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Cranes in Nairobi National Park:  
Photo by Washington Wachira

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## Kenya Museum Society News

### Trips and events

#### *Longer trips*

#### **Lake Turkana and the Chalbi Desert: 9 - 18 June (revised announcement)**

The 10 day annual KMS trip to Lake Turkana comes with a difference this year.

**Itinerary** Nairobi - Isiolo - Archer's Post - South Horr - Loyangelani - Mt Kulal - North Horr - Chalbi Desert - Marsabit - Isiolo - Nairobi

The unusual rain meant that the route, or part of it, was just too waterlogged.

BUT – it has been rescheduled:

#### **Lake Turkana and the Chalbi Desert**

**24 August – 2 September, 2018**

**Note that the highlight of this year's trip is the Chalbi Desert.**

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**Itinerary** Nairobi - Isiolo - Archer's Post - South Horr - Loyangelani - Mt Kulal - North Horr - Chalbi Desert - Marsabit - Isiolo - Nairobi

**Transport** in Landcruisers

**Accommodation** in tents. Mattresses provided. You can upgrade yourself to bandas everywhere at only 1,000sh a night if you wish.

**Food** excellent FB throughout, except lunch on day 10.

After a night at Archer's Post we head to South Horr.

**Day 2 and 3-** South Horr is a charming village at the foot of Mt Nyiru and next to a wide arid area river. We shall explore the surrounding country.

**Day 4** Spent in Loyangelani. We explore the lake around the El Molo village, and visit the Desert Museum.

**The rest of the trip is exploring the area around the Chalbi Desert. The Chalbi is the only true desert in Kenya. It is an immense 100,000sq km expanse of clay, salt and sand. On all sides it is surrounded by giant volcanoes and lava flows. In the west there is the massive volcano of Mt Kulal, in the east Mt Marsabit and**

**in the north the Huri Hills. The desert still supports herds of ostrich, oryx and Grevy's zebra.**

**Day 5** We head to Mt Kulal for the day. Declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1979 this 7,000sq km reserve stretches from lake Turkana to the top of Mt Kulal and dropping to the Chalbi Desert. It has subtropical moist montane forest. The crater at the top is split to form a massive gorge. **The Kulal white eye is an endemic bird of this area.**

**Day 6** we depart for North Horr, an intriguing village at the northern edge of the Chalbi. It is surrounded by doum palms and permanent springs and inhabited by the fascinating Gabbra people.

**Day 7 will be the highlight of the trip. We travel in the Chalbi desert, looking at some strange formations. We shall have a fly camp in the Chalbi Desert. The sky at night is awesome. It is a deep purple colour with millions of stars.**

**Days 8 and 9** we shall spend in Marsabit park. Marsabit is another sub-tropical forested volcano that rises out of the desert like a mirage. It has plenty of game, especially elephant. We shall visit Lake Paradise and several other craters. We stay 2 nights at the charming **Marsabit lodge**. It is perched on the crater edge overlooking a perfect lake. Throughout the day wild animals pass from the lake.

**Day 10** After breakfast depart for Nairobi. The new super tarmac highway links Marsabit to Isiolo. We hope to be in Nairobi by sunset.

**Cost 134,000sh pp**

**Included** transport, accommodation, all food, 2 nights lodge in Marsabit

**Not included** Marsabit park entry for 2 days (residents 500sh per day), lunch on Day 10.

**The service provider is an excellent experienced company.**

**➤Deadline for registration and minimum deposit of Ksh 10,000 is July 10<sup>th</sup> 2018**

### *Weekend or overnight trips*

#### **Lake Elementaita and Soysambu Conservancy 30 June-1 July (1 night)**

Depart on Saturday 30 June at 7am. We shall visit the lovely Soysambu Conservancy for the full day. It has lots of game and birdlife. Lunchtime picnic by the lake shore.

Overnight at the very popular Sunbird Lodge. It has beautiful views of the lake and excellent food. In the morning we shall go for a bird walk (guide to be sourced yet).

For the more energetic there is a walk to the lake shore and a swim in the pool. Lunch at the lodge and depart for Nairobi by 2.30 pm.

