

# **Manitoba Horticultural Association 2020 Annual Reports**



**123<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Held Virtually on January 30, 2021**

# Manitoba Horticultural Association



## 2020 Annual Reports

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## **MHA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



### **MHA President Hugh Skinner**

2020 has provided challenges that we could not have anticipated when the year began. Covid 19 precautions have eliminated face to face meetings, shows, and our convention. It has taken time but we are finding ways to communicate under conditions that preclude getting together and some of the tools that we're learning to use may give us opportunities to be more flexible in the future.

Our Annual General Meeting is a requirement to keep our charitable organization functioning. To be able to accommodate a meeting for members from around Manitoba, we learned Google Meet. I was certainly pleased that about 50 people joined in our AGM. We conducted the essential business of the organization and introduced members to tools that will enable us to set up meetings with clubs around Manitoba for virtual meetings. As we become more familiar and comfortable with our on-line communications, we will find ways to engage speakers and provide learning opportunities.

While we have encountered challenges with communications and we miss the in person contact, gardening is more popular than ever as a result of Covid restrictions. Many people have become interested in growing more of their own food and the stay at home orders have meant that people are spending more time at home and are making improvements to their yards and gardens. Seed houses and landscapers have reported being very busy and this should provide opportunities for clubs and for the MHA.

Many of the fund raising opportunities that we took advantage of in the past have not been possible under current conditions. As a board, we are looking at alternative sources of funds and we trust that we will find ways to keep the organization viable. We certainly welcome ideas from the membership.

We look forward to a great year of gardening, beautiful gardens and bountiful harvests. We hope that by late summer, most citizens will be vaccinated and that we'll be able to get together again. In the meantime, we will continue to explore the potentials that on line communications afford us.

Hugh Skinner  
President  
Manitoba Horticultural Association

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**Manitoba Horticultural Association  
Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs  
2020**

	<b>Members</b>	
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Agassiz (Lac du Bonnet)	28	30
Beautiful Plains (Neepawa)	10	10
Brandon	100	83
Charleswood	93	94
Hartney	10	10
Killarney & District	15	8
Minnedosa	27	27
Morden & District	12	12
Newdale	14	14
St. James	213	218
Selkirk & District	92	92
South Interlake	35	1
Transcona	44	41
Virden	11	7
West Kildonan	76	76
Westman (Brandon)	45	30

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## **Manitoba Horticultural Association**

### **Honorary Life Members**

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Brent Hunter, Neepawa

Carol Clegg, Lac du Bonnet

Hugh Skinner, Roblin

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Mary Ann Swierstra, Salmon Arm, BC

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## 2020 Committee Reports

### Finance

#### Linda Wall - Chair

All Financial Reports for the Manitoba Horticultural Association, Weir Memorial and The Stevenson Memorial are prepared by the MHA Treasurer and are included in this report book. An audit of the financial records of the Manitoba Horticultural Association and the Weir Memorial, for the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2020 will be completed by Mr. Herb Wildeman, CGA as per vote at the January 30, 2020 AGM.

In 2020 the MHA membership was made up of 17 horticultural societies and garden clubs.

The MHA continues to place a strong emphasis on fundraising to offset ever increasing operating costs, however, in 2020 and likely in at least much of 2021, we will have to look to alternative ways to raise funds. With your support the MHA strives to meet its objectives in promoting horticulture. The organization has two main sources of income – fundraising and membership fees; both are essential for the MHA to continue as a viable and resourceful organization.

The MHA continues to make available commercial third party liability insurance at a very reasonable cost. The cost of one club having its own coverage would range anywhere from \$300 to \$600 a year, depending on the amount of coverage required. It is extremely important to carry third party liability insurance and many societies and clubs took advantage of this coverage in 2020. In the event that a club does not have adequate insurance coverage and is sued, the directors/executive of the club may be liable.

The MHA and its members are again very fortunate to receive financial support from the Weir Memorial Fund. During 2020 the Fund continued to provide speaker subsidies to member horticultural societies, garden clubs and junior gardener programs and financed the Photo Competition.

Thank you to all of our members for your continued support and to those who have volunteered and given their time in assisting the MHA to provide an educational albeit a truncated and virtual 2020 convention, your involvement and assistance are very much appreciated.

Your Board of Directors had struggled in previous years with deficit budgets. Our members have stepped up and contributed to solve this situation and the board has found savings in administrative costs by continuing to holding committee meetings by teleconference and by reducing the semi-annual board of directors meetings from two days to one thus eliminating the need to stay overnight and in 2020 due to the pandemic, no in person meeting occurred. Together we had returned to a balanced budget and we hoped to continue to serve gardeners in Manitoba with renewed vigour. The pandemic has of course, tipped the ship a bit, and we are learning as we try (as is the current state of the world), to figure out how to continue to provide the important work, networking and information sharing that we provide; in this pandemic environment. We are struggling but with new ideas and renewed hope for an end to the pandemic, we will continue to strive to provide a valuable resource to our clubs, societies, and our Province.

In late 2020, we were pleased to be able to provide access to **Google suite** (now known as **Google Workspace**) to our clubs, if they wish to take advantage of it, and use the business resources that this platform avails them. Most importantly is the virtual **Google meet** feature so clubs can meet virtually and continue to connect and share information.

#### 2020 Committee

Linda Wall (Chair), Hugh Skinner, Lorene Schipper, Tracy Theriault

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## **Judges/Judging Standards**

### **Linda Wall – Chair**

There is currently a shortage of qualified judges registered with the Manitoba Horticultural Association. The committee is still concerned with the lack of participation in the apprentice judge program and we wish to encourage apprentice judges to improve their judging skills and gain experience by apprenticing at shows in 2021.

We encourage all show convenors to enlist the apprentice judges at your shows, as well as apprentice judges to seek out convenors. Cooperation between the two is the key.

The last Judge's/Exhibitor's School was hosted in 2017 by the St. James Horticultural Society, and we were looking at the possibility in 2020, but cannot plan another school until the current situation resolves itself.

We would like it to be hosted in conjunction with a Society/Club Show to benefit from the real life experience. If this is something your society/club could do, please let us know. If you have other ideas about how we might engage more judges, feel free to contact your MHA Area Director and they will pass the information along.

If you are interested in attending a future Judge's/Exhibitor School, please send your name and phone number by email to [admin@mbhorticulture.ca](mailto:admin@mbhorticulture.ca) or call or text the office at 204-256-2745.

It is strongly recommended that MHA judges, apprentice judges and exhibitors use the Manitoba Horticultural Judging Standards book. Judging at shows should be in accordance with the guidelines provided in this issue. Hard copies of the Manitoba Horticultural Judging Standards book are available from the MHA office or a PDF version can be downloaded from the website.

The MHA wishes to thank judges and apprentice judges for their commitment, and societies and clubs for their cooperation in having apprentice judges at their shows. Also our thanks to societies and clubs for completing the Evaluation of Judging forms to assist the MHA in monitoring the Judges program.

If you are interested in becoming an MHA judge, or having any suggestions for the program, please contact the MHA by email at [admin@mbhorticulture.ca](mailto:admin@mbhorticulture.ca) or call or text 204-256-2745.

