



CALGARY MARATHI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER: YEAR 2012

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

CMA was formed to bring Marathi community in Calgary and surrounding area. CMA celebrates major Indian and Maharashtrian festivals and cultural events. CMA also aims to introduce and cultivate 'Marathi' culture in the Marathi kids born or brought up in Canada.

CMA Vision:

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

CMA Mission:

- * To bring together all persons speaking 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.





Calgary Marathi Association

AGM:

Date: 21st January 2012

Venue: St. Paul Anglican Church, 7 Sunmills Green SE, Calgary AB

Annual General Meeting:- At AGM, we received many suggestions from members of CMA which were taken in to consideration as a part of discussion. The audited budget of 2011 and the proposed budget for 2012 was discussed in detail. This year the EC successfully implemented an online payment system for its members & non-members through **PayPal**.

AGM was followed by a **condolence meeting** in memory of **Shri. Alhad Bhagat**. Makar Sankranti event was canceled due to the sad demise of our community member, Mr. Alhad Bhagat.



Gudhi Padwa

Date: 31st March 2012

**Venue: Glenmore Christian Academy,
16540 24 Street SW, Calgary, AB, T2Y4W2**

This festival marks the start of the “Marathi New Year”.

The event started by raising “Gudhi” and performing puja as this festival marks return of Lord Ram from 14 years of banishment.

Yet another initiative was introduced at this event which was safe and professional “Baby-sitting” for the age group of 2 to 8 years old children at the venue at very nominal charges.

To celebrate this festival, was organized by facilitating the different cultural activities such as Dashavtar Dance Drama, Bhaktigeet & Gawlan and Marathi Play etc. performed by our enthusiastic members.

On this event the most favorite and famous drink “Panha” and sweet “Shrikhand” was served.

Kridangan Games

Date: May 2012

CMA 2012 presented another initiative which was “Kridangan” Spring Edition - a fun filled sports entertainment for the whole family. Chess, Carrom and Table-Tennis tournaments were held for various age groups. Winners were handed a certificate of achievement.

Picnic

Date: 30th June 2012

Venue: Edworthy Park 5050 Spruce Dr.

A picnic was organized to enjoy outdoor sports like Cricket, traditional games like Kho-Kho along with Antakshari. Games were followed by delicious pot-luck lunch. It was a perfect informal meet & greet opportunity for the members. “Vada Pav” with Tea and Coffee was served as an evening snack.

Marathi Musical Evening by “Mr. Vijay Kelkar & Mrs. Anuradha Kelkar”

Date : 8 September 2012

Venue: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 7 Sunmills Green S.E.

A wonderful musical evening was presented by Vijay Kelkar & Anuradha Kelkar who were visiting Calgary from Mumbai, India. They presented variety of Marathi songs like bhavgeet, bhaktigeet including some latest Marathi popular songs.

Ganeshotsav:

Date: 23rd September 2012

Venue: Glenmore Christian Academy
16520 24th St. SW. Calgary, AB,
T2Y4W2

Ganeshotsav is one of the most popular festivals of India. We celebrated this festival with worship of Lord Ganesha followed by a cultural event. In this event, our members performed their arts like singing, dancing, and small skits. The program was followed by dinner, which included traditional food items like Modak, Masale Bhat and Tomato Saar.

New executive committee for year 2013 was formed during this event.



Navratra / Dandiya

Date: 20TH October 2012

Venue: Glenmore Christian Academy
16520 24th St. SW. Calgary, AB,
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The event of Navratra was celebrated with the worship of Goddess Durga. To celebrate this festival, girls and boys wear traditional costumes, which is called "Garba" and "Dandiya" and dance on traditional dhol music.

A very flavorsome snack was served this night which was – "Papri Chat" with tea/coffee.



Diwali

Date: 17th Nov 2012

Venue: Glenmore Christian Academy
16520 24th St. SW. Calgary, AB,
T2Y4W2

This is one of the major festivals of the year, which is also popular as the Festival of Lights. On this auspicious day CMA organized a get-together with the local Artists performing their Arts. Various dances, including Bollywood and on famous Marathi movie songs, along with skits and a monologue, were presented.

As a Tradition of CMA and being last event of the year the Overview of the events and financials for 2012 was shared.

