



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017



Wednesday, November 15th, 2017
The Emmanuel Anglican Church
607 Dufferin Avenue, Saskatoon, SK
Starting 7 p.m.

Please RSVP your attendance to Pat at (306) 934-6001 or
Saskatoonhortsociety@Sasktel.ca

Dear Member,

The Saskatoon Horticultural Society Inc. (SHS) is a non-profit organization that operates within the Saskatoon region. We have been operating for 103 years. Our mandate is:

“Promote the enjoyment, art, knowledge and public awareness of horticulture and safe environmental practices to its members and the public, of all ages.”

The SHS Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 15th at 7 p.m. at The Emmanuel Anglican Church.

This package includes the following materials:

- 2017 SHS AGM Agenda
- Minutes of 2016 AGM
- Financial Reports
 - 2016-17 SHS Financial Statement
 - 2017-18 SHS Budget
- President’s Report
- Standing Committee Reports
 - Program Committee
 - Membership Committee
 - Communications Committee
 - Social/Volunteer Committee
 - Scholarship Committee

You are encouraged to attend and participate in deciding the future direction of the SHS. The SHS Bylaws state:

- 4.2 Members, Joint Members & Honourary Lifetime Members may vote at the AGM or any Special Meeting of the Society.**
- 4.3. Joint Members are entitled to two votes at the AGM or any Special Meeting of the Society and may each hold positions on the Board.**

There will be a small social gathering after the meeting with refreshments and desert. Come out and introduce yourself to the Board of Directors. Learn more about the SHS activities and how you can get involved.

Please RSVP your attendance so we can plan accordingly for our social gathering, to either Pat at (306) 934-6001 or Saskatoonhortsociety@sasktel.net.

Sincerely,

Chris Zerebeski

President

FINANCIAL REPORTS 2017

NOTE: The Financial Statement for 2017 and the Budget for the fiscal year have been included as separate documents.



THE SASKATOON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

P.O. Box 161, Saskatoon SK. S7K 3K4

2017 SHS Annual General Meeting (AGM)

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Approval of the 2017 SHS AGM Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of 2016 AGM
5. Business Arising from Minutes of 2016 AGM
6. Acceptance of the Regular Business of 2016-17 SHS Board of Directors (Minutes)
7. President's Report
8. Presentation and Adoption of 2016-17 Financial Statement
9. Adoption of the SHS Standing Committee Reports
10. Nomination for Directors
11. Election of Directors
12. Presentation of Life Memberships
13. New Business

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2016

SASKATOON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Thursday, November 24, 2016

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- Chris Zerebeski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- introduction of all members in attendance

2. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

- 22 members were in attendance (sign-in sheet on file)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Don Greer moved the adoption of the Agenda; seconded by Norman Waters.

Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2015 AGM

MOTION: Norman Waters moved adoption of the 2015 AGM Minutes; seconded by Harvey

Heshka. Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Presentation of Life Members

- Chris presented the following Life Members with a plaque and an acknowledgement of their outstanding contributions and achievements with the SHS:

Janet Jesney, Edwin Zarycki and Agnes Zunti (who were present)

Bob Novak, Connie Coumont and Connie Lynch (not in attendance)

A special tribute plaque in honour of *Frank Zunti* was presented to Agnes Zunti. Daughter Karen Zunti was also in attendance.

6. CONFIRMATION OF REVISIONS TO SHS BYLAWS

Don Greer stated that a committee was formed to revise the 2008 Bylaws.

MOTION: Don Greer moved to approve the Bylaws with an amendment to 11.1 to read as 'The Board by ordinary resolution of 2/3 of the elected Board may make a new bylaw, amend a bylaw or repeal any bylaw.'; seconded by Bonita Lundberg. Carried

7. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS OF SHS BOARD (2016 MINUTES)

MOTION: Don Greer moved acceptance of the regular Minutes of the Board; seconded by Carol-Lahey Wiggs. Carried

8. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Janet Jesney presented the Financial Statements – pointed out a surplus this year

MOTION: Janet Jesney moved adoption of the Financial Statements; seconded by Marj Meger. Carried

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chris Zerebeski presented his annual report which highlighted the following:

1. **New Slogan** - “Live and Grow Together”
2. **Finance Committee** – was established, chaired by Janet Jesney, to re-examine the SHS finances. Undertook the large task of identifying our revenues and expenses which led to the SHS's first budget. Now more accountable with our spending and ensuring the SHS is financially sound going into the future.
3. **Membership Profile** – revamped by adding new businesses to our discount program and reformatting our membership cards to look more professional. Increased membership from 210 to 314 members. Goal for 2017 is 400. Also looking to include a

corporate membership package in the coming year to help generate additional revenue and help expand our presence in the community.

