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Involvement is the key to success.

The President's Message

Fellow Gardeners:

It has been a HOT summer and the year is now half over. In some ways it seems to have been long, but in the sense of accomplishments, it has been short.

So much is yet to be done, but there are capable hands at the ready, coming in; and improvements are always made.

I want to encourage everyone to continue your involvement in the programs, and support. A team works together; if divided, you fail.

It looks like communications are improving, thanks to emails, which I receive a batch almost daily. At least we are aware of activities in the organization. The website should be your most useful tool for information, then directly to headquarters. Thanks to Anita Lanning and the New Communications Committee, I feel it will be even better.

Don't forget that donations to

headquarters for a future new roof of \$100 or more will put your name on a plaque. Thanks to the Spartanburg club for their donation from the convention.

It has been noted of incorrect dates on the 2007 calendar for the convention. Please let those people buying the calendar that the correct dates are July 12, 13, 14. Our club typed stickers for the corrections.

I have received emails concerning the 2007 dues cost of \$15 for an individual national membership. Club dues will be added to that cost and if you decide to continue your membership with AHS, add \$15 to that cost. Submit 2007 dues to headquarters no later than November 1, 2006.

We have been busy helping judge shows this month. It certainly is an on-going learning experience. I find that hands-on is the best way to learn anything. Have you done a show? This helps keep your club visible to gardeners, and brings interest to your club and is a tool for attracting new members. Involvement is the key to success.

Submitting nominations for awards is a way to honor your members. Check the deadlines for qualifying for the 2007 convention.

Since last winter we have

been busy preparing for the November Board of Directors meeting, which will be in Kendallville, Indiana this year.

Hope to see you in November,

Dale Davies

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**2007 National Convention
of The Gardeners of
America / Men's Garden
Clubs of America**

Gardening Heaven in 2007

By Steve Symes

The clubs of the Illinois / Wisconsin Region: Belvidere, Dixon, Elgin, Libertyville, Mendota, Rochelle and

Rockford in Illinois and Green Bay in Wisconsin are the host clubs. Our convention headquarters and lodging site is the Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center in Rockford. We are doing everything we can to make the convention especially appealing to every member of our organization and their families.

One way to attract you is take you places and show you things—the neighborhood that achieved the first 100% participation Neighborhood Excellence Garden walk in Rockford; the petunia lined streets, a club member's garden, President Reagan's boyhood home and more in Dixon, IL; and fine home gardens and award winning public gardens in Rockford. We would like to help grow the attendance at national conventions and that means each member of the organization is encouraged to give active consideration to attending. Don't just leave convention attendance to a club officer or regional director.

The 2007 convention dates are July 12, 13, 14. Just change the July 5, 6, 7 dates by one week on your TGOA/MGCA calendar.

Lead by Example

Bob Novak, 72, was a professor of English at Indiana-Purdue University of Ft. Wayne and retired in 1995. He edited the poetry journal, "The Windless Orchard" for 20 years and produced and edited a gardening television show, "Backyard Gardens." He was a member of the Quaker Church.

**NEW ROOF
CONTRIBUTION PLAQUE**

"THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS MADE MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GARDENERS OF AMERICA / MENS GARDEN CLUBS OF AMERICA IN THEIR TIME OF NEED 2006." By Jim Mack

Our need for the new roof has been discussed seriously for the last five years and we do not want to wait until the rain pours into our facility.

Those members who contribute \$100 or more will be listed on a permanent plaque displayed on the wall in the home office. By Jim Mack

- Honey Barnekoff, Overland Park, KS
- Boone County GOA, KS
- Charles Brasher, Kansas City, KS
- Wm Burnham, Des Moines, IA
- Janette Clarkson, Marietta, GA
- Dale and Marcia Davies, Van Wert, OH
- Georgeanna Howanietz, Rome, NY
- Senator & Mrs. Jim Mack, Tempe, AZ
- Richard Rader, OH
- Spartanburg MGC, SC
- Dwight Stone, Golden Valley, MN

**2005 ROOF
CONTRIBUTION**

Though not specifically for the 'roof fund' designated this year, we at National would like to belatedly thank the Elgin GOA for their January 2005 gift of \$500 to the Building & Grounds fund.



