

WINNING ENTRIES FROM BOJANALA

On the 8th of March the Roots Driven Rural Development Community Engagement project of the Department of Geography, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences and the GRCF was so to speak “placed on the map” when a regional round of the International Barbara Petchenik children’s map competition was held at the Tlholego Ecovillage.

The international competition takes place every two years according to a predetermined theme. The theme of the 2013 competition is: “My place in today’s world”.

The meaning of the theme of the competition was enhanced by the location of the round of the competition, at Tlholego Ecovillage.

Tlholego is a small rural-based living and learning community that offers certification courses in permaculture, sustainable building technology, and ecovillage design incorporating local African traditions. This is indeed a very interesting place in today’s world and the maps from rural schools made a valuable unique contribution to the variety of perspectives of children from different contexts.

The aims of the competition were certainly met as we received many creative representations of the world; and cartographic awareness and consciousness of their environment were enhanced. We were honored in that Prof Elri Liebenberg, former head of the Department of Geography at Unisa, and the national coordinator of the map drawing competition could join us for the event.

Melanie Nicolau, currently the Chair of the Geography Department at Unisa, created a fun mapping exercise with the learners from the following participating schools: Boikagong Primary School – Rustenburg; Holy Family Combined School – Mogwase; MyHome Childrens Home – Mogwase; Tebe Ya Tlhaiwa Secondary School – Koffiekraal; Skuinsdrift Primary School – Skuinsdrift; Tshale Secondary School – Mogwase; Mokglwana Primary School – Mokgalwana; President Mangope Technical College High School –Tlhabane; L.D. Matshego Primary School

Anna de Jager from the Geography Department at Unisa shared some technical background on the importance of maps after which the prizes of the categories were handed out by Bonolo Mmokele and Alma Delpont from the GRCF. Learners who attended the event not only had much fun, they also learnt a lot and could go home with a beautiful T-shirt with a printed image of one of the entries of a previous competition. Six maps will eventually be selected to represent South Africa at the ICA International Cartographic Conference in Dresden, Germany where an international winner will be selected in each category. More information about the competition can be found on their website (<http://icaci.org/>). We’re holding thumbs for the Bojanala region’s entries!

The winners from the regional rounds were:

Age group : Over 12 years	Age group : 9-11 years	Age group: 6 – 8 years	Age group younger than 6 years
1 st Poane Oteng – President Mangope Technical High School	1 st Reagan Erasmus -MyHome	1 st Caithline-Lee Erasmus – MyHome	1 st Keagen Madodzi – MyHome
2 nd Masego Ndlovu - President Mangope Technical High School	2 nd Mia Februarie – MyHome	2 nd Abygail Motha – MyHome	2 nd Shimei Madotzi - MyHome
3 rd Ben Moretsi - President Mangope Technical High School	3 rd Luca Mizizi - MyHome	3 rd Linke Ngiki	



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SKILLS WORKSHOPS TO START IN SKUINSDRIFT SOON

We've recently visited the community of Skuinsdrift to prepare for upcoming workshops that UNISA will be presenting at the newly built multipurpose centre. This centre was built by the community of Skuinsdrift, with the generous support of BATSA, and numerous people were involved in making this centre a reality.

Programmes that will be presented at this centre include adult literacy, HIV/AIDS Awareness, Nutrition, Field Management, Clothing Textiles & Fashion, Crafts, Household Food security, Water conservation and Community Based tourism. Although most of these programmes will be presented by UNISA, some will also be presented by the NW Department of Education, Marico-Rustenburg Craft Co-operative and the Applied Behavioural Ecology & Ecosystem Research Unit. Introductions to all the workshops were presented to the community after which they were granted the opportunity to enrol for programmes of their choice. We are conducting the first workshops during the first week of April, and will share these stories in our next edition of this newsletter. Thank you to each and every person who made this vision of the SKuinsdrift community a reality.



REGISTRATIONS FOR SECOND SEMESTER

Registrations for the short learning programmes on Community Asset Mapping and Community Foundations presented by the Department of Geography at UNISA is as follows:

Online, self-help, post & fax registration

Semester 2 modules: 3 June 2013 - 12 July 2013

Official Saturday open: 6 July 2013

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