

Introducing the Canadian Horticultural Therapy Association

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Research Exchange Group on HT
(Newfoundland and Labrador)

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Our Webinar Today

- Who am I and what do I do?
- What/Who is the CHTA and what do we do?
- What is the difference between HT and TH?
- HT/TH Best Practices
- Professional Titles
- CHTA Membership
- Professional HT Registration
- Collaboration with the CHTA
- Upcoming CHTA Events



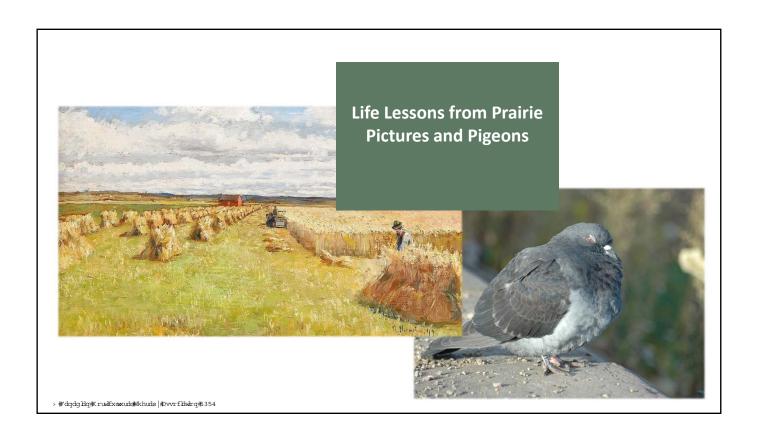


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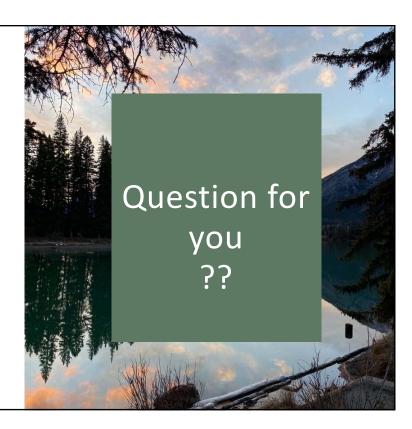




POLL #1

Have you heard of the CHTA?

- Yes
- No
- Not until this webinar was announced



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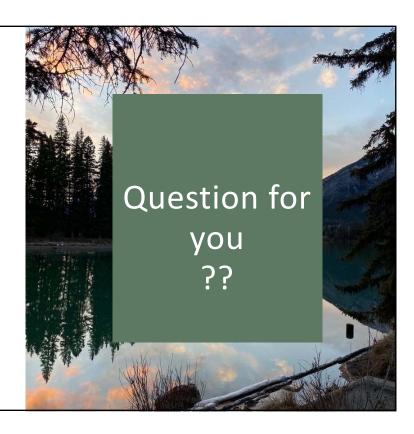


POLL #2

Are you a current CHTA member?

- Yes
- No
- Was a member in the past

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- A Social-Profit Organization
- 200+ members
- 2500+ followers
- Volunteer-run
- 30+ volunteers and growing!
- Please have patience with us and/or join us!

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What is Horticultural Therapy?

And what is Therapeutic Horticulture?





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Horticultural Therapy (HT)

is a formal practice that uses plants, horticultural activities, and the garden landscape to promote well-being for its participants.

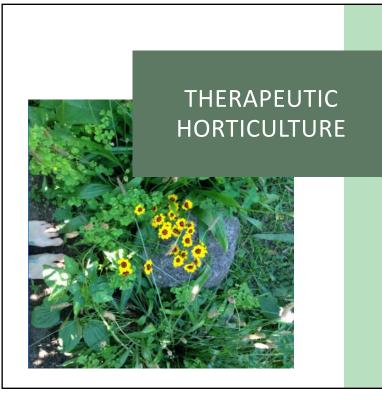
HT is goal oriented with defined outcomes and assessment procedures.

HT sessions are administered by professionally trained horticultural therapists.

HORTICULTURAL THERAPY



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Therapeutic Horticulture (TH) is the purposeful use of plants and plant-related activities to promote health and wellness for an individual or group.

Goals and defined outcomes for individual participants are not necessarily considered nor clinically documented.

