



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
18TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
of the
HERITAGE ASSOCIATION of SOUTH AFRICA
hosted by
Friends of the Museum Barberton and Mpumalanga Heritage
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 18, 19 & 20 October 2018
(For convenience, activities for Wednesday 17 and Sunday 21 October are also included)

BARBERTON : THE GENESIS OF LIFE

PROGRAMME

- All excursions will leave from **BARBERTON MUSEUM** where you should register and collect your name tags and tickets **BEFORE** the stated departure time.
- For further information on the various activities, please also refer to the **ADDITIONAL INFO DOCUMENT** and **HERITAGE WALK** Leaflet.
- To assist with gate crashing problems, please ensure that your name tags and tickets are on your person at all times.
- Barberton can get extremely hot so please remember your hats/sunscreen together with mosquito repellent, rain coats, sensible boots/shoes/torch for Bray's Golden Quarry, Crocs /gumboots, etc., for gold panning and to have water available at all times.

WEDNESDAY **DRINKS WITH LOCAL MOTHS AT THE LONE TREE SHELLHOLE**
17 October *Cnr Nourse & Grauman Streets*

- 17:30 to 19:00 • Visitors arriving on Wednesday are invited to **the LONE TREE SHELLHOLE** to meet our knowledgeable and hospitable local MOTHS. Lots of interesting photographs and war time memorabilia.
- Evening • Most guest houses will provide evening meals by prior arrangement and **GENESIS**, a recently opened restaurant in Pilgrim Street, is another option.

THURSDAY **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : REGISTRATION : BARBERTON MUSEUM**
18 October *36 Pilgrim Street*

- 09:30 to 09:45 Tea and Coffee (Will be financed by HASA)
- 09:45 to 10:00 WELCOME : Representative from Culture, Sport and Recreation
- 10:00 to 12:45 AGM (*morning session*)
- 12:45 to 13:30 **LUNCH AT VENUE** : Will be financed by HASA
- 13:30 to **14:30** AGM (*afternoon session*)
Must be finished by 14.30 to accommodate the Emjindini Township Tour

10:00 to 14:30

ALTERNATIVE PARTNERS' PROGRAMME – for the duration of the AGM
REGISTRATION : BARBERTON MUSEUM : BOOKING ESSENTIAL

OPTION 1 :

SCENIC GAME DRIVE into the magnificent 18000ha Mountainlands Nature Reserve : <http://www.mountainlands.co.za/> (Max 10 pax) **R125.00pp**
GUIDES: Delia Oosthuizen and Roland Jones (Local plant boffins)

- Stunning scenery and indigenous plant identification: medicinal and other uses.
- Includes transport and packed lunch.



OPTION 2 :

TRADITIONAL SWAZI COOKING DEMONSTRATION (Max 20 pax) **FOLLOWED BY LUNCH** in the garden of the Fountain Baths Guest Cottages . **R125.00pp**
(Join local mother and daughter team, Magdeline and Dudu Makhubela, for a lesson in cooking popular Swazi dishes. Like many Swazi dishes, this will involve a slow cooking process during which visits to either (or both if time allows) of the following will take place:

- **Craft Centre at the Ekujabuleni Disabled Centre – beautiful bead work and other crafts** (*this trip should be supported as the disabled community cannot participate in the activities*)
- **Umjindi Jewellery Project** – Tour and jewellery making demonstration. (*a community upliftment initiative, sponsored by Barberton Mines, offering intensive training in the art of goldsmithing and jewellery making*).

