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Ontario Horticultural Association

OHA Secretary Report 2021 Year in Review



2021 Volunteer Hours

Through our local societies and clubs, the OHA is active across Ontario improving:

- Urban and rural landscapes
- Giving seniors' residences a hand with gardening
- Planting roadsides with wildflowers
- Planting trees and shrubs
- The list of OHA activities is unlimited..

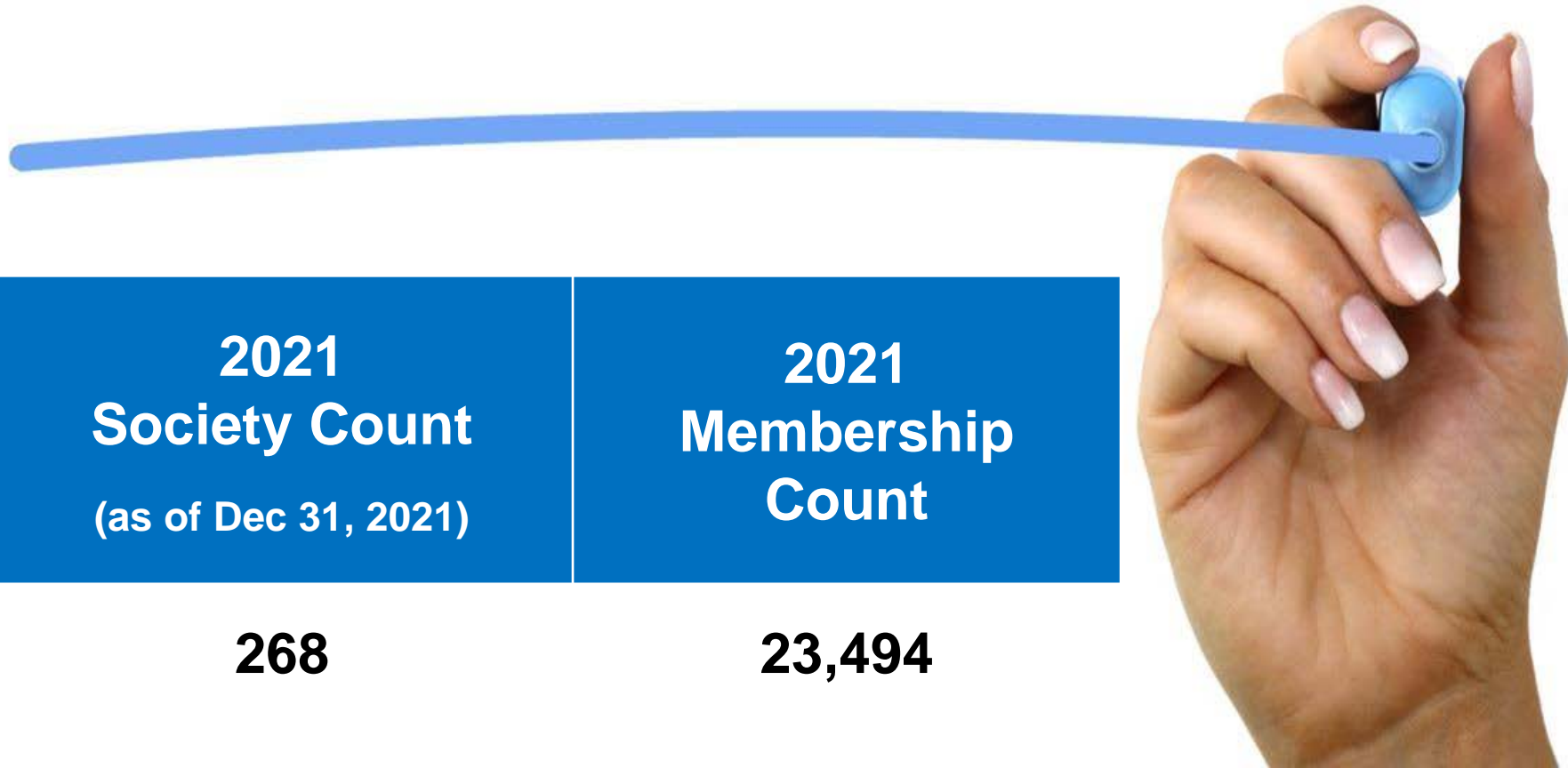
Volunteers are the backbone of everything we do!!

