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Joy Adamson Exhibition

New at Nairobi National Museum

The historic collections of Joy Adamson's portraits of the peoples of Kenya as well as her botanical and wildlife paintings are once again on view at the Nairobi National Museum.

The exhibition, funded by KMS was officially opened on May 19. This exhibition includes 50 of Joy's intriguing portraits and her beautiful botanicals and wildlife illustrations that are complemented by related objects from the museum's ethnographic and scientific collections.

Visit the KMS shop where cards featuring some of the portraits are available as is the book, Peoples of Kenya; KMS members are entitled to a 5 per cent discount on books.

The museum is open seven days a week from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm.



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18 - 21 APRIL 2014

Tsavo West National Park

By James Reynolds

The Kenya Museum Society's Easter trip saw organiser Narinder Heyer lead a group of 21 people in 7 vehicles to Tsavo West National Park. After a simple but tasty snack in Makindu's Sikh temple, the group entered the park. Roaring Rocks was a scenic spot for lunch, offering a wonderful view over the hills and plains, before the groups moved on to enjoy the relative cool of a stroll around Mzima Springs. A ford over the strong-flowing Tsavo River presented something of a challenge, meaning the party reached Ziواني Camp, that would be home for three nights, in the southwest of the park, rather later than expected.

Saturday began with a tour of the Ziواني estate, once a sisal plantation owned by a British explorer and entrepreneur, now transformed into a large farm producing seed maize and fruit, thanks to modernisation of irrigation methods. From there, the group moved on to the deep blue waters of Lake Chala, with some scrambling down to swim in the warm waters, and others driving up to the now ruined lodge in a spectacular setting overlooking the lake and neighbouring Tanzania. The trip back to Ziواني left time for a nature walk around the back of the hotel – and close-up views of numerous Nile crocodiles and two blots of hippos. The day was rounded off with a presentation by Narinder on the colourful life of Ewart Grogan.



Lake Chala

Photo by Lucie & Rodger Steinkamp

Easter Sunday saw the group drive through the green expanses of the national park to emerge on the shore of Lake Jipe. If animals were hard to spot, there were plenty of birds on display. Two punctures in the tyres of the same vehicle threw down the gauntlet to the more enterprising members of the group, but once this test was passed, and a lakeside picnic lunch consumed, the party drove past Grogan's architecturally eclectic 'castle' perched on a hillock by the road on the

KMS EASTER SAFARI

way to the market town of Taveta, where the memorials to those who perished in World War I fighting between British and German forces could be observed.



Picnic Lake Jipe

Photo by Lucie & Rodger Steinkamp

Departure on Monday morning saw the group drive through Oloitokitok, skirting Amboseli national park, before the rather less pleasant stretch of Mombasa Road back to Nairobi. If Kilimanjaro remained stubbornly swathed in clouds throughout the weekend and there were more elephants on view outside the park in villages south of Taveta than in the park itself, there were more than enough other attractions to make the trip a very enjoyable one.



THE NAIROBI ARBORETUM, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SATURDAY 19 JULY 2014, AT THE TREE CENTRE, NAIROBI ARBORETUM

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Agenda

1. Confirmation of the previous Annual General Meeting minutes
2. Matters Arising
3. Chairman's report:
 - a. Management Plan
 - b. Management Agreement
4. Treasurer's / Auditors report
5. Election of office bearer's
6. A.O.B
 - a. Constitutional amendment on the terms of office bearers

30 MAY - 02 JUNE 2014

Lake Magadi & Lake Natron - Loisiijo

By Jane Sessa

On Friday, May 30, a group from the Kenya Museum Society left Nairobi for a holiday safari to Lake Magadi and Lake Natron. Passing through a beautiful scenic descent into the Rift Valley we arrived at Magadi. The first stop was Lake Magadi and the hot springs, which we quickly discovered were more than aptly named. Several members of the safari tested the waters although only one person had the gumption to immerse herself in the very, very, hot water. At the spring, we met up with our guide, Nickson and had a pleasant picnic lunch under a tree. After lunch we headed for Loisiijo driving through much of the Shompole reserve. The lodge is set beside a river with lovely fig and tamarind trees and everyone enjoyed Narinder's excellent cooking at dinner.

