



SASKATCHEWAN HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION Inc.
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
October 3, 2025 1pm – 5pm, October 4, 2025 8.30am to 3.30pm
Manitou Beach Resort

Welcome: Cindy Koreluik called the meeting to order and brought greetings from the SHA Board. We adjourned to pay a visit to Danceland. This was an amazing start to the Convention with everyone energized upon their return after having an historical tour and some exercise as well.

Introduction of the Board: upon our return Cindy Koreluik introduced our current Board of Directors: Bernadette Vangool, Secretary; Jackie Bantle, Treasurer and liaison with the U of S, Karen Pfeifer, insurance; Rose Marie LeCuyer, Silent Auction; Leslee Serack, Vice President and Silent Auction; Phyllis Hanson, Archives, Deanna Pierce-Colbow, Bus tour, Allan Daku, Judges Coordinator, could not attend the Convention, and herself, Cindy Koreluik, President.

Roll Call: 38 people were registered and 11 out of 20 Societies were represented both days of the AGM. Present: Carrot River Horticultural Society, Doghide River Garden Club, Kamsack Horticultural Society, Prairie Peony Society, Regina Horticultural Society, Saskatchewan Perennial Society, Saskatoon Horticultural Society, Shamrock Horticultural Society, Tri City Horticultural Society, Weyburn Horticultural Society and Yorkton & District Horticultural Society.

Absent: Indian Head Horticultural Society, South Saskatchewan Lily Society, Spiritwood Horticultural Society, Sturgis Horticultural Society, Swift Current Horticultural Society, Tamarack Garden Club, Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society, Woodriver Horticultural Society

Cindy Koreluik President's Address: The Board was busy this year initially trying to secure societies to assist or take the lead on various annual events.

The Spring Workshop was organized by the Shamrock Hort Society in conjunction with the U of S. Jackie Bantle and Ellen Misfeldt where the horticultural presenters with entertainment provided by Quick Dick McDick. It was a very successful event that was very well attended.

Unfortunately, no one took on the Provincial Show.

A committee was formed to take on the Bus Tour to be held in the Lumsden/Fort Qu'Appelle region. Thanks to Jackie, Deanna and Cindy who pulled the itinerary together. Perhaps due to the short timeline and late advertising registration was insufficient to hold the event.

Since no Society volunteered for the Convention, the Convention was spearheaded by Jackie Bantle and Bernadette Vangool with the help of the entire Board of Directors. And here we are in wonderful Manitou Beach Resort.

Nominations: Allan Daku, Joan Hallberg Mayer and Rose LeCuyer are finished their two year term and are up for re-election.

Jackie Bantle ex-officio liaison with University of Saskatchewan is remaining.

Bernadette Vangool, Cindy Koreluik, Leslee Serack, Karen Pfeifer and Deanna Pierce Colbow have one year left to serve.

1st Call for Nominations

Audrey Reynolds nominated Rose Marie LeCuyer, seconded by Leslee Serack.

Eleanor Lenderbeck nominated Joan Hallberg Mayer, seconded by Karen Pfeifer.

Joan Hallberg Mayer nominated Eleanor Lenderbeck, seconded by Rose Marie LeCuyer

Randy Cowan nominated Carol Lahey, seconded by Joan Hallberg Mayer.

Minutes of the AGM held October 4th and 5th, 2024

Bernadette Vangool moved that the Minutes of the AGM held October 4th and 5th 2024 in Weyburn, SK be adopted as circulated, seconded by Joan Hallberg Mayer. Carried.



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Treasurer’s Report: Jackie Bantle presented The Financial Statement for the SHA year 2024-25. She also circulated a 6year Financial Comparison Paper.

