

HISTORY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

The inspiration to form the Association can be traced back to 1932. Following the survey of the status of commonwealth museums in Africa, the Carnegie Trust recommended better co-operation and communication between all museums. A circular was sent on 3 April 1935 to all museums and art galleries to discuss the co-ordination of museum activities and co-operation. During a meeting on 23 and 24 April 1936 at the McGregor Museum in Kimberley, SAMA was founded by 22 individuals representing 19 institutions.

The growth and structure of the Association is reflected in the formation of local branches: Western Cape (1975) followed by the Transvaal, Eastern Cape (1982), Kwa-Zulu Natal (1984) and SAMA Central (1991) to serve the Free State and Northern Cape. Membership was open to all museum workers regardless of their nationality.

The constitution was amended in 1990 to make provision for the election of branch representatives to Council. Objectives were expanded to include the advancement of museological research through the use of museums, furthering professional training and safeguarding the interests of members.

Over the past years conferences and workshops have been held regularly in all regions and members have been kept up to date with national and regional newsletters. The South African Museums Association Bulletin continues to publish members' contributions.

In 2016 the Association celebrated its 80th year of proudly serving and contributing to the development of the South African museological profession.

BENEFITS OF SAMA MEMBERSHIP

- Reduced rates at national and regional conferences and workshops
- Receive regular information on museum events, courses and vacancies
- Access to SAMA publications, research and news
- Networking opportunities with other museum professionals in your region and across South Africa
- Opportunities for sharing museum expertise with colleagues in other museums
- Find support of museum professionals near you through regional branches
- Be part of a body that helps develop the museum profession in South Africa
- Advocate for improved museum legislation at different levels of government
- Be part of promoting the important role of museums in South African society
- Promotion of museum activities amongst the South African public
- Access to internationally-accepted museum ethics and standards
- Exposure to trends and developments in museums worldwide

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South African Museums Association



As a professional body concerned with South African heritage, the South African Museums Association will provide leadership in the management of the country's diverse natural and cultural heritage for the enrichment of all people. It aims to: develop and support an inclusive South African heritage practice; build capacity for an effective South African heritage industry; address and advocate critical concerns for the future of South African heritage management.



MUSEUMS OF THE WESTERN CAPE



DEFINITION OF A MUSEUM

Museums are dynamic and accountable public institutions which both shape and manifest the consciousness, identities and understanding of communities and individuals in relation to their natural, historical and cultural environments through collections, documentation, conservation, research and education programmes. They are responsive to the needs of society.

- Beaufort West Museum, Beaufort West
- Sanlam Archives & Museum, Bellville
- Sanlam Art Collection, Bellville
- Shipwreck Museum, Bredasdorp
- Caledon Museum, Caledon
- Calitzdorp Museum, Calitzdorp
- Cape Medical Museum, Cape Town
- Cape Town Diamond Museum, Cape Town
- Castle Military Museum, Cape Town
- Chavonnes Battery Museum, Cape Town
- District Six Museum, Cape Town
- Iziko Museums of South Africa, Cape Town
- Mayibuye Centre, Cape Town
- Parliament Artworks Office, Cape Town
- Robben Island Museum, Cape Town
- SA Air Force Museum, Ysterplaat, Cape Town
- Cape Town Holocaust Centre, Cape Town
- SA Jewish Museum, Cape Town
- SA Rugby Museum, Cape Town
- SA Sendinggestig Museum, Cape Town
- Zeitz MOCAA, Cape Town
- Rus-en-Vrede Gallery & Clay Museum, Durbanville

- Cape Town Museum of Childhood, Rondebosch
- Heart of Cape Town Museum, Rondebosch
- Irma Stern Museum, Rondebosch
- Education Museum, Wynberg
- Togryers Museum, Ceres
- Citrusdal Museum, Citrusdal
- Clanwilliam Museum, Clanwilliam
- Darling Museum, Darling
- Fish Hoek Valley Museum, Fish Hoek
- Franschhoek Motor Museum, Franschhoek
- Huguenot Memorial Museum, Franschhoek
- La Motte Museum, Franschhoek
- Museum van de Caap, Solms-Delta Wine Estate, Franschhoek
- The First South African Perfume Museum, Franschhoek
- Genadendal Museum, Genadendal
- George Museum, George
- Outeniqua Transport/ Railway Museum, George
- Elgin Apple Museum, Grabouw

- Groot Brakrivier Museum, Groot Brakrivier
- Hartenbos Museum, ATKV, Hartenbos
- Old Harbour Museum Complex, Hermanus
- Hout Bay Museum, Hout Bay
- Knysna Museum, Knysna
- L'Agulhas Lighthouse Museum, L'Agulhas
- SA Fisheries Museum, Laaiplek
- Laingsburg Museum, Laingsburg
- West Coast Fossil Park, Langebaan
- Malmesbury Museum, Malmesbury
- Matjiesfontein Museum, Matjiesfontein
- Montagu Museum, Montagu
- Wheat Industry Museum, Moorreesburg
- Bartholomeu Dias Museum, Mossel Bay
- Casa Labia Museum, Muizenburg
- Het Posthuys Museum, Muizenburg
- Rhodes Cottage Museum, Muizenburg
- SA Police Museum, Muizenburg
- Josephine Mill, Newlands
- Outeniqua Transport/ Railway House, Oudtshoorn
- Cango Caves Museum, Oudtshoorn

- CP Nel Museum, Oudtshoorn
- Afrikaanse Taalmuseum en Monument, Paarl
- De Poort Heritage Village & Wamakersmuseum, Paarl
- Drakenstein Heemkring, Paarl
- Het Gesticht Museum, Paarl
- Paarl Museum, Paarl
- Parow Museum, Parow
- Piketberg Museum, Piketberg
- Jan Danckaert Museum, Porterville
- Fransie Pienaar Museum, Prince Albert
- Riebeeek Valley (De Oude Kerk) Museum, Riebeeek Kasteel
- Julius Gordon Africana Centre, Riversdale
- Robertson Museum, Robertson
- Heritage Museum, Simon's Town
- SA Naval Museum, Simon's Town
- Simon's Town Museum, Simon's Town
- Submarine Museum, Simon's Town
- Warrior Toy Museum, Simon's Town

- Lwandle Migrant Labour Museum, Somerset West
- Vergelegen Estate, Somerset West
- Bergkelder Wine Museum, Stellenbosch
- Burgherhuis Museum, Stellenbosch
- Rupert Museum, Stellenbosch
- Toy & Miniature Museum, Stellenbosch
- Stellenbosch Village Museum, Stellenbosch
- University Museum, Stellenbosch
- Van Rhyn Brandy Cellar, Stellenbosch
- Marvol Museum, Stellenbosch
- Drostdy Museum, Swellendam
- De Oude Drostdy, Tulbagh
- Dagbreek Museum, Villiersdorp
- Wellington Museum, Wellington
- Hugo Naude House / Jean Welz Gallery, Worcester
- Worcester Museum, Worcester