### **2020 Committee**

Linda Wall (Chair), Brent Hunter, Lorene Schipper, Linda Brown

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## **Newsletter**

**Linda Wall – Editor**

2020 was a challenging year for us all, some clubs carried, on, some stood down, and tried to keep everyone safe from the virus. Despite those challenges, we were able to publish two newsletters that were sent to club presidents and secretaries. We have had to make a decision that if there is no input, we will not produce a newsletter. Input from the clubs and societies are what make this newsletter worthwhile, so we encourage you to submit articles, as they are the heart of the newsletters. The newsletters are available online at [mbhorticulture.ca](http://mbhorticulture.ca)

We appreciate the excellent articles that were submitted during the year, these are a great source of information for our members. We encourage anyone who wishes to share their gardening knowledge and experiences to send articles along with pictures, if possible, to the MHA at [admin@mbhorticulture.ca](mailto:admin@mbhorticulture.ca). Thank you to societies and clubs for providing information and dates of their activities for the website. Societies and clubs should take advantage of this free advertising in 2021, it is a good place to put the information for your clubs, and we can encourage likeminded people to attend your events and ensure your success.

Check out the Events page on the website, as well as the page with all the copies of club/society/ program brochures and show books. Don't see yours there? Send a pdf copy in. Remember that email [admin@mbhorticulture.ca](mailto:admin@mbhorticulture.ca)

Anyone wishing to have a hardcopy of the newsletter should ask their home club to print it off for them.

### **2019 Committee**

Linda Wall (Editor), Tracy Theriault (Design/Publishing)

## **Stevenson Memorial Board**

**Hugh Skinner – Chair**

The Stevenson Commemorative Award was first awarded in 1932. It is the highest award The Manitoba Horticultural Association can confer on an individual for "conspicuous achievement in the field of practical horticulture".

The award commemorates pioneer horticulturist A. P. Stevenson who arrived in Manitoba in 1874 and made significant contributions to fruit growing and ornamental horticulture on the northern Great Plains. The Stevenson Commemorative Award has been conferred on 24 recipients who have made significant contributions to horticulture on the prairies and Great Plains. Dr. F. L. Skinner, Dropmore, MB was the first recipient of the award in 1932 and the most recent awards were presented in January 2019, in Carman, MB to Dr. Bob Bors and Rick Sawatsky from the University of Saskatoon in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. A Special A.P. Stevenson Memorial Award Newsletter is available to view on our "Newsletter" page of our website.

Nominations for the award may be submitted to the Stevenson Memorial Board, 135 Thom Avenue E., Winnipeg, MB R2C 1A2. The nomination should be accompanied by full details of the nominee's conspicuous achievement in the field of horticulture through the origination, introduction, or propagation of horticultural species or products, which make a distinct contribution to horticulture in Manitoba.

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The Stevenson Memorial Board, a standing committee of the Manitoba Horticultural Association is made up of:

- Chairperson: President of the Manitoba Horticultural Association.
- Three members of the Manitoba Horticultural Association.
- Three people appointed by the Manitoba Horticultural Association.
- Secretary/Treasurer, of the Manitoba Horticultural Association.

#### **2020 Board**

**Hugh Skinner** (Chair), Brent Hunter, Linda Brown, Lorene Schipper, Wilbert Ronald, Phillip Ronald, Tracy Theriault

### **MHA Photo Competition**

#### **Brenda Lucas - Chair**

A total of 5 clubs submitted 101 entries for the Photo Competition this year, there were 11 exhibitors of which three were "First Time Competitors"! The numbers were down due to the pandemic and people's ability to print pictures through their normal channels and due to provincial health regulations, in-person printing at store kiosk's was not allowable and requesting printing services on-line was very slow in delivery. Thank you to all of the exhibitors who were able to participate in the competition. We hope to see everyone back next year.

At the virtual AGM that was held on January 30, 2021, the winning photos were presented to close out the meeting. Each club has been provided with a list of the winning photos. All pictures entered will appear on our website; and we are exploring posting all current and previous photo competitions on our Google Drive, that can be accessed by societies and clubs.

We would like to encourage clubs to get juniors interested in photography and entering next year's competition.

**"Thank You"** to Walter Potrebka for volunteering to judge the 2019 photo competition and to Mike Clementson for assisting.

So for 2021, the plan is to go totally digital with the photo competition, the committee will work hard to get everything set up for this exciting change. For you it will be cost saving, no printing, no mailing, but the logistics and entrant rules for the societies and clubs are still to be worked out. So watch for our emails and on the website! But "Keep Shooting" in the meantime!

#### **2020 Committee**

Brenda Lucas (Chair), Mike Clementson, Tracy Theriault

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**Weir Memorial Fund**  
**Hugh Skinner – Chair**

The Weir Memorial Fund provided one speaker subsidy to a garden club in 2020. The Weir Memorial will continue to make subsidies available in 2021. MHA member societies can receive a \$50 speaker subsidy and junior gardener groups can receive a \$50 subsidy for a speaker or project materials. Subsidies are made available to clubs and junior clubs once per fiscal year – October 1 to September 30.

To receive the appropriate subsidy, following a speaker's presentation the Speaker Subsidy Receipt form is to be completed and signed by the speaker and sent to the Weir Memorial Fund via the MHA office. For virtual presentations, it is not required to have the speaker's signature.

If a subsidy is being requested for project material for a Junior Club, copies of receipts for items purchased should be attached to the completed Materials Subsidy Receipt form and sent to the Weir Memorial Fund via the MHA office.

The board of the Weir Memorial Fund is also pleased to approve funds to cover the costs of speakers for the Annual General Meeting and Convention of the MHA and to support and provide prize money for the MHA Photo Competitions.

The Weir Memorial Fund financial statements are included in this report book.

**2020 Board**

**Hugh Skinner** (Chair), Brent Hunter, Linda Brown, Linda Wall, Lorene Schipper, Tracy Theriault

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**Lorene Schipper – Chair**

## Manitoba Horticultural Societies Award Fund

Josina Zander – Chair

### MHS Award Recipient

2019 was the last year for the MHS Award being given out to a student in the Red River College Greenspace Horticulture Program, as sadly, the Greenspace Horticultural Program at RRCC has been discontinued. The board is actively seeking for other programs to award the bursary.

### MHS Award Fund

Financial Report for the period December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020  
submitted by Josina Zander

#### Income

Donations	-	
IG Wealth Mgmt Interest	36.07	
Credit Union Interest	287.76	
Credit Union Patronage	-	
CU Term matured Jan. 23, 2019	7,000.00	
CU Term matured March 14, 2019	2,000.00	
CU Term matured June 6, 2019	3,000.00	
	<u>12,323.83</u>	
Bank Balance December 1, 2019	857.53	
		<u><u>13,181.36</u></u>

#### Expenses

CU Term matures Jan. 25, 2021	7,000.00	
CU Term matures March 16, 2021	2,000.00	
CU Term matures June 5, 2021	3,000.00	
Bursary Red River College	500.00	
Credit Union Service Charge	24.00	
	<u>12,524.00</u>	
Bank balance November 30, 2020	657.36	
		<u><u>13,181.36</u></u>

#### Summary

Credit Union Bank Balance November 30, 2020	657.36
Credit Union Term Deposits	12,000.00
Credit Union Patronage Shares	178.29
IG Wealth Mgmt to September 30, 2020	6,708.63

### 2020 Committee

Josina Zander (Chair), Hugh Skinner, Tracy Theriault

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## 2020 Society and Club Reports

### 2020 Agassiz Garden Club

Agassiz Garden Club, like most clubs were unable to hold their plant sale, help plant flowers at the personal care home, or have our flower, craft & bake show.

For many years we talked of having a member plant exchange, and I think by June we were missing each other's fellowship so we met in the parking lot of our meeting place to exchange plants, knowledge & visit.

In August we had a tour of seven members' gardens. We live in an area of great variety, from normal town lots, to river banks and the Canadian Shield. Each garden was unique. The day was perfect for touring and the socializing great.



This year was also the year of the Monarch butterfly. Caterpillars were shared as milkweed was eaten in one yard, and another member had lots of milkweed. The learning has been most entertaining. I know my neighbours have been entertained by my butt up in the air looking for caterpillars & chrysalis in my garden.