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Statement of Income and Surplus
 October 1, 2024- Sept. 30, 2025

	Sept. 30, 2025	Sept. 30, 2024
Revenue		
Membership fees	630	935.00
Convention registration (2 day registrations)	4824.00	2775.00
Convention registration (1 day registrations)	70.00	40.00
Extra Convention Banquet Tickets	0.00	125.00
Spring Workshop	500	1749.13
Provincial Show	0	0.00
2024 Silent Auction	1816.00	1519.00
Silent Auction Donations	20.00	100.00
50/50 draw	352.50	0.00
other		
Projects		
Bus Tour	0	15919.00
Hand Hoes	2230	1480.00
Scissors	264	0.00
Liability Insurance for 2024/25	1055	1285.00
TOTAL REVENUE	11761.50	25927.13
Expenses		
Archives & photography	256.05	0.00
Bus Tour	0	15468.39
Handhoes	3371.4	3004.59
Scissors	2693.65	524.12
Handhoe/Scissor shipping	593.77	2000.00
Handhoe/Scissor Exp	383.49	2300.00
Liability insurance	1428.88	1227.40
Annual convention		
Banquet	3615.24	1108.80
Hall rental	888.00	352.50
Lunch	0.00	600.60
Registration refund	0.00	0.00
silent auction	0.00	0.00
speaker fees	150.00	150.00
50-50 draw refund	352.50	0.00
Accounting, legal fees	0.00	0.00
Directors expenses (convention)	1805.64	1922.17
Postage and Office Supplies	0.00	0.00
Provincial Show	1727.92	393
U of S Scholarship	0.00	1000.00
Awards	79.92	677.26
Speaker Rebates	50	50.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0
Gesnariad Award	0.00	0.00
Website/Facebook	220.00	570
TOTAL EXPENSES	17366.46	27570.53
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-\$5,604.96	-\$1,643.40
Surplus (deficit) at beginning of year (Oct. 1)	18774.39	15637.79
Accounts receivable (2024 convention registration)	0	10
Current year surplus (deficit)	-\$5,604.96	\$3,126.60
Net Surplus (Deficit) as of September 30, 2024	\$13,169.43	\$18,774.39



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Rose Marie LeCuyer moved that the Saskatchewan Horticultural Association Financial Statement for 2024-25 be adopted as presented. Seconded by Deanna Pierce-Colbow. Carried.

Where the revenues of a non-profit organization are less than \$100,000 in the previous fiscal year, the requirements of both an audit and an external review may be waived.

Since the Saskatchewan Horticultural Association has revenues less than \$100,000, be it resolved that the Financial Audit be waived for the year 2024-25. Moved by Karen Pfeifer and seconded by Phyllis Hanson. Carried.

Since the Saskatchewan Horticultural Association has revenues less than \$100,000, be it resolved that the Financial Review be waived for the year 2024-25. Moved by Eleanor Lenderbeck, seconded by Carol Lahey. Carried

Liability Insurance – The Saskatchewan Horticultural Association has liability insurance through Wawanesa, located in Kamsack to a maximum of 5 million dollars. Societies are reminded to send in the location of their events, as they need to be listed for the insurance to be valid.

Society Reports: Full reports will be filed with the minutes. As recorder I will highlight some events for each society in the minutes to keep the minutes as concise as possible.

Windthorst Horticultural Society Report by Adele Nagy: 35 members, Highlights: Information Table at the Kipling Holiday Fair where they sold bulbs, Cacti and garden hoes. Much interest, one new member.

Field trip to Regina Floral Conservatory, 2 trips to local greenhouses. Perennial Dig from a yard that was being renovated. August 19th held the 69th Annual Judged Horticultural Show. 22 adult exhibitors with 413 entries and 27 Junior gardeners with 200 entries. 100 people attended. Flowers donated to the Care Home Activity Department.

Tri City Horticulture Society Report prepared by Sharon Copeland, read by Leslee Serack. 21 members in the Nipawin, Codette and White Fox area. Memberships are \$10.00. They had a hanging basket challenge, with flowers of their choice, but it had to contain a little tunia. They visited Bridging River Greens in Nipawin and toured Nipawin Greenhouses. They held their plant sale downtown. Presented a \$1000.00 scholarship to an L P Miller School student taking agriculture related courses at university. Toured 2 member gardens. Maintained flower gardens at the Nipawin and White Fox post offices, as well as the garden boxes at the Nipawin Bakery.

