



Alberta Horticultural Association

The Official Quarterly Newsletter of the AHA

Spring 2018

President's Message – April 2018 Newsletter

As many of the affiliate groups of the AHA gear up for the season, the executive of the AHA are busy beaver away at various tasks, all designed to bring value to those affiliates and individual members. The overall purpose of the AHA is to raise the profile of horticulture in Alberta, through a range of means. When you think about it, however, it should not be all that shocking that much of that work and profile raising is accomplished by you, the members of AHA. It is the bench shows, the yard/garden tours, the workshops, gardening days and the passion that each of you brings to the world each day. All we can do at the AHA is help to spread the word around and share what you are doing. And we're working on making that happen, more and more. But, as usual, we need your help. We need to hear from you about what you are doing in your clubs and groups. What interesting activities have you tried, to great effect, which some other group might adapt to their area? Do you have a website, or at least a primary contact that would be willing to take a call from someone? If so, please let us share your successes via an article in our quarterly newsletter or with your contact information on the website. Please take the time to connect with either your Zone Rep or someone else in the AHA, and let us spread the word about what you are doing.

We are working on the local arrangements for this year's annual conference. You can find some more details in this edition of the newsletter, but basically, we'll be meeting for 1 day, on Saturday, June 9th, 2018, in Stettler, AB. Since that is my current home town, I'm thrilled to welcome many of you to come and visit. The format is simple, with some speakers in the morning, followed by the AGM after lunch. Then we'll embark on a Stettler Safari, bopping around Stettler to look at some of our Horticultural attractions (e.g. community gardens, community orchard, Memorial Park, West Stettler Park, etc.). During the day, there will be a silent auction (which we encourage you to bring items for). It should be fun and I'm excited to share my passion for horticulture AND my town with you.

Otherwise, we have quite a number of bench shows out there this year and there are a few new certified judges. The AHA had a booth at the recent Calgary Garden Show, which is always a bunch of fun. If you are planning workshops and/or bringing in speakers, have a look at the updated Speaker Reimbursement Form (which is part of our Education program). You can get a portion of the speaker expenses back from the AHA, so why not?

Each year, the executive works hard to match our budget with our income, but with rising costs, we find it challenging to not operate in the red at times. We receive donations from a number of individuals and

clubs each year, which go towards worthy activities that benefit everyone, such as the judging program, the education program and the like. Please donate, if you are able. It is not wasted.

Until we meet up at the annual conference, I wish you all of the best. Spring is so close, I can taste it (although it seems a bit like a distant memory, at this point).



News from Our Members

The Alberta Dahlia and Glad Society

Mark your calendars now. August 6 to 8 plan to attend the dahlia courses at the Show Garden in Red Deer. Contact the Society for more information.

Look for more information about upcoming events on the AHA web page. Go to abhorta.ca

Volunteer Opportunities

As the date for our annual general meeting approaches the nominating committee will be soliciting nominations for the following positions as required by our bylaws

President, Secretary, Zone 2 representative, Zone 4 representative, Zone 6 representative. We will also be seeking nominations to fill two vacant positions:

Zone 1 representative – Southern Alberta

Zone 3 representative- Central Alberta

Contact past president Lorna McIlroy or any AHA board member for information about these volunteer positions

Executive & committees 2017/18 Term

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Alberta Horticultural Association Annual Conference 2018



Saturday, June 9, 2018

**Royal Canadian Legion – Backtraxx Lounge
and Dieppe Room
5010 51 St, Stettler, AB**



*The AHA Mission is the Advancement and Promotion
of Horticulture in Alberta*

Agenda:

Speakers TBD

8:30 am – Registration / Silent Auction Set Up

9:30 am – Welcome / Opening Remarks

- Growing Fruit on the Prairies
- Growing Vegetables
- Troubles with Trees – Clever ways of Overcoming Challenges

12:30: LUNCH / Silent Auction visits

1:00 pm – AHA Annual General Meeting

1:50 pm – Silent Auction Wrap Up

2:10 pm – Load the buses – **Stettler Safari** (tour of Community Orchard, Community Gardens, Memorial Park, West Stettler Park and things in between)

4:30 pm – Conference Wrap Up

- Registration Fee: \$50 (includes all sessions, lunch, refreshment breaks, and bus tour)
- For registration form and conference updates, visit www.ABHortA.ca
- Registration deadline: Monday, June 4th
- For more information:
Robert Spencer – (403) 742-7563,
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**Attendees are invited to bring Silent
Auction items**

Accommodation Information:

Ramada Stettler – 6711 49th Ave, Stettler, AB –
1-888-742-6555

Canalta Stettler - 6020 50 Ave, Stettler, AB –
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**Alberta Horticultural Association Annual
Meeting and Conference
Saturday, June 9th, 2018
Royal Canadian Legion, Stettler, AB**

Registration Form	
NAME (for Name tag):	
Affiliate Name:	
Address	
City / Town	
Province	
Postal Code	
Phone #	
Email	
Special Diet or Concerns	

- Registration Fee: \$50 (includes All Saturday Sessions, Saturday Lunch and Refreshment Breaks, Bus Tour)
- Registration deadline Monday, June 4, 2018
- Please make cheques payable to Alberta Horticultural Association
- Please mail to: Judy Bortnik, AHA Treasurer
 - Unit 323, 223 Tuscany Springs Blvd NW Calgary, AB T3L 2M2
 - For more information and conference updates – visit

www.ABHortA.ca