We hope all have had an interesting safe summer.  
Sue Reder, Agassiz Garden Club

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## 2020 Brandon Garden Club

We started off the year well with two very good speakers. Dr. Bob Bors, from the University of Saskatchewan, came and talked to us about Northern Hardy Fruits and “Under the Sea” Coleus for our Jan meeting. It was a very cold evening but many club members ventured out to enjoy the very informative evening.

For our Feb meeting we had Mick Manfield, Master Gardener and Master Composter speak about Backyard Composting Basics. He too is a very dynamic speaker and passionate about his topic. This was enjoyed by all present.

By meeting time in March we were seeing cases of the corona virus and all meetings were cancelled. We have a fairly large membership (83 members in 2020) so we didn’t even meet in small groups. As the year progressed, our Plant Sale slated for the end of May, and our Flower Show in Aug were cancelled. In late Aug the Executive met and we made the decision to cancel the remainder of the meetings and events for 2020.

In May we were supposed to visit Alternative Landscaping and the Green Spot to hear what was new and to have a shopping night. This too was cancelled, however, our Program Committee went the extra mile and spoke with the greenhouses and arranged for us to have our shopping days, but it was spread over three days so as to have fewer numbers in the greenhouses and to respect social distancing. This was wonderful and many members took advantage of the opportunity. A huge thank you to the Greenhouses and the Program Committee for making this possible.

Some of our members look after Parks and flower beds in the City. Two of which are the Chinese Memorial Bed and the Mini Millennium Park, members continued to look after these beds as needed. We sincerely hope that we will be able to meet again at some point in the New Year.

Stay safe everyone,  
Bev Morrice, Pres.

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## 2020 Garden Club of Carman

### "Garden Club of Carman" Mission Statement

"We are committed to furthering our knowledge, enjoyment and appreciation of the plant world, and in doing so, enriching our lives as well as the lives of others within our communities. This commitment can be accomplished by providing public horticultural events, providing informational speakers at meetings and by sharing information and knowledge among our members and others within our communities. We believe and are reminded that we are all contributors to the promotion of horticulture, and as contributors, we should be respected as individuals and know diversity will be viewed as a benefit. Collectively, we will support each other so that we feel encouraged to share our ideas and talents for the good of our club and our communities."

We had our first meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> @ Grace St. John's church.

Linda, our VP welcomed us and our guests which were Susan Mooney for the Communities in Bloom {CIB} and Pat Veldman for the Community Gardens. Susan let us know what the CIB was and some of the plans for the upcoming year. Pat Veldman gave us a bit of info on what was happening with the Community Gardens. Biggest change for them was that they had to find a new home due to the water treatment plant being built on the "old" site. They're moving just East, with help from the RM in various areas. Linda van D. thanked Susan & Pat for coming. They were invited to stay for refreshments and also so members could chat and ask questions.

Then the pandemic of Covid 19 came and hit, not only us, but, every group hard. **All meetings & gatherings** were suspended due to gov't regulations. It was put to the membership as to whether our Jr Gardeners would meet or not, as the Jrs. are under our "umbrella." The membership **voted NOT to have Jr Gardeners meet** ... mainly due to what the Gov't rules were and the risks involved to the children.

So, as a result our March meeting with Elaine Stecheson was cancelled. Elaine mentioned that she could be held liable if someone in our group contracted Covid.

While at the Convention in Stonewall, we were made known of a product produced there in Stonewall called "Evolve" with a variety of products for plant care. In early March I was in contact with a rep. of the company to find out if there were any fund raising possibilities. There was not ... yet, but, would our Club be interested in "trying out" some their line. Sure ...why not? He sent me a limited amount of products. In between talking to him and getting the product ...Covid came ..so, how do we distribute to our members? Not all had paid and since a limited amount was sent ...we had a bit of a dilemma. Thought to offer the products to members who HAD paid. These members were notified and able to pick up in Paula's garage, who took note of products taken by members. These members were to fill in a survey of how they did or did not like the product and other questions.[These products are available at Aubin's & Morden Nurseries.]

We, that is Exec.,also met with some ladies from Miami & Morden Garden Clubs as they expressed an interest in doing some "fun things" with our group. As we're also local for them and in a rural location, thought it would be a neat way to get to know them. Each club would still have their own meetings, but, would invite us to listen to various speakers and have workshops. This would also create some cost saving measures to us and them. i.e. Last Nov. we were invited to Miami to make Christmas centrepieces. A list of activities was made and sent out to members.

In April, rather than cancel our meeting, John "The Bug Man" Gavolski offered to set up a "Zoom" meeting for us on "Insects - Good & Bad" Something new for us, but, was **much appreciated and enjoyed** by those who tuned in and was very informative!



Our Annual Plant Sale in May was cancelled. ALC was not allowing activities to happen as per gov't guidelines. No other venues available for the same reason ... gov't guidelines.

So, our workshop of making birdhouses with Shea Dougherty at Paula's home was cancelled for the same reason, as Shea had liability concerns should anything happen. We would have invited Miami & Morden to join us for this intriguing workshop.

Our annual outing in June was postponed [possibly] till later on in the summer ..but, we'll wait & see what happens with Covid restrictions.

Our "extra" meeting with Hort. Judge Bonnie Hildebrand on "Judging your Entries" was cancelled. Our "Celebration of Gardens" Tour was postponed till mid August ...group restrictions dictated that it was advisable to wait.

Our Annual Flower Show in August was cancelled, as the ALC was not able to have any activities due to Covid.

Our "Celebration of Gardens" Tour took place on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> with a good turnout and awesome weather and beautiful gardens!

Our annual outing that we thought might happen did not due to restrictions and social distancing issues.

Was decided to have our AGM in September rather than Nov. Paula was to see if could go to Ryall Park on a weekday morning. We would bring our own chairs and refreshments and at "**no charge**" to us since we're not able to meet at our usual location of Grace St John's church due to restrictions and sanitation rules, but, a member thought it not suitable to have a meeting in Ryall Park, so, we're meeting at the ALC for a cost of \$100.00 & no kitchen facilities.

The current Exec board members terms are all finished in Nov.

Respectfully submitted by: Alice van der Wal , Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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## 2020 Charleswood Garden Club

This report is inspired by the sentiment of a MHA photo contest category: 4 seasons. This year seemed to be marked by two seasons: **Pre March 2020 and Post March 2020**. Through these seasons, we held to our values: our passion for learning; our humour; our care for each other; and our commitment to community.

### Programs, Pre-March

We hosted three exceptional program speakers, Sandy Venton, Maureen Krauss and Susan LeBlanc. Sandy used her expertise and photos to tell us about new & heritage lilies. Maureen Krauss - guest editor of *The Prairie Garden* - discussed the new naturalist style, or new perennialism, and tied it into articles found in the 2020 edition of *The Prairie Garden*. An interesting article described our connection to the natural history of our prairie region. Susan shared her experiences and knowledge on saving vegetable and flower seeds from our favourite plants.

### Events, Post March

Our **spring auction** looked like a car hop! Members drove to different stations in a parking lot for the plants they won through our online auction (by *winning*, we mean that they clicked their interest on a pre-determined bidding price of a plant and their name was pulled from a draw). A lot of pre-pandemic planning went into the auction and we wanted to ensure people had access to the plants we had. Members also received their membership card and membership gift (each year this comes in the form of an herb, plant or flower).

**Sundae Saturday** was a happy event in June; it was held out at our plots where members could see what plants were flourishing as they toured the gardens with an ice cream bar in hand (no made-to-order exotic sundaes this year).