2021 Volunteer Hours

OHA Officers	District & District Executive (including travel)	Society Volunteer Hours	GRAND TOTAL
5,403	21,892	272,383	299,678

Savings to the towns/cities/municipalities and province of over \$ 4.49 million dollars

MEMBERSHIP



2021 Society Count (as of Dec 31, 2021)	2021 Membership Count
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268

23,494

2021 Membership



New Members	Youth Membership	Life Members
14.59%	.92%	5.85%
3427	215	1375



6.54% Increase from 2020 of 1,443 Members

OHA Accomplishments for 2021

- **Creation of OHA Donor Cards as part of Donation Program**
- **Creation of new/updated Awards Program Criteria and Booklet**
- **Closely worked with OMAFRA throughout the pandemic to bring Societies/Clubs the latest news/guidelines/safety measures and advocated for Grants for all Societies/Clubs**
- **Developed partnership with Canadian Garden Council for the Year of the Garden 2022**
- **Creation of 18 Month Calendar Fundraiser – available for 2023 Year**
- **Developed Earth Day Celebration for OHA Societies/Clubs**
- **Focused time on developing/updating templates and materials for Societies/Clubs to market themselves or promote an initiative.**
- **Completion of 2020 Historical Record of Ontario Horticultural Societies/Clubs**

2021 OHA Secretary Accomplishments



- **Participated on many worthwhile projects such as:**
 - OHA Pandemic Messaging
 - OHA Corporate Report
 - Society President's Quick Start
 - Revision of Awards Program & Forms
 - Creation of Customizable Promotional/Marketing Materials/Signage
 - Updating OHA materials to New Approved Trademark Symbol GardenOntario®
 - Development of Annual Information Reporting Session for Districts
 - Development and Organization of Earth Day Event
 - Visited new OHA Board Meeting Site
 - Updated Officer Job Descriptions
 - Work with OHA Historian on entries for Top 100 Garden Moments of Canada (OHA Founding date)
 - Development of Fun in the Sun Contest
- **Organized/participated in OHA Meetings, TCON's, and recording Minutes (in person & virtually)**
- **Annual Information Reporting, Stats, Voting Eligibility, and Proxy Vote allocations**
- **AGM preparations including creation of electronic voting forms, and OHA presentations today**
- **Thank you Letters to OMAFRA, Premier and District Host in 2021 (now part of my standard workload - resolutions not required)**

2021 OHA Awards



Community Improvement Award:

- Joanne Hoelke, Eganville and Area HS, District 2
- Norfolk 4H, District 6

Youth Leader Award:

- Gloria Greaves, Oro-Medonte HS, District 16

Honour Roll:

- Sheila King, Manotick HS, District 2
- Adrian Cooper, Kingston HS, District 3

Technical Advancement Award:

- District 2
- Ottawa HS, District 2

Award of Merit:

- Allan Goddard, Almonte & District HS, District 2
- Ann Levison, Kingston HS, District 3

Silver Fir/Trillium Award:

- Ron Nelsons, Oro Medonte HS, District 16
- Isla Reed, Callendar HS, District 18

Silver Medal:

- Penny Stewart, Gananoque HS, District 3



2021 OHA Grants

Tree Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
1	Gloucester HS Kemptville HS Martintown & District Maxville & District Russell & District
2	Deep River HS Pembroke HS
4	Ennismore GC & HS
5	East Gwillimbury GC & HS
6	Milton & District HS Oakville HS Paris HS St. George GC & HC
11	Leamington HS
13	Blind River HS
17	Bowmanville HS
18	Magnetawan HS
19	Galt HS Kitchener HS Wilmot HS

Special Projects Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
1	Gloucester HS
6	Paris HS
10	London HS
17	Oshawa GC

Community Garden Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
6	Port Dover/Wood House HS

Seedy Saturday/Sunday Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
19	Galt HS

2021 OHA Grants Con't...

Pollinator Project Grant

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
13	Thessalon HS
18	Rosseau HS



Technical Advancement Grant

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
1	Kemptville HS
3	Bath HS Lennox & Addington District HS
4	Peterborough HS
5	Lake Simcoe South Shore HS
6	Haldimand HS
6	Milton & District HS
8	Durham & District HS

