pm	Sizwe Diamond: Sizwe.diamond@ecsrac.gov.za
5.1. (Sterkspruit)	Sterkspruit Art Centre			
6. Queenstown	ECDC Office Queenstown	04 March 2020	12:00am – 15:00pm	Linda Mfundisi 045 838 1910; Athenkosi Baliso 083 396 3473 abaliso@ecdc.co.za



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