



CALGARY MARATHI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER: YEAR 2011

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Calgary Marathi Association

Calgary Marathi Association is a registered non-profit organization in Alberta. It was renamed as CMA (Calgary Marathi Association) in 2010 and was previously known as CAMB.

CMA Vision

- To preserve and promote Marathi culture in Calgary and the surrounding area for generations to come

CMA Mission

- * To bring together all persons speaking the Marathi language and/or others interested in the promotion of the Marathi language.
- * To encourage and promote Maharashtrian culture, traditions and festivities.
- * To provide a platform for Marathi-speaking artists from across the globe to give performances through social gatherings, musical evenings, dramas, and other forms of cultural activities.
- * To acquaint the young generation of the cultural heritage of India in general and of Maharashtra in particular, through various activities.
- * To support the spirit of Multiculturalism in Canada and invite other Canadians to participate in CMA functions to familiarize with the Marathi culture.

CMA introduced the Paalavee and Kridangan initiatives in the year 2011.



Makar Sankranti on 15th January 2011



Makar Sankranti marked the entry of the new committee and the first program. This program began with the introduction of new members and a welcoming ceremony, accompanied by the introduction of the new committee. CMA introduced a new segment in the form of a youth group. This group, named Palavi, was created to encourage youth participation in various youth-related activities. Alongside it was felt that the creation of this group would involve a greater connection with the CMA and focus on youth-related events as well as volunteering in several charities.

Volunteers from the youth group were actively helping with everything from hall decoration to food serving.

The evening featured an entertainment program that included information about the festival, as well as cultural songs and dances. A kite-making competition was arranged for the young group.

Gudhi Padva on 9th April 2011



Gudhi Padva marks the start of Marathi New Year. Entertainment programs covered a range of colorful events with younger children's (6-12 years) performing skits to various traditional dances and songs.

A new initiative was introduced to bring small information sessions on various topics. The first session, on investments in Canada, was presented by Abhijit Parkhi. He discussed various investment opportunities, including stocks, shares, and mutual funds.

Palavi team compared the program, and it was received very well by the members. They announced right at the beginning that they wanted to communicate with the crowd. If they can't do it entirely in Marathi, they would take the support of the English language but would continue the channel of communication. This encouraged them to keep the richness of the cultural heritage that is embodied in the language itself. It was very encouraging to see the youth taking the lead in this event.

Games (Kridangan) and Picnic

Cricket Match in July 2011

A picnic was arranged in the summer and was attended by many families. The weather cooperated, and people enjoyed mingling, a cricket match- South vs. North Calgary, along with a potluck lunch. Various group games were organized for different age groups, and everyone enjoyed them accompanied by pav bhaji and watermelon.

Kridangan was conducted to provide an opportunity for different age groups to participate in sports-related activities. The most popular and widely attended sports events were Carrom, chess, and table tennis. The total no. of entries in the three age groups was 81.

Singing, Plays, etc., performed by our enthusiastic members.

On this event, the most popular and famous Marathi snack, "Wada Pav," was served.

Ganeshotsav on 26TH September 2011

Venue: Glenmore Christian Academy, Calgary

Ganesh Chaturthi is one of the most popular festivals in India. We celebrated this festival with worship of Lord Ganesh, followed by a cultural event. In this event our members performed their arts like singing, dance, small skits.

Ganesh Utsav has a special place in every Marathi mind. It evokes nostalgic

memories of celebrations with friends and family.

Encouraged by the support of people, the Paalavi team members took charge of compering the program. Paalavi group also presented a traditional dance and had fun in coming together for practices and getting to know each other better.

After the Ganesh puja and Aarti (traditional devotional chant), everyone enjoyed entertainment programs from various age groups, including adults, as well as a small Marathi skit presented by both youth and adults. The program ended with an Indian dinner and a mingling opportunity for everyone.





Dance on Amhi Thakar Thakar song by Bhagats, Pasalkar, Khanolkars, Tullu and Moghes

Navratra / Garba on 29th October 2011



Namaskar Mandali,

You all must be very excited to "Express Yourself" and ready to enjoy the fun of socializing and dancing during our forthcoming "Dandiya" function on 01-Oct-2011. To add more fun to your plans and the "Zatakaa" and "Thumkkaa" to all dance lovers...We added a little spice to it by making this Dandiya event a full-fledged DJ music, complete with Garba / Dandiya Songs, colourful lights, and heart popping sound system! We are trying to keep our promise of giving back to you the benefits of CMA membership and make each event of CMA a memorable family enjoyment!

CMA members are invited to use this event to promote their "Cooking expertise" and reach to wider section of community by selling "mouth watering" snack items during this event. Interested food vendors / enthusiasts are expected to manage their own food desk, and just pay 15% of their income towards CMA's growth. Please communicate your interest as food vendor by Saturday - 24-Sep-2011 (after which we would be unable to receive any entries).

The early discount that was offered at our Ganeshotsav function for our Members has drawn lot of interest (Total tickets sold = 8100). This discount is now closed. As indicated in our previous communication, following will be the Dandiya charges at the door are as follows:

For Members - Adults - \$10 / person and Children 5-12 years - \$6 / person.
For Non-Members alike - Adults - \$15 / person and Children 5-12 years - \$10 / person.

We welcome you all to join us with your family and friends in this fun-filled and "DHAMAAL & MASIT" evening.

Place: McDougall United Church 8516 Athabasca Street SE
Date: 01-10-2011
Time: 7pm - 10:00pm
NOTE: - PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN "DANDIYA". NO DANDIYA - NO PROBLEM; WE HAVE GARBA TOO.

Yours
 CMA Committee

Diwali on 29th October 2011

Diwali is a significant festival in India, celebrated nationwide. This festival of lights is celebrated by friends and families with Indian delicacies and fireworks.

Being a last program of this committee, this was specially arranged as a grand finale. The "Maharashtrachi Lokdhara" program was presented. It was a composition of various traditional dances from Maharashtra, including the Koli dance, Shetkari Nrutya, and Gondhal. This was the program featuring the

largest number of artists, and each dance was independently choreographed by our talented dance directors and performed by various groups. The special sets for this program were done by our members of the CMA, which made the program successful.



Deshpwari Mahotsav

DESPHWARI PROGRAM DURING:
 6:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Registration & Devotional
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Variety Entertainment Program
 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Devotional & Sangeet

Programs between 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

- Review of Year 2010 - "Mangal Mahotsav"
- "Section of Executive Committee for 2011"

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM DURING:

- "Shree Trimbak Devotional - Kaha Chale Nahe" - Classical
- "Maharashtrachi Lokdhara" - Cultural
- "Gondhal" - Folk
- "Shetkari Nrutya" - Folk
- "Koli Dance" - Folk
- "Gandharvi Nrutya" - Folk
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VENUE: McDougall United Church, Calgary
DATE: 29-OCT-2011

Maharashtrachi Lokdhara @ Diwali

