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### **Knysna Mayor hosts Showcase for Inspired Women**

Georlene Wolmarans, Knysna Executive Mayor agrees wholeheartedly with America's Hillary Clinton's sentiment, "Women are the largest untapped reservoir of talent in the world".

She further believes that women should be compensated for their talent and is therefore celebrating Women's Month by offering cash prizes to the most talented women within the Greater Knysna. The Mayor is inviting all of Greater Knysna's talented female artists and crafters to showcase their "home-grown talent" during the Knysna Mayoral Showcases during July.

These events aim to bring all Greater Knysna's creative women together where they will be able to share and collaborate on ideas. "Through these events I wish to encourage all women to support each other through honesty, tolerance and understanding, encouraging each other's belief in their ability and creative talent," said Wolmarans.

These showcases will be held throughout July in Smutsville, Khayaletu and Rheenendal. Sedgefield's talented women will have their turn to showcase their talent in the Smutsville Community Hall on July 10 between 14:00 and 16:00. Entry for this event closes on July 3.

Residents close to and from Khayaletu will exhibit on July 17 (closing date July 10). Their talent will be showcased in the Khayaletu Community Hall between 14:00 and 16:00.

Last, but by no means least, Rheenendal crafters and artists will have their turn to showcase the result of their God-given talent on July 24 in the Rheenendal Community Hall (closing date July 17). This exhibition will also run between 14:00 and 16:00.

Once all the entries from the three different events have been judged a final event showcasing the best of the best will be held at the Knysna Secondary School Hall on August 7. "Here the top talent, ranging from baking, sewing, handcraft and painting will be judged and the winners will receive a cash prize. I suggest that this prize be used as an investment into their future. This is truly what Women's Month is all about," said Wolmarans.

Interested parties may collect entry forms from the Mayor's Office, Knysna Municipality, Clyde Street, Knysna or their Ward Councillors. Electronic entry forms may be requested via email from Elizabeth Beeslaar on [ebeeslaar@knysna.gov.za](mailto:ebeeslaar@knysna.gov.za) or by phoning her on 044 302 6479.

Once completed these forms may be delivered to the Office of the Mayor or emailed to Beeslaar. Both hand-delivered and emailed entry forms must be clearly marked "Showcase for inspired Women".

In conclusion Wolmarans encouraged all aspirant entrants and said: "Women before us have fought long and hard to enjoy the freedom that we sometimes take for granted. Let us not forget their extremely difficult journey that has enabled us to enjoy opportunities that they were never given. We all deserve to shine, and this showcase will allow each and every one of us to showcase the light that we may have hiding under a bushel in the past."

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**CAPTION**

Knysna Executive Mayor, Georlene Wolmarans is celebrating Women's Month by offering cash rewards for the best talent showcased in the Greater Knysna during July.

**CRAFTERS**

Knysna Executive Mayor, Georlene Wolmarans is inviting all talented artists, crafters and bakers to enter her Showcase For inspired Women event during July. The winners of the showcase stand to win cash prizes that may be used to kick-start their career.

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