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Did **you** do your part?

Did **you** honor the earth and will you do so for more than one day?



Don't Forget These Resources

Whether you just arrived or have been here for months, be sure to explore

kcomm.info

if you want KAUST information about community activities, event and groups.

The weekly **Red Sea Newsletter** comes out late Tuesday nights or early on Wednesday mornings. To see previous issues, check out **redseanews.info**

under the archived community newsletter list.

Want to contribute to the newsletter with information, an article, or have a question to ask?
Contact: editor@redseanews.info
Or: redseanews@yahoo.com

DON'T forget about the call for entries announced last week:

"Artists of KAUST" exhibit at KAUST Library

KAUST residents are invited to submit their original works of visual art for display in the KAUST Library, located on the University quad.

The **deadline** for entries is **noon on Wednesday, May 5, 2010**. To submit works, phone **Brian George** at **808-3626** (mobile **054 682 1231**) or email brian.george@kaust.edu.sa and schedule a time to deliver your work and fill out a submission form.

The **exhibition** will open with a reception on **May 15 from 5:00-7:00 pm** and will run until May 26.

KAUST Library offers an inspiring surrounding to display works of art and introduce them to the many people who visit the library and its café each day.

Examples of art works that are sought for inclusion in the exhibit include paintings, photography, fabric art, jewelry, sculpture and ceramics.

A committee made up of community members will review all exhibition material.

Final acceptance for the exhibit is contingent upon the review of the committee. Artists will be **notified of selection by Saturday, May 8**. Submissions must be display-ready.

The exhibit is being organized jointly by the KAUST Office of the Arts and KAUST Library.

Questions we asked for you, and their Answers:

Q: How many entries may a person make?

A: Because we don't know what the response will be, we decided to allow an individual to submit multiple works in more than one medium. On the **registration form**, however, we state that the committee reserves the right to limit the number of pieces submitted by an individual.

Q: May a person offer entries in more than one medium?

A: Yes, see above.

Q: May a person working at KAUST but not a KAUST employee enter? (These people are allowed to be members of Self-Directed Groups such as the Art Group, etc., as non-voting members.)

A: Absolutely! As long as that person has a KAUST ID, which, I believe, includes our friends at Saudi Oger.

Q: Will there be secure display capabilities for items such as jewelry of intrinsic value?

A: Yes.

Q: Does "Display Ready" imply that flat graphic art must be framed?

A: Art does not have to be framed, it just has to be able to sit on an easel or other means of display. Especially if the artwork is flimsy and not framed, please affix a stiff backing onto the piece. The Library will not take care of printing or framing costs, just the display logistics.

IF you are interested in submitting your art, be sure to complete a Registration Form as well as a Consent/Release Form (see below).

REMEMBER: Your contact for information is

Brian George: brian.george@kaust.edu.sa ; or use the phone numbers above.

The **Registration form** is here:

<http://groups.google.com/group/kaustphoto/web/Registration%20form.pdf>

The **Waiver/Consent form** is here:

[http://groups.google.com/group/kaustphoto/web/Waiver Consent%20form.pdf](http://groups.google.com/group/kaustphoto/web/Waiver%20Consent%20form.pdf)

THE ART GROUP has an opportunity to suggest arts / crafts books for the Harbor Library. The book list needs to be provided to the library **by Sunday, May 2, 2010.**

Please review / edit the art group's book page and add your books there

<http://groups.google.com/group/kaust-art-group/web/suggest-arts-crafts-books-for-the-harbor-library?hl=en>

OR - if you are not a member of the art group, please email your suggestions to:

olgakasimov@gmail.com

Before you add your books, please check the library's catalog, because they already have a lot of great arts / crafts books: <http://librarycatalog.kaust.edu.sa/search/>

Meetings for the Art Group's different interest groups have been held all week, so far. The next meeting scheduled is for the Drawing/Painting group. Their meeting time will be on **Wed., April 28, 6 pm**, at the **Island Oasis lobby (Island ECC)**.

Those who are interested in the above areas of arts/crafts, or would like the art group to order certain materials, please come to the meetings. The core of the group (Olga, Rachel, Minna, Terry) will attend all the meetings — if nobody else comes to the meeting, the subgroup will be canceled because of the lack of interest. Again, the Art Group is a self-directed group — we will be as good as we make it [Olga Kasimov – olgakasimov@gmail.com]

Do you have non-stop growing children and clothes that don't fit them anymore? Some toys your Aunt Antonietta gave your kids and they never played with them; an extra iron that you don't need anymore? Is there a blouse you bought for when you lost those 5 lbs. but then you actually lost 10 so it doesn't fit anymore?

Then, head over to **Island Oasis Center/ECC on Wednesday, April 28th @6:30 pm** with all that stuff you can't or don't use or aren't using.