Presentation by Bernadette Vangool on the **History of the Sutherland Forest Nursery Station** now the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park

Nominations 2nd Call

Presentation by Bob Bors on **Fruit on the Prairies: Planting, Pollinating and Pruning**

Society Reports Continued

Shamrock Horticultural Society: Submitted by Cindy Faye. 28 members in the Foam Lake, Wadena area. \$15.00 membership. They held the Spring Workshop at the Foam Lake Community Hall on April 26th. 77 people attended. Topics included 'Do's and Don't of Gardening, What is Healthy Soil, Hardy Perennials for our zone, Trees and Shrubs for our Zone and Pruning and Invasive Species.' All attendees were given an opportunity to receive a free membership. They now have 49 members. In May they toured green houses in the Fort Qu'Appelle area, in July various farmyards in the Wadena area. An August trip to the Grotto in Rama and the Lucky 7 Metal Works shop near Margo.

Yorkton & District Horticultural Society: Submitted by Ed Sek. The Society has 32 members who pay \$5.00. One member Debbie Haward produces a weekly column to the local paper. They also have a half hour



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program on local TV each year. They maintain a lovely solarium at the hospital and make contributions to five nursing homes and care homes so residents can experience some aspects of gardening. They hold a spring and fall plant sale and the first Wednesday of August is their Annual Flower and Vegetable Show. One member created 30 flower bouquets as give aways. This event was at Parkland Mall and had 100 viewers.

Carrot River Horticultural Society: By Rose Marie Lecuyer.

Banquet and Awards:

Doghide River Garden Club received a 20 Year Award. Lorelee Adams accepted the award.

Shamrock Horticultural Society received a 25 year Award. Inge Helgason accepted the award.

Yorkton & District Horticultural Society received a 95 year Award, Phyllis Shewchuk accepted the award.

Judy Harley was recognized for her contributions to horticulture, through her work on the Board of the SHA but primarily for her dedication and work at Honeywood for the last 20 years. She was instrumental in recognizing the Nursery as a Provincial Heritage Site. She also renovated many of the gardens at Honeywood to make it an attractive destination for visitors. Congratulations Judy. Cindy Koreluik accepted the Lifetime Membership Award on behalf of Judy. Bernadette Vangoool will deliver the Certificate to a member of the Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society for presentation to Judy Harley.

Social time at the SPA – An enjoyable time was had by all, most took advantage of the Spa experience, others socialized in the Conference Room. I found it a great time to actually meet with others. This is to be recommended for future events. I found social interaction just as entertaining and fulfilling as formal entertainment. And it is free of charge.

AGM Called to order at 8:20am

Hand Hoe Report: Joan Hallberg Mayer explained which items were available for sale and Price per item and regarding the hoes the price per case if applicable.

Item code P-16	Description: 11" hoe	single price	\$20.00	Case: \$180.00
Item code P-16L	Description: 18" long hoe	single price	\$35.00	Case: \$375.00
Item code H-213	Description: left hand weeder	single price	\$25.00	
Item code H-211	Description: 13" right hand	single price	\$25.00	
Item code Deadheads	Description: mini snips	single price	\$6.50	
Item code 320DXT	Description: ARS Stainless Grape	price	\$40.00	
Item code 320BT	Description: ars grape scissors	single price	\$25.00	
Item code 330HN	Description: handcraft scissors	single price	\$32.00	

Judges Coordinator Report: Karen Pfeifer went through the 2023 SHA Judges list. She is willing to take this job on for the new fiscal year. She plans to be in touch with the judges on a regular basis.