July 2007
Farewell
Audio Video
Development
Chair



**GARDENERS
GONE TO REST**

Richard Stott Anderson,
Athens, NY
Ruth Brownfield, Kansas
City, MO
William Faust, Austin, TX
Herbert Mendieta,
Austin, Tx
Bob Novak, Ft. Wayne, IN
Duane Pichelman,
Urbandale, IA
Jimmy Snoga, Akron, OH
R.A. Vankirk, Akron, OH
Robert Van Kirk, Munroe
Falls, OH
David Young, Leawood, KS

MEMORIALS

A gift was received from the Men's Garden Club of Akron, OH, in the memory of Jimmy R. Snoga.

A gift was received from the Greater Kansas City Gardeners of America for the Scholarship Fund in memory of Ruth Brownfield and David Young.

A gift was received for the memorial fund from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Barnekoff in the memory of David Young.

If you wish to submit a monetary gift to the headquarters in memory of a deceased member, please use the memorial form from the website or get a form from your club's secretary.

Attention Clubs/Regions:

Please submit your request to host the **2008** convention to Honey Barnekoff or any executive officer **as soon as possible.**

**2006 NATIONAL
PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITION**

By Judy Schuck, National
Photography and Calendar Chair

Thanks to all who participated in our 2006 Photography Competition. We had 27 photographers who entered. There were four new ones, three from AHS and three TGOA/MGCA members-at-large. There were 12 digital entries.

Hopefully, you will all participate in our 2007 competition. The convention is in July next year so the deadline for entries will be March 2, 2007. There will be a couple of changes in the photograph manual for 2007 but nothing major. The changes will be on the we-site in July. New manuals will be sent to all who entered in 2006.

The photography show at the convention was a huge success again. This could not be possible without all the hours spent by my daughter Sherra. She got quite a few comments about the show and these will all be considered for next year's presentation. I can't thank her enough for all she does for both the photograph and calendar committees.

Again, thanks to all of you and I hope to see even more entries next year.

**Why You Should Invest in the
Optional AHS Membership
for 2007.**

Some good reasons, from President-elect Jim Mack.

Bargain time, that's what I

believe American Horticulture Society membership is to us in TGOA/MGCA.

We receive all of the benefits of a good gardening organization, the seed sharing no cost program, free entrance to all of those gardens and flower shows and a practical, fun, good magazine.

I personally have saved a good deal of money on the reciprocal entrance fees program. I have saved on the few gardens I have visited and \$9.50 each time I visit (with a companion free also) the Arizona Botanical Garden in Phoenix. I tried three flower varieties in the seed program just to see what it was like.

The entrance fees, the magazine and other things that are to my advantage are nice, but that is not the reason I will keep my membership in AHS. There are several key reasons I will invest \$15 next year. First, they keep us up on the horticulture community. Second, they keep George Washington's farm, right on the Potomac River in grand condition and one of my dreams is to go there someday, see it, and feel a part of it. Third, they are a successful, well run organization, with us and many other strategic partners that are meaningful to their organization. Finally, I like to be part of a community service organization and I want to support it.

I hope you will keep your membership in the American Horticulture Society because it truly helps make TGOA/MGCA a greater organization.

**NATIONAL DUES
FOR 2007**

Non-AHS membership.

TGOA/MGCA membership only and does not include The American Gardener magazine.

Individual membership \$15.
Family membership (individual membership plus a family member living at the same address as the individual member) \$20.
Life Membership \$200.

TGOA/MGCA/AHS membership.

Does include the magazine.

Add \$15 to the individual membership above.

CONVENTION WRAP-UP

By Steve Bush, TGOA Treasurer

Since the last Newsletter the Men's Garden club of Spartanburg has provided us good financial news about the April convention. A profit of \$1800 was realized. I want to salute all those who attended the convention, all the Spartanburg volunteers and the wise and able leadership of Linda McHam and Don Crowder.

In keeping with past policy, one-half of the profit has been sent to National to be allocated to the convention reserve account. The other very good news is that the Spartanburg club decided to also send us their half of the profit as a donation to the new roof fund.

On behalf of all here at National and all TGOA members I sincerely thank the Men's Garden Club of Spartanburg for their generosity.