4. **Document and Policy Committee** – has completed rewriting three of the governing documents of the SHS. To date, this includes identifying Goals and Objectives for the SHS to pursue, revising our Bylaws and drafting new Roles & Responsibilities document. Don Greer has lent his knowledge and expertise on Board governance and has helped guide us through this process. With restructuring, we are hoping to get more members involved in helping the SHS run its business entities. We will be reviewing our Policies and Regulations and completing a Strategic Plan in the upcoming year.
5. **Communications Profile** – has undergone changes to take advantage of new technology in communications. Jennifer Osachoff has done an amazing job with the Newsletter. The Newsletter is really engaging and addresses many aspects of horticulture. Harvey Heshka has been hard at work ensuring the website content is updated on a monthly basis. A PayPal option now on our site helps speed up the membership process. Angie Skiba has been actively updating the SHS Facebook page with interesting topics and keeps the public informed about our events. We have almost reached 400 followers. Under Jennifer Osachoff we have enhanced our e-mail communication with our members and look forward to improve on membership engagement.
6. **Volunteer Co-ordinator** – created this position to help co-ordinate the various activities and ensure that our members are involved with the organization. Thanks to Carol Lahey-Wiggs we had many new volunteers come out to our events. Comments were very positive and this provided a unique opportunity for volunteers to network with our members and generate a sense of community.
7. **Programs** – Tough decisions had to be made to our programs this year. The year began with **Gardenscape**. Thanks to Ingrid Major for taking on the role of organizing the booth and setting up the SHS display. The 'Coleus' theme attracted many people to our booth and generated awareness about the SHS. The **Garden and Plant Sale** Committee utilized a different format to allow members to sell their own plants and garden-related items at our Plant Sale. We learned a lot from this process and look forward to improving for next year. We held a successful **Passport Tour** that featured the winner of the SHS Home Grounds Award. We had seven entries for the competition, thanks to Ingrid Major. We also held a new **Country Garden Tour** and were able to tour the Little Tree Nursery and Robin's beautiful farm garden near Osler. It was a fun-filled afternoon that was arranged by Angie Skiba. Lastly, we held a fall **Garage Sale** which was well received and helped raise much needed funds. Thanks to Marj Meger and Ingrid Major for taking the initiative to organize this event. We also held a couple of social events throughout the year to promote networking among directors and members. This included a June Potluck Barbecue at the home of Dave & Janet Jesney and the August Volunteer Appreciation BBQ which was held at Don & Della Greer's.
8. **Scholarships and Bursaries** – the SHS is unique in that we offer scholarships and bursaries to students pursuing education in horticulture:

- \$1,500 bursary for a student pursuing a degree in horticulture at the U of S
- \$600 scholarship for students pursuing either the Prairie Master Gardener Program at the Saskatoon School of Horticulture or Master Gardener Program at the U of S
- \$1,000 scholarship for students pursuing the Prairie Horticultural Certificate at the U of S

Check the website for criteria and application forms

On a final note, I would like to thank my Executive team for their work and dedication. I would like to recognize Don Greer (Vice-Chairman), Janet Jesney (Treasurer) and Pat Heshka (Secretary). I especially would like to acknowledge Pat Heshka for her work in getting the meeting agendas and minutes organized. As well, her personal communication to the various SHS members and public has gone beyond her role and responsibilities, which many members have greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Marj Meger (Program Co-ordinator) and Angie Skiba (Publicity) for their work. It makes being President easier when you have a reliable and dedicated team.

I would also like to thank all the other Directors for their time in organizing various events and volunteering throughout the year. I would like to personally thank Janet Jesney and Agnes Zunti for their years of service with the Board of Directors as they step down for 2017. They have both contributed significantly to the SHS over the years and will be missed.

Stay tuned for next year!

Chris moved acceptance of his report; seconded by Bonita Lundberg.