On Saturday, we did a game drive through the very dusty reserve, seeing zebra, giraffe, wildebeest and many birds. There were a couple of game walks with Nickson and another excellent dinner with lots of good conversation.

On Sunday, we headed to Lake Natron, which was quite low due to the lack of rain. Still, the vistas were gorgeous and there were many more game sightings. Some of the more interesting game that we saw that are a bit rare included the yellow bat, the avocet and the Goliath Heron. Although we saw evidence of elephants and lions in the area including the occasional roar, we did not manage to see these.

On Monday, there was another early morning game drive and then we packed up and said goodbye to our lovely accommodations. On our return trip, we drove over the Lake Magadi causeway and stopped for lunch at the Olorgesailie Museum, which is the site of one of the world's largest finds of prehistoric stone tools. The return trip afforded more gorgeous scenery and a herd of camels that kindly moved off to the side of the road as our caravan came upon theirs.



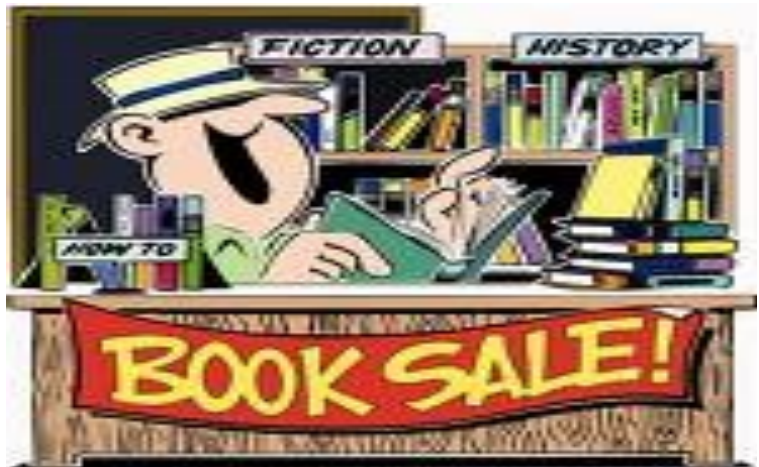


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UPCOMING SAFARI

07 - 10 AUGUST 2014

Masai Mara Migration

Our annual migration visit to the Masai Mara is in August (3 nights). We shall stay at Manyatta Camp. It is a simple but nice place. Food is good. Game drives will cover the whole Masai Mara National Reserve.

Cost: 17,900 ksh pp sharing children 3-12 years 8,950ksh

During the Migration places fill up very quickly.

So book early to avoid disappointment.

AUGUST - DECEMBER 2014

Tentative KMS Trips

- August -** Camping in the Chyulu Hills
- September -** Ol Donyo Sabuk- Historic: Mcmillan & Italian prisoners of war camps
- October -** The Joy Adamson safari to Shaba/Samburu
Amboseli - Bandas
- November -** 14 - 16 November (2 nights) - Ithumba - Daphni Sheldrick's camp in Tsavo East Only 7 places
Possible Expedition to Turkana
- December -** Western Kenya, Tana Delta and the Coast

SAFARI TO SAMBURU LAND

14 - 20 AUGUST 2014

Your guide, Rhodia Mann, has been studying the Samburu for over 40 years, and was adopted into the tribe. Includes traditional blacksmith, herbal medicine, sacred places, star expert, fortune-teller, dancing. Lodge accommodation.

Price Guideline: Adults: shs.85,000/- Children under 12 shs. 8,000/-
(depends on number of participants, since transport must be shared)

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SATURDAY 09 AUGUST 2014

Saving the Little Five

Conserving the small mammals of Kenya

Did you know that the elephant shrew or golden-rumped sengi are found nowhere else on Earth but in the Arabuko/Gede forests in Malindi County, and that the African maned rat is the only vertebrate known in Kenya to apply plant poison on its coat to protect itself against predators?

