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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Well-known beadwork collector and dealer, Stephen Long will exhibit a collection of beaded items and present a lecture about the history of beads and beadwork in the Eastern Cape. His lecture starts at 17:00 for 17:30 and will be of particular interest to novice and advanced beaders, jewellery and fashion designers and crafters.

Although based in Cape Town, Stephen has travelled extensively throughout the Eastern Cape, studying and collecting beadwork. His interest was sparked at the age of five by glass beads used in the making of traditional artefacts. Traditional folk costumes from around the world, especially those worn by nomadic pastoral cultures such as the Masai in Kenya, the Xhosa and groups outside of Africa such as the Native American and people from Mongolia, have fueled his interest. He is a collector and supplier of authentic beadwork to museums, private collectors and shops. Over the years, Stephen has helped the Art Museum to build an extensive collection of antique craftwork which includes unique beadwork, textile, ceramic and leather artefacts.

There is no charge to attend the talk and all members of the public are invited to attend.

RSVP on 041 506 2000 or Email: [artmuseum@mandelametro.gov.za](mailto:artmuseum@mandelametro.gov.za) (Acceptances only)

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