**Cost:** 9,900 pp sharing

**Included:** FB at Sunbird, guide in Soysambu Conservancy

**Not included:** transport, Soysambu entry (1.200pp), bird guide for Sunbird

Carry a picnic lunch for Saturday.

➤**Book and pay now.**

### **Lake Ol Bolossat and Menengai Crater 14-15 July (1 night)**

This trip is to the interesting and little known area between Gilgil, Nyahururu and Nakuru. We shall go via either Gilgil or Njambini.

On Saturday we visit Lake Ol Bolossat which has good bird life, especially ducks, and hippo. Picnic lunch. In the afternoon we drive to hippo pools near Nyahururu and take a short walk to Thompson's Falls. We then take the very dramatic descent into the Rift Valley through Subukia. Passing through Nakuru we head out to Maili Saba Camp, as the name suggests, 7 miles on the road out of Nakuru! Perched on the edge of Menengai Crater, this is a charming rustic tented camp with the most amazing view of the silent crater below. It has a warm, casual atmosphere, good food and a small swimming pool. Each tent has its own terrace.

On Sunday after breakfast there will be a long walk to the edge of the crater. After that you can just relax. We depart for Nairobi after lunch.

**Cost:** 11,800 pp sharing. Children below 12 pay 7,100.

**Included:** FB at Maili Saba, guided walk at Lake Ol Bolossat.

**Not included:** transport, guided walk at Menengai.

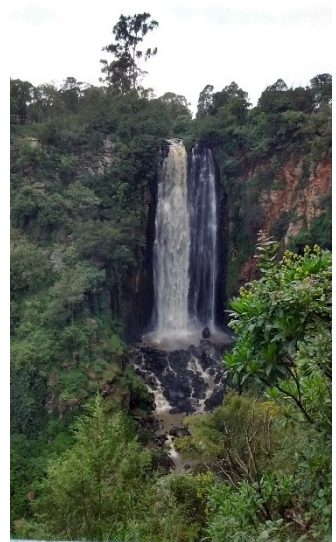
**Road:** Mostly tarmac.

Carry a picnic lunch for Saturday.

➤**Book and pay early.**

Thompson's Falls

Photo: Jill Ghai



## **Lakes Magadi and Natron**

### **July 27-29 (Two nights)**

Escape the cold in Nairobi. Descend into the Rift Valley and explore the incredibly beautiful hellish paradise of these two lakes.

#### **Programme**

**Friday-** Arrive in Magadi late morning. A guided walk by the Magadi Soda Co to explain the soda extraction process. Then we proceed to the lake to see the many water birds especially flaming. Picnic lunch at the lake shore.

Back in Magadi check in at the tented camp (the tents are air-conditioned!) In the afternoon you can go swim at the Magadi Soda club or just relax. Dinner at the club.

**Saturday-** After breakfast we depart for the Nguruman escarpment and Lake Natron. There will be a charge to pass through Shompole ranch. The best time at Natron is around 4pm when a lot of game arrives to drink water. Picnic lunch. Return to Magadi by 6.30pm. Dinner at club.

**Sunday-** After a leisurely breakfast return to Nairobi. We may make a short stop at the pre-historic site at Olorgesaille where you can enjoy the remnants of your picnic food.

**Cost** 14,400 pp sharing. Single room supplement is only 500 per day but depends on availability. Children pay 60% of the total.

**Included** - 2 days half board at camp, guide fees, guided walk of soda operations

**Not included** - transport, Shompole conservancy fee (1,500), Lake Natron fee (500)

**Transport:** Indicate transportation status when signing up: if you will be driving, if can take passengers, or if you need transportation. Van transportation can be arranged if needed. I would recommend that you take your own 4x4 vehicles. The distances are reasonably short.

➤Don't forget to carry your picnic lunches.

*Future weekend and overnight trips: watch for details on -*

**Ol Pejeta, September 8-10**

**Shaba-Samburu Game Reserves October 11-14**

**Mpala Ranch in Laikipia, November 16-18**

## *Day trips*

### **Guided Tour of Olorgesailie Pre-historic Site Saturday 23 June 8 am to 4 pm**

*This will be a tour combining birding and pre-history.*

Located along Magadi road, the Olorgesailie pre-historic site is about 70 km or about 1.30 hour drive from Nairobi.

