

The Year in Review

December 2024

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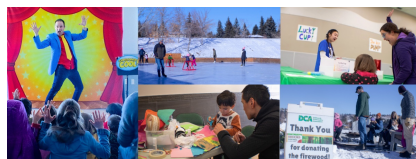
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The DCA had an eventful year filled with engaging programs, events, and valuable connections within the community.

We invite you to join us on January 28, 2025, at 7 PM for our AGM, where you'll have the opportunity to meet the community board members and learn about the results of the 2024 Community Survey.

Below is a brief overview of the exciting events, presentations, programs, and fun in Dalhousie throughout 2024.



Farmers Markets

2024 was a fantastic year for the Dalhousie Farmers' Market, with many returning and new vendors offering a wide range of locally made, baked, grown, raised, and crafted products. We welcomed many new customers, and the support from our loyal regulars was truly heartwarming.

Despite a few summer weather challenges and a snowstorm during the Christmas Craft Market, the community showed incredible support for our vendors, making it a memorable year.

Winter Carnival

On February 17, the DCA hosted its 3rd Annual Winter Carnival, featuring carnival games, a magic show by Christopher Cool, craft-making, marshmallow roasting, ice skating, and tasty treats! The event was made possible by the amazing volunteers who helped plan and run it.

The DCA looks forward to continuing the tradition, with the 4th Annual Winter Carnival scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2025.

Dalhousie Community Garden & Food Forest

DCA volunteers are busy developing our community garden and food forest! Thanks to the City of Calgary, six fruit trees have been planted behind the Dallyn Street building. We aim to begin building planter boxes and amenities by Spring 2025 once the development permit is approved.

Recent contributions include \$10,000 from Calgary Foundation for a pergola, \$2,000 from ConnectFirst Credit Union, and \$4,000 from Farm Credit Canada for accessible garden beds.

Thank you for your support!



Senior Tax Clinics

The inaugural Senior's and AISH Recipient Tax Clinic was a success, serving over 70 individuals and couples through our partnership with Unison.

A heartfelt thank you to Peter, our Unison Tax liaison, for his exceptional support in assisting every client with their tax filings this past March and April.

We look forward to welcoming him and others back for assistance in March and April 2025.



Gardening in Calgary Series and Wreath Making Workshop

This year, the Gardening Series, led by "Calgary's Cottage Gardener" Janet Melrose, brought the community together for four informative sessions on resilient gardens, edible gardening, welcoming beneficial insects, and preparing for the next season. Attendees left inspired with practical tips to transform their gardens.

We were also lucky to have had Janet join us in November for a Wreath Making Workshop, where participants crafted beautiful, natural wreaths for the season.



Community Cleanup

In June, Dalhousie held a successful Community Cleanup at the Canadian Tire parking lot on Dalton Rd NW.

With a great turnout, Dalhousie is now a cleaner community. We owe this success to our wonderful volunteers, Canadian Tire Dalhousie for hosting the event, and the Alberta Recycling Management Authority for sponsoring it in 2024.

The community cleanup saw 17,580 kg of waste go to the city's landfill. We diverted 2,492 kg of electronics from the landfill to Technotrash for recycling.



Brian Keating Night

Brian Keating, speaking to a packed audience, shared the fascinating journey of studying animals, particularly various bird species.

Accompanied by a stunning slideshow of photos, he delved into how artificial intelligence (AI) can play a crucial role in the conservation of endangered and threatened species.

Keating highlighted how AI enables researchers to uncover patterns and insights about wildlife that were



FREE Workshops and Presentations

Demystify AI Presentation

Bill Moore's presentation covered the basics of AI, focusing on chatbots. He explained AI's history, applications, and how chatbots work, including real-world examples.

Mastering Your Blood Sugar Workshop

The two-part Blood Sugar Workshop with Dr. Jennie Ding covered blood sugar management, offered insights



Summer Camps

Summer may have taken kids out of school, but learning and fun continued at the DCA. The Dalhousie Out of School Care program hosted themed summer camps in July and August with special guests, crafts, field trips, and visits from four-legged friends!

Registration for 2025 Summer Camps opens in the spring.

The DCA also offers a musical theatre day camp. We also host other organizations who offer activities like escape room, science, and language

previously unimaginable, offering new possibilities for conservation efforts and helping to improve the survival rates of vulnerable species.



Stampede BBQ

The Rockin' Kings started the night with great tunes that captured the summer vibe. Board members and volunteers worked the barbecue, took orders, set tables, and greeted guests, connecting with the people who make our community special.

After a short break, where people could mingle or visit the Farmers Market outside, the Four Winds Indigenous Showcase took the stage to end the night with a memorable Pow Wow performance.



Christopher Cool Magician

Christopher Cool returned to the DCA with two spooky Halloween shows on Oct 27, entertaining families with a mix of funny and impressive magic tricks.

Known for his high-energy performances, he blends humor, wonder, and surprises to create memorable experiences for children and

on making changes to boost energy, and provided strategies for maintaining long-term health and vitality.



Repair Exchanges

Repair Exchanges bring community members together to promote connection, skill-building, and sustainability. Participants are paired with volunteer fixers to repair items and gain confidence in DIY skills for future repairs.

A big thank you to the volunteers who make these events possible, repairing everything from appliances and lamps to bikes and yard equipment, helping extend the life of items and saving resources.

We connected with 45 people in the Spring and 33 in the Fall.



Show & Shine

The 2024 Show and Shine was a huge success, featuring 175 cars and drawing hundreds of spectators. The Enviro team served 400 hamburgers and 100 pizzas, raising over \$10,000 for youth facility renovations. The kids' zone offered freebies, face painting, and tattoos.

Thanks to volunteers, sponsors, and participants,

day camps.



Sipping and Savouring Continues

Our third annual Sip & Savour event wrapped up on September 28, and what a blast it was! We connected with neighbours, made new friends, enjoyed live music, and sampled delicious offerings from 10 wine, spirits, beer, cider, and food vendors.

A huge thank you to everyone who came out!

Get ready for next year! Stay tuned, spread the word, and let's make it unforgettable! Cheers!



Community Pantry

In May, we partnered with the Love with Humanity Association to launch the Dalhousie Community Pantry. The Pantry is located behind Dalhousie Elementary, at the DCA building, 4448 Dallyn St NW.

As a reminder during the colder months: Glass or canned goods can freeze and break in low temperatures!

families.

Catch his return at the Winter Carnival on Feb 1!

the event was possible. Plans for the 2025 Show and Shine are already underway, with the event set for September 6, 2025.

Please stick to dry foods, powdered laundry detergent, soap bars, and baby items to ensure we can safely distribute them to those in need.

Pantry INFO



Preschool, Kindergarten & Out of School Care Programs

In 2024, the DCA saw many families benefit from the exceptional teachers, caregivers, and engaging activities offered, fostering meaningful connections along the way.

We're excited to announce that our Preschool and Kindergarten Open Houses will take place on January 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM. We look forward to welcoming new families and continuing our commitment to early childhood education.

More Info On School Programs

We'd love to hear your suggestions for events or programs. Please send them to admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca.



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