**Garden Walks** were our newest event addition. They were a direct response to COVID-19 protocols. Members were invited to walk through five gardens throughout two days. Walkers were privy to two valuable lessons from each garden host: two things you would definitely do again and two things you would never do again. We will continue this event as many really appreciated it. A branch of the garden tours is the creation of short garden videos built on one garden theme or technique. These videos share knowledge, showcases creativity and enhances our social media presence.



*Snapshots of our garden walk: the natural connection between squash and cars (according to a toddler), a backyard pathway and brown-toned Lisianthus.*

### Plot Activities

The waiting list on our plots continues to grow which is a testament to the plots' popularity. Improvements continue to be made to the plots; this year a huge watering tank was installed and a 7-foot fence was built to deter deer and theft. Our president, Sophia Munro along with member, Richard Menec demonstrated garlic planting and gave each participant a kit of garlic to take home. Richard showcased his newest invention: a bulbil planting board. Another fall program featured an online creative hanging tasty bird treat demo - perfect for this time of year!



### Community Engagement

Produce from the community planter was donated to a food bank. However, we were not able to get to the Westgrove Housing complex to donate and help with planting.

### Connecting

Our membership this year has remained steady at 94, gaining some new members and losing some others, despite us not meeting in person since March. This could be a sign of how now, more than ever, people are appreciating the beauty in their own backyard and have an invested interest in growing their own food.

All are welcome to join our Facebook page where you'll receive a warm welcome combined with a question on your gardening interests. There are active discussion threads, questions asked and advice shared on topics which include: insect damage; plants to identify; and things people want to give away. Through the next few seasons, we'll continue to adapt, as nature shows us.

Submitted by: Charleswood Garden Club Nov 2020



*Members Anita and Tim, look for their videos on our FB page.*

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## 2020 Minnedosa Horticultural Society

Like other societies, our usual events were either cancelled or modified. No meetings were held – we communicated by e-mail. Instead of our annual spring plant sale and dessert party we held an on-line plant sale by creating a Facebook page. We successfully sold all the plants which members had grown for the sale before we knew restrictions were coming. Since we didn't need the money, as our shows were cancelled, we donated the proceeds – over \$500 – to the local Food bank.

We also offered plants to local small businesses we felt were suffering from the effects of the pandemic. Six businesses took us up on the offer – we even planted the containers in front of one business and the proprietor was thrilled with how his containers looked all summer – so pleased that he took them indoors into his restaurant where they continue to flourish (they were coleus).

Instead of our annual Peony Show and Tea, we planned a “Walk in the Park” event for July 1<sup>st</sup>. We planned five large floral installations for our downtown parks and people would walk around – keeping appropriately distanced – and view the displays. Everything was planned and then – July 29 torrential rains began and much of the town experienced flooding. All the downtown parks were under water. We had to cancel the event.

Our Fall Show was cancelled, as was our usual fall plant/produce sale. We did sell a few perennials on our Facebook page that people donated to us when they were moving/dividing perennials. Our AGM/pot luck supper was cancelled; the existing executive agreed to stay on for 2021 and a simple financial report was filed. We sold enough plants in the fall to cover the expenses involved with planning/advertising our “Walk in the Park” event, so there was little change to our finances.

We continue to maintain the Japanese Garden behind the library. It was flooded but no plants were lost and little long-term damage was done – just lots of debris to clean up. The garden was closed after the flood because the library was flooded and closed. The library staff opens the garden each day during the summer and since they were not working and the garden was in poor condition because of the flood it was closed for the rest of the summer.

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## **2020 Selkirk and District Horticultural Society**

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

We hope you are all doing well and staying safe and healthy. We have been trying to adjust to Zoom meetings, online shopping and virtual visits with family and friends. Although, we might need to improve on social distancing from the refrigerator. Oh well, like gardens, we are entering our hibernation period when it is okay to store a few calories, reflect on the year gone by, and look forward to 2021.

As much as 2020 was a challenge we still had much to celebrate. Many of our gardens benefitted from our extra time at home. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who contributed many hours working in our community gardens this past year.

Leila has been doing a wonderful job keeping us connected through regular email updates. We have purchased the Zoom program and are utilizing it for meetings and presentations. We have been reviewing our Constitution and completed and implemented Job Descriptions for all positions.

November would have been our annual Christmas Potluck meeting but sadly we were not able to meet in person this year.

We encourage you to call a garden friend, raise glass of your favourite beverage, and spend some time reviewing the seed catalogues, in anticipation of spring. Remember if you have a glass of wine in each hand you cannot accidentally touch your face!

Stay safe and healthy  
SDHS President, Kris Kubay

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## 2020 South Interlake Garden Club

We had a great line-up of activities planned for 2020! Unfortunately, the first activity was planned for March 25th and by then the manure had already hit the fan. So the South Interlake Garden Club ground to a halt. Everything was cancelled. Our Events Organiser did manage to distribute some mushroom growing kits even though the presenter wasn't presenting. So I managed to grow the biggest oyster mushroom I have ever seen!

In lieu of the annual Plant Auction we hold in May, we had a plant exchange on facebook. We opened a public group for people to post extra plants they had to trade or just give away. One of our members even opened up her garden for people to come over & help themselves to some of her hostas & bergenia and she collected donations for the SIGC.

We also worked with Communities in Bloom on some gardening renovations in our oldest public garden, the Memory Garden. It was in serious need of help, so we started on a 3 year plan to rejuvenate it. The Memory Stones that are being placed in the sidewalk are very popular and the garden is a meaningful place for many residents in our community. Hopefully we can make it an even more beautiful haven for people and their memories!

We are working on a plan with the Town to improve the plantings around the Cenotaph in Memorial Park by replacing the soil and tulips with reliable reds & daffodils. Then planting a daylily variety garden to fill in when the tulips are done. The hope is to use daylilies from gardens in our community because gardeners always love to share their plants and daylilies are always making babies!

We have been working with the Town of Stonewall and CiB to make the town gardens & plantings more maintenance free. Our members maintain the plantings in town in exchange for a donation and our members are not getting any younger. We then use the money to hand out grants to applicants in our communities who are improving or adding garden projects like schools, Nursing homes & public gardens. However, this year we maintained the plantings without asking for a donation. As we all know, money is tight for many businesses and governments and we didn't want to add to the strain. Since we didn't run any programs this year, we didn't need any income!

My hope is that next spring we can get back into the swing of things and use the wonderful ideas that we weren't able to use in 2020!

Tanya Daher  
President  
South Interlake Garden Club

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## 2020 St James Horticultural Society

Who would have ever guessed that we would not be able to meet and learn and socialize in all things gardening in person? I hope everyone is taking advantage of our web-site and Facebook pages for the latest gardening news. (Thank you, Linda R, in everything you do to keep these up to date and current). It certainly has been a different year for gardening. We are very fortunate that the Manitoba Government deemed gardening an essential activity this year. Everyone at the garden was very respectful of the distancing requirements. I would like to thank each one of you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe. Let's hope that we will be able to continue in the spring again to garden. There were some firsts for us a garden club as well. Our annual plant fundraiser with Glenlea saw it go to an online ordering system only with pick up on one day and no plants available for sale at pick up. It went very well and we saw a profit made. We saw the approval of grant money from the Winnipeg Foundation. About half of this money was utilized this year with the remainder earmarked for the spring of 2021. We are currently working on the technology to be able to present our monthly speaker on line. (If you are interested in the monthly speaker please email [stjameshort@gmail.com](mailto:stjameshort@gmail.com)). Many thanks to all of our volunteers for making 2020 a successful garden season. Be strong, be safe.

