

Nicolaus Copernicus

Born February 19, 1473, Died May 21, 1543



Pictorial Report

The National Inauguration of the Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada on Friday, February 17, 2023, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

11:30 a.m., Unveiling Copernicus St.

The gathering to unveil Copernicus Street took place on the northwest corner of Beverly Glen St. at Icewater Avenue in Windsor.



From left: Drew Dilkens, Mayor of Windsor and Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada, unveiling Copernicus Street.



From left: Angelo Marignani, Councillor, Ward 7, Vanessa Udron, "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble, Jerry Barycki, President, Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of Windsor, Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada, Mikolaj Wojewnik, "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble and Janusz Tomczak, President, Canadian Polish Congress.



12:30 p.m., Astrolabium and Sundial, Jackson Park, 125 Tecumseh Rd. E.

Gathering at the Copernicus Astrolabium and Sundial, built in 1954 by the Polish Community in Windsor as a tribute to Nicolaus Copernicus. The Polish Community representatives and guests laid flowers.





VIPs with members of the Polish Community, "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble and local scout groups.



1:30 p.m., National Inauguration, Leddy Library, University of Windsor, 401 Sunset Ave.

The official National Inauguration of Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada, including the Copernicus Display, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, took place in the Leddy Library, University of Windsor.



The Leddy Library, University of Windsor.





The Copernicus display at the Leddy Library, University of Windsor.





Suzie Sawicki, Master of Ceremonies, and Dr. Vincent Georgie, Vice President, External, University of Windsor.





Dominik Roszak, Vice Chair, World Polonia Council, and Janusz Tomczak, President, Canadian Polish Congress.



Dr. Guy Lazure, Associate Professor of History, University of Windsor.

Selinda Berg, University Librarian, University of Windsor.



Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada.





Dr. Robin Swainson, representing Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor-West, Farah El-Hajj, representing Brian Masse, MP Windsor-West, and Renaldo Agostino, Councillor Ward 3, City of Windsor.









Ribbon-cutting ceremony, from left: Mikolaj Wojewnik, Adriana Rota, "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble, Selinda Berg, University Librarian, University of Windsor, Renaldo Agostino, Councillor Ward 3, Dr. Vincent Georgie, Vice President, External, University of Windsor, Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada, Janusz Tomczak, President, Canadian Polish Congress, Dominik Roszak, Vice Chair, World Polonia Council, Jerry Barycki, President, Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, Maria Zalewski and Matthew Rudnicki, "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble.

During the official National Inauguration of Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada, the Copernicus Medallion was presented to patrons, sponsors and special supporters.





From left: Adam Kaim, "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble, Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada, Dr. Vincent Georgie, Vice President, External, University of Windsor, Dominik Roszak, Vice Chair, World Polonia Council, Jerry Barycki, President, Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor, Janusz Tomczak, President, Canadian Polish Congress, Gerry Koski, President, Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc., Greg Matjaszewski, Manager, Global Maintenance Inc., Mark Niec, CD President, Polish Canadian Centre Association of Windsor, Ania Barycka, President, AskAnia Media, Renaldo Agostino, Councillor Ward 3, Frank Simpson, Professor Emeritus, University of Windsor, Pascal Calarco, Librarian, Leddy Library and Polonia Liaison Librarian, University of Windsor, and Vanessa Udron, "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble.

Thank you to all present.





"Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble

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Polish version - Kancelaria Prezesa Rady Ministrów w ramach konkursu Polonia i Polacy za Granica 2022.

English version and souvenir medallion -Polonia Centre (Windsor), Inc.



French version - Polish -Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor.

Many thanks to everyone involved in Canada and Poland.

Note: We have received requests from various Polish organizations in Ontario to rent the Copernicus display. We will offer the display on the basis of our own logistics and finances and the order, in which requests are received. We will offer our displays in electronic form to accommodate the needs of other Polish, Canadian and international organizations.

The National Copernicus (550) Jubilee Committee of the Canadian Polish Congress: Jerry Barycki (Chair), John Tomczak, Dominic Roszak, Barbara Stadnik-Felinczak and Grażyna Gałęzowska.



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By Jerry Barycki, 2023 03 01 FINAL