Kenya is justifiably known for its 'Big Five' game animals that attract visitors from around the world; but it is also home to genetically unique small mammals that are not as visible but are also in need of protection in a difficult environment where they are often stranded in single populations.

Join Bernard Agwanda, Research Scientist & Mammal Curator at the National Museums of Kenya, as he explains the fascinating existence of these small creatures and what we can do to help protect them and their environment.

Venue: Louis Leakey Auditorium, Nairobi National Museum

Refreshments for sale 3.15pm Talk 4:00 pm

***Donation: Ksh 200 Citizen or Student
Ksh 400 KMS member
Ksh 500 Guest***

***Tickets: 0724 255299, 2339158
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SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2014

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Venue: Muthaiga Country Club

Bitings & bar 6.30pm, Talk 7:00 pm

***Cost: Ksh 2,600 Talk & Dinner
Ksh 1,200 Talk only***

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WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 2014

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Venue: Karen Country Club

Bitings & bar 6.30pm, Talk 7:00 pm

***Cost: Ksh 2,000 Talk & Dinner
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What you get as a KMS member

Did you know as a KMS member you are entitled to free entry to all National and regional Museums, prehistoric sites and monuments around Kenya. The National Museums of Kenya is the custodian of Kenya's natural and cultural heritage that manages three World Heritage Sites, twenty two museums and over two hundred sites and monuments across the country. The three World Heritage Sites are Fort Jesus, Lamu and Kaya Forests all located in the Coast region. The sites and monuments open to the public include Gedi Ruins, Hyrax Hill, Jumba la Mtwana, Kariandusi, Koobi Fora, Mnarani, Olorgesailie, Rusinga Island, Songhor, Takwa-Manda Island and Thimlich Ohinga, Tom Mboya Mausoleum, Kanam Prehistoric Site and Simbi Nyaima in Kisumu.

Other benefits include:

- Bird walks with Nature Kenya at Ksh 200 per walk, reduced rates on tree walks with FoNA, day and weekend outings, evening lectures, films and other programs for members
- Entry to the Oloolua Nature Trail at half price
- Monthly newsletter Tracker to keep you abreast of KMS and Museum activities
- Email updates on KMS and Museum activities
- Annual magazine Kenya Past and Present
- 5% discount on books in the KMS Shop at Nairobi National Museum
- Free borrowing privileges at KMS library
- Free reading privileges at Nature Kenya/NMK library
- Reduced advertising rates in the Tracker & Kenya Past and Present

NOTE:

Effective 1 February, KMS members will be required to pay Ksh 200 per Bird Walk with Nature Kenya.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

When using your KMS membership to gain entry to NMK Museums, Sites & Monuments, you must also provide other identification, your Identity Card, Passport or Driving License. Corporate members using membership cards should provide their organization job identification. Please note that the KMS membership card is not transferable. If you lend your card to another individual, the Kenya Museum Society will revoke your membership card with immediate effect.

KMS Membership Registration Form

Please use BLOCK letters

Mr./Ms/Mrs/Dr/ Family Name _____

First Name _____ Spouse _____

Names of children (under 18) _____

P.O. Box _____ Code _____ City _____

Tel: Home _____ Office _____

Mobile _____ Email _____

I am a NEW/RENEWING member (please circle one)

I prefer to receive the *Tracker* by EMAIL/POST (please circle one)

Membership category	Amount	Included
Single resident	Ksh1,500	One membership card
Family resident	Ksh 2,000	Including children < 18 Yrs
Students (Kenyan Resident)	Ksh 300	One membership card
Up Country (New Category)	Ksh 1,200	One membership card
Non Resident	USD 50	One card
Visitors (valid for one month only)	Ksh 800	One membership card
Business membership	Ksh 6,000	Eight membership cards