We will lay everything on the backyard for easy display; come, drop and pick what you want. Everything that doesn't get claimed will be donated to a thrift store in Jeddah: Mawakib al-Ajr (I think it translates as: the Caravan of Good Rewards of Good Deeds.). A friend helped me find the place to take them; she has called them and they are willing to just come and pick things up.

If there is something you don't need anymore but it is in good enough condition as to be used by someone else, please don't throw it away, bring it over and it will be recycled!

If you can't come that evening, contact me to have your items dropped here at another time.

We've had a change in the structure of the go-cart circuit track event **this coming Thursday** (see poster below). **GMC and the Chevrolet Club will not** be displaying their cars. Come and see what else will be taking place! (Has there ever been a KAUST event without food?)

A dedicated bus service will run from the KAUST Inn to the Stadium on **April 29** beginning at **5:00 pm**. The shuttles will run every 30 minutes until 9:30.

GO CART CIRCUIT TRACK  **كاوست KAUST**

Race Time

APRIL 29th
5:30 – 9:30 P.M.

KAUST STADIUM

Two separate Circuit Tracks – kids and adults
Compete for medals and awards
Take your picture with a famous driver!
GMC Car Show displaying custom racing and show cars
Meet members of the Chevrolet Club of Jeddah

Racers Start Your Engines!

Race Rules:
Helmets provided & must be worn at all times
Minimum age requirements will apply
All Racers must wear long pants, long sleeves and covered shoes (no sandals)
Race ways for go carts and drivers only
Minimum height of 145cm required to drive.
No registration required
Refreshments will be available

See you at the race track!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT 808 - 6206 OR E-MAIL RECREATION@KAUST.EDU.SA

I went shopping yesterday in Thuwal as my husband had to get passport photos at the photography studio there. We went to the South Souk afterwards which I must say is far less crowded than the North Souk. Just after taking the road due south from the roundabout there is a mosque immediately on the right (west) side of the road. Just south of the mosque on the [west side of the] road the line of shops begin, including the Al-Bishary Pharmacy and Safa Supermarket & Bakery. Further down the road are the bookstores, general stores, coffee shops, barber shop, mobile phones, etc., all on the west side of the road.

Near the end of the shops, you'll see a mosque on the opposite side of the road (east) which really marks the end of the south shops/souk in Thuwal, there are more shops, like an art supply store, flooring/home furnishings and computer parts store on the east side of the road. My husband got keyboards and mice for his department at work in fact at the computer store. Those stores are all on the east side of the road near the end of the South Souk. So if drivers see a mosque on the east side of the road, just north of it is another line of shops. Again, this is all located in the South Souk area of Thuwal, which is on the road due south of the large roundabout.

I hope this makes sense so others feel comfortable exploring the local town that is just outside our gates. I have to say the fruits & vegetables that the local farmers sell along the roadside in the North Souk are absolutely delicious!

It is actually 40 Riyals to rent the car and driver to explore Thuwal for two hours. But it's nice to just explore and discover what shops Thuwal has. Most shopkeepers are friendly and able to communicate prices at the very least. Like I said, the South Souk is significantly less crowded than the North Souk. The North Souk generally is crowded, especially in the evenings, with all the KAUST laborers like from Saudi Oger, Tamimi, Hanco, etc., whereas the South Souk is more local residents.

KAUST Talent Show

Do you have a special talent? "KAUST Talent Show" will provide a place to showcase your unique talent and share it with others in an entertaining evening of fun for the whole family.

We welcome a variety of talents. Auditions will be held to select a group of 15 to 20 finalists. Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, preparation, stage presence, confidence and talent.

KAUST Talent Show

Date: Wednesday, May 12

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: KAUST Auditorium, Building 20



Preliminary Rounds

Dates: Thursday, **April 29** from **10 am to 3 pm** –OR- Sunday, **May 2** from **7 to 10 pm** (five contestants per 30-minute time slot)

Place: Multi-purpose Room, Building 1, Level 2 (enter from the spine)

Contestants must be 18 years or older

All acts must be 5 minutes or less

Group entries will be limited to 5 people

How to register: Simply send an email to artsoffice@kaust.edu.sa with the following information:

Name:

Age (approximate!):

Position:

Talent:

Equipment needed:

Email:

Mobile phone:

Preferred audition time (select from above dates / times):

Questions can be directed to:

Wendy Keyes wendy.keyes@kaust.edu.sa

Mustafa Nabulsi mustafa.nabulsi@kaust.edu.sa

Desert Driving – Part 2

This is Part 2 of the Sand Dune Driving articles. The first part was printed on April 20 and covered a checklist of things to review before going. The final article will look at some actual techniques and considerations when driving off-road on the sand.