The St James Horticultural Society Board of Directors consists of the following positions and people:

President	Brenda Lucas
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President/garden committee chair	Wayne Holunga
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President/ telephone committee	Bonnie Batchelor
Secretary	Tina Pratt
Treasurer	Sharon Rude
Membership	Joelle Potrebka
Hospitality	Linda Wall and Brenda Lucas
Exhibition	Karla Pratt
Programming	Sandra Venton
Flower Arrangers	Pat Roberts and Sharon Rude
Communications	Linda Rudachek
Past President	Pam McFarlane
Manitoba Horticultural Association Representative	Linda Wall

Director – Betty Moore

When we were able to meet, we have been meeting in Adrian Sala's community room at no charge. This is saving the society the cost of the school permit and the additional insurance required to meet the school requirements.

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## 2020 Transcona Garden Club

This year, 2020 was a challenge for our Club and many others due to Covid 19, but we still worked on a few events. We started off our first general meeting in February with Cathy Shaluk, Master Gardener, "Creating Gardens to Support Local Pollinators", and little did we know that would be our last get together for quite a while.

Each year we have some fundraisers, our first was with Glenlea Greenhouses and usually we have a plant and bake sale in conjunction with this. We had to change do to the restrictions that covid-19 placed upon us. All orders were either placed on-line or paper forms sent to our coordinator. Delivery day was beautiful and sunny and since we did not have access to a building, it was all done in the parking lot of Transcona Retired Citizens Centre. Tracy had a schedule for members to come and pick up orders at a specific time, and things went reasonably well.

We usually have a show in June, but we had to cancel it. Instead we sent in some photography to Kildonan Park and Corey show cased it on the KP web-site. A big thank you for helping all our photographers show off their pictures.

Lorene helped out with watering this summer for the West St. Paul Demo Garden at 3550 Main Street. They were very organized and had great directions for watering.

The next event would have been the August show, but the survey I sent out to our members told us that they would not feel comfortable entering, due to the pandemic, so cancelled this, too. It is understandable, since most of our members are in the dangerous range of 50 and up in years. We had the opportunity to have our photos showcased on the KP web-site again. Thank you to Corey.

We were offered an opportunity to fund-raise through Hugh Skinner, from MHA, so I sent out information to our members offering them a book Gardening Naturally for \$10.00. The books have all sold, which gave us \$200.00 to put in the bank. Thank you, Hugh and all members that purchased for our club.

We also purchased the Prairie Gardening book for our members at cost, and only have 2 left from this endeavour. We do this as a perk for our members, not to make a profit.

One of our members, Diana, has also generously offered to give away a monthly plant, for six months, by drawing of names and she delivers it to the lucky recipient. Thank you Diana!

I (Kathy) felt fortunate to be able to attend The English Garden at Assiniboine Park to see their display of Perennials with social distancing being required.

Submitted by Kathy Fetterly and Lorene Schipper

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## 2020 Transcona Garden Club - Flower Arranging Report

Flowers may be delicate but flower arrangers are not! We approached the challenges of this year as an opportunity to make lemonade from lemons! Using a Covid theme, we designed a program that gives a nod to the current situation, but also gives us a chance to satisfy our creative urges.

Some examples of our program include:

- Isolation/Quarantine – an arrangement (choice of style) in a structure,
- Gloved – A vertical arrangement in a glove,
- Under the Bubble – a petite arrangement under a glass globe, and
- Social Distancing – a parallel arrangement.

Rather than suspend our yearly plan until we could meet again, our current membership (6 active participants & 3 enthusiasts at large) decided to adapt/continue with our program which has two sections: demonstration & workshop. Now, the demonstrator takes pictures of the steps involved to create the arrangement at home. These pictures capture how the arrangement unfolds so our members can replicate the process. In addition, and when possible, we used Zoom technology so members could watch & interact with the demonstrator. Members use curbside pick-up to source flowers, make their own arrangements in the comfort & safety of their homes, and take pictures of their creations which are shared with the group.

Although we are looking forward to face to face meetings in the future, we are continuing to pursue our passion and enjoy our members' creations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Copland & Lois Ross



## Community Planting Report from Transcona Flower Arrangers

Following a conversation with President Lorene, I brought a suggestion to our small group to help out by taking over the planting and watering of seven aggregate containers at Transcona Retired Citizens Centre at 328 Whittier Avenue West. As co-chairs of our group, Lois Ross and I discussed the need for volunteers to make this happen. It was decided that the garden club membership should also participate. No one could have predicted a novel coronavirus and the changes it would bring. It became impractical to involve the general membership as we were no longer meeting. I selected the bedding plants through the Glenlea fundraiser, and Lois and I lined up outside of Sumka's to purchase additional zinnias. Transcona Garden Club covered the cost of the flowers.

The selection included petunias, pansies, annual salvia (purple – our color of the year), zinnias, and dusty miller. Calla bulbs, 2 kinds of coleus and green plectranthus were donated by me and Domia. Lois collected enough 4-litre jugs for carrying water to the centre as it was not open. The planting was done on May 25, after Lois and Bob prepared the soil.

Lois and I took turns, also enlisting others to attend to watering and fertilizing for 2-week periods, and the plants flourished. I am happy to report that only one pansy vanished. I scrounged a replacement wave petunia from Pat. The fall clean-up took place on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Acknowledgements are due to the following for their kind assistance:

Colleen Comeau, Patricia Osmond, Dorothy Prochuk, Susan Richardson for watering, Domia Derkach for coleus slips, and our good-natured spouses, Bob and Roy. Some tasks required their manpower.

There were many more people than usual out walking this summer so hopefully they enjoyed the colourful display, even though the centre was closed. Enjoy the pictures.

Anne Copland and Lois Ross



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## 2020 West Kildonan Horticultural Society

West Kildonan was able to have 2 monthly membership meetings before the restrictions took effect. In February, Susan of Jensens Nursery gave us a lively presentation "Hot New Perennials for 2020" with lovely visuals to tempt us. Hopefully some of our members were able to try those plants in their gardens this year!

In March, Peter of Growers Direct Fertilizers discussed what was new and tried and true for feeding our plants. No further General meetings were held for the year but the Directors held an Email meeting to discuss ongoing plans in March, and a socially distanced meeting in August to make our final plans and cancellations for the year. All further Directors meetings cancelled until further notice.

Members continue to be updated through our website [wkhorticultural.ca](http://wkhorticultural.ca) and by email. And, as of March we are on Facebook, thanks to our VP Roswitha Novak! The Directors continue to communicate through email and phone as the need arises. Directors remain in their positions for 2021 and membership fees for current members are to be waived for 2021.

We were of course unable to hold our annual Fiesta Day Plant Sale, but the many vegetable plants that had been started for the sale were gladly received by several community groups including the Luther Care Home, Marymound, Community Ventures, and the fire hall situated next to the Seven Oaks Arboretum where our sale is held.

Plans underway to hold a Manitoba 150 celebration in July including a Members Garden Tour have been put on hold and it is with hope that we and the Province will be able to celebrate next year!

We were able to continue with some of our planned projects for the year including our Glenlea Plant Fundraiser which was one of our most successful ever. Of course with so many of us at home, gardens were flourishing with extra care this year!

Of special note, this summer we partnered with SWEEP (Student Work Experience Education Program) a program through Marymound School. Each Wednesday through the months of July, August and into September, a group of students under the program's director met with some club members including Community Programs Directors Shawna Harkness-Thompson and Lola Lafrenniere to do upkeep at the Arboretum. They weeded, pruned, hoed and planted throughout the summer. They were a keen group to work with and we hope we instilled a love for gardening in a small way. Different Wednesdays saw different students attend. This is a community partnership we plan to continue.