14:30 to 16:30

EMJINDINI HERITAGE ROUTE – *only one in Mpumalanga - guided tour, transport included*). Interesting stories about the buildings and history will be shared with visitors en route. (Max 36 pax.) **R85.00 pp**
GUIDES: Julius Matsebula, Mandla Sifunda, Henry Sibande (Barberton Museum)

18:30 to 21:30

DRINKS AND WELCOME : BARBERTON GOLF CLUB (off De Villiers Street) followed by BRAAI and presentations **R140.00pp**
DUNCAN BALLANTYNE (*Chairman Mpumalanga Heritage*) and **CHRIS RIPPON** (*Chairman, Friends of the Museum, Barberton*)

Barberton Golf Club was established in 1894 and is the site of a Concentration Camp (Burgher Camp) where 2600 Boer women and children were sent between 1900-1902

PRESENTATION 1 : THE HISTORY OF THE SWAZI – Julius Matsebula

This presentation is based on the history of the three King Mswati II Royal Kraals that still exist in South Africa : Mbhuleni Royal Kraal, Mjindini Royal Kraal and Mekemeke (Lomshiyu) Royal Kraal. These Royal Kraals are very close to Makhonjwa Mountains World Heritage Site
(Julius, a museum human scientist with an honors degree in history, is the local fundi on the history of the Swazi)

PRESENTATION 2 : THE DISCOVERY OF KOMATIITE - BY ONE WHO WAS THERE : Morris Viljoen

Professors Morris and Richard Viljoen are twin brothers and internationally recognized geologists who discovered KOMATIITE in the Barberton area almost 50 years ago when they were students studying for their PhD in geology. This discovery paved the way for the recent declaration of the **BARBERTON MAKHONJWA MOUNTAINS AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE**. (Morris and Richard are also recipients of the Draper Medal, the highest award of the Geological Society of South Africa, the Lindgren Award of the Society of Economic Geologists of the US and past presidents of the Geological Society of South Africa).

FRIDAY 19 October	HERITAGE WALK (Suitable for all): REGISTRATION : BARBERTON MUSEUM <i>(Depending on numbers, access to Museum houses, viz. Belhaven and Stopforth House may need to be controlled)</i>	R50.00 pp
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09:00 to 09:15 **TEA AND COFFEE / WORD OF WELCOME : HASA** Included

09:15 to 09:30 **BARBERTON : WHERE IT ALL BEGAN** – Chris Rippon - Chairman - Friends of the Museum.

- 09:30 to 11:00
- Brief on site update of the Rimer’s Creek saga (*next to museum*)
 - Heritage Walk (*includes 7 Provincial Heritage Sites*)



Belhaven Museum (1904)



Old Masonic Temple (1887)



British Blockhouse (1901)

GUIDES: Mandla Sifunda (Barberton Museum) and **Roger Fisher**

(Roger Fisher is Professor Emeritus at the University of Pretoria and an expert on historic architecture . He is one of the great figures of architectural writing, criticism, research and education in South Africa and was the recipient of the 2010 Writers and Critics Award from the South African Institute of Architects and the prestigious HASA 2013 Gold Medal Award).

11:00 to 11:15 Refreshments : All Saints Anglican Church : Continue walkabout Included

12:30 to 13:00 **LUNCH : VICTORIAN TEA GARDEN** (The Old Market Square) R70.00 pp

13:00 to 17:00 **THE NEDERLANDSCHE ZUID-AFRIKAANSCH SPOORWEG-MAATSCHAPPIJ (NZASM) BARBERTON BRANCH LINE ROUTE : GUIDE : ROGER FISHER* / THE OLD PETTIGREW’S ROAD TRANSPORT ROUTE : GUIDE : GERRIT HAARHOFF**** R50.00 pp

- Short briefing at **BARBERTON MUSEUM** prior to departure in 4 x 4 vehicles provided by Mpumalanga Heritage – 3 guests per vehicle
- Stop off at various NZASM sites along the Barberton Branch Line route
- Join the Pettigrew’s Road Transport Route and retrace the footsteps of Percy Fitzpatrick and his famous dog *JOCK*.
- **DIGGER’S RETREAT HOTEL** (1935)
Stop off on the way back time permitting for some liquid refreshment

and to check out the **GENAL wall paintings** and the **hanging tree** where horse thieves and claim jumpers are said to have been hanged by lynch mobs.

