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GREETINGS

from the OHA

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***Updates from
October 2023
Board of Directors
Meeting***



What's New At The OHA

OHA Family Scholarship/Bursary

- In progress – Available in Fall of 2024
- Field of Horticulture or Horticultural-related studies
- Available to members and their families, as well as grandchildren



Cooperators Home & Auto Insurance Quote Incentive

- October 16th to November 27th
- Call for your quote to be eligible & Reference "OHA" at **1-844-871-7346**

OHA at the CNE

- Over 2000 visitors at the OHA
- Promoted Societies/Clubs across Ontario

A blue rectangular advertisement for Cooperators insurance. At the top left is the Cooperators logo and the text "Group Home and Auto". Below that is "Ontario Horticultural Association". The main text reads "Get a quote. Get a \$20 e-gift card.*" in large white font. Below this, in smaller white font, it says "Hurry! This offer ends November 27, 2023 get your Home and Auto insurance quote today." and "Call us at 1-844-871-7346." At the bottom right is the Cooperators logo and the word "co-operators".

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2024 Colour of the Year

- Communities in Bloom has announced Colour of Year for 2024 is **ORANGE**

OMAFRA Annual Report Sessions

- Two upcoming sessions will be available
- **Dates/times just confirmed – November 23rd at 7 pm and January 10th at 7pm**
- Further details will be sent out by OMAFRA and the OHA

OHA Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities Threats (SWOT) work continues

- New Goals Added at our last meeting





What's New At The OHA

OHA Convention Surveys

- Results reviewed & suggestions will be considered for upcoming conventions
- 2024 Convention is in **Guelph – July 12th to 14th at Delta Hotel**
- 2025 will have Virtual AGM only

Oak Wilt

- Disease found in Canada and specifically in Ontario
- Canadian Inspection Food Agency strongly advising arborists and landscapers **NOT** to prune Oak trees until November to help prevent spread of Oak Wilt
- Also not to prune between months of April and November each year to keep oak trees healthy and thriving





What's New At The OHA

OHA 50/50 Draw

- Early Bird Sponsored by D. Culbert Ltd – Ontario Land Surveyor
- Final Draw will take place on December 16, 2023
- 50% of all proceeds go towards *Keeping Ontario Beautiful*® by way of grants, bursaries and education
- <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>

A promotional poster for the Garden Ontario 50/50 Draw. The poster features a decorative border of autumn leaves and pumpkins. At the top, it says "Garden Ontario®" in a colorful font. Below that, "50/50 Draw" is written in large, bold black letters. The text "Early Bird Draw of \$500 on October 21st" is in orange. Underneath, "NEXT DRAW" is in small black letters, followed by "December 16, 2023" in orange. A horizontal line separates this from the text "50% of all proceeds go towards Keeping Ontario Beautiful® by way of grants, bursaries and education" in black. Below that is the URL "http://www.rafflebox.ca/raff/ontario-ha" in black. At the bottom left is a QR code, and at the bottom right is the logo for "D. CULBERT LTD., ONTARIO LAND SURVEYOR" with their address: "80 NORTH STREET, GODFRICH, ONTARIO N7A 8T4".

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OHA Silent Auction

- Taking place from November 10th to 24th, 2023
- Items included are:
 - Tea basket with a book on tea gardening
 - Designer Dream Basket
 - Artist Painted Gourd birdhouse
 - Outdoor Gardener's Basket including gardener's pants with knee pads built in.
 - Stationary Gardener's Basket
- Link will be posted on GardenOntario.org soon!
- **Direct Link:** <https://www.32auctions.com/OHAfall2023>





What's New At The OHA

Updated Constitution and Bylaws and Code of Conduct

- OHA encouraging each Society/Club to have a Code of Conduct
 - Approved by General membership at your AGM or a Special Meeting
- OHA encouraging each Society/Club update their Constitution and Bylaws
 - Approved by General membership at your AGM or a Special Meeting

**CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
& CODE OF CONDUCT**

OHA Awards Committee News

- New Certificates coming in 2024!
- Developing New Grant for Accessible Gardening
 - Such as raised beds or sensory gardens
- Developing New Awards for Technical Expertise
 - Such as web work, social media, background IT work, etc





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Benefits of Belonging to the OHA





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With 19 Districts, 275 Societies/Clubs and over 25,000 members, the OHA aka GardenOntario® is recognized today as the leading authority on horticulture in Ontario. GardenOntario® stays focused, consistent and motivated to uphold the standards of excellence behind our trademark "Keeping Ontario Beautiful®"

- ✔ Collaborates with like-minded organizations promoting awareness to protect flora and fauna species in Ontario and provides related education resources
- ✔ Advocates on behalf of Societies/Clubs with governing body organizations such as OMAFRA
- ✔ Provides recognition, awards and grants
- ✔ Floral & Design Judges training & certification
- ✔ Development and support of programs RE community beautification, environmental issues, biodiversity and conservation