This packing list is aimed at day trips rather than overnight excursions or any longer desert treks. These items could be kept in the vehicle at all times, apart from those indicated with an **asterisk**. Remember that there is no reliable breakdown service in Saudi Arabia and it's better to be over prepared than stranded.

- 1) Basic toolset: This will depend on the vehicle. A basic toolset will normally include pliers, flat head screwdriver, Phillips screwdriver, socket set, open/closed spanners/wrenches, and a cross spanner/tire wrench. Make sure to pick up the correct Metric or Imperial sets for the vehicle.
- 2) Multipurpose metal sealant: This is to seal radiator leaks, oil leaks and the like.
- 3) Duck tape and electrical wire tape.
- 4) Spare light bulbs: At a minimum, these should be for the front headlights and tail-lights.
- 5) A full-sized spare tire: Some modern luxury vehicles have replaced the full-sized spare tire with puncture repair kits or space saver tires. These two options will rarely be suitable alternatives in soft sand. The space saver tire will simply sink in the sand, and the puncture repair kit will not help when the tire is slashed by an old branch close to the surface of the sand.
- 6) A jack and something solid to put under it: When having to change a tire on soft sand, it is a nightmare without something solid to put under the jack. The jack will simply sink into the sand instead of the vehicle rising.
- 7) Tire pump compressor and tire pressure gauge: The tire compressor will be needed to get the tires back to the correct pressure for driving on tarmac.
- 8) Jump leads: Most vehicles in the KSA are automatics and if the vehicle's battery dies, the only way to get going again is with a charge from another battery.
- 9) Torch (flashlight) and extra batteries: Test the torch regularly to make sure the battery hasn't leaked, which is a common problem with the heat in the summer.
- 10) Tow rope: Make sure it is the strap style rather than the steel rope. If the latter snaps, someone will probably be killed if it hits them. If an automatic vehicle is disabled, there are strict limitations on how far and at what speed the vehicle can be towed. Remember to check the vehicle's particular restrictions.
- 11) Shovel: This may be needed when the vehicle is stuck. Getting stuck at some point is inevitable. *
- 12) Sand ladder or bridge ladder: This will aid in recovery when stuck in soft sand. When these are used, remember that the ladder may go flying in the air and hit something. To reduce the chances of this happening, securely tie one end of the ladder by string to the vehicle's tow point. Even if the ladder does go flying, it will be caught by the string. *
- 13) Water for the vehicle: At least 10 liters. This should not substitute the drinking water. In the event of a breakdown, both the vehicle and occupants will probably need water. *
- 14) Extra fuel in a suitable container: Whether steel or plastic fuel cans are used, they should not be filled to the top. Some space needs to remain for vapors to expand in. *
- 15) Phone and charger. *
- 16) Camera: To take back some memories of your trip. *

- 17) Compass and map: Even though an all-in-one GPS phone has a compass and map, it is not as durable as an old-fashioned brass compass and map.
- 18) Drinking water: At least 1 liter per person for every hour you are out in the mid- day heat. Going two hours before sunset, you would probably need four to five liters of water per person. *
- 19) Some energy bars. *
- 20) Suitable clothing for the environment: A windproof warm jacket for the cold winter nights. The temperature in the desert in winter can be close to freezing. Also remember to respect local customs and dress modestly. *
- 21) First aid kit: Include any medications currently used for any allergies, diabetes and so on.
- 22) Lighter: This is not to encourage smoking, but a lighter is by far the easiest way to start a fire should the need arise.
- 23) Fire extinguisher: This is now included in most modern vehicles sold in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf countries. Normally these should be replaced every two years. Check with the specific fire extinguisher for the exact details on recharging or replacing.
- 24) Extra pair of glasses: For those who need driving glasses/spectacles, if you accidentally step/sit on your glasses, you will be thankful for the spare pair rather than having to have your vehicle towed all the way home.
- 25) Tissue papers/toilet roll or both.
- 26) Rubbish bags: Leave only footprints or tire prints after the journey.

Oh, and **don't forget the sunscreen!**

Maaz Gazdar. References: <http://www.sidekickoffroad.com/equiping.htm>



WEDNESDAY APRIL 28	THURSDAY April 29	FRIDAY April 30
	AVATAR (English) 11:00 am – 1:40 pm	AVATAR (English) 11:00 am – 1:40 pm
	3 Idiots (Hindi) 2:10 – 4:55 pm	3 Idiots (Hindi) 2:10 – 4:55 pm
3 Idiots (Hindi) 5:00 – 7:45 pm	AVATAR (English) 5:25 – 8:05 pm	AVATAR (English) 5:20 – 8:00 pm
AVATAR (English) 8:15 – 10:55 pm	AVATAR (English) 8:40 – 11:20 pm	3 Idiots (Hindi) 8:30 – 11:10 pm

Movie Ratings:

Avatar: PG - 13

3 Idiots: PG – 13