Conrad Frederick Genal was a German wandering artist, born in 1875, who left the French Foreign Legion and made his way through Africa earning his keep by the painting of wall murals.

17:00:

- Arrive Barberton Museum

**Professor Fisher co-authored the groundbreaking publication NZASM Footsteps Along the Tracks – published in August 2017- with former student Nicholas Clarke. The NZASM was a Dutch company that constructed and operated railway lines in the former Transvaal Republic during 1887–1902.*

***Dr Haarhoff has carried out extensive research on the old wagon trails and transport routes and has recently published a book on the subject entitled Forgotten Tracks and Trails of the Escarpment and the Lowveld.*

18:30 for 19:00

GALA DINNER and AWARDS : THE BHS CUISINE RESTAURANT : BARBERTON HIGH SCHOOL (Access is via the back entrance to the school off Walker Wood Street)

R230.00 pp

**SATURDAY
20 October**

**BARBERTON'S FAMOUS MAKHONJWA GEOTRAIL – Half Day Excursion
REGISTRATION : BARBERTON MUSEUM**

09:00 to 13:45

GEOTRAIL (Suitable for ALL and ordinary vehicles).

See link below for amazing 5 minute video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWKOOMZ1Mi0>

(Ancient rock formations that date from the Archaean period, more than three billion years ago. There are very few places on earth where rocks of the Archaean period are visible but in Barberton they are right next to the road!

R125.00
per person
(includes
guide and
minibus
transport)

GUIDE: Tony Ferrar (World Heritage Site Project Leader)

R40.00 pp
(includes
guide but
using own
transport)

**ON SITE PRESENTATION by PROFESSOR MORRIS VILJOEN:
KOMATIITE - VERY OLD, VERY HOT AND VERY SIGNIFICANT**

- Transport (per mini-bus) is encouraged to keep vehicles to a minimum
- Doubling up in private vehicles may be necessary if mini-busses are not utilized
- Depending on numbers, it may also be necessary to split into groups and use additional guides.



Geotrail Guide Books will be on sale at the Museum

PACKED LUNCH : On the Geotrail

R65.00pp

14:30 to 16:30

GOLD PANNING – Barberton Museum Pits – with local gold panners
Demonstration, fun competition or simply enjoy as a spectator

R50.00 pp

18:30 to 21:00

DINNER (AND TRANSPORT) at either THE AFRICAN REST LODGE or BOSKOMBUIS just outside Barberton (depending on weather conditions)

Own
cost

SUNDAY
21 October

THE HISTORIC SHEBA ROUTE : REGISTRATION : BARBERTON MUSEUM
3 OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE to accommodate various departure times and visitors who are staying overnight (*Driving times indicated are leisurely and allow for stop offs and delays. The distances involved are not great.*)



