EDUCATION PROGRAM

The education program is designed to encourage qualified speakers to travel to different affiliated societies to speak on various topics. An affiliated society may request one speaker per year by writing to your respective AHA District Rep.

Requests for speakers must be made BEFORE the event.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

A quarterly newsletter is the vehicle by which the services of the AHA are promoted to affiliates and individual members.

The newsletter is also used to facilitate exchange of information between affiliates and individuals of the Association. Anyone wishing to contribute articles or club information should contact Newsletter Editor, Lorraine Taylor, Box 191, Darwell, AB, T0E 0L0 or email lgbeta36@gmail.com

DISTRICTS

The AHA has divided the province into "districts," each with a representative on the Board of Directors. District Representatives are a liaison between Affiliates and Individual members and the Board of Directors. Any Executive member or District Representative can tell you who your Representative is.

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Newsletter Editor — Lorraine Taylor 780-892-2967

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Education Program — Contact respective AHA District Rep.

Honors and Awards Committee — Vacant (Contact AHA Executive)

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OBJECTIVES

- To provide information to the gardening public
- To support horticulture education
- To recognize outstanding contributions by individuals in the field of horticulture
- To support individual members and Affiliate clubs

PRESERVING OUR PAST

The AHA historian compiles information concerning the events of the AHA. These records are available for membership observation at such functions as the Annual Conference. It is very important to keep this current and anyone wishing to donate AHA affiliate documentation should send it to Lorna McIlroy; 9018-117 Ave. Grande Prairie, AB T8X 1K1

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HONORS AND AWARDS

The AHA presents several awards to outstanding horticulturists. The Awards committee reviews the nominations and recommends candidates to the Board of Directors.

THESE AWARDS ARE:

Honorary Life Membership

An award to present and past members of the AHA based on the individual's personal service and contribution to the AHA and its objectives.

Centennial Gold Medal

This is an infrequent award that recognizes outstanding individuals or corporate contributions to horticulture in broad terms such as the commercial industry in Alberta and beyond.

Community Gardener Award

The AHA recognizes the contribution of a multitude of enthusiastic home gardeners all around the province. The AHA's Community Gardener Award is a small but tangible way to recognize the contributions of individuals who contribute significantly to their communities in this way. Application forms may be requested from the Secretary or downloaded from our website.

CONFERENCE

Our annual conference is one of the major activities of the Association. This function is held every year and it provides an exciting opportunity for everyone to increase their horticultural skills and to share ideas. It may be hosted by an Affiliate society and may be held anywhere within the province. The Annual General Meeting is held each spring before June 30th.

A.H.A. AFFILIATE BENCH SHOW ROSETTES

The AHA recognizes the importance of Affiliates hosting annual bench shows. The AHA will, upon request from an Affiliate, supply a deluxe rosette to be awarded to the winner of the most points in the Affiliate's show. Apply to Marilyn McArthur (403)346-4902

JUDGES PROGRAM

The AHA established an accreditation program for horticultural judges as a way of improving the quality of judging at shows. Judging Schools are held annually at locations around Alberta. Contact Karen Berglund.

The AHA provides Affiliated Societies with judges. Requests for judges must be made to Karen Berglund prior to the show.

The book "Judging and Exhibiting Standards," available from the publications office of Alberta Agriculture is a comprehensive guide to both exhibitor and judge alike in preparing, staging, entering, and judging horticultural shows. 1-800-292-5697 or visit the AHA website.

IN MEMORIAM

Gifts in memory of loved ones interested in horticulture may be made to the AHA. Contact the Treasurer for more information or visit our website to download the brochure.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

The AHA has a membership class to suit everyone's interest in horticulture:

- Individual
- Affiliate (Horticulture and Gardening Clubs and Organizations)
- Commercial (Greenhouses, Retailers, etc.)
- Association (groups other than Affiliates)
- Institutions (schools, colleges, etc.)

Contact the Secretary for detailed information on any class or check our website