10. **NOMINATION FOR DIRECTORS**

Don Greer thanked Committee members Norman Waters and Marj Meger.

MOTION: Don Greer moved nomination of current Directors Norman Waters and Chris Zerebeski for a two-year term, new Directors Manoucher Ghajar, Nancy Hanson, Jackie Lysyshyn, Cal Nikiforoff and Karen Trimble for a two-year term, current Directors Pat Heshka and Harvey Heshka for a one-year term and returning Directors Don Greer, Carol Lahey-Wiggs, Bonita Lundberg, Marj Meger, Jennifer Osachoff, Angie Skiba and John Lahey-Wiggs for a second year of a two-year term; seconded by Marj Meger. Carried

MOTION: Marj Meger moved nominations be accepted; seconded by Don Greer. Carried

Don invited the new Directors to introduce themselves

11. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

MOTION: Don Greer moved the election of the new Board of Directors; seconded by Jennifer

Osachoff. Carried

- The following Directors will be returning for a second year of a two year term: Don Greer, Carol Lahey-Wiggs, Bonita Lundberg, Marj Meger, Jennifer Osachoff, Angie Skiba and John Lahey-Wiggs.
- A Board Orientation Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017: time & place TBA

12. NEW BUSINESS

Nil

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chris Zerebeski adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

invited members to stay for coffee and dainties

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

My first year as official President has been completed. It has been another busy year with the Saskatoon Horticultural Society (SHS). My team has been dedicated to fulfilling the SHS's mission within the community as we begin planning for 2018.

This year we put our new bylaws to work, which was passed at the Annual General Meeting in 2016. Under the new standing committee structure we were hoping to reduce the workload on each director in the hopes of getting members involved with the various committees. I have made it a priority to get directors to formulate reports to be sent out prior to our monthly meetings. This has been successful in getting informed on the 'whole-picture' of what is being done behind the scenes. Though we still have some work on being more consistent in 2018.

The SHS is on the path of fiscal responsibility and has achieved another surplus for 2017 of \$1,178.63. In 2016 we achieved a surplus of \$1,758.99. We have placed importance on budgeting each year and ensuring that we are adhering to that budget. We have done some restructuring in terms of our fees and product offerings. As a result, we are expanding our program and services to the community to help achieve our mission. The 2018 budget has been passed at our September meeting. We will be maintaining our basic membership and Gardener Magazine fees at current levels. We did drop our Corporate Membership down to \$125 from \$200 in the hopes of making it more attractive to businesses.

The SHS has received a grant from Royal Bank of Canada of \$500. I would like to personally thank Jackie Lysyshyn for applying for the grant on the behalf of the SHS.

We have and already began reaching out into the community to formulate partnerships with various organizations. We met with the Saskatchewan Perennial Society to see if we can prevent overlap in programs and see if any strategic partnerships can be formed. We will begin talks with the Prairie Water and Garden Society about their future. In addition, we have formulated partnerships with businesses like Dutch Growers who sponsored our SHS Home Grounds Award. Also, Crossmount has offered us a location to hold future workshops and meetings. For 2018, I will make it priority to continue to build our network with various organizations and expand our presence within the community.

For 2018, I have placed priority on updating our website format to be more professional. In addition, our online database has been tested and will be fully functional in the next month or two. This will help our directors have access to important documents and have the necessary material to plan our many events. It will also provide as an archive of SHS material for future reference.

For 2018, I would like to see more of our scholarships and bursaries being awarded to students. These have been created to help students to pursue a career in horticulture and make a difference in our community. If you are a student in horticulture, I encourage you to visit our website and look at the SHS three offerings: University of Saskatchewan Scholarship in Horticulture (\$1,500), Prairie Horticultural Certificate (\$1,000) and Butterfield Master Gardener (\$600).

With it being my last year as President, I will make it a priority to ensure that the leadership roles with the SHS will be filled. Previously, we had two years without a President and Vice President. This made it difficult to run the society and it is my priority to ensure the leadership role will provide stability into the future as we continue to grow.

I have been informed that one of my executive members will be stepping down for 2018:

- I would like to personally thank Pat Heska for fulfilling the secretary role with the SHS. It is often a thankless job that requires many hours behind the scenes. Her personal communication with directors, members and the community will be missed. I could always count on her to keep me up-to-speed on various aspects of the SHS. Her ability to maintain SHS records was a huge asset as our meetings were sometimes long and complex. I wish her the best on her future endeavours!

