

## Maria Stein-Lessing

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I am currently working on an exhibition in memory of the late Maria Stein-Lessing who was teacher, collector and dealer in African art in Johannesburg in the mid 20th century. In 1941 she opened L'™ Afrique, possibly the first shop in South Africa to sell African objects.

I would very much like to hear from anyone who might have information about objects that were bought from her or originated from her collections. There are a few published in The Power of Form: African Art from the Horstmann Collection.

Information can be sent to my e-mail which is nessal@joburg.org.za.

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