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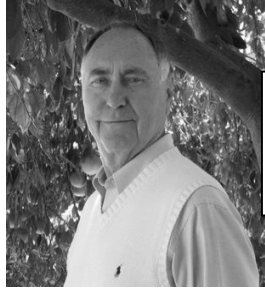
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The President's Message

Hope this finds all well with you.

Lets take a moment and look at ourselves. At our base we are gardeners, we like to grow things and do it well. Our clubs have programs to help achieve the goal to become good gardeners. We become learners and teachers at the same time. Hopefully, we become good citizens and have our expertise in gardening flow into our communities providing educational, environmental, beautification and practical (there is nothing like home grown fruits and vegetables) aspects of our craft. We feel projecting into the greater community is meaningful in many ways. It is the admirable goal of TGOA/MGCA to develop our people at the club level into leaders not only in gardening, but also into responsible community leaders making America a better place in many ways. We do make a difference and we make our country stronger, happier and a better place to grow and live.

One of the great examples of our making a difference in peoples lives is our **Gardening From The Heart** program. Society has been aware of horticulture therapy and the

benefits derived from it for many years and our GFTH programs are good examples of making a difference from prisons to hospitals, homes for the elderly, schools and many others. Again, we can be proud of the impact we make on others lives.

Gardening From The Heart is supported financially by donations from us. This is a good way to memorialize a departed gardener or a new child into your family. What better way to welcome or remember someone meaningfully. You are then doing something that makes life better for others through a GFTH investment.

The time is near when we will be getting together in beautiful Rockford, seeing the sights as the Illinois members are going all out to make sure a good time is had by all. You will meet new friends and see old ones, as well as learn a great deal and get new ideas at our seminars and committee meetings. Make every effort to make the trip to Rockford with your ideas on how to make our organization better and most importantly have a great time.

See you there. *Jim*

Attention Clubs/Regions

Please submit your request to be host for the **2009** convention to the Convention Site & Planning chair or any executive officer.

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY
4 - Independence Day
12 to 14 National Convention



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following club(s) have a 10% or more increase in paid members from April to May, 07

Ritenour Garden Club, Overland, MO **18.75%**

Rockwall-Rowlett Garden Club, Rockwall, TX **20%**

GARDENING FROM THE HEART REQUESTS

Please submit GFTH requests to Dale Thomas, chairperson, Jackson, MS and not to the national headquarters.

*Monetary Gift...If you wish to submit a monetary gift in memory or honor of any member, please use the form from the website or get a form from your treasurer. Mail it to Bob Young at headquarters.
Example: page 8 this NL.*

Desert Dweller Facts, Tucson, AZ

The following plants, contrary to popular belief, are NOT cacti: agave, yucca, desert spoon, ocotillo and African aloe (because of their unique floral forms.) Common plants that DO represent the cactus family are: saguaro, prickly pear, and cholla.

Impatiens love cold tea

GARDENERS GONE TO REST

R.S. Mild, Copley, OH
John Fischer, Des Moines, IA
Eldred Hargens, Cape Girardeau, MO
Guylas Kiss, Mason City, IA
R.S. Mild, Copley, OH
Gaither Newnam, Martinsville, VA
Charles Nusbaum, Archbold, OH
R. Wayne Ries, Van Wert, OH
Gordon Sheldon, Rome, NY
Bill Sobke, Allen, KS
Henry Stein, Las Cruces, NM
Clinton Walker, Akron, OH
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MEMORIALS / HONORS

A gift was received for the memorial fund from the Akron Men's Garden Club, Akron, OH in memory of Clinton Walker.

A gift was received to purchase plants for HQ from Bonnie Lou & Franklin Peterson, Des Moines, IA in memory of their son, Dr. Duane Peterson.

Howard Matz made a gift to the E&I fund in memory of Leyton Youngclaus. Howard remembers Leyton as a dear friend who provided much support when Howard was TGOA/MGCA president in 1996.

FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 2-3, 2007
Johnston, Iowa

Registration Information Availability

- * At the 2007 convention
- * There will be a mailing in August, 2007
- * Sep / Oct 07 Newsletter

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Did You Know...? Wise Words & Advice for Gardeners & Floral Designers, a book printed in 2007.