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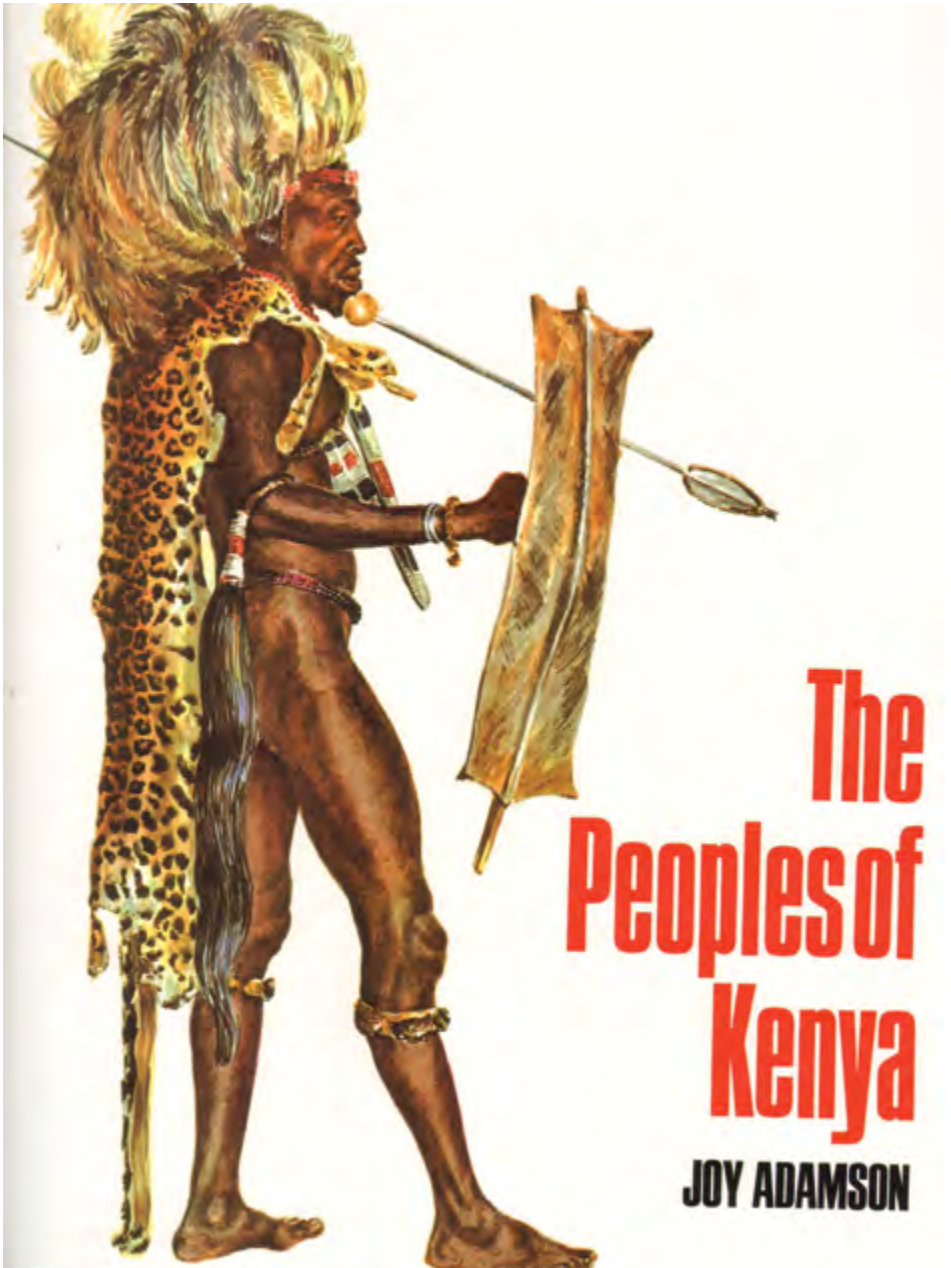
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