A couple of Directors will be stepping-down from the Board:

- I would like to thank John-Lahey-Wiggs for stepping-up and becoming a director with the SHS. He was our photographer for our events. You can find many of his photos on our website!
- I would also like to thank Harvey Heska for becoming a director. He has been a director with us for several years and has also volunteered for many events. His main contribution was taking over the website responsibilities which has been a huge asset and undertaking. He has done an excellent job keeping the site updated. He also was instrumental in getting a PayPal option available for memberships. In addition, getting an online storage area for important SHS documents. I am happy that he will remain the Website Coordinator as we look to update the format of our website in 2018.

As we begin planning for 2018, I am excited to meet the new Directors and begin our work within the community. That is my conclusion for 2017. I look forward to completing my last year as President and to see what we as a Board can achieve for 2018.

Stay tuned!

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Zerebeski - President

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

GARDENSCAPE

The Gardenscape Committee settled on a “Canada Theme” in honour of Canada’s 150th birthday. 39 volunteers participated in this year’s Gardenscape.

We were also able to sell our cherry pitters, bee nests and Cherry Cookbooks for the U of S fruit breeding program. Memberships were also sold with a total of 143 members renewing or purchasing new memberships.

The information station handed out red and white roses to people in wheelchairs, courtesy of the Co-op Store on 8th street. There were also 150 Canadian flags, courtesy of MP Kevin Waugh, handed out to children along with Canada pins.

Sign-up sheets for two workshops, Stained Glass and Pruning, were also displayed along with information on the upcoming events for the summer.

Door prizes were given out, a miniature garden; and several bales of Peat Moss donated by Premier of Carrot River.

SPRING PLANT SALE

The Spring Plant Sale was held on May 27, 2017 at the Mall at Lawson Heights parking lot. A number of members were again able to rent a table to sell plants and other garden related articles. There was also a table of donated odds and ends related to gardening. Some of it was given away at the end of the day

The plants were obtained from Floral Acres on a consignment basis. A very good variety was chosen. Again, we had a very good turnout of volunteers to assist during the plant sale. Net income realized was \$449.35 from the plants and a further \$200.00 from Cherry Pitters and Bee Nest sales.

WORKSHOPS

The two workshops, Pruning and Stained Glass Gazing Ball.

The pruning workshop was held at Sherbrook Center on April 22nd with Robin Adair from Arbour Crest Tree Services leading the workshop.

The second workshop, Stained Glass Gazing Ball was held on April 29th at Rusty MacDonald Library. We had a full class of 10. Proceeds from that workshop were \$478.27, going towards programs and Scholarships. The instructor fee was waived by Angie Skiba.

PASSPORT TOUR

The Passport Tour was held on July 29th, 2017. Due to the difficulty of getting yards to show due to the loss of many perennials over the winter, and a storm that passed through Saskatoon, it was decided to only hold one tour in 2018. The tour was very well attended and hopefully we will be able to get back to

having more than one in 2018. Having a Bus option for the tour was considered but not feasible logistically.

HOME GROUNDS COMPETITION

The closing date for the competition was July 10, 2017. There were few entries, again perhaps due to the loss of plants over the winter and certainly the storm that hit parts of the City in July. M.P.M. Nair was the judge and the winner of the \$250.00 certificate courtesy of Dutch Growers was Nancy Hanson. The winning yard was featured on the Passport Tour.

FALL GARAGE SALE

The Fall Garage Sale was held on August 26th at the home of Bill and Marj Meger. There was an abundance of donations; household, plants and so much more.

The last half hour of the sale, patrons were given a box and were able to fill it for \$5.00. A small number of small kitchen appliances did not sell so were to be advertised on Kijijii. Other left over items were donated to Value Village, and the books were dropped off for the Saskatoon Symphony Book Sale.

Again, there were lots of volunteers to help out with the pricing, arranging, selling and collecting money. The proceeds from the day were over \$1200.00, which goes toward the SHS funding of Scholarships and a U of S Bursary.