Members were encouraged to send in their garden and plant photos to share with others and as well to enter photos in the MHA Photo Competition.

In October, our annual "Teacup Competition" (floral arrangement) was held virtually with 14 beautiful entries. Members voted for their favourites and winners 1st, 2nd and 3rd were announced. The entries and winners can be seen on our website [wkhorticultural.ca](http://wkhorticultural.ca) under the Teacup Challenge heading.

Here's hoping 2021 will bring us back together once again to enjoy all that the garden clubs can offer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Collins Secretary WKHS

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## 2020 Westman Gardeners

Westman Gardeners began 2020 in February, with meetings scheduled the first Thursday of the month, and two tours during the summer. As well, the club is committed to working at Daly House Victorian Garden during the summer to plant, weed, and water baskets and do general upkeep weekly to keep the flower beds looking lovely for visitors and special events.

Our membership remained steady at 30, although not all members attend presentations/meetings. Communication to members was sent out via email during the year, with additional phone calls to members without computers. The Westman Gardeners' club was able to hold our regular monthly presentations and meetings in February and March, before Covid-19 worries and restrictions caused cancellations either by the presenter or the facility where our meetings are held.

In May, we were able to attend a presentation at the Green Spot on "Tomato Management" while limiting members and respecting social distancing guidelines. In June, our presenter, Dr. Singh, was available to provide an interesting presentation on "Heritage Seeds and Seed Saving". Our annual plant sale was held outdoors on a cool Saturday in June, but was still very successful.

A summer tour of The Assiniboine Food Forest in Brandon in July, and a tour of Margo's Market Flower Garden near Rapid City were also enjoyed by members, although attendance numbers were fewer than usual.

In September, our regular potluck was cancelled but the plant swap portion was held outdoors in a member's backyard with a few members participating. Our remaining regular monthly meetings for the fall were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. Instead, in November, four members gathered in a member's home to enjoy the craft of making Corn Husk dolls.

We feel fortunate that we have been able to continue as a Club providing services and communications to our members while also working with the necessary Covid-19 restrictions. Our executive will continue for 2021 and we are hopeful that regular presentations will be able to resume by March.

Submitted by Judy Olmstead, President

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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MANITOBA HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

**RE:** Audit for the Year ending September 30, 2020.

November 18, 2020

I have reviewed the Books of Accounts, General Ledger, Credit Union Statements, Balance Sheet and Summary of Profit and Loss covering the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

The records are accurate, well kept and fairly present the value of the ongoing operation of the Manitoba Horticultural Association.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H.W. Wildeman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

H.W.Wildeman, 122 The Bridle Path, Winnipeg, MB. R3R 3B5

**Manitoba Horticultural Association**  
**Chequing Account**  
**October 2019 through September 2020**

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Oct '19 - Sep 20

**Income**

Convention Revenue	
Convention Registration	
Complete Registrations	5,455.00
Total Convention Registration	5,455.00
Convention Revenue - Other	3,184.96
Total Convention Revenue	8,639.96
Donations	
MHA Donations	50.00
Total Donations	50.00
Fundraising	
50/50 Draw	157.00
Great Gardeners Auction	1,330.00
Liquor Sales	168.50
MHA Store	500.50
Raffle Tickets	2,546.00
Seed Table	59.50
Sweet Pea Auction	780.00
Total Fundraising	5,541.50
Interest Income	0.68
Liability Insurance Income	1,005.25
Membership Income	4,447.50
Newsletter Subscriptions	40.00
Total Income	19,724.89

C/A Bank Balance September 30, 2019	2,979.04
Less outstanding cheques from previous fiscal year	300.00
	2,679.04
	22,403.93

	Oct '19 - Sep 20
Expense	
BOD/Sec-Tres Expenses	
BOD Accommodation	738.75
BOD Meals	115.60
BOD Mileage	381.60
Sec/Tres Mileage	198.90
Total BOD/Sec-Tres Expenses	1,434.85
Convention Expenses	
Banquet Liquor Sales Exp	128.68
Convention Decorations	486.26
Convention Entertainment	150.00
Convention Floats	975.00
Convention Meals	2,225.81
Convention Speakers	
Convention Speakers Honorarium	525.00
Convention Speakers Mileage	106.20
Total Convention Speakers	631.20
Conventon Hall Rental	785.00
Liquor Permit	100.00
Total Convention Expenses	5,481.95
Fundraising Expense	
Great Gardener's Auction Exp	100.00
MHA Store	32.00
Raffle Ticket Expense	500.00
Total Fundraising Expense	632.00
Gifts	55.97
Internet Expense	639.34
Liability Insurance Expense	1,321.45
Office Supplies (Office supplies expense)	291.62
Payroll Expenses (Payroll expenses)	
2019 Employer Remittances	192.66
2020 Employer Remittances	582.48
Employee Salary	7,641.90
Total Payroll Expenses (Payroll expenses)	8,417.04
Postage Expense	295.11
Printing Expense	211.99
Professional Fees	150.00
Telephone Expense	
Teleconferencing Expense	96.01
Telephone Expense	626.65
Total Telephone Expense	722.66
Website	14.69
Total Expense	19,668.67
C/A Bank Balance September 30, 2020	2,735.26
	22,403.93

**Manitoba Horticultural Association**  
**Income Statement**  
Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020

**Income**

Convention Revenue	
Convention Registration	
Complete Registrations	5,455.00
Total Convention Registration	5,455.00
Convention Revenue - Other	3,184.96
Total Convention Revenue	<u>8,639.96</u>
Donations	
MHA Donations	50.00
Total Donations	<u>50.00</u>
Fundraising	
50/50 Draw	157.00
Great Gardeners Auction	1,330.00
Liquor Sales	168.50
MHA Store	500.50
Raffle Tickets	2,546.00
Seed Table	59.50
Sweet Pea Auction	780.00
Total Fundraising	<u>5,541.50</u>
Interest Income - Chequing and Savings	2.93
Liability Insurance Income	1,005.25
Membership Income	4,447.50
Newsletter Subscriptions	40.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>19,727.14</u></b>

**Expense**

BOD/Sec-Tres Expenses	
BOD Accommodation	738.75
BOD Meals	115.60
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Total Convention Expenses	<u>5,481.95</u>



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Internet Expense	639.34
Liability Insurance Expense	1,321.45
Office Supplies (Office supplies expense)	291.62
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Total Payroll Expenses (Payroll expenses)	8,417.04
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Professional Fees	150.00
Telephone Expense	
Teleconferencing Expense	96.01
Telephone Expense	626.65
Total Telephone Expense	722.66
Website	14.69
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>19,668.67</b>
 <b>Net Income</b>	 <b>58.47</b>

**Manitoba Horticultural Association  
Summary of Accounts  
as of September 30, 2020**

**Savings Account**

Account balance September 30, 2019	4,511.90
Interest	2.25
	<u>\$ 4,514.15</u>
Account balance September 30, 2020	<u>\$ 4,514.15</u>

**All Accounts**

Savings Account		4,514.15
Chequing Account	2,735.26	
Minus O/S cheques	<u>-</u>	
		2,735.26
Credit Union Share Account		5.00
Total All Accounts		<u><u>\$ 7,254.41</u></u>

**Profit & Loss Statement  
as of September 30, 2020**

**Current Assets**

Chequing Account	2,735.26	
Savings Account	4,514.15	
Share Account	<u>5.00</u>	
		7,254.41
Income	19,724.89	
Expenses	19,668.67	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>56.22</b>	
Plus Interest Savings Account	2.25	
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>58.47</b>	
Current Assets September 30, 2019	7,195.94	
Current Assets September 30, 2020		7,254.41

