



Greetings to the Membership of Each and Every Affiliated Society/Club

I have served as the President of the OHA for almost one full year and am now seeking to continue to serve in the position of President for one more year. I have been nominated by the Executive of Russell & District Horticultural Society and graciously accepted the nomination and the opportunity to continue to serve the Association.

The past year has been a continual learning experience. It has also been an extremely busy time. Conferring with Societies/Clubs that are closing or endeavoring to stay open, keeping communication lines open with our OMAFRA representatives, answering to the best of my abilities the many different questions surrounding Society/Club governance, participating in monthly teleconferences as well as any other tasks all contribute to the continuing process of learning how best to lead the OHA.



The affects of the COVID-19 pandemic have caused the business of the OHA to become even more complicated, time consuming, challenging and ultimately rewarding as we navigated all of the changing legislation, rules and guidelines and their differing interpretations.

My time in policing both working on the road and instructing in the classroom, being a Scout Leader, chaperoning school trips and international exchanges as well as coaching and refereeing provincial basketball has served me well while conducting the regular business of the OHA.

I would be honored to represent the OHA as President. I thank all of you for everything that you have done and continue to do as you represent your Society/Club in your community.

To the Officers and the Board, my deepest appreciation for helping to ensure the OHA moved and continues to move forward in the best possible way.

Take Care; Stay Safe

Sincerely,

Charles Freeman, President
Ontario Horticultural Association