Compost: Briquette ashes should not be added to the compost pile, as they contain harmful chemicals. Contributed by Hildepard Barne. For composting on a small scale, save coffee grounds and egg shells along with grass clippings. It is neat and clean – no smell or mess. Contributed by Janice Haines.

**JUST DAYS NOW
until the TGOA/MGCA
National Convention**



Gardening Heaven

in 2007!

***July 12 - 14, 2007
at the Clock Tower Resort,
Rockford, IL***

*Presented by the clubs of the
Illinois-Wisconsin Region*

Breakout Seminars

Education is one of our primary missions whether at the national, regional or local club level. A diversity of educational offerings is one of the goals of our convention. We will offer seminars every day of the convention. They include the following topics.

Thursday, July 12

Roses You Should Know and Grow - the types you can and should consider growing.

Honey Bees - where would gardeners be without them? (These Thursday seminars are scheduled during the Directors meeting and will be repeated so no Director will have to miss them.)

Friday, July 13

Roses You Should Know and Grow (same as on the 12th)

Herbs, Past and Present - culinary and fragrance uses, growing, harvesting and tasting.

Saturday, July 14

Honey Bees (same as on the 12th)

Right Plant, Right Place

Design – reducing garden maintenance through good design.

Ball Horticultural Company - learn what's new at this international plant and seed firm.

Soil Preparation for Roses - learn what roses (and more) like to sink their roots into.

Raising Orchids in Your Home - learn that orchids are not too exotic for YOU to grow.

Our National Organization - learn more about TGOA / MGCA.

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For the most current convention information, check out our TGOA / MGCA web page which covers breakout seminars, what to see while traveling, travel information & Rockford map, registration form – hotel & travel information, final schedule of events and planning ahead for 2007.

If you do not have internet access, ask someone in your club to print information for you or one of your officers may bring the information to your club meetings to hand out.

Hope to see you in Rockford!

Convention pictures and award winners will be in the Sep/Oct newsletter

**ATTENTION
PHOTOGRAPHERS**

We, The Gardeners of America / Men's Garden Clubs of America, are lacking a chair to the Audio Visual committee since Bob Novak passed. Please notify the Third Vice President if you are interested.

**NEWS FROM THE
AMERICAN
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**

By Jessica Rozmus

Through the American Horticultural Society's (AHS) Horticultural Partnership with TGOA / MGCA, AHS offers a discounted membership to members of TGOA/MGCA. The AHS membership includes 6 issues of *The American Gardener* magazine, free and discounted admission to more than 200 gardens nationwide, participation in the Annual Seed Exchange, access to the members-only section of the AHS website, exclusive online learning opportunities, and discounts on AHS educational programs.

Upcoming AHS programs include the 15th Annual National Children & Youth Garden Symposium being held on July 19-21 in Chaska, Minnesota at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and the AHS Garden School "The Amazing World of Plants" being held at Yewdell Gardens in Crestwood, Kentucky on October 4-5.

A new addition to the programs offered to AHS members is free online seminars. Be sure to register for the upcoming webinar "Bulbs That Work" hosted by Allan Armitage on September 25. Visit www.ahs.org for more information on AHS programs and online registration or contact Jessica Rozmus, Education Programs Coordinator, at (703) 768-5700 ext. 137 or jrozmus@ahs.org.

Concrete facts, from the Highlight magazine, May 07. Concrete is a mixture of gravel, sand, cement and water. The gravel and sand help fill up the space, and concrete holds it all together. Cement is made by heating and crushing limestone and clay. The tiny crystals in the stone break apart, leaving a powder. Later, when you mix the powder with water, new limestone crystals form.

How Does The Earth Make Oil, from the Highlight magazine, May 07. Crude oil is a mixture of chemicals. From it, we boil off many useful things, such as gasoline, fuel oil, motor oil, and chemicals for making plastics. Some of these chemicals can be used for fuel because they have a lot of energy stored in them.

Like most of the energy on earth, this stored energy came from the sun. Millions of years ago, tiny living things stored the energy of sunlight as sugars and other carbohydrates, just as modern plants do. Those living things were covered by sediments (dirt, sand and other stuff that settled out of water.) Under pressure, the sediments turned into rock, and the living things slowly decayed. Over time the carbohydrates became long molecules that can burn fast and release a lot of energy.

THE OPINION CORNER

The Opinion Corner is new to the national newsletter, and will be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the national president and national newsletter chair.