RED AND BLUE BOOKS

Every club should have a member or two who have internet capabilities.

Please print both the Red and Blue Books off the **TGOA/MGCA** web site (www.tgoa-mgca.org), members only password is "lily" and put into a binder which will be passed from one club president to the next.

These *two books* are so full of information that will help club & region officers, members and committees.

RED BOOK CONTENTS

1. Audio/Visual Programs
2. Bylaws/Club (Suggested)
3. Bylaws/Region (Suggested)
4. Bylaws/TGOA/MGCA
5. Club Officer & Committee Chair Guides
6. Convention Manual
7. Directory: Club Officers, Directors, Affiliated Clubs & Regions
8. Gardening From the Heart
GFTH Guidelines
(Includes Grant Application Form)
GFTH Horticulture Therapy
9. How to Organize a Garden Club
(Includes Petition to Affiliate)
10. How to Spread the Word
(Guide for Club Bulletin Writers)
11. Ideas for You, The President
12. Initiation of Club Member
13. Installation of Officers
- Membership Forms**
14. At Large Membership Application Form
15. Life Membership Application Form (Club Member)
16. Member Add/Delete/Change Form (For Club Treasurers)
17. Membership Chairman Handbook
18. Membership Privileges
19. Money Generating Activities
20. Photography Slide Competition
21. Program Suggestions
22. Publicity Chairman Handbook
23. Region Guide
24. Secrets of Successful Club Leadership
25. Spade and Trowel Club Forms
26. Sponsoring a Garden Club
- Supplies and Services Catalogs**
27. Affiliate Club & Region Awards
28. Standard Forms & Literature
29. Supply Order Form
30. Youth Gardening Manual
31. Committee Expense Authorization Form
32. Memorial Form

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone who has sent a memorial in a member's memory.

What a great way to honor someone.

The Gardeners Of America / Men's Garden Clubs Of America, **Memorial Form** is now in the **Red Book** on the website.

American Bittersweet
(*Celastrus scandens*)

If you're looking for a native plant to add to your landscape, American bittersweet might be just what you're looking for. "Why," you ask? This attractive vine is colorful and native to North America, so you can plant it knowing you're not adding a nuisance to your landscape. American bittersweet's yellow capsule-like fruits open between mid-September and November to reveal stunning orange gems.

Unlike rampant Oriental bittersweet (which has rounded leaves rather than the narrow, tapered leaves of the native species), American bittersweet is not invasive and is so rare in certain areas that it's a protected species.

Give it a post to climb on in full sun or partial shade, as this vine grows rapidly and can kill shrubs or small trees by strangling branches and trunks. Prune in late winter or early spring to limit plant size.

The mature height is from 20 to 30 feet.

American bittersweet is found from the eastern seaboard to the Rockies; grows anywhere temperatures drop below freezing.

Plant Conservation.

Excerpt from the Center for Plant Conservation.

One out of five native plant species in the U.S. is in decline and listed on a conservation watch list. More than 730 are officially classified as "endangered" or "threatened."

For further information contact: The Center for Plant Conservation, P.O. Box 299, St. Louis, Mo 63166, 314-577-9450,

www.centerforplantconservation.org

Board of Directors Meeting Information & Tentative Schedule,

November 3 & 4, 2006
Kendallville, IN

Hotel Information:

Room rate: \$60 per night. Best Western Kendallville Inn, Kendallville, IN 46755, (260) 347-5263 or 1-866-719-4608. *Indicate that you are part of the National Board of the Gardeners of America event.* bwkendallville@hotmail.com

See page 7 or website for form.

Registration Fee and Airport Information and Transportation:

The fee is \$96 for each registrant and each guest.

Ft. Wayne International Airport (FWA). Pick up for attendees will be on Thursday, November 2, starting early afternoon. Contact Dale or Marcia Davies no later than October 13th **for pickup.** See page 7 or website for registration form.