Judges List as of October 2025

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| Allan Daku, Kennedy, SK | 306-538-0007 | |
| pansypatrol@hotmail.com | | |
| Brenda Winny, Sovereign, SK | 306-882-4181 | Rose expert |
| rbwinny@sasktel.net | | |
| Ruth Duryba, Grenfell, SK | 306-697-3206 | |
| Glen Caffet, Spiritwood, SK | 306-883-2639 | |
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Karen Pfeifer, Kamsack, SK	306-542-7475	Vegetable and Flowers
leis_karen56@hotmail.com (underscore between s and k)		
Charlien Britton, Regina, SK	306-771-3888	Flower Arranging
brirrob@sasktel.net	cell 306-535-6505	
Gary Carlson, Regina, SK	306-586-0211	
gicarlson@sasktel.net		
Bonny Lundberg, Saskatoon, SK	(not on last year's list, incomplete phone number)	
bonitalundberg@shaw.ca		
M.P.M. Nair, Grasswood, SK	306-955-2000	
mpmnair@msn.com		

Presentation by Sarah Story ‘**Ball Seed Company, Behind the Scenes and Some New Flowers**’.

Society Reports Continued

Prairie Peony Society: Ivan Bueker gave us a little history and heritage tour of Manitou Beach. He also introduced himself as a farmer, seed grower, seed cleaner and his foray into perennial gardening. Having developed a love of Peonies, led him to join the Prairie Peony Society and he currently is the President of that organization. The Peony Society currently has 73 members some of them as far afield as Minesota, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia. They had a Peony festival this year in Lumsden, which included a Peony unjudged show, garden tours, music and other activities. It was held at the Rink and Rotunda on June 21. The Peony Society has a close relationship with the Canadian Peony Society and members receive a newsletter with pertinent Peony information. Members have the opportunity each year to put an order in for peony roots. Ivan brought complementary memberships to be auctioned off in the Silent Auction. He also brought many seeds to share with attendees. Their next show will be held on June 27, at the Senior's Center in Regina, and upon approval from their Board may become the SHA Provincial Show location.

Nominations 3rd Call

Phyllis Hanson moved nomination seize, seconded by Rose Marie LeCuyer. Carried

Presentation by Nicole Sanderson from Saskatchewan Mycology a branch of the Saskatchewan Native Plant Society ‘**An Introduction to Mushroom Picking**’.

Finish Silent Auction

Election

Motion by Linda Hecker, that since the Bylaws allow for 11 Board Members, Rose Marie LeCyer, Carol Lahey, Joan Halberg Mayer and Eleanor Lenderbeck be accepted to the Board by acclamation. Seconded by Deanna Pierce-Colbow. Carried.

Presentation by Andrew Exelby from Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation ‘**Opportunities with Communities In Bloom and SK Parks and Recreation Association.**’

Lunch

Cindy introduced the new Board of Directors with responsibilities

President	Cindy Koreluik
Vice President	Leslee Serack
Secretary	Bernadette Vangool



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Treasurer	Jackie Bantle
Silent Auction	Leslee Serack/Deanna Pierce Colbow
Hand Hoes	Joan Hallberg Mayer/Cindy Koreluik
Provincial Show Liaison	Possibly Ivan Bueker (Prairie Peony – Regina – June 27, 2026)
Judges Coordinator	Karen Pfeifer
Insurance	Karen Pfeifer/Eleanor Lenderbeck
Archives	Phyllis Hanson ex-officio Board Member
Awards	Joan Hallberg Mayer
Bus Tour Coordinator	Rose Marie LeCuyer/Carol Lahey
University of Sask Liaison	Jackie Bantle
Spring Workshop	Doghide River Garden Club
Communications	Facebook Deanna Pierce-Colbow Website Jackie Bantle email Bernadette Vangool
2026 Convention	Regina Horticultural Society

Jackie Bantle Presented her **University of Saskatchewan Report**

This year was a busy year for staff changes in the Horticulture area of the Department of Plant Sciences. **Dr. Bob Bors** officially retired on June 30, 2024. Dr. Bors was the breeder of the Uof S Fruit program for 25 ½ years. He is well known for his Haskap breeding as well as commercializing the Dwarf Sour Cherries.

Vanessa Young was married and is now Vanessa Boniface. Vanessa resigned from her position as Program coordinator for the USASK Master Gardener and Gardening @ Usask programs. Vanessa has moved up to La Ronge to be with her husband and she is now working with the First Nations band in LaRonge regarding food security in the north.