**Manitoba Horticultural Association  
Balance Sheet  
as of September 30, 2020**

**Assets**

Current Assets

Chequing Account	2,735.26
Savings Account	4,514.15
CU Share	5.00

Total Current Assests	7,254.41
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>7,254.41</u></b>
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**Liabilities & Equity**

Equity	7,254.41
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<b>Total Liabilites &amp; Equity</b>	<b><u>7,254.41</u></b>
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**MANITOBA HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**  
**122nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONVENTION**  
**Stonewall, Manitoba**  
**Income Statement**  
**November 9, 2019**

**Revenue**

Registrations:		5,480.00
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Banquet Liquor Profits	39.82	
MHA Store	518.00	
Great Gardener's Auction	1,230.00	
Seed Table	59.50	
Sweet Pea Auction	780.00	
50/50 Draws	157.00	2,784.32

<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>8,264.32</b>
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**Expenses**

Meals:		
Lunch - Saturday	938.31	
Banquet - Saturday	1,287.50	2,225.81

Hall Rental	885.00	
Gaming & Liquor Permit	100.00	
Coffee Break Supplies and Decorations	486.26	
Entertainment	150.00	1,621.26

<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>3,847.07</b>
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<b>MHA Net Profit</b>		<b>4,417.25</b>
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Speakers		
Honorariums	550.00	
Travel & Accommodation	106.20	
(Reimbursed by the Weir)		656.20

Convention Net Income		<b>3,761.05</b>
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**Weir Memorial  
Financial Statements  
Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020**

**Chequing Account**

<b>Income</b>		
Interest - Perpetual Investment Winnipeg Foundation		2,153.00
Interest Income		0.85
		<u>2,153.85</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b><u>2,153.85</u></b>
Bank Balance September 31, 2019		6,994.97
Minus o/s cheque		<u>50.00</u>
		<u><u>9,098.82</u></u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
MHA Print Competition		514.80
Convention Speaker Subsidies		2,209.96
Speaker Subsidies: Agassiz	<u>50.00</u>	
		50.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b><u>2,774.76</u></b>
Bank balance September 30, 2020		<u>6,324.06</u>
		<u><u>9,098.82</u></u>

**Savings Account**

Account balance September 30, 2019		92.01
		<u>-</u>
		92.01
		<u>-</u>
Account balance September 30, 2020		<u><u>92.01</u></u>

**Weir Memorial  
Income Statement  
Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020**

**Income**

Interest - Perpetual Investment Winnipeg Foundation	2,153.00	
Interest Income	409.34	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>2,562.34</u>	

**Expenses**

MHA Print Competition Prizes	514.80	
Convention Speaker Subsidies	2,209.96	
Speaker Subsidies:      Agassiz	<u>50.00</u>	
	<u>50.00</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>2,774.76</u>	
<b>Net Loss</b>	<u><u>- 212.42</u></u>	

### Summary of Accounts as of September 30, 2020

Chequing Account		6,324.06
Savings Account		92.01
36M Term GIC @2.4% maturing November 6, 2020	10,388.87	
		10,388.87
24M Term GIC @ 2.3% maturing December 18, 2021	6,165.00	
		6,165.00
Credit Union Shares		5.00
		<u>22,974.94</u>
 <b>Perpetual Investment</b> - Winnipeg Foundation Trust Fund		 11,000.00

### Weir Memorial Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2020

#### Assets

Current Assets	
Chequing Account	6,324.06
Savings Account	92.01
GIC	10,388.87
GIC	6,165.00
CU Shares	5.00
	<u>22,974.94</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>22,974.94</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>22,974.94</b></u>

#### Liabilities & Equity

Opening Balance Equity	23,187.36	-
Net Loss for year	- 212.42	
Equity	<u>22,974.94</u>	
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<u><b>22,974.94</b></u>	

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**Stevenson Memorial Fund  
Financial Statement  
Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020**

**Summary of Accounts as at September 30, 2020**

**Chequing Account**

Balance September 30, 2019	434.03
Minus o/s cheques	-
Transfer from Savings	-
	<u>434.03</u>
Minus Expenses:	
Awards Expenses	-
Balance September 30, 2020	<u>434.03</u>

**Savings Account**

Balance September 30, 2019	497.03
Transfer to chequing	-
Interest Income	0.24
Balance September 30, 2020	<u>497.27</u>

**GIC**

12M Term GIC @ 1.5% maturing September 28, 2021	6,138.00
Interest Income	138.48
Balance September 30, 2020	<u>6,276.48</u>

Credit Union shares	5.00
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Total Equity	7,074.30
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# Manitoba Horticultural Association

## Objectives

The objectives of the Manitoba Horticultural Association are:

1. Through the elected directors and officers of the Association to serve the member societies and clubs as a clearing house for matters relating to horticulture within the province of Manitoba.
2. To promote the unification of horticultural societies and garden clubs and act as a central agency to these organizations.
3. To promote to all residents of the province horticulture as a means of beautifying this province.
4. To promote the use of sound horticultural practices as a means of protecting our environment for future generations.
5. To encourage members to experiment with new and innovative horticultural practices which are intended or designed to be ecologically friendly.
6. To encourage horticultural activities and to recognize achievement in this field.
7. To disseminate, through the member societies and clubs of the Manitoba Horticultural Association and other interested groups, information regarding new or improved plant varieties.
8. To cooperate with plant breeders and distributors in the testing and evaluation of new and improved plant varieties when called upon to do so.
9. To provide information regarding horticultural progress, practice and techniques in other parts of the world.
10. To enter into any other activities that will lead to the horticultural beautification of Manitoba.
11. To participate in the development and presentation of training programs for horticultural judges and to encourage competent people to participate in those programs.
12. To maintain current lists of accredited horticultural judges and apprentice judges.
13. To maintain a list of program topics and presenters for each.
14. To operate as a non-profit organization.

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## Manitoba Horticultural Association

### Organization

The Board of Directors currently consists of five directors, including a President and Vice President. The Board is responsible for carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Association. In addition to the Board of Directors, there is an appointed Secretary/Treasurer.

The Manitoba Horticultural Association as of February 2021 was made up of sixteen horticultural societies and garden clubs.

Funds for the operation of the Association are raised from convention activities and membership fees from its member societies/clubs. Other fund raising activities are currently being undertaken with the assistance of societies/clubs.

### Membership

Manitoba Horticultural Societies were originally organized under the authority of the Manitoba Horticultural Societies Act passed by the Manitoba Legislature (December 1, 1930). The Manitoba Department of Agriculture provided financial support and generously gave indirect assistance to societies and to the Association. In 1991 government funding ceased and at the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Manitoba Horticultural Association a motion for operation was adopted. A list of duties and activities included in the motion that are of prime importance to societies, formed the basis of operations of the Board. It was also included in the motion that societies would pay a membership fee to the Association. The current annual membership fee is \$100.00 per society/club, plus \$5.00 per member.

Third Party Liability insurance is purchased annually by the MHA on behalf of member societies/clubs. Those requiring \$1,000,000 in third party liability insurance currently pay \$50.00 per year and those requiring \$2,000,000 currently pay \$87.50 per year. Third Party Liability insurance gives member societies/clubs adequate coverage against persons suing for damage or injury caused relative to society/club activities.

The MHA publishes up to four business/informational newsletters per year. Digital copies of the newsletter are emailed to the president and secretary of each member society/club and posted on the website.

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Manitoba Horticultural Association is held after the fiscal year end and prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> each year, and is held at various locations throughout Manitoba, with the convention site being chosen by delegates to the Annual Meeting after invitation is received from local societies/clubs.