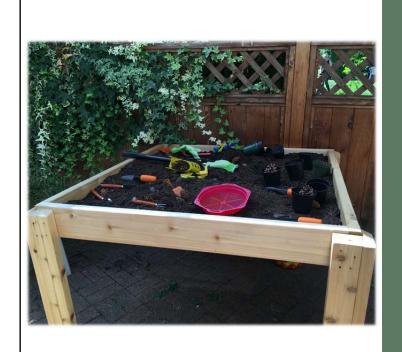
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Horticultural Therapy goals, objectives, and assessments are specific, clinical, and in some part predetermined through interviews prior to therapy taking place.

Therapeutic Horticulture
goals and objectives may or may not be
discussed,
and/ or they can be flexible, self-directed,
or set at the time of the activity;
assessments are general rather than
clinical.

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THERAPY VS THERAPEUTIC

Going for therapy

VS

Engaging in something therapeutic

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POLL #3

Do you currently work or volunteer in the field of HT or TH?

Yes - Horticultural Therapy

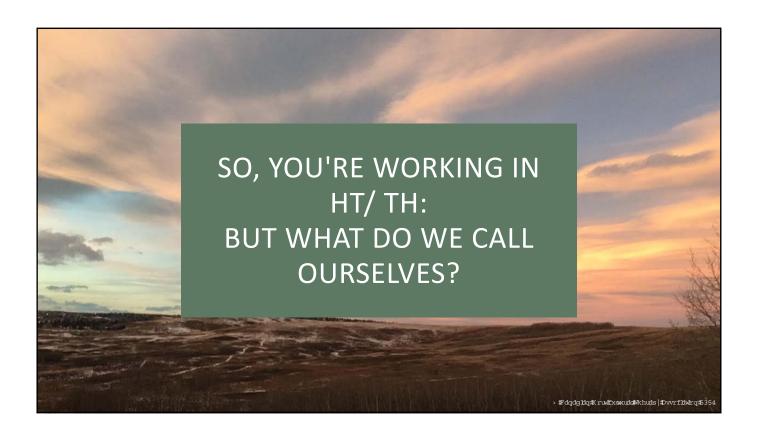
Yes - Therapeutic Horticulture

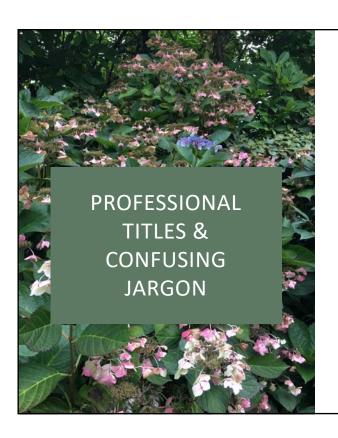
Yes - A mix of both HT and TH

No - Not at this time

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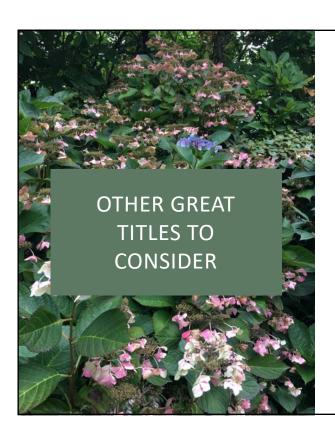






- HT- HORTICULTURAL THERAPIST (HTR)
- HT- HORTICULTURAL THERAPY PRACTITIONER
- TH- THERAPEUTIC HORTICULTURE PRACTITIONER
 - Caution (tendency to then be called a "Horticulturist")
- TH- THERAPEUTIC GARDENER
 - Do not add 'therapeutic' to your title unless you have training in a therapeutic method

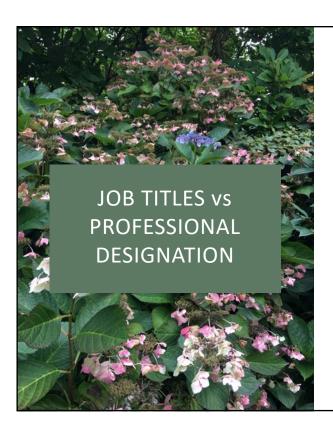
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Recognize your professional background and your specialization:

- NATURE-BASED PRACTITIONER
- NATURE-BASED RECREATION THERAPIST
- NATURE-BASED COACH
- NATURE BASED COUNSELLOR
- NATURE BASED EDUCATOR....