Helen Shook, who was well known in the Gardenline community and on the Gardening@usask Facebook page also resigned her position and moved back to her home province of Ontario. She and her husband are retired now. Helen was helping out this past summer with our new gardenline person, Hannah Gass. Hannah is a Horticulture graduate and was hired on for this summer. Vanessa's position is now being advertised and we hope to have someone in place for January 1, 2026.

Professor Jessa Hughes completed her first year of teaching in the horticulture program. Jessa is a graduate of the Masters program in Plant Sciences. She is young, eager, enthusiastic and the students love her. Jessa's position is for the next 5 years and we hope that will be extended when the five years end.

Dr. Anze Svava was hired as the new fruit research in the department. He started his job on January 2, 2025. His past research involved apple breeding but he has spent the summer getting familiar with haskaps, Saskatoon berries, Dwarf sour cherries, hazelnuts and Saskatchewan apples. Dr. Svava is originally from Slovenia, completed his PHD at KU Leuven in Belgium and did post doctoral research at Cornell University in New York State.

The horticulture program continues to be very popular with students. There are 39 students enrolled in the program. The U of S Horticulture club is also very popular with students from across campus. They have over 70 members (some more active than others).

The top graduating student in May, 2025 was Gabrielle Ayles. Gabrielle was the recipient of the Saskatchewan Horticultural Association prize. Gabrielle is working for Dr. Kate Congreves in Regenerative Agriculture (nutrient cycling, soil health, cover crops).

We were very happy to hear that **Patterson Arboretum** received an anonymous donation for \$100,000 towards a new initiative for the arboretum. We are hoping to use it for upgrading signage and our website.



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We hope to get back to more online classes this year as well as the possibility of some form of **Hort Days** returning.

Thank You to Early's for sponsoring a coffee break.

Communication Report: Deanna Pierce-Colbow mentioned that we are all still learning. She would like feedback on what people would like to see on Facebook. The Website is used as an information hub to download files for the administration of the Society. Contact Deanna if you have anything to post.

Seager Wheeler Report submitted by Brian Porter, read by Bernadette Vangool

HISTORICAL PEONY COLLECTION

The historical peony collection was begun in 1997. Two beds were designed to hold twenty cultivars each, starting with 'Edulis Superba' (Lemon, 1824, France) and ending with 'Sweet Melody' (Hollingsworth, 1992, USA). The peony roots were provided by donation and from nursery purchases, partly funded by SHA. They grow in rich black soil, and in full sun.

After the peonies began blooming, some were found to be mislabeled. Only one or two were replaced. Over the years, eight cultivars have been lost, while a few others were removed and propagated in a separate bed.

The collection was evaluated in early July of 2025, the first time since 2019. Overall, the peonies received very good care this year, in spite of limited staff. The beds were free of weeds and the plants well staked, something that many of the older cultivars require. Most are labeled.

The peonies rated as excellent or good to excellent include Edulis Superba, Festiva Maxima, General MacMahon, Felix Crousse (probably Karl Rosenfield), Mme de Verneville, Monsieur Jules Elie, Albert Crousse, La France, Mme Jules Dessert, Battle Flag, Break O'Day, Mother's Choice and Douglas Brand.

In good condition were Delachei, Duchesse de Nemours, Primevere, Karl Rosenfield, Kelway's Glorious, Auguste Dessert, Mrs. Livingstone Farrand, Paul M. Wild, and the yellow Itoh peony Garden Treasure.

Among the poorest were Adolphe Rousseau, Mons. Martin Cahuzac, Sarah Bernhardt, Jeannot, Athelstane, Gardenia, and Sweet Melody. La Perle will likely die out soon.