The site is world renowned as a factory of “ Stone Tools” with the largest number of tools to show and it offers an exceptional opportunity for reconstruction of conditions of life during the early part of the Stone Age. The prominence and accumulation of human tools represents actual camping places of early men and evidence that human species had a tropical origin. The site is in a lake basin that existed about 100,00 to 200,000 years ago and has excellently preserved the biological and cultural evidence about the evolution of man.

At the museum, we shall enjoy learning about the pre-history discoveries made at this site, the museum collection of artefacts, guided by the sites curator.

The site is also a bird watchers paradise citing the highest number of migratory bird species in Kenya. We shall bird on the way and in the museum’s surroundings. Expected birds species include: African Grey Hornbill, Verreaux’s Eagle, Yellow-spotted Petronia, Red-fronted Barbet, Hildebrandt’s Starling, Tawny Eagle, Eastern Chanting Goshawk, Brown Snake-Eagle, Blue-naped Mousebird, Green-winged Pytilia, Grey Wren Warbler, Rattling Cisticola, White-bellied Canary, Red and Yellow Barbet and Rufous Chatterer.

**Cost:** KMS Member - Ksh 3,000      Guest - Ksh 3.550

**Included** - Transport, guided tour and water. **Excluded** - entry fee to the Prehistoric site, Lunch and other personal expenses.

#### **Site entry fees**

Citizen Adult	Ksh 100	Citizen Child	Ksh 50
Resident Adult	Ksh 400	Resident Child	Ksh 200
Non – Resident Adult	Ksh 500	Non – Resident child	Ksh 250

**Payment:** Safaricom, Mpesa, Paybill, Business No 400800, Account number 6571570019. **Airtel Money:** 0780 755 231

➤ Bring a hat, extra drinking water, binoculars and wear good walking shoes.

**Note:** Please carry your KMS membership card, you can renew it at the KMS office

**Suitable for children over 10 years.**

We look forward to this exciting day out and hope many of you will join us. **Closing date for registration 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

## **OI Donyo Sabuk National Park**

**Saturday 25 August 2018**

**8 am to 4 pm**

### ***Hiking and birding day trip***

Get away from noisy Nairobi for a couple of hours, hiking, birding and game viewing in this serene national park.

The name Ol Donyo Sabuk , in Maasai , means “ solitary mountain”, this unique mountain stands a proud 7,037 feet tall in the predominately flat surroundings of the Athi plains. This rugged hump – backed outcrop of ancient rock jutting high above the Athi plains, offers from its summit magnificent 360 degree panoramic views over the Athi River, pineapple fields of Thika and snowcapped views of both Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Kenya on clear days.

Ol Donyo Sabuk also homes the grave\* of the famous Sir William Northrup Mcmillan (originator of the McMillan Memorial Library in Nairobi, opened after his death).<sup>†</sup>

The park is only 65 km from Nairobi towards central highlands of Thika, and makes for an excellent day trip. The lush vegetation and cool air of this compact and scenic national park, make trekking easy. The leisurely trek will provide ample opportunity to bird view up close, and also admire various wild grassland game. We will be accompanied by a game ranger as the park boasts of large numbers of buffalo.

Our plan would be to drive northwards to Thika town, via the Chania Falls, before proceeding to the Fourteen Falls, through pineapple plantations. Making stops at all these lovely sites as we drive into the park for a full on day trekking and birding adventure.

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\* On the grave see <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/121240751/william-northrup-mcmillan>

<sup>†</sup> For something on his life see <https://www.britishempire.co.uk/library/northrup.htm>

Our own Washington Wachira will lead the trip, sharing with us his vast and comprehensive knowledge on birds.

**Cost:**

KMS Member - Ksh 3,050 Guest - Ksh 3,350

**Included** - Transport, guide and rangers fees

**Excluded** - Park Fees, Lunch and other personal expenses.

**Park Fees:**

Citizen Adult	Ksh 300	Citizen Child	Ksh 216
Resident Adult	Ksh 400	Resident Child	Ksh 300
Non – Resident Adult	\$26	Non – Resident child	\$17

**Payment:** Safaricom, M-PESA, Paybill, Business No 400800, Account number 6571570019.

**Meeting Point:** KMS Office, in Nairobi National Museum

Bring a hat, drinking water, binoculars and wear good walking shoes.