PRODUCT SERVICES

The SHS has been selling Cherry Pitters and Bees Nests fundraisers. The Cherry pitters are a very popular item, with the popularity of Sour Cherries producing copious amounts of fruit. We sold 116 cherry pitters for a profit of \$2,275.35 in 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Skiba – Program Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

This past year has seen the SHS maintain a steady membership. We had our membership tables set up at Gardenscape 2017, Spring Plant Sale, Website (using Pay pal) and Garage Sale. Definitely Gardenscape, was where we had our membership best sales. Web site being the second best membership sales. The membership breakdown is as follows:

Membership only	127
Membership with magazine	<u>115</u>
Membership in Total	242

Life Memberships	16
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A big thanks to Jennifer and Shirley for being on the Committee with me. A big thanks to Jennifer for entering everything into the Membership Computer program.

Look forward to seeing you in all our activities next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman Waters – Membership Coordinator

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

Communications Committee Report – AGM 2017 The Communications Committee for 2017 consisted of Karen Trimble, Jennifer Osachoff, Pat Heshka, Harvey Heshka, Angie Skiba, and Chris Zerebeski.

PUBLICITY REPORT

In April, Angie Skiba sent out notifications to the Saskatoon Bridges and The Express newspapers informing them of the Stained Glass Gazing Ball workshop slated for April 29th. Other media sources were notified of the workshop and added to their calendar of events.

Advertising (press release) for our SHS Spring Plant Sale was sent out the week of May 8th. Spring Plant Sale posters were printed and distributed in early May at Saskatoon Public Library's, malls, churches, coffee houses, and at several of our Sponsor's locations.

Angie was busy at the beginning July sending out information to the media about the Home Grounds Competition and Passport tour. Rick from Dutch Growers talked about the Home Grounds Competition on his Sunday morning garden show. Jeff Rogstad did a segment from Dutch Growers regarding the Home Grounds Award. The Saskatoon Express wrote an article on the Home Grounds Winner - Congratulations to Nancy Hanson.

In August, Angie sent out notifications to the newspapers in regards to the SHS Garage Sale that took place on August 23rd.

Angie has done a publicity blitz in October for our AGM happening on November 15th.

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Jennifer Osachoff (editor) and Pat Heshka (co-editor) have worked hard this year publishing 4 excellent newsletters that have been electronically distributed to our members. Newsletters are also posted to the SHS website: <http://www.saskatoonhortsociety.ca> and include: informative gardening articles, photos, gardening tips or tricks, book reviews, event listings, recipes and much more.

Just a few of the many highlights from each newsletter:

March 2017

- How to control cutworms by Carol Lahey-Wiggs.
- Don't Throw It Away (Things that you can reuse in your garden) by Don Greer
- Sweet and Chunky Tomato Soup -- Recipe courtesy of Angie Skiba

May 2017

- Tips on Watering Orchids – Jennifer Osachoff
- Companion Planting by Pat Heshka

- Soil pH Gardening by Harvey Heshka

July 2017

- Gardening project: Caragana Fence by Caitlin Prebble
- 8 Cute & Simple Ways to Decorate Your Front Step by Carol Lahey-Wiggs
- What's blooming? By Jennifer Osachoff

October 2017

- My Fairy Garden Obsession by Nancy Hansen
- Draped Hypertufa Pots by Angie Skiba
- Autumn Interlude by Pat Heshka – highlighting some great fall events at farms around Saskatoon

The SHS is always on the lookout for horticulture related articles, book reviews, gardening tips, fun bits, photos, and recipes. We would love to publish more items from our general membership so if you have anything you would like to submit, please email saskatoonhortsociety@sasktel.net.

WEBSITE REPORT

Harvey Heshka has been instrumental in keeping our website up to date. Harvey is constantly updating pictures to showcase the SHS's workshops and events. Pictures and information have been added from: Gardenscape, Tree/Shrub Pruning Workshop, SHS Stained Glass Gazing Ball Workshop, Spring Plant and Garden Sale Fundraiser, SHS Home Grounds Award Competition as well as Passport Tour. Information in regards to board of directors listing, scholarships, and our sponsors have been all kept up to date. The online membership application/renewal using Paypal/Credit Card feature has been simplified this year as well.

Harvey has also spent a lot of time working towards digitizing our SHS information so board of directors can have easier access to key data.

SOCIAL MEDIA (FACEBOOK & EMAIL) REPORT

Over the past year, our Facebook has gained approximately 70 followers. The SHS currently has 470 followers as of October 12, 2017. This has been an excellent resource to promote our various programs and services. Our Facebook page is kept up to date with event listings, photos, newsletter information, and interesting horticulture articles and videos.