DAYLILIES (HEMEROCALLIS)

The daylily collection is still being maintained, but as no labels are in place, no records have been kept. Most of the cultivars bloom in late July or August

Society Reports Continued

Weyburn Horticultural Society Report by Tammy Sprecken. They have 39 members, memberships are \$20.00. They hold information meetings in winter in the Vimy Room at the Legion. They had a very successful plant sale in May organized by Heather Cugnet. They held their potluck in September and will have a grow and tell night in October, where they show slides of member gardens. They take part in the Weyburn Planter Program and provide a garden theme basket to be raffled at the Weyburn Festival of Trees. They donate to the Weyburn Plant a Tree Program to commemorate honorary members at their passing.

Saskatchewan Perennial Society by Bernadette Vangool. 210 members. Held two information meetings, participated in Gardenscape, held two garden tours in July, Maintained the Gardens at the Forestry Farm Park. Held a spring and fall plant exchange. Writes biweekly columns for Sask Today, PA Herald and other weeklies, these are posted on our facebook page. In October will host William Schroeder to promote his book 'Trees Against the Wind' about the history of the Indian Head Nursery.

Saskatoon Horticultural Society presented by Carol Lahey. The Saskatoon Horticultural Society has joined the SHA. They are hoping for a full complement Board at their meeting in October. Their anniversary date is 1913. Currently have over 200 members. They participated in Gardenscape, and Seedy Saturday. They held



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a yard and garden tour, a spring market event and a Dahlia workshop. In July some of their members carpooled to visit Garry Miller's garden in Christopher Lake.

Jackie Bantle read the three reports for the Societies that were unable to attend the Convention.

Indian Head Horticultural Society, submitted by Kathryn Robb. The Society participated in Seedy Sunday. They ran a Junior Garden Club through April and May and they planted a plot at the Community Garden with the children. The Saturday before mothers' day they held a bake sale/plant sale and had a tea at the Heritage club. They ran a successful Show despite the hot dry weather with several new exhibitors. They maintain the perennial garden in the Veterans' Memorial park, which was built in 2000. Hence it is called the Millenium Garden. Plans are underway to celebrate the Societies 100th anniversary in 2026.

Spiritwood & District Horticultural Society Report, submitted by Megan Wasden. The Society held the Spiritwood Horticulture & Home Craft Show. They had 41 exhibitors with 348 entries. There were 3 junior exhibitors. They held their annual raffle, where members attend the local farmers' market to sell tickets. 1st prize was a quilt, crafted by Susan Seigal and 2nd prize a wagon filled with gardening goodies. They were unable to attend the convention this year, but plan to attend in the future.

Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society Report, submitted by Jessie Dion. They have 34 members from Christopher Lake, Holbein, Shellbrook, Canwood, Parkside, Leask, Marcelin and Blaine Lake. They visited a Christopher Lake garden this year as well as a sprouting seed company in Parkside. They held successful plant sales in Canwood and Leask as fundraisers for their annual show which was held in Canwood. There were 20 exhibitors, including 5 children and 4 new exhibitors, with 293 entries. In September they had a houseplant/perennial exchange. They alternate each month between a meeting and a fun event.

Cindy Koreluik was presented a picture as a token of appreciation, by Paulette Laprairie.

Regina Horticultural Society Report by Linda Hecker. 251 members. Participated in Seedy Saturday. Held a plant sale in May. More than 40 people donated well over 317 pots and plants, five 3-D printed seed starter mini greenhouses c/w self watering tray and nine-cell dome. In July they held their popular Walk, Talk and Gawk garden tour. Provided a grant of up to \$1000.00 for the Growing Roots in the Neighbourhood (GRIN) program. Had several other social gatherings. **We are looking forward to joining them at the Convention next year.**

Presentation by Jackie Bantle '**Propagating your own Plants from Seeds to Cuttings**'.

Jackie Bantle talked about a member's interest in starting a webpage through Saskatchewan Tourism that would include both public and private gardens to visit in Saskatchewan. If Societies are interested in participating in this project, they should contact the Secretary at admin@skhorticultural.com or bernievangool@sasktel.net. The idea would be to have the garden listed by general area, but you would provide contact information if it is a private garden. Contact info could be an email address or phone number, whatever the gardener is comfortable sharing. We would also need a photograph of the garden.

Meeting Adjourned – Have a safe trip home.