

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Ceres Lions held a curry fundraising for the museum and donated the proceeds. The Board of trustees are very grateful to the Lions, who contributed to the financial well-being of the museum.The amount of R20 060 was raised.



DONATION DRIVE FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

In June the museum initiated the Donation Drive campaign to support the community who were hit hard by the flooding during June 2023. The museum formed partnerships with CBI, Ceres Lions, Ceres Omgee Mense, Ceres SPAR who all financially contributed towards the project. Members of the community donated blankets, clothes and soup products. The amount of R28 000 was raised. Products were distributed until the end of July.





Meals-ready-to-eat, blankets, socks, bottled water, wool beanies/scarves

The museum hosted the book launch of the Bella Vista Rugby Club on 9 June on the journey of Bella Rugby team during their victory season. The book is also on sale at the museum.





Unveiling of the Klara Majola memorial area in Ceres took place on 29 August. Klara's story is part of the forgotten history that is now brought to life for generations to come.







Events

On 25 July the museum played an active role in promoting the World Drowning Prevention Day. The museum organized the outreach at two daycare centres: Opikopi, Prince Alfreds Hamlet and Vyeboom at Elandsrivier farm. Two programmes were presented by Eoudia Erasmus, water safety instructor of the NSRI



During the Week for the Elderly the museum was invited to present a programme at Ceres Tuiste on the earthquake of 1969, sharing memories through recordings from the museum's archive.



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The Friends of the Museum hosted their AGM on 19 July with Prof Nigel Penn as guest speaker





The Friends of the museum had an excursion to two historic farms, Eselfontein and Agterfontuin during October.



The museum participated at the NAMPO expo and was represented by Rudowaan du Toit, who worked 5 days at the expo and marketed the museum.







A comprehensive Earthquake programme, in collaboration with the community, was presented by Candice Muller and Rudowaan du Toit to Morrisdale Learners (gr7) and Ceres Secondary school learners (gr10/11).Total of 877 learners were reached through this initiative.

The museum's First Art and Poetry Festival, a celebration of creativity and artistic expression, took place between 21 October and 28 October. The event featured a variety of workshops, including a sketch workshop and two writers' workshops, as well as an art exhibition showcasing 80 diverse artworks.









Friends of the Togryers museum visited the SAJM as part of the 100 year commemoration of the Ceres Synagogue. They were welcomed by the director of the museum, Gavin Morris, who gave an overview of the Jewish museum. The group first proceed to the 1905 Gardens Shul, a modern Orthodox synagogue where Rabbi Feldsman presented a talk on the establishment of the Society of the Jewish Community of Cape Town and the building of the synagogue in 1863 and the 1905 synagogue that has been called "one of the most magnificent synagogues in the world" Later family members of the Jewish community in Ceres, joined the group for a lovely lunch.









The museum entertain the residence of Huis Peter Strauss every Wednesday afternoon through book reading. The past two months, local writer, Elbey van Rensburg's book, "Elbey se genadepad" has been the main focus of their Wednesdays. With most excitement the residence received a visit from the writer herself on Wednesday. She held her audience captive, when she shared the journey of writing her book.







The Togryers museum extends compassion and support, delivering care bags to the Family Violence, Child Protection, and Sexual Offenses Unit in Ceres for survivors of sexual assault as part of 16 Days of Activism.

We are thankful to those individuals who contributed to the cause.