Friday 11/3

- 7:45 AM Breakfast
- 9:30 AM Bus leaves for Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site
- 9:45 AM Arrive GSPSHS
- 10:00 AM Tour gardens & cabin
- 11:00 AM Seminar on Restoring Historic Gardens
- 12:30 PM Bus leaves for Fashion Farm Restaurant and Gardens
- 1:00 PM Lunch at Fashion Farm

- 2:00 PM Seminar on Container Gardening
- 3:30 PM Bus leaves for Shipshewana Amish Community
- 4:00 PM Free-time to shop and explore Shipshewana
- 5:30 PM Bus departs for the hotel
- 7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting – location TBA

Saturday 11/4

- 7:45 AM E&I meeting & breakfast - conference room
- 7:45 AM Guests breakfast – breakfast area
- 9:30 am Directors Meeting
- Noon Lunch on your own
- 1:00 pm Seminar on Native American plants and their usage
- 3:00 pm Directors Meeting
- 6:00 pm Gathering and cash bar
- 6:30 pm Banquet & musical entertainment

The hospitality room will be open all day on Saturday

Contact: John Kessen, lakelover60@yahoo.com

Membership Report

The following club(s) have a 10% or more increase in paid members from

June 1 – July 31, 2006

Spartanburg MGC, SC 10.64%

THANK YOU FROM HQ

HQ would like to thank the MGC of Des Moines, IA for their very generous \$1000 annual gift.

AHS WEBSITE & PASSWORD

www.ahs.org

Password: tulip

This is a *change* from last year.

When I first open my eyes upon the morning meadows and look out upon the beautiful world, I thank God I am alive.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

EXAMPLE

2007 MEMBER ADD/DELETE/CHANGE FORM

DATE: _____ CLUB NUMBER: _____ REGION NUMBER: _____

CLUB NAME: _____

SECRETARY/TREASURER NAME: _____

MEMBER TYPE or STATUS: **N** = New Member (\$15 Non-AHS) (\$30 AHS); **F** = Family Member \$20 (2d person at the same address plus new member); **Y** = Youth Member \$5 (Child of regular and family member); **L** = Life Member \$200 (All ages); **R** = Resigned Member; **C** = Change of Name/Address/Phone/Email; **D** = Deceased (Date: _____)

MEMBER INFO: _____ (From Codes Above) TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Member # (if applicable) _____

MEMBER NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

DATE JOINED: _____ PHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SPONSOR NAME: _____ SPONSOR'S MBR # _____

MEMBER NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

DATE JOINED: _____ PHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SPONSOR NAME: _____ SPONSOR'S MBR # _____

Fill out this form (**PRINT** or **TYPE**) and submit to : **TGOA/MGCA**, P.O. Box 241, Johnston, IA 50131-0241
The original form may be found in the RED BOOK on the National Website or may be requested from National Headquarters.

2007 Calendars

The 2007 TGOA/MGCA calendars are here; ready to hang in your office or home. They also make great presents for family and friends. These calendars are good to give to new members, used as a recruiting tool and are suitable for framing. They also can be given to local stores / businesses for their sale or as an appreciation gift for their support.

2006 Calendars

2006 calendars are still available and can be used for crafts and are good for framing. The only charge is for shipping and handling.

*Life member white caps
(with both logos)
are now only \$15*

**2007 Calendar
Order Form**

Ship to:

Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

1-249..\$2.85 each

250-749..\$2.60 each

750+..\$2.45 each

Quantity ordered: _____

Total Amount: _____

Order via: mail, phone, fax, stop in at HQ or email order requests to TGOA/MGCA headquarters in Johnston, Iowa.

A bill will be forwarded with your calendars.

ENTERPRISE Rent-A-Car

Enterprise Rent-A-Car is pleased to offer discounts to members of the Gardeners of America / Men's Garden Clubs of America.

Reservations may be made on line at: **www.enterprise.com**. To make a reservation on line enter your account number in the Corporate Account or Source Code field, the account number is **05K0309**. It will then ask for the first three letters of your organization's name. Enter **THE**, proceed with making your reservation and your discount will be included in the rate that is displayed.

You may also call **1-800-RENT-A-CAR** to make a reservation, be sure to provide your corporate ID number to receive your discount.