<u>OPTION 1</u>	<u>HISTORIC SHEBA MAUSOLEUM, CEMETERY , SHEBA MINE & SHEBA MUSEUM</u> (Suitable for ALL and ordinary vehicles) GUIDES: Chris Rippon and Riana Le Roux –eGGSA	R50.00 pp
09:00	Depart Barberton Museum	
09:15	Chris will point out the site of the March 1902 military train accident en route and provide background	
10:15	Arrive Sheba Mausoleum and cemetery	
11:00	Depart for Sheba Mine and museum	
11:15	Arrive Sheba Mine	
12:30	Depart Sheba Mine and return to Barberton	
13:30	Arrive Barberton	
<u>OPTION 2</u>	<u>INCLUDES OPTION 1 PLUS BRAY'S GOLDEN QUARRY – Guide CHRIS RIPPON</u> (Max 40 pax) (Suitable for ordinary vehicles - <i>but not wheelchair friendly – although most reasonably active people should manage.</i>)	R80.00 pp
12:30	Depart Sheba Mine for Golden Quarry	
12:45	Arrive Golden Quarry – Group 1 (Max 20) visit quarry while Group 2 (Max 20) have packed lunch	
	PACKED LUNCH	R65.00pp
13:15	Group 2 (Max 20) visit quarry while Group 1 (Max 20) have lunch	
13:45	Depart Golden Quarry	
14:45	Arrive Barberton	
	<i>The GOLDEN QUARRY, discovered by Edwin Bray in 1885, is considered one of the `Mining Wonders of the World`. It was said that when it was first discovered the rocks looked as if they were cemented with Gold. The Golden Quarry was the site of one of the richest gold strikes ever producing an initial 50 tons of rock grading at 250 grams per ton! The extensive underground quarry, made by men armed only with a pick and shovel resembles a great subterranean Cathedral. Bray's Golden Quarry is a true testament to the blood, sweat and tears of those who lived during Barberton's Gold Rush Era. Sheba Mine continues to mine the gold from Bray's Quarry and is one of the oldest and richest mines in the world.</i>	
	NB: The trip to Golden Quarry may be subject to change – please check before booking	
<u>OPTION 3</u>	<u>INCLUDES OPTIONS 1&2 PLUS EUREKA CITY : Guide CHRIS RIPPON (Max 40 pax)</u> High clearance vehicles only (will be provided by Friends of the Museum/Mpumalanga Heritage or use your own if you have)	R125.00pp
13:45	Depart Bray's Golden Quarry for Eureka City	
14:30	Arrive Eureka City	
16:00	Depart Eureka City for Barberton	
17:30	Arrive Barberton	
	<i>EUREKA CITY, a small ghost town, was established in 1885 following the discovery of the famous "Golden Quarry" by Edwin Bray. It is located 20kms from Barberton and in 1886 the town had three shops, three hotels, a bakery, chemist, racecourse, music hall and bars to cater for the diggers in the area. There were also 28 pubs on the route from Barberton to Eureka City. Maneuvering ox wagons laden with supplies up the steep,</i>	

mountainous, terrain was extremely challenging and wheel ruts etched deep into the rock face can still be seen in places today along with the ruins of the Victoria hotel and smaller ruins.

EVENING

Due to the lack of restaurants open on a Sunday evening, it is recommended that prior arrangements are made with the relevant Guest Houses for dinner.

OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST:

- Garden of Remembrance
- Barberton Historic Cemetery
- Digger's Retreat
- The old Impala Hotel, Renovations and Genal Frieze
- Sir Percy Fitzpatrick old house,
- Lone Tree Shellhole of the Memorable Order of Tin Hats (MOTH) of Barberton
- Fountain Baths Guest Cottages
- Queen's River/Suidkaap River Heritage Bridges

For further info on the above and the various excursions referred to refer Additional Info document

FURTHER AFIELD PLACES OF INTEREST – self drive

- Pilgrim's Rest
- Waterval Boven
- Kaapsehoop
- Badplaas
- Guided day trip to the Kruger Park also possible for up to 13 pax can be arranged – Malelane Gate only 80kms away. Contact **Terry Berrington** (Terry's Tours) 013-712-2086 / 073-082-0428

PRE-POST TOURS

- Mining Tours
- The Chute Wagon Route
- Geo Sites in addition to the Geotrail
- **All of the programme excursions/activities can also be repeated through local guides for those unable to attend the scheduled trips**
- *(For further information contact Astrid : Barberton Tourism : 082-959-6670*

GETTING HERE:

From Gauteng, turn right off the N4 just after the MILLY'S stop off at the **SECOND** Macadodorp turnoff just before the Toll Gate. Follow the R541 towards Badplaas then turn left at the T-junction on the R38 to Barberton. When approaching Barberton, turn **RIGHT** into SHEBA ROAD at the **SECOND Barberton sign which is a 4-way stop**. (*Kaapmuiden is to the left and the Swaziland border straight on*).

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(Final Programme)

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