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YOUR WORKPLACE TITLE
MAY BE DIFFERENT THAN
YOUR PROFESSIONAL
DESIGNATIONTHAT'S OK!

WE'RE GROWING

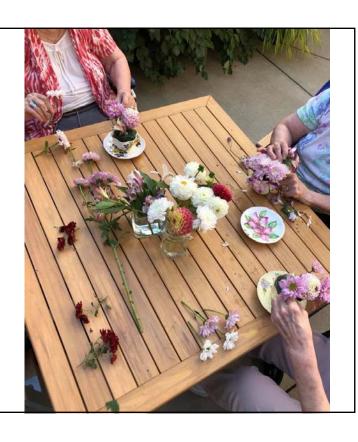
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HT/ TH BEST PRACTICES

Your background, skills, education, experience, and intention must be clearly communicated with your clients and caregivers.

This will build better relationships AND ensure the best fit between practitioners and the people we support.

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THERAPEUTIC GARDENING BEST PRACTICES

- Create a welcoming & safe environment
- Communicate with clarity & compassion
- Set practical and enjoyable goals
- Share who you are!

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CHAT QUESTION

What is one of your favourite activities to help yourself or others to connect with nature?



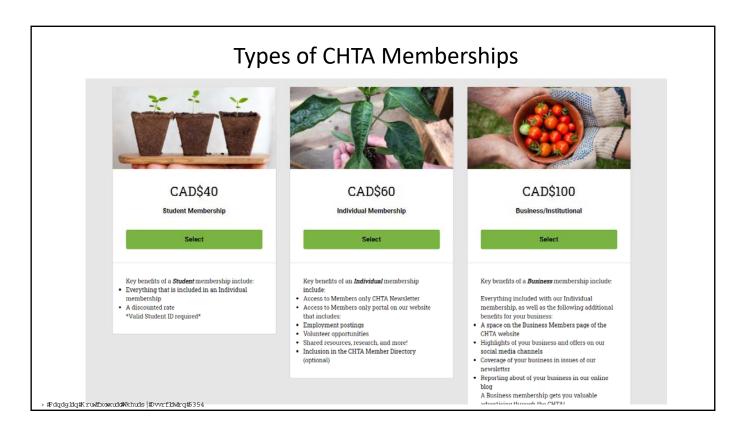
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- Networking/Community
- Newsletters & Email
 Communication
- Webinars
- Professional Development & Education
- Member's Only Website Resources
 - Research List
 - Resources
 - Assessments

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See the CHTA website for the **Core Skills and Knowledge** document and the

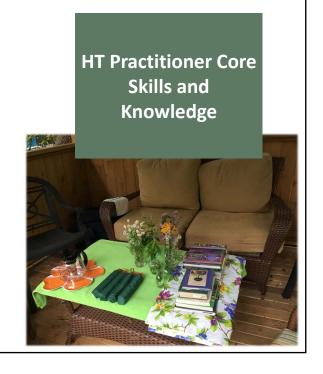
HT Practitioner Code of Ethics:

https://www.chta.ca/professional-registration

To become a professional horticultural therapist, one must have a combination of both

- 1) Education and 2) Practical Experience in:
- Horticulture,
- Therapy, and
- Horticultural Therapy

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- Employment opportunities
- Top tier of professionalism
- Additional program support from the CHTA
- Educator opportunities
 - o Internship Provider
 - Mentorship Supervisor
- Member of Interdisciplinary Health Team
- Credibility to Support Funding Proposals

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COLLABORATION WITH THE CHTA

- Resources to help our members spread the word!
- Support in research expansion
- Student and staff wellness
- Networking and building connections (and therapeutic gardens!) worldwide
- Dream big and ask for what you need!

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Current Room for Involvement

- Conference Tech Host
- HTR Support on Registration Committee
- Education Committee
- Website Coordinator



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HT WEEK 2021

Webinars
Regional Branches Launch!
Therapeutic Activity
Demonstrations
Social Media Campaigns and
Prizes!

March 13-20, 2021

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Branching out - Diversity and inclusion more HT education opportunities per province more internships, Mentorships, and job opportunities A simpler registration application process more people with their hands and feet in the soil!



CHAT QUESTION

Share one thing that you enjoyed or found helpful from this presentation...



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THANK YOU SO MUCH!



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Questions?



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