**Note:** Please carry your KMS membership card, you can renew it at the KMS office

**Suitable for children over 9 years.**

We look forward to this exciting day out and hope many of you will join us.

**Watch for more details of these:**

**July** - behind the scenes tour of Archaeology & Palaeontology Departments at Nairobi Museum.

**August** - behind the scenes tour of the Nairobi Museum Snake Park & Herpetology Department (on which see the article by Annamarie Borges on p. 18 of the May *Tracker*).

**How to book**

To book for any KMS event, please contact us on;

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**Proceeds from KMS events go to support the National Museums of Kenya**

**Saturday, 11 August 2018**  
**Muthaiga Country Club, 7pm**

**“Saving the Iconic and Critically Endangered Mountain Bongo!”** by Donald Bunge, Wildlife and Operations Manager at Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy and founding member of the National Bongo Conservation Taskforce.



A male Bongo Nolana

The Bongo is the largest forest antelope and considered by many the most colourful of all African antelopes. The Eastern or Mountain Bongo is found only in Kenya and is a critically endangered species. The decline is thought to have started in the 1900s when ranchers brought rinderpest-infected cattle to some of the Bongo ranges, but the population plummeted in the past 50 years—primarily due to hunting for international trade, meat, predation, habitat encroachment and destruction.

Being a mountainous and deep forest antelope, the Mountain Bongo is an iconic species that should be used in promotion of the conservation and protection of Kenya’s water towers and therefore needing to be conserved and protected at all costs.

Mr Bunge will enlighten us on several efforts both local and global aimed at re-establishing the Mountain Bongo, as he draws from his 15 years’ experience in captive wildlife management (with a focus on Mountain Bongo Breeding and conservation) population to genetically viable levels and how you can get involved.

**Bitings & Bar** 6:30pm, Talk 7:00 pm

**Cost:** Ksh 3,300 Canapes, Talk and Dinner, Children Ksh 2,600  
Ksh 1,500 Canapes and Talk only, Children Ksh 900

**Book** and pay with KMS by Friday, 10th August at 12 noon.

Bookings: 0724 255299, 2339158 or [info@kenyamuseumsociety.org](mailto:info@kenyamuseumsociety.org)

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OR book on Saturday with Muthaiga Country Club by 11am

Tel: 0721 632 802/907; 0721 658 478; 0734 605 055/66/0722 200 785/ 020 260 3690/1; 020 232 6651/2.

➤PLEASE NOTE: There will be a club surcharge of Ksh.500 for any walk-ins.

NOTE: Members of KMS can invite guests. For security arrangements with the club, kindly bring your KMS card and national identification card.

**Nairobi National Museum, Louis Leakey Auditorium  
Saturday 18 August, 2018**

**"Gorillas in the midst of war: health studies on one of our closest relatives"**

by Prof. John E Cooper and Prof. Margaret E Cooper

Gorillas are relations of gorillas do not Kenya, the Kenya (NMK) collection of Kenyans have on the two presenters— a veterinary



lawyer – discuss their own experience of these animals, based on two years of working with the mountain gorillas in Central Africa and ongoing studies of gorilla skeletal material in many parts of the world.

amongst the closest humans. Although occur in the wild in National Museum of has a substantial gorilla material and contributed to studies extant species. The husband and wife team, pathologist and animal

The Coopers will outline the history of the discovery and description of the two species of gorilla and the role played by Dr Louis Leakey and others in learning more about the biology of these usually gentle and elusive great apes.

**Cost:** Ksh 400, KMS member and Ksh 500, Guest

**Bookings:** 0724 255299, 2339158 or [info@kenyamuseumsociety.org](mailto:info@kenyamuseumsociety.org)

## THE AFFORDABLE ART SHOW: GETTING CLOSER

In 2018 this great art event will be from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October.



Last year: Over 370 submitted pieces of art were stored by size until the installation of the show began.

A few of the attendees peruse the 'Woman's wall' at last year's Friday Opening Party.



### Looking for Volunteers 2018 Affordable Art Show Fri-Sun, 26-28 Oct

The first meeting of the 2018 Art Show Committee was on Wed, 13 June, 10-12 am, at the KMS Office. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help produce the show, which will be 26-28 October this year.