REGISTRATION

TGOA/MGCA

Board of Directors Meeting

November 3 & 4, 2006

Registrant:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Region: _____

Guest:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

The registration fee is \$96 for each registrant and each guest. My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Arrival at airport:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Airline: _____

Flight Number: _____

Departure from airport:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Airline: _____

Flight Number: _____

Pick up at the Ft. Wayne airport (FWA) will be on Thursday, November 2nd by a host committee representative starting early afternoon in the baggage claim area of the airport.

Send this registration form no later than **October 13th** to:

Marcia Davies (Treasurer)
Gardeners of Van Wert County
P.O. Box 773
Van Wert, OH 45891

Make registration check payable to:
The Gardeners of Van Wert County.

The Gardeners of Van Wert County are not responsible for hotel reservations.

ROOM RESERVATION FORM

TGOA/MGCA

Board of Directors Meeting

November 3 & 4, 2006

Our hotel is the Best Western Kendallville Inn, Kendallville, IN.

The room rate is \$60 per night per room (single or double).

You may mail this form to the hotel or call 260-347-5263 no later than Friday, October 13th. If you call, indicate that you are part of the *National Board of Gardeners of America Event.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Arrival to hotel:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Departure from hotel:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Circle One:

Accommodations:

Single Double Non Smoking Smoking
Special needs required: _____

Credit Card:

Master Card VISA
Discover American Express

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Name on card if different from the name above: _____

Best Western Kendallville Inn

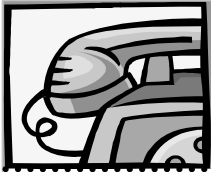
621 Professional Way
Kendallville, IN 46755
Toll Free 866-719-4608

Email: bwkendallville@hotmail.com

Hotel accommodations must be made by the attendee.
Do not send this form to The Gardeners of Van Wert.



... FROM THE
...EDITOR'S DESK
By AJ Freeman



**National Membership
Manager**

Contact Mr. Bob Young, at
TGOA / MGCA headquarters,
Johnston, Iowa, afternoons,
M-F, 515-278-0295,
or via email at:
mgcamb@dwx.com

- * Dues
- * Finances
- * Membership cards
- * Merchandise orders including calendar orders
- * Donations
- * Changes/Additions of names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of individuals and clubs

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Please keep TGOA / MGCA headquarters notified of any changes in your status and / or address or of any administrative problems you may have

**JUST THE FAX MA'AM/SIR
JUST THE FAX**

Please feel free to fax information, articles or questions to headquarters at: 515-278-6245.

**DEADLINES FOR
SUBMITTING ARTICLES
FOR THE NATIONAL
NEWSLETTER**

Newsletter	Deadline Dates
Nov/Dec '06	Oct 2-10, '06
Jan/Feb '07	Dec 1-5, '06
Mar/Apr '07	Feb 1-7, '07
May/Jun '07	Apr 2-6 '07
Jul/Aug '07	Jun 1-7, '07
Sep/Oct '07	Aug 1-7, '07

Feel free to visit our beautiful grounds at National Headquarters in Johnston, Iowa at anytime.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May: Herb & Thelma Nichols
65 years
Garden Club of Ritenour, MO.

June: Dr. George & Teddi Guju
50 years
MGC of Youngstown, OH.

**WHAT'S NEW ON THE
TGOA/MGCA WEBSITE**

By Frank Mitch, Web Master

<http://www.tgoa-mgca.org>
<http://www.gardenersofamerica.org>
<http://www.gardenersofamerica.com>
Password: lily

Check out your new and improved website.

For gardening questions and answers go to the TGOA/MGCA website
www.tgoa-mgca.org
Master gardeners are standing by.



**BIG PUMPKIN / GIANT
SUNFLOWER CONTEST**

Youth Gardening
Committee Chair:

Don Otterness
6829 Dunnsville Rd,
Altamont, NY
12009-5315
518-355-5722

FAX: 528-862-6206

No E-mail available.
Please submit applicants to
Mr. Otterness
as soon as possible.

Near and Dear to

My Heart



**HEALTH PROBLEMS ACROSS
THE UNITED STATES**

There are several members and their families who have serious health problems.

Please pray for and keep in your thoughts those who have problems.

Please say a prayer for and keep in your thoughts, our military men and women who are in harm's way and law enforcement personnel who are on the front lines everyday. Each and every one of them and their families need your prayers.

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