



Ontario Horticultural Association

OHA Secretary Report

2019 & 2020 Years In Review

The background of the entire slide is a dense collection of stylized, colorful hands and forearms reaching upwards. The colors include various shades of blue, green, orange, brown, and purple. The hands are in various orientations, some pointing up, some with fingers spread, creating a sense of collective effort and diversity.

2019 & 2020 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!!

2019 Volunteer Hours

OHA Officers	District & District Executive (including travel)	Society Volunteer Hours	GRAND TOTAL
6055	16,466	511,152	533,673

Savings to the towns/cities/municipalities and province of over \$ 8.0 million dollars

2020 Volunteer Hours

OHA Officers	District & District Executive (including travel)	Society Volunteer Hours	GRAND TOTAL
4,360	8,799	237,968	251,127

Savings to the towns/cities/municipalities and province of over \$ 3.7 million dollars



TO PLANT A
garden
IS TO
believe
IN TOMORROW

Audrey Hepburn



**I like gardening -
it's a place where
I find myself when I
need to lose myself.**



The more we give, the more we
receive. It's important to give
back, because the seeds you plant
today, you will harvest tomorrow.

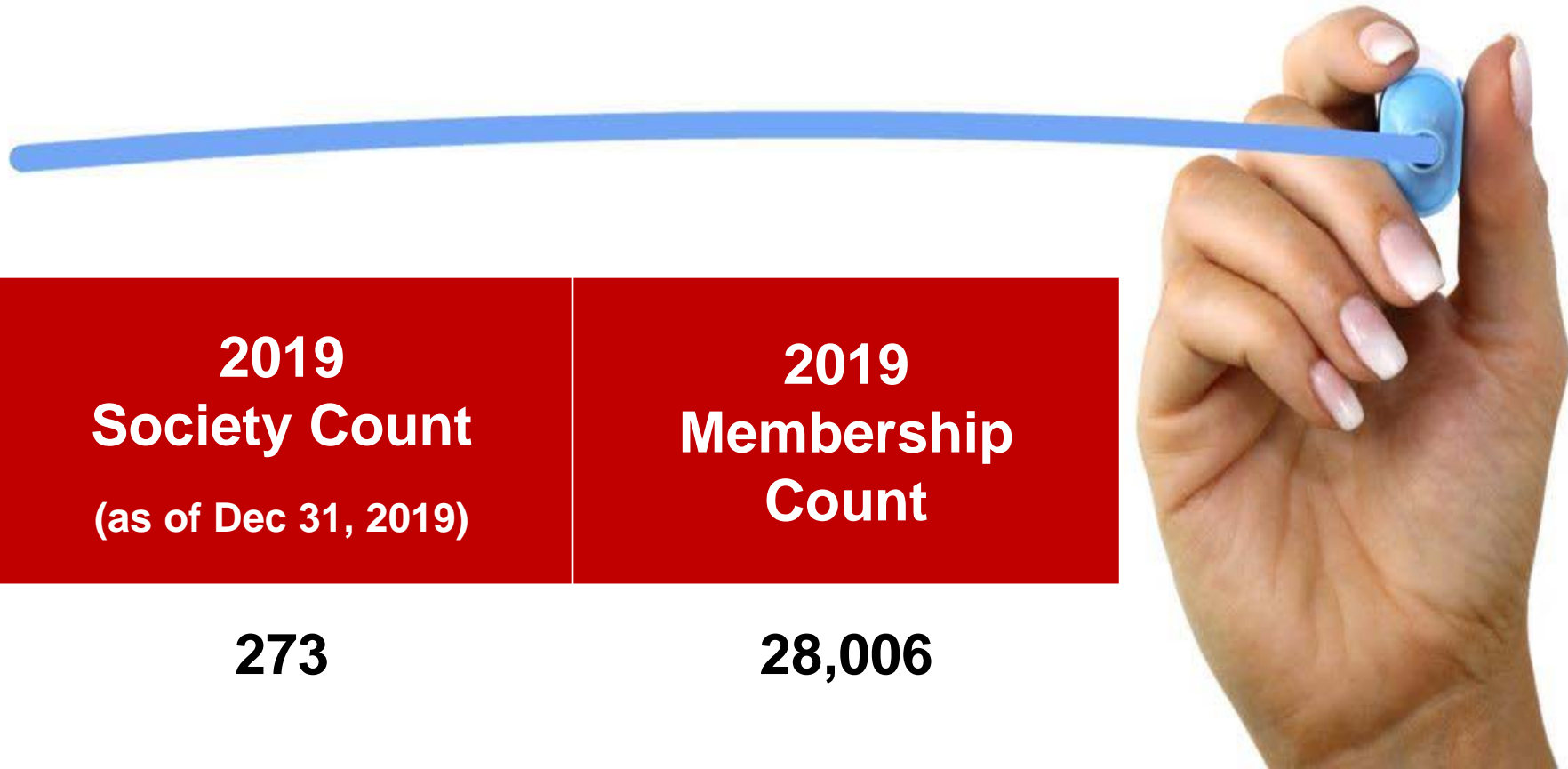
Farrah Gray

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Gardening
My kind of therapy