The Annual Meeting delegate representation is determined on the basis of society/club membership:

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Delegate Entitlement</b>
200 or less	2
201 to 400	3
401 to 600	4

It has been the practice of societies/clubs to pay delegates registration fees, etc.

The Annual Meeting program is planned by the Program Committee. This committee is appointed annually by the Manitoba Horticultural Association Board.

## **MHA Programs**

### **The A.P. Stevenson Commemorative Award**

The A.P. Stevenson Commemorative Award, the highest award the Manitoba Horticultural Association can confer on an individual is presented to a person who has made a conspicuous achievement in the field of practical horticulture through the origination, introduction or propagation of horticultural specimen products which make a distinct contribution to horticulture in Manitoba. It is presented in memory of A. P. Stevenson, a pioneer Manitoba horticulturist who arrived from Scotland in 1874. Since its inception 23 individuals have been honoured as recipients of the award. The latest recipients were Dr. Bob Bors and Rick Sawatsky of Saskatoon SK; this presentation took place in January 2019 at the MHA Annual Meeting in Carman, MB.

The Stevenson Memorial Board, a standing committee of the Manitoba Horticultural Association is made up of:

- Chairperson: President of the Manitoba Horticultural Association.
- Three members of the Manitoba Horticultural Association.
- Three people appointed by the Manitoba Horticultural Association
- Secretary/Treasurer of the Manitoba Horticultural Association.

### **Skinner Memorial Library**

The Skinner Memorial Library was established on October 26, 1971 in memory of Dr. Frank L. Skinner, a pioneer Manitoba horticulturist and the first recipient of the Stevenson Commemorative Award, who farmed at Dropmore, Manitoba and specialized in the culture of hardy ornamentals. As of June 2011, the library consisted of five hundred and forty-two titles, many of them rare and out of print, and one video. The library is located in the University of Manitoba Science Library.

The Skinner Memorial Board, a standing committee of the Manitoba Horticultural Association is made up of:

- A representative of the Plant Science Department, University of Manitoba.
- Librarian, University of Manitoba, Faculty of Agriculture.
- President, Manitoba Horticultural Association.
- Secretary/Treasurer, Manitoba Horticultural Association.

Books are purchased with revenue generated by the Skinner Memorial Fund.

### **Weir Memorial Library**

The Weir Memorial Library was established by resolution at the 1977 Annual Meeting of the Manitoba Horticultural Association in memory of the late Fred J. Weir, Provincial Horticulturist.

At the present time a continuing library is available of a horticultural, gardening or naturalist content, for the purpose of lending these to horticultural societies/ garden clubs, junior garden clubs, schools and other organizations interested in promoting beautification and conservation.

Organizations wishing to use material from the Library should contact the Manitoba Horticultural Association office.

At the discretion of the Weir Memorial Board funding may be made available from time to time to assist with horticultural programs.

At a meeting of the Weir Memorial Board held on March 22, 1993, a motion was adopted whereby MHA member societies/clubs will continue to pay return shipping costs on library material. Non-member societies/clubs, other organizations and groups will pay a user fee of \$15.00 plus return shipping costs.

The Weir Memorial Board currently makes available to each MHA member society/club a speaker subsidy to the amount of \$50.00 per year. A subsidy to the amount of \$50.00 per year is also made available to MHA member society/club Junior Gardener groups for a speaker or project materials. To apply for the speaker subsidy, member societies/clubs should submit a signed MHA receipt to the MHA office. The availability of the speaker subsidy is reviewed annually by the Weir Memorial Board.

The Weir Memorial Board, a standing committee of the Manitoba Horticultural Association consists of:

- Chairperson: President of the Manitoba Horticultural Association.
- Secretary/Treasurer of the Manitoba Horticultural Association.
- Five members of the MHA appointed annually by the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Horticultural Association at its first board meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting.

### **The Manitoba Horticultural Societies Award Fund**

In 1972 the Bowsman Horticultural Society established the Manitoba Horticultural Societies Bursary Fund, now known as the Award Fund, for the purpose of providing a bursary to a student specializing in horticulture at the University of Manitoba. Initially the bursary was in the amount of one hundred dollars and has since been increased to five hundred dollars. The bursary was awarded to an undergraduate student. As might be expected a number of means have been used to raise money for this fund and donations are made by societies/clubs and individuals. Perhaps the most interesting fund raiser was the sale of blocks in a quilt. This quilt was made by a number of the ladies of the Bowsman Society with the names of the donors being hand embroidered on small blocks. This quilt is on display at the Swan Valley Museum.

The Manitoba Horticultural Societies Awards Fund was managed by Phyllis Pierrepont of the Bowsman Society until 1995 when it became a standing committee of the Manitoba Horticultural Association.

With the programs offered at the University of Manitoba it became increasingly difficult for the university to select a student to receive the Award. In April 2010 the Award was discontinued at the University of Manitoba and was made available to the Greenspace Horticultural program at Red River College of Applied Arts, Science and Technology, to be awarded to a student entering a 2<sup>nd</sup> year in that program. The Award was given out for the last time at Red River College in 2019. The Board of Directors is currently seeking for a new program for the award.

Donations may be sent to the Manitoba Horticultural Association, and cheques made payable to the MHS Award Fund.

## **Judges/Judging Standards**

The Manitoba Horticultural Association organizes and conducts Judges & Exhibitors Schools in various areas of the province. Qualified judges are encouraged to attend to upgrade their judging skills and registrations are accepted from anyone interested in becoming a Manitoba Horticultural Association judge and/or exhibitors. A program for apprentice judges is in place for those interested in becoming a qualified MHA Judge. An updated list of judges and apprentice judges is sent to member societies/clubs.

The Manitoba Horticultural Association is responsible for updating and making available the Horticultural Judging Standards manual, pdf version is available on the website.

## **MHA Photo Competition**

Each year a photo competition is held by the MHA. There is no cost to enter the competition. Judging is carried out prior to convention and the winning entries are shown at the Annual General Meeting and Convention.

This competition is sponsored by the Weir Memorial Library. The competition currently consists of twenty classes and is open to all amateur photographers provided they are a member of an MHA member society/club.

In 2012 a Junior Competition was introduced for junior gardeners affiliated with an MHA member society/club.

Cash prizes are paid to exhibitors for each first, second and third place print entered. Winning entries are shown at the MHA Annual General Meeting and Convention.

## **Home Grounds Competition and Junior Gardener Program**

Due to lack of funds these programs have been discontinued but fortunately are still carried on at the local level by many societies/clubs. The Manitoba Horticultural Association supports these programs and is always willing to assist societies/clubs in their endeavours.

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# **Manitoba Horticultural Association**

## **Horticultural Society/ Garden Club Information**

### **Annual Reports**

Each society/club is provided with a digital copy of the Annual Reports book. This book should be shared with your executive and your membership.

### **Society Reports**

The MHA wishes to thank member horticultural societies and garden clubs for submitting their reports for the MHA Annual Reports book. We encourage you to read these and share some of the great ideas with your membership. These reports are an excellent way of sharing information relative to activities, programs and speakers that your organization has enjoyed during the past year.

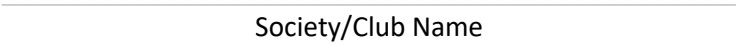
### **MHA Binders**

At the 2008 Annual Meeting MHA binders were distributed to provide society/club secretaries with a better understanding of MHA programs, activities and deadlines and to hopefully make their job a little easier. The binder should remain the property of society/club secretaries until such time as she/he ceases to be secretary, at which time the binder is to be given to the incoming secretary.

An electronic version of the current MHA Binder will be posted on the website, you will be notified when it is posted.

Thank you  
MHA Board of Directors

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