



OHA District 7

Newsletter #4 –December 2023

The year has flown by and most Societies have held their Annual General Meetings and are busy planning their activities for 2024. Thank you to all Societies for another great year. I include a couple of photos of incoming Society boards. (this was when I remembered to take a photo after installation)



Arthur & District Horticultural Society – Board for 2024



Grand Valley Horticultural Society – Board for 2024



Clifford & District Horticultural Society – Board for 2024

2023 OMAFRA ANNUAL RETURN

If your AGM has been held, then you are now able to complete the OMAFRA annual return and the OHA Annual Information return. These are both due by February 1st but if **you can complete in the near future or in early January** – then there is no panic at the end of the month if you have issues with the form etc. Please.... Do not leave until the last week of January. (only those Societies that have a December year end can do that but they can complete almost all the information prior to the AGM)

Here is the link to the video: [Horticulture Societies TPON Submission Tutorial - YouTube](#)

This video demonstrates how to navigate in TPON, how to submit the annual return and steps involved.

For My Ontario Account, I would also suggest referring to the *Creating a My Ontario Account* [guide](#) and [video](#) that was mentioned in the *resources* section of the annual return guide package.

Also, not to worry if you missed the November 28th webinar. There will be another session with the same topic coverage on January 10, 2024 at 7pm-8pm. You can register by filling in the information below and selecting the January 10th date.

- Registration Link: [2023 Annual Return and TPON insights for Horticultural Societies \(site.com\)](#)

2023 OHA Annual Information Report

Here is the link for help in completing the 2023 OHA Annual Information Report. Please ensure that those responsible for this report watch the video to assist them.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtNeUTg_2Jc

Also, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or issues. There is help available – especially for the OMAFRA one and sometimes it is a very easy fix. Don't get frustrated – ask for help!!!!

However, do watch the YouTube videos. The answer may be there for you already.

116th Ontario Horticultural Convention – July 12 – 14th, 2024

Our Convention 2024 Committee has also been busy meeting and planning for the Ontario Horticultural Association 116th Convention event in 2024 being held at the Guelph Delta Conference Centre on July 12 – 14th. District 7 and District 8 are co-hosting this event and it has been in the works since 2019 for 2021 – but were sidelined for 3 years due to Covid and the time has finally arrived.

Volunteers are needed in all aspects of this event and a volunteer application form is included for those wishing to assist. Please complete the form and e-mail to our Volunteer Coordinator – Doris Cassan. Volunteers will be contacted in the new year but do let Doris know if you are interested.

For those already who already completed a form at the District 7 Fall Meeting, we will be sending out an e-mail early in the new year to give you further information.

Thank you to all those who are willing to help.

Volunteer Form - see attachment included with this newsletter e-mail.

ANOTHER DISTRICT 7 - 50/50 RAFFLE WINNER!!



Sharon Leggett of the Elora & Salem Horticultural Society won \$1,550 in September.

For the next draw, go the OHA website for details and purchase no later than
March 15, 2024 at 11:59 pm

Early Bird Draw January 27, 2024 for \$500

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>

Thank you in advance for supporting the OHA through this fundraising

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday April 13th

The District 7 AGM will be held **Saturday April 13th** and hosted by the Clifford and District Horticultural Society in Clifford. More information in the new year with flower show schedule and speaker. The new format of 9:30 – 12:30 will once again be followed as that seems to be favoured by all members.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday with family and friends as we head into this busy time of year. Looking forward to a very busy and successful 2024.

Kathy Bouma, District 7 Director