Those with publicity skills/contacts, sponsorship suggestions, data entry skills, experience in curating art and/or time to help with planning and organizing the show are asked to contact the KMS office and attend the first meeting.

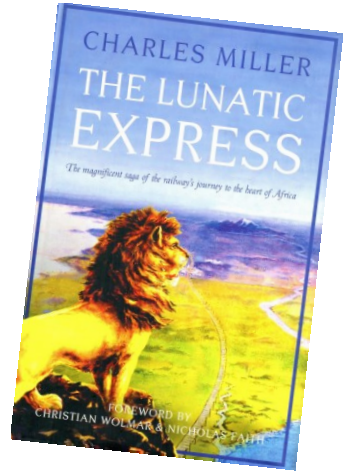
The committee meets on Wed mornings, 10-12am, every other week from August to mid-September and then every week from late September on. The work intensifies from 17 October as we take in, process and hang the art, sell the art throughout the weekend of the show and finally take down the show and return unsold art to artists.

➤ To volunteer contact the office 0724 255299, 2339158 or [info@kenyamuseumsociety.org](mailto:info@kenyamuseumsociety.org)

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## Annual Second Hand Book (and CDs etc) Sale

### Request for donations

The 2018 KMS annual second hand book sale is scheduled for **Fri 7 & Sat 8 September 2018, main courtyard, Nairobi National Museum.**

KMS welcomes your donation of books, DVDs, children's games, puzzles and magazines towards this year's sale. If you have used computers/printers that you wish to donate for the sale, please let us know and we can organise pick-ups.

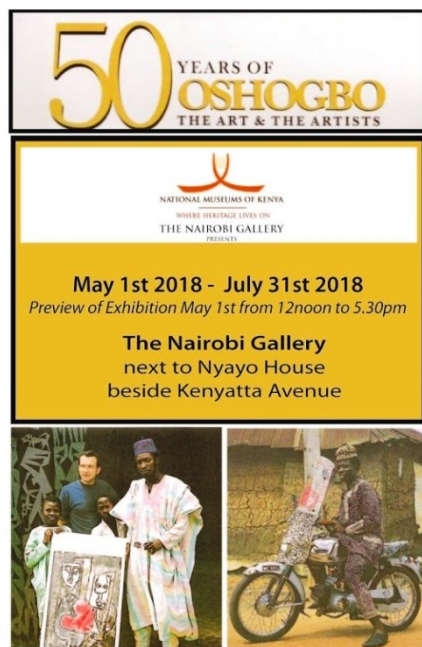
You can drop your donation at KMS office, open Mon-Fri from **9am - 5pm.** OR at the KMS shop located inside the Nairobi National Museum, open Mon to Sun from **9.30 am - 5 pm**

The remaining books from last year's second hand books sale were donated to Thucunui Primary School, in Nakuru County. KMS wish to thank members, friends and partners for their donations.



## About or at the National Museums of Kenya

### Events and Exhibitions



**50 YEARS OF OSHOGBO**  
THE ART & THE ARTISTS

NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF KENYA  
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THE NAIROBI GALLERY  
PRESENTS

**May 1st 2018 - July 31st 2018**  
Preview of Exhibition May 1st from 12noon to 5.30pm

**The Nairobi Gallery**  
next to Nyayo House  
beside Kenyatta Avenue



Far left; Alan Donovan buying his first work of African contemporary art from Muraina Oyelami, 1967. Left; The late artist Twin Seven Seven. Above Artworks by Twin Seven Seven (Left) and Muraina Oyelami (Right).

From the Editor: If you have not been to the lovely Nairobi Gallery, or even if you have, there is good reason to go to see this exhibition, on until the end of July.

Oşogbo (as it is usually spelled in Nigeria) is a city in the Yoruba area of Nigeria, capital of Osun State. It became very well-known as a cradle of artists, especially under the influence of Susanne Wenger and Ulli Beier and later Beier's second wife, Georgina. They built on and encouraged the skills of the members of a theatre company already based in Oşogbo.

