



New Educational Programs and Exhibit

Nelson Mandela and the Thembu People of South Africa (Elementary and Middle School Level Learners)

There are many cultures of South Africa such as the Zulu, Sotho, Ndebele, Shangaan and the Venda. Nelson Mandela was from the Xhosa culture and Thembu tribe. He is known as a peace maker and brought peace to South Africa. Students will understand how he accomplished this by learning about the Xhosa culture and the tradition of Ubuntu which implies compassion and open-mindedness and is opposed to individualism and egotism. We will explore the Xhosa culture and how their teachings influenced Nelson Mandela through storytelling, artifacts, and a craft.



*Collective Memories by Valerie C. White
Photo by Pearl Yee Wong*

The Art of Quilt Making, Its Connections to African American Women and Slavery (High School Level Learners)

Quilt making has remained a social expression for contemporary women artists as evidenced by our present exhibit *Conscience of the Human Spirit: Quilts Honoring the Life of Nelson Mandela* which is created by the Women of Color Quilters' Network. Students will learn the art of quilt making by African women and later African American women and how quilts were used by slaves in their fight for freedom. We will explore issues of race, slavery, and civil rights through group work with artifacts, story quilts, and a quilted post card as a craft.



*Tata: The Father of a Nation by April Shipp
Photo by Pearl Yee Wong*

Conscience of the Human Spirit: Quilts Honoring the Life of Nelson Mandela Exhibit

The Mariposa's new exhibit, *Conscience of The Human Spirit: Quilts Honoring the Life of Nelson Mandela* will be showcased from April 14th to July 1st. The exhibit can also be viewed by classes without an educational program. This exhibit showcases 51 quilts made by the United States Quilt Artists with diverse and powerful pieces which reflect the ways in which this remarkable man touched individual lives, changed a nation, and literally served as the conscience of the human spirit for individuals around the world. This exhibit offers a visually stirring, thought-provoking experience for people of all ages. It is a great context for conversations about many topics including: Nelson Mandela and South Africa, peace and reconciliation, African American history and civil rights.

Education Programs and Field Trips

Education field trip programs cost \$6.00 per person with groups larger than 10 people and outreach programs cost \$125.00 per one hour program. Please contact Education Director Melissa Brooks at education@mariposamuseum.org or 603-924-4555 to schedule a field trip or outreach program. Bussing grants are available to those who qualify.