A huge THANK YOU to all of the Communication Committee Members as well as all of the SHS Board of Directors and volunteers that have made this year a great success!

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Trimble

SOCIAL / VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORT

The Volunteer Committee for 2017 was Carol Lahey-Wiggs, Nancy Hanson and Marj Meger. In early March, the Volunteer Committee was busy finding volunteers for Gardenscape. Marj Meger did an excellent job of obtaining volunteers for the event. Volunteers were required to fill a 3- 3 ½ hour shift at one of 3 stations; Membership, Sales or Information. When possible, 2 volunteers were scheduled for each station. Volunteer passes were mailed or hand delivered one week before the event. Marj had the for-sight to arrange a couple of extra volunteers and have them on standby. One of these people were used as we had one volunteer that could not fulfill her duties because of sickness. In total, 39 volunteers helped to make this event run smoothly and fun for everyone.

In May, Carol Lahey-Wiggs organized the volunteers for the Spring Plant sale. Two volunteers were scheduled for 2- 2 ½ hour shifts at the following positions: Membership, Merchandise Sales, Plant tending, Information and Cashier. A total of 27 volunteers helped make this event a success. A special thank you to Lynnette Wall for helping to contact volunteers to help at this event.

In July, Carol Lahey-Wiggs organized the volunteers for our Passport Tour. Two volunteers were required at each yard to check passports and provide information.

In August, Marj Meger organized the volunteers for the SHS Garage Sale. Thank you to the 12 members and 11 Directors that volunteered to make our SHS Garage Sale a success. Marj reports: ``Job well done by all the volunteers!! A big thank you to them. Such a fun event!!``

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Volunteer Appreciation BBQ committee for 2017 were Cal Nikiforoff, Angie Skiba, Carol Lahey-Wiggs and Nancy Hanson.

The committee first met June 7 to discuss the menu for the BBQ. In July, the committee prepared the invitations for the home-owners and educational components of the Passport Tour to be hand delivered the day of the tour. Volunteer invitations were prepared and mailed the week after the Passport Tour.

The Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque was held on August 13, 2017 at Angie and Ron Skiba's. A total of 40 people attended this event. We had a beautiful sunny day and delicious food prepared by Cal Nikiforoff and Angie Skiba. Lemonade, iced tea and water were provided for the guests as they arrived. Snacks were available to nibble on as we waited for our chef to BBQ the mango pork chops. Bread, Tomato chickpea salad, French potato salad, Rice and beans, self-serve salad with tomatoes, onions, lettuce and cucumbers were the sides. For dessert, Angie baked a gluten free – Quinoa chocolate cake and Rhubarb chocolate chip cake, ice cream with Angie's special sour cherry sauce and Vootman's ice wafers were served. The Home Grounds Award was presented at the BBQ. A gift card for Brown's Social House was purchased for our hosts, Angie and Ron Skiba. A huge Thank you to everyone who made this event a success – Angie and Ron Skiba, Cal Nikiforoff, Jennifer Osachoff and Nancy Hanson. The

Volunteer Appreciation Committee's final event for this year is providing the refreshments for the Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held November 15 at Emmanuel Anglican Church on the corner of 12th Street East and Dufferin, in the basement of the church. Make sure to come out and enjoy some dainties and refreshments!

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Hanson – Volunteer/Social Coordinator

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

The Saskatoon Horticultural Society awards two Butterfield Scholarships (April 30th and August 31) each year. The Butterfield Scholarship is awarded to a person that wants to receive their Master Gardener Certificate, There were no applications received for 2017.

There are two outstanding Scholarships (2014 and 2015) that were awarded, but have not completed their courses to receive their certification.

The Prairie Horticulture Scholarship is awarded one per year, applications to be received by October 31. Jackie Lysyshyn received her Prairie Horticulture Certificate in June of 2017 with Honours and Distinction. Congratulations to Jackie for her outstanding achievement.

The University of Saskatchewan Bursary (\$1500.00) is awarded to a second or third year student enrolled in the College of Agriculture, who is with financial need, with an interest in Horticulture. The award is presented in the fall of the school year; we have not been notified of the recipient for the year 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Skiba – Scholarship Committee