- ✔ Maintains a comprehensive website with resources and guidelines for Societies/Clubs including Society/Club webpages
- ✔ Maintains a current Speaker's List
- ✔ Organizes an OHA Convention for networking to connect Societies/Clubs, provides information, education, speakers, supplies/marketing materials, presentation of in memoriam and awards
- ✔ Negotiates with Insurance Carrier to provide affordable group coverage, home & auto insurance discounts
- ✔ Supports the creation of new Horticultural Societies/Clubs
- ✔ Provides a bridge to unite and support the unique geographical areas, interests and histories of the Societies/Clubs across Ontario
- ✔ Supplies - Sources of GardenOntario merchandise, member pins, certificates, customizable merchandise via VistaPrint site
- ✔ In Memoriam Program via In Memoriam Book and/or Convention presentation
- ✔ Communication on Horticulture/Environmental Releases: Circulation of horticultural or environmental information through various media outlets such as Trillium Newsletter, Website, Social Media
- ✔ Promotion of Societies/Clubs: Advertising and promotion of Societies/Clubs at events such as CNE, International Plowing Match, Home & Garden Shows, marketing materials, media, outreach programs
- ✔ Support and guidance on matters of Constitution, Bylaws and ONCA Changes
- ✔ Creation of templates, waivers, checklists for day-to-day operations of Societies/Clubs

Since 1906, the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) has led Ontarians in all things horticultural.

Our organization is an integral part of this province's cultural fabric.

WHO WE ARE

- GardenOntario/Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) is a volunteer charitable organization that encourages interest in gardening and related environmental issues with horticultural societies and like-minded organizations by providing leadership and education.

VISION

- To be recognized as the primary gardening and horticultural Association by inspiring, educating and supporting gardeners and affiliated Societies/Clubs.

MISSION

- To provide broad support and guidance, training and administrative leadership, and to advocate on behalf of affiliated Horticultural Societies/Clubs.
- To develop and support programs for all ages and skill levels encouraging gardening, community beautification, environmental stewardship and conservation.





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OHA Awards & Grants Program



OHA Horticultural Service Certificates and Judging/Exhibiting Certificates

- Certificates are available two per Society/Club per year.
- Application form must be completed and sent to the Awards Coordinator at any time throughout the year.
- Date of presentation must be included with the application form.
- Certificates are created by the Awards Coordinator and the seal of the Association is affixed.
- Please allow sufficient time for creation and mailing.
- Certificates may only be given once to any member.





Youth: Grants, Awards and Certificates

- Youth certificates are available to honour youth in your Society/Club.
- Certificate templates are available online and are inscribed by the Society/Club.

Reta Caldwell Youth Environmental Award

- Applications are available online and must be submitted to the Youth Chair at youth@gardenontario.org on or before February 28th.

Youth Project Grant

- Applications are available online
- Up to three grants available at \$150.00 each
- Check out the Youth Convention Competition Schedule in the Awards Book or on the GardenOntario website under convention details for more information on this fun and exciting opportunity.





Society & District Awards

Society:

- Life Membership Award – Certificates and cards available from the OHA Supplies Coordinator.
- Dues must still be paid by the society for the member so recognized.
- Society President's Award – Available online and must be inscribed by the Society.

District:

- District Appreciation Award – Template available to District Director's on GardenOntario website.
- Certificate must be inscribed by the District.
- District Service Award – **Nominations must be sent to and received by the District Director or designate no later than January 20th.**
- The District Director, not designate, must submit the winning recipient to the OHA Awards Coordinator on or before February 15th with the date of presentation included.
- Award will be shipped directly to the District Director.



OHA Awards Program

- Youth Leader Award
- Technical Advancement Recognition Certificate
- Community Improvement Award
- Environmental Award
- Award of Merit
- Honour Roll
- Trillium/Silver Fir Award
- Silver Medal



All application/nomination forms are available on the GardenOntario website.



OHA Grants Program

- **Seedy Saturday/Sunday Grants** – Up to 4 grants of up to \$250 each. Application forms are due **for this grant only by November 15th** for an event the following year. This grant has been opened up for all Societies/Clubs to be able to apply, even if you held an event previously. Please check out the new form on the GardenOntario website.
- **Special Project/Environmental Grant** – Up to 4 grants of up to \$1000 each
- **Community Garden Grant** – Up to 3 grants of up to \$500 each
- **Pollinator Garden Grant** – Up to 10 grants of up to \$200 each



OHA Grants Program

- **Tree Grants** – Up to 20 grants of up to \$300.00 each
- **Technical Advancement Grants** – Up to 6 grants of up to \$250.00 each
- These 2 grants work on a first come, first served basis starting January 1st up to Feb 28th each year.
 - Letters of approval will be sent out as soon as applications are received if all paperwork is in order. Once the grant maximum has been reached, the application process will be closed. No applications will be accepted before January 1st.
- **Youth Grants** – Up to 50 grants of up to \$75.00 each. Although these grants work on a first come, first served basis, they are accepted throughout the year.



Tips and Tricks for Success

OHA Awards & Grants

- Please be sure to read through the required criteria for each award and grant that you are thinking of applying for or nominating someone for.
- Please follow all deadlines as marked, there will be no exceptions.
- Please ensure all required paperwork is included in your application when submitting it such as insurance certificate, photos, plant list, etc.
- If you have not received a notice within 2 weeks that your application has been received, please contact the OHA Awards Coordinator to confirm.
- If you are applying/nominating with less than 2 weeks remaining until the deadline, please contact the OHA Awards Coordinator immediately upon submission to confirm.
- As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the OHA Awards Coordinator at ohaboard17@gmail.com or at 613-584-1748 or 613-281-0616.



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