



President's Message



Dear Colleagues in Horticultural Therapy,

AHTA is celebrating 50 Years! As we continue to celebrate our “Golden Jubilee” AHTA is witnessing changes for the future. This is the time of seeing new growth in AHTA as we prepare for our seasonal gardens and horticultural therapy activities. Within these changes one aspect of horticultural therapy remains consistent.

That is the relationship horticultural therapy fosters with the participant and the plant. The horticultural therapist facilitates the activity based intervention based on the participants needs. The plant(s) offer the lessons if the participant can sit with the plant(s), listen to the message, and see the metaphors of one’s life within the plant community.

Fostering growth, moving forward, accepting risks and new opportunities are mirrored with AHTA.

Come join us! Become a member, join a work team, or join the Board of Directors! We can keep this movement forward into the next 50 years through your support!

Gratefully submitted,

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



2023 Call for Proposals

AHTA 2023: 50 Years of Cultivating Horticultural Therapy October 20–21, 2023

The [Annual AHTA Conference](#) will be virtual this year. This virtual format will certainly be different, but it creates the opportunity to reach a more expansive group of horticultural therapists from around the world. The conference format will use technology that has worked well for other recent online conferences to emphasize virtual discussion during the conference event, including small-group engagement for poster presentations.

In recognition of the 50 years of AHTA, we invite individuals from the horticultural therapy community and allied health professionals to [submit a proposal](#) for sessions (lecture, panel discussion, etc), workshops, and poster presentations on the growth of HT/TH in the context of its evolution:

- Where we were/Programs of the past
- Where we are/Current Programs
- Where we envision being/Programs of the future

Presenters will be selected by a peer review panel. Please [submit your proposal\(s\)](#) online by **April 21, 2023**. Notification of the selection decisions will be sent by **May 19, 2023**.

Submit a Proposal

Important AHTA Updates

AHTA would like to share that most changes/updates mentioned in the March newsletter are now in effect to include **internship supervisor requirements, grandfather clause**, and more. AHTA is working to launch the **pre-approval coursework** by next month. Please [read our latest news post](#) for more information.

[Learn More](#)

Last Call for AHTA Annual Awards

The AHTA is accepting nominations for the following [annual awards](#):

- [AHTA Therapeutic Garden Design Award](#)
- [Ann Lane Mavromatis Scholarship](#)
- [Alice Burlingame Humanitarian Service Award](#)
- [John Walker Community Service Award](#)
- [Rhea McCandliss Professional Service Award](#)

[Learn more](#) about the nomination process and [submit a nomination today!](#)

[Submit a Nomination](#)

The National Garden Bureau is Now Accepting 2023 Garden Grant Applications

Each year, the [National Garden Bureau's](#) judging committee selects five therapeutic gardens to be the recipients of a grant that will help the organization expand or perpetuate their initiatives.

Those chosen will then compete via a social media voting contest by submitting a one minute video featuring the gardens' operations for First Place, Second Place, and three runner up financial prizes. They will also be featured on National Garden Bureau's website for national exposure.

[Learn more](#) about the application process and [apply today!](#) The deadline to submit an application is **July 1, 2023**.

[Submit an Application](#)

Horticulture Scholarships

Many organizations and businesses offer scholarships to study horticulture, gardening, floriculture, landscape design, urban gardening, and many more options in the world of plants!. [Seed Your Future's interactive scholarship resource](#) compiles important opportunities for

students curious about the world of horticulture, gardening, floriculture, landscaping and more!

[View Scholarships](#)

AHTA Job Board

Looking for a job or interested in posting a job? Find your next job using [AHTA's job board](#). To access the job board, you must be an AHTA member.

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[Post a Job Opening](#)



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