

December 2022



NECASE NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Will and Health Care Directive preparation session
 - January 15, 2023 at 8 PM
- Music Education for Community Members
- Annual General Meeting
 - January 22, 2023
- NECASE day
 - May 23, 2023

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

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- Yoga
 - Ongoing since June 7, 2020
 - Community Book Exchange App
 - Developing
 - Heritage Festival
 - Edmonton Chautari
 - Ongoing

Happy New Year

2023

MUSICOUNTS TD COMMUNITY PROGRAM GRANT

NECASE was selected as a recipient of the MusiCounts TD Community Music Program grant this year. MusiCounts recently supported music education for NECASE with \$12,000.00 worth of new musical instruments and equipment.

We have already started creating a forum for interested youths and adults.

Please contact our music coordinator, Deepesh Shrestha at dshrestha@gmail.com if you would like to be part of this music education.

COMMUNITY BOOK EXCHANGE APPLICATION

NECASE has used Microsoft for many years, and this year, we received a 3,500 USD grant for Microsoft Azure. We used it successfully to complete the testing deployment of the server and Community Book Exchange Application. We also received a Community Initiative Program-project based grant for the implementation of the resource sharing application. The project is currently ongoing and the deadline to complete financial accountability is on July 29, 2023. The application will be launched in the near future for public and community use. The Community Book Exchange Application was designed, developed and deployed by Deepesh Shrestha, Lance Adhikari and Sudeep Manandhar.



NEPALESE CANADIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTRE (NCCHC)

The NECASE Team met members of the African Community, the Punjabi Community, and the Filipino Community in Edmonton, The team also met with the Mayor of Edmonton, City Councillors and the City of Edmonton Planning Department to explore land opportunities for the NCCHC project.

PROJECT REPORTS SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENT

1. New Horizon for Senior Programs (Last Rites) on August 2022
2. Enhanced Society's Capacity for Virtual Program on April 2022

HALL BOOKING UPDATE

NECASE online Hall booking is back. It can be booked on the NECASE website, at <https://necase.ca>.



HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Heritage Festival was a great success for the Nepali community. Premier Jason Kenney, Mayor Amarjeet Sohi, and the Nepal Consul General to Alberta, Steve Hess, among other dignitaries visited our pavilion. Our NCCHC project team was there to advocate our goals to community leaders and interested persons. NECASE has submitted the application for participation in 2023. If you have any suggestions for the upcoming Heritage festival, please reach out to one of the board members. This year's event will take place at the Exhibition Lands site as Hawrelak Park is temporarily closing.



TEEJ & DASHAIN CELEBRATIONS

NECASE organized the Teej Celebration on August 27th, 2022, About 80 people participated in the event..



The Dashain celebration event was organized on October 7th, 2022. Cultural programs such as Durga Puja and Bhajan Kirtan were part of the Dashain celebration. About 100 people participated in the event.



SENIOR & NEWCOMER MEET & GREET

NECASE organized a senior and newcomer meet and greet program on December 27th, 2022. The participants were introduced to each other and expressed their interests. NECASE will plan upcoming events based on these suggestions.



MUSIC WORKSHOP

A virtual Sarangi workshop was organized on November 27th, 2022, by renowned Sarangi player Kiran Nepali. The workshop included discourse on the advancement of our local folk musical heritage and how to connect the youths/adults with folk instruments to promote a revolution of modern music.



COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM

The last events of the 2022 community gardening program took place in the third week of September. The program will continue in 2023, as community members have expressed an interest in continuing the seed exchange, as well as learning more about planting and harvesting. Anyone interested in future gardening events can contact communitygardenprogram@necase.ca for the information.



JUNELI SCHOOL UPDATE

The Juneli School aimed at promoting Nepali Language and Culture has never stopped providing education to our children, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, we operated the school online via a licensed Google Classroom, but we look forward to going back to in-person classes from January 8, 2023. The reason is students can come together, learn face to face, and communicate socially in the Juneli School. The time in class has also been restored to 1.5 hours per class instead of 1 hour while we were online. Therefore, the school fee has been updated from \$10/month to \$20/month.

Student volunteers are trained to apply their previously learned Nepali language knowledge to prepare younger children at the school. Parents have also been engaged on Sundays to assist with the school's operational tasks. Since September, we have implemented a mass texting system so that in case students are absent, parents are easily updated with necessary information. We are also planning to organize music and dance classes for interested children in the near future.

BECOME A NECASE MEMBER!

NECASE membership benefits include:

1. Eligibility to enroll in Juneli School and Dance Program.
2. Ability to participate in sports activities run by NECASE, such as Table Tennis, Badminton and Volleyball.
3. Ability to volunteer/participate in the NECASE run program such as Mentorship Program.
4. Career-building resources for dedicated Nepali Canadian young professionals.
5. Ability to participate in several NECASE-run annual activities. Examples: Bhanu Jyanti, Sarashwoti Puja, Dashain/ Tihar (Deusi Bhaili), Nepali New Year, Edmonton Heritage Festival, Teej and other cultural programs.
6. Eligibility to enroll in activities run at the NECASE Hall such as Taekwondo and music learning activities (this is upcoming).
7. Reduced rental rate for NECASE Hall.
8. Able to get involved/contribute to the Nepalese Canadian Cultural Heritage Center project in Edmonton.
9. Presentation, debates and discussion through Edmonton Chautari.
10. Ability to get involved/contribute to our Last Rite Planning Project.
11. Understanding our community learning and social building.