MEMBERSHIP



**2019
Society Count**
(as of Dec 31, 2019)

273

**2019
Membership
Count**

28,006

MEMBERSHIP



**2020
Society Count**
(as of Dec 31, 2020)

271

**2020
Membership
Count**

22,343

2019 Membership

New Members	Youth Membership	Life Members
18.01%	3.89%	4.66%
5045	1090	1304



2.25% Increase from 2018 of 540+ Members

2020 Membership

New Members	Youth Membership	Life Members
11.69%	1.41%	6.41%
2613	315	1432



20% Decrease from 2019 of ~5,660 Members

OHA Accomplishments for 2019/2020

- Revision of *Ontario Judging and Exhibition Standards* (OJES)
- Updating website materials and launch of GardenOntario website
- Launch of OHA Fundraiser (Beeswax Wraps and Produce Bags)
- Launch of GardenOntario Vista Print Store for merchandise
- Creation of OHA Donor Page on GardenOntario and Legacy Giving Program
- Creation of OHA Youth Activity Sheets and Art Contest
- Creation of OHA Youth Standards and Police Check Grant
- Four OHA Youth Members to attend Youth Summit Conference
- Creation of new Awards Program categories
- Closely worked with OMAFRA throughout the pandemic to bring Societies/Clubs the latest news/guidelines/safety measures
- Creation and execution of Society/Club Survey to use in conversation with OMAFRA to request emergency funding and forgiveness
- Initiation of Process to have OHA Organizational Review Completed

2020 OHA Secretary Accomplishments

- Participated on many worthwhile projects such as:
 - OHA Pandemic Messaging
 - OHA Corporate Report
 - Director's Quick Start
 - Revision of Awards Program & Forms
 - Documentation to OMAFRA
- **Creation of Society/Club Survey**
- **Organizing/participating in OHA Meetings, TCON's, and recording Minutes (all completed virtually)**
- **Annual Information Reporting, Stats, Voting Eligibility, and Proxy Vote allocations**
- **Special Meeting organization, creation of electronic registration form and voting forms**
- **Convention preparations including creation of electronic voting forms, and OHA presentations this weekend**
- **"Other duties as assigned"**

2020 OHA Awards

Community Improvement Award:

- Carol Ashford – District 15

Youth Leader Award:

- Linda Jaynes, District 8

Honour Roll:

- Hazel Hawthorn, District 2

Award of Merit:

- Lynne Melnyk, District 16

Silver Fir/Trillium Award:

- Sandy Ellenor, District 11
- Suzanne Hanna, District 13

Silver Medal:

- Edna Caldwell, District 16

2020 OHA Grants

Tree Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY
2	Eganville & Area Horticultural Society Madawaska Valley Horticultural Society Perth & District Horticultural Society
6	Georgetown Horticultural Society Stoney Creek Garden Club & Hort. Society
7	Clifford & District Horticultural Society
8	Durham & District Horticultural Society
10	Thorndale & Area Horticultural Society Tavistock & Area Horticultural Society
11	Amherstburg Fort Malden Horticultural Society Essex & District Horticultural Society Sarnia Horticultural Society Tilbury Horticultural Society Wheatley Horticultural Society
13	Thessalon Horticultural Society
16	Midland Horticultural Society
17	Cannington Horticultural Society

Special Projects Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY
1	Williamstown Horticultural Society
8	Chesley Horticultural Society
16	Midland Horticultural Society

Community Garden Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY
2	Eganville & Area Horticultural Society

Seedy Saturday/Sunday Grants

DISTRICT	SOCIETY
19	Galt Horticultural Society

2020 OHA Grants Con't...

Pollinator Project Grant

DISTRICT	SOCIETY
4	Brighton Horticultural Society
5	Leaside Horticultural Society
6	Delhi & District Horticultural Society

Technical Advancement Grant 2020/2021

DISTRICT	SOCIETY
1	Kemptville Horticultural Society
3	Lennox & Addington District Horticultural Society
4	Peterborough Horticultural Society
5	Lake Simcoe South Shore Horticultural Society
6	Haldimand Horticultural Society
6	Milton & District Horticultural Society
8	Durham & District Horticultural Society
16	Wasaga Beach Horticultural Society

OHA Change of Offices

Retired OHA Registrar:

Barb O'Malley, District 15

New OHA Registrar:

Donna Hussey, District 6

Retired OHA Treasurer:

Jane Leonard, District 6

New OHA Treasurer:

Marian Heil, District 6

Retired OHA Trillium Editor:

Malcolm Geast

New OHA Trillium Editor:

Laura Masterson

Retired OHA GardenOntario Webmaster:

April Davies, District 10

New OHA GardenOntario Website Coordinator:

Michele Petick, District 5

MOTION TO APPROVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION:

That the 2019 and 2020 Secretary's Report be approved, as presented. M/S: Kelly Taylor, District 10/Anne Harbord, District 2. Carried.