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object type	acc no:/997 -26-50
vernacular: Sub-type:	contact
Community: Zulu (ya kwa zulu)	
sub- group:	location: shelf:
geographical location:	b/w c/t c/s  Dimentions:
date and place collected:	h: 15.3 cm diam: w:0.5 cm mounted: on stand
date executed :	d:
artist name, sex:	medium: bone, wire, beads.
use: Probably used like hair pin, perhaps to scratch the head at the time when the hair is made into a style.	
purchase / donation / bequest:	
price paid: (worim)! R 1200  insurance value: R 1, 260 (1997)	physical description:  condition: good
authority:	pattern: Bone is white with a smooth finish, wire is black and tightly wound around the stem; See images across page for details.
origional collection no:	
object type translation:	
catalogues:	

## 1997 HORSTMANN GENERAL FILE

OTHER INFORMATION, NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES ON THE "1997 HORSTMANN COLLECTION" IS KEPT IN THE FILE GENERAL FILE.

Article referring to specific works in the collection are filed in the relevant file, not in the general file. Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Council 97-11-20

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# DONATION OF WORKS OF ART

## PURPOSE OF REPORT

To acknowledge a donation of works of art to the Johannesburg Art Gallery.

### BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 20 June 1997, the Art Gallery Committee recommended that the following works of art, donated by the Anglo American Johannesburg Centenary Trust and Mr Udo Horstmann, be accepted into the Gallery's permanent collection:

Donor: Anglo American Johannesburg Centenary Trust

Donor: Anglo		Medium
Community	Object	wood
Matabele Nguni Shona	pipe knife with sheath headrest 2 x neckrests 2 x staffs with carved heads	wood, beads, string wood, wire, metal wood wood wood, beads
Zulu	platter platter	wood wood, wire wood
	2 x neckrests 2 x vessels 11 x combs 18 x spoons 4 x spoons	wood bone, pigment bone, pigment bone, pigment, wood, beads
Unknown	5 x objects carved staff	bone, wire, beads wood beads

### Donor: Mr Udo Horstmann

Donor. IV.		Medium
Community	Object	wood, beads
Shona	dancing staff knife with sheath staff with carved snake	wood, wire, metal wood, beads
Tswana Zulu	sweat remover	bone

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This is a very important collection of 19th century Southern African art which has been repatriated to its country of origin. The pieces are of excellent quality and will be a valuable addition to the Gallery's growing collection in a meaningful way as they will provide additional material for research and documentation as well as providing the Gallery with a rich educational resource.

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A number of objects in this collection relate works in both the Brenthurst and the Gallery's existing collections. The Zulu wooden vessels and container not only show stylistic relationships but also exemplify variation to vessels found in the previous collections. In particular, the Nguni pipe, the Shona headrests and the Zulu bone spoons and combs are significant as they aesthetically complement objects of the same type from other regions found in both the Brenthurst and the Gallery collections.

There are objects whose precise attribution is at present unknown, although they are generally believed to be of Southern African origin. These items are stylistically unique in the way that the motifs have been carved. The sweat scraper as a type of utility object is especially significant because of its rarity.

#### CONCLUSION

This collection is considered to be an important part of the repatriation of 'traditional' Southern African art to its country of origin.

### IT IS RECOMMENDED

That the donations detailed in the item be accepted into the Gallery's permanent collection and that the thanks of the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Council be conveyed to the Anglo American Johannesburg Centenary Trust and Mr Udo Horstmann.

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