Youth Grant

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
4	Fenelon Falls HS

2022 OHA Awards

Community Improvement Award:

- Town of Petawawa, Parks & Recreation Department, District 2
- Wheatley HS, District 11

Youth Leader Award:

- Helen Stephenson, Oakville HS, District 6

Environmental Award:

- Tilbury & District HS, District 11

Honour Roll:

- Elaine Metzger, Pembroke HS, District 2
- Joyce Schlegel, Strathroy-Caradoc HS, District 10
- Marie Decker, Oakville HS, District 6

Technical Advancement Recognition:

- Manotick HS, District 2
- Kingston HS, District 3
- Peterborough HS, District 4
- East Gwillimbury GC & HS, District 5
- Markham GC & HS, District 5
- Pelham HS, District 9
- Thorold HS, District 9
- Galt HS, District 19
- District 6

Award of Merit:

- Cindy Zorgel, Almonte & District HS, District 2
- Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington HS, District 6

Silver Fir/Trillium Award:

- Kathryn Lindsay, Ottawa HS, District 2
- Catherine Kavassalis, Oakville HS, District 6

Silver Medal:

- Brian Carson, Manotick HS, District 2

2022 OHA Grants

Tree Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
1	Cornwall & District HS Williamstown HS
2	Petawawa HS
3	Land O' Lakes HS Stirling & District HS Trenton HS
4	Peterborough HS
5	Markham Garden & HS
6	Delhi & District HS Haldimand HS
8	Kincardine and District HS
11	Ambassador LaSalle HS Greater Windsor HS Wheatley HS
13	St. Joseph Island HS
15	Schomberg HS
18	Bracebridge HS

Special Projects Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
2	Deep River HS Pembroke HS
3	Land O' Lakes HS
10	Stratford and District HS
19	Wilmot HS

Community Garden Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
2	Petawawa HS
3	Tweed & District HS
4	Peterborough HS
16	Beeton HS

Seedy Saturday/Sunday Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
8	Goderich HS

2022 OHA Grants Con't...

Pollinator Project Grant

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
2	Eganville HS Petawawa HS
6	Stoney Creek GC & HS
11	Ambassador LaSalle HS
15	Schomberg HS
16	Collingwood GC & HS
19	Ayr HS Galt HS

Youth Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
3	Tweed & District HS
5	East Gwillimbury GC & HS
6	Haldimand HS
7	Grand Valley & District HS
10	Stratford & District HS
15	Caledon HS Chinguacousy HS Etobicoke HS
19	Wilmot HS

Technical Advancement Grant

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
1	Martintown & District HS
2	Pembroke HS
3	Trenton HS
4	Grafton Green Thumbs HS
9	Thorold HS
19	Hespeler HS

Youth Project Grant

DISTRICT	SOCIETY/CLUB
11	Ambassador LaSalle HS



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Minutes for Approval

ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

July 16-18, 2021

VIA ZOOM



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and CONVENTION
July 16-18, 2021
via Zoom and Pheedloop – (by Western University)

“Inspired by Nature, Learning, Growing, Blooming”

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021

Early bird draws were held prior to the start of today's session.

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom and Pheedloop.

Convention Theme: *“Inspired by Nature, Learning, Growing, Blooming”*

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Proclamation: Dian Chute, District 10 Director and Convention Host proclaimed that the 2021 OHA Convention was now open.

Welcome: Dian Chute brought greetings from District 10 and welcomed everyone to the virtual Convention.

Master of Ceremonies: Katharine Smyth, OHA President, welcomed everyone to the OHA Convention and Annual General Meeting hosted by District 10.

Canadian National Anthem: The Canadian National Anthem was played for all delegates.

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Jim Mabee read the Land Acknowledgement Statement on behalf of the OHA “The land we meet upon today is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron (Neutral), and Wendat. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.”

Introduction of Dignitaries: Kathy Smyth brought greetings from the dignitaries to the 114th Convention. Greetings were received from Minister Lisa Thompson, OMAFRA, Beth Howell-Vervaecke, Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, Shawn LaPalm, Cooperators and Karen Scjuk, Master Gardeners of Ontario.

Shown on the GardenOntario website under [AGM Resource Documents](#)

Thank
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