



President's Message

Dear Colleagues in Horticultural Therapy,

The season of gratitude is upon us and here at AHTA we share our gratitude with all who have interest in AHTA and the profession of horticultural therapy! Mother Earth is preparing to let go of the fall dress to wear the winter one soon. Harvesting and the bustle of the fall season is winding down as we prepare for the season of slowing down, sharing stories, having time for connection to family, friends, and to all in the world of horticultural therapy. As we continue the transitions that the fall season provides let us all take time for giving back. AHTA welcomes you to remember AHTA during the season of [annual giving](#). In addition, remember to select AHTA at Amazon Smile when you are doing your holiday shopping!

The [Board Bulletin is now available](#) for members, giving the highlights of our last board of directors meeting of September 7, 2022. The next edition of the AHTA magazine is being published now, to be available soon for members! For me, I love my time curling up and reading the AHTA magazine with a hot cup of cocoa! That is so comforting!

Enjoy this wonderful season!

Yours in horticultural therapy,

Sincerely,

Lana Dreyfuss, LPCC, LCADC, SEP, HTR
AHTA President

Membership Involvement

[The Membership Work Team](#) would like ideas and suggestions of things you would like to see at our upcoming community meetings. Thank you in advance from the membership work team, we appreciate your input.

Submit Your Idea

Not a member of AHTA? [Join today!](#) AHTA membership is comprised of individuals who are passionate about the unique benefits of horticultural therapy as a therapeutic modality. Members are committed to the growth of the profession. Membership in the AHTA will keep you up to date on the latest in horticultural therapy news, as well as give you access to outstanding educational and networking opportunities.

Join Today

Member Recognition: We would like to extend a special thank you to our 2021-2022 Board Member Past-President, **Erin Backus**, CRC, HTR, who rotated off of the board this year. We appreciate Erin's long-time membership and all the work performed for the AHTA board, as well as her continued contributions to the AHTA work teams.



News and Events

[The Annual AHTA Giving Campaign](#) is upon us once again!

It is important for the association to use this time to be thankful for everything we have been given this past year, while also keeping in mind what is needed to continue our efforts to advance the practice of horticultural therapy.

One component of this is inspirational stories. We would like to hear from you! Have a success story to tell? **[Let us know!](#)** We would like to share on our [website](#) and through our annual giving campaign. **[Read](#)** how the profession of horticultural therapy makes a difference with these inspirational stories.

Ways to Give:

- Make a tax deductible [donation to AHTA](#).
- Register for [Amazon Smile](#) and identify the American Horticultural Therapy Association as your charitable organization. With each purchase that is made on amazon.com, a percentage will be donated to AHTA.

Thank you in advance for your donations. Every contribution counts towards our future and continued growth as a profession. [Start giving today.](#)

[Learn More](#)

[National Horticultural Therapy Week \(NHTW\) is March 19-25, 2023.](#)

Time to start planning! Have you thought about contacting your state and local officials to request a proclamation for [National Horticultural Therapy Week](#)? Many state and local officials' websites allow you to request a proclamation online. It can take several weeks to process a request, so be sure to submit yours in plenty of time for your NHTW celebration.

[Learn More](#)

[Introduction to Horticultural Therapy Presentation:](#) AHTA Immediate Past President, **Derrick Stowell**, recently invited professors and students from around the country to take part in an information session on an introduction to horticultural therapy and the professional registration process. A recording of the presentation is available at the link below.

[Watch the Video](#)

November Affiliate Member Spotlights



American Horticultural Therapy Association

info@ahta.org

(206) 209-5296

www.ahta.org