This exhibition is a celebration of 50 years of wonderful art in and from Oşogbo. It is not large, but has works from some of the most famous artists, including Twins Seven Seven, Bruce Onobrakpeya, Jimoh Buraimoh, and Asiru Olatunde. If you came to the Affordable Art Show last year you may remember having seen a couple of contributions from a Nigerian artist rather in the tradition of Twins Seven Seven.

All in all, it's well worth a trip into town.

## A Kenyan Oşogbo?

As it happens, there is currently at the National Museum an exhibition of artists from the village of Ngecha. It is running until the end of June only, in the art gallery.

The following is shamelessly copied (by your editor) from a piece by KMS Council member Kari Mutu in the *East African* of June 9<sup>th</sup>.

“It has been said that the small town of Ngecha, just outside Nairobi, has produced more artists than any other single place in Kenya. Many of their works can be seen at the Ngecha Arts Centre, established in 1995 by a group of artists and sculptors, many of them self-taught, such as veteran Sane Wadu and Wanyu Brush. Styled as a “Village of Artists,” the Ngecha Art Centre is a multidisciplinary place for theatre, music, poetry and visual arts. Some senior Ngecha artists are exhibiting at the Nairobi National Museum in a show titled *Art Creative: Ngecha and Beyond*.

Wanyu Brush has brought his familiar large paintings, which are a riot of colours and dense figures showing rural life and chaotic scenes. Ngecha’s director, King Dodge, has vibrant paintings and understated wood carvings of mother-and-child.

The many-sided Sebastian Kiarie presents a variety of mediums and styles. The oil painting *A Woman with an Apple* is of a woman draped suggestively over an armchair. It is in the careful style of his previous works on African women. *Invisible Arms* has four disembodied arms reaching towards a bowl of fruit. Also dissecting socio-cultural ailments is Kiarie’s installation *Seat of Impunity*. It is a large chair made with pangas (machetes), and placed on a red patchwork rug. [See right, photo by Jill Ghai] Elsewhere, he has twisted together wire art into various modes of transport – boat, car, bicycle... These realistic models focus on exploring simple outlines and contours.

Anthony Kiarie’s abstract wild, tangled sculptures are fashioned from tree roots and deadwood, some of which look like they have been partially burned.

Wildlife is still Martin Muhoro’s favourite theme. He presents wildebeest, elephants and other animals in a soothing palette of sage and earth tones.

G Chege’s acrylic-on-canvas paintings take you into crowded peri-urban places. I particularly like the evocative semi-abstract paintings of medieval, Middle-Eastern city states. The stark white buildings and long-robed people stand out against brightly-coloured backgrounds.”



## Kenya Museum Society's Mission, Benefits & Annual Rates

Kenya Museum Society is a non-profit members' organization founded in 1970. Our mission is to support and promote the National Museums of Kenya, the custodian of Kenya's natural and cultural heritage that manages six World Heritage Sites, twenty-two museums and over a hundred sites and monuments across the country.

### **Membership**

By supporting KMS with your membership, you are helping to preserve and promote Kenyan history, culture and artifacts. At the same time you'll have fun learning about Kenya in the company of people who enjoy the same interests as you.

#### **Become a KMS member and enjoy:**

- Free entry to all National and regional Museums, prehistoric sites and monuments in Kenya
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## KMS Membership Registration Form

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBER/RENEWING MEMBER (please circle)**

**Please send *Tracker* by EMAIL/POST (please circle)**

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*Receipt No:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership Nos:* \_\_\_\_\_

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## **How to use the KMS Membership**

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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 Licence.

Those using business membership cards should provide their organization's job identification. **KMS membership card is not transferable.**

**If you give your card to another individual, the Kenya Museum Society will revoke your membership card with immediate effect.**

## **Request for donations**

The 2018 KMS annual second hand book sale is scheduled for **Fri 7 & Sat 8 September 2018, main courtyard, Nairobi National Museum.**

KMS welcomes your donation of books, DVDs, children's games, puzzles and magazines towards this year's sale. If you have used computers/printers that you wish to donate for the sale, please let us know and we can organise pick-ups.

You can drop your donation at KMS office, open Mon-Fri from **9am - 5pm.** OR at the KMS shop located inside the Nairobi National Museum, open Mon to Sun from **9.30 am - 5 pm**