CARBON DIOXIDE – ANOTHER VIEW

by Arthur Trimble, a new member of the Environmental Issues Committee

Let me say as I begin this article, I am writing to support my personal view of the matter, as I am sure Mr. Caris did in his article. This is a matter of grave importance and deserves our learning as much as we can about it and taking whatever actions we can to change the direction we are headed.

As our Chair, Marlin Caris, wrote in the May/June Newsletter CO² is indeed a natural occurring chemical, a by-product of many natural reactions, and nature does produce a great deal of it. Our concern, however, is the tremendous amounts of CO² being added by man. If we had only to be concerned about the natural world Mr. Caris would be correct, but there is a great deal of evidence available suggesting that with the advent of the automobile and our increasing hunger for electrical energy produced by coal fired generator plants that we are facing serious problems in the near future.

Since the most available and cheapest source of fuel for power generation, both here in the United States and in China, is coal; the problem is growing faster than ever before. In both countries we continue to use outdated and inefficient generating plants because they are the cheapest way of producing the energy we use in ever increasing amounts.

At the same time we are adding more CO² to the atmosphere we are reducing nature's way of reducing CO² by clearing and burning the worlds vast rain forests. The Amazon Rain Forest is being cleared for its lumber and large areas used for intensive farming and cattle ranching. Farming and ranching further reduce the fertility of the soil and then require chemical fertilizers to keep the land productive.

We are plundering the earth and polluting its atmosphere at an unprecedented rate and "We," meaning the United States, one of the most developed countries in the world. We are poor stewards of a world, which has given us what seems, to most, to be unlimited resources, at the expense of most of the rest of the world. Greenhouse gases and global warming, in which CO² is a significant part of the problem, is just one of the environmental issues with which we need to be concerned.

Renewing and recycling are two things we can all do to some degree and we each need to be thinking about our individual efforts. Our organization, as part of the natural world, should be leading in every way possible to conserve and share our resources.



BOOK REVIEW

Written by: Bill Lanning, Book Review committee member

Title: The Organic Home Garden

Author(s): Patrick Lima, Firefly Books, Buffalo, NY, 2004, 160 pages

When one sees a book on organic gardening, it is a typical reaction to think of an author out to convert the world. Patrick Lima wrote this book based on his love of gardening and his love of the soil. In the beginning, he explains how he planted all shapes and sizes of beds rather than garden rows. He uses the intensive method of gardening, which is the most efficient way of using the land. He suggests planting a little of this and that in whatever spaces one has. The author is excited about making and using compost as fertilizer. He also includes the use of natural fertilizers from garden centers and mail order suppliers.

When looking at the table of contents, it is apparent that the author starts with preparing the soil, planning, starting from seeds, problems and then through a series of vegetables to plant. The chapter headings are whimsical, but further exploration shows tried and true methods of raising many crops. An example of this is chapter nine "The Root of the Matter" which includes carrots, parsnips, beets, radishes and potatoes. He also includes a chapter about "Three Sisters of Life" which are corn, squash and beans. Our native people had a strong belief in this family as direct links to human life and the earth.

Lima's book contains much helpful information including pest control, cold frames, selecting seeds and the reasons for starting from seeds. He gives valuable information about many vegetables in a sometimes humorous or whimsical way. Patrick Lima has a purpose and that purpose is to bring tasty vegetables to the table without the use of chemicals or pesticides.

Whether you are an experienced gardener or a new gardener, this book will provide helps and ideas for all. It is a book that I can personally recommend to you.

SPONSOR OR MENTOR!

By Joseph Alessi Jr., MGC of Youngstown Ohio

If asking a person to be a guest at your club's event is step one, and approving their application for membership is step two, are there other steps to take for your "Rookie"?

Yes, there are more steps from being a guest to becoming an active member that will promote club activities. Taking a monumental task and breaking it down into many doable steps will simplify the desired outcome; an active member.

A sponsor's greatest responsibility to their new member does not end with step two. A reliable caring sponsor introduces the rookie to other members, and acclimates the rookie to all club functions. He makes them aware of the affiliation with the regional and national organizations that is "Us" and how "Us" relates to the local club.

The key for the success or failure of each step is the

sponsor. He/she should stay in touch with the rookie by calling and offering to join with them at meetings, work parties and club social events. You should sit, work and enjoy events with them, do not let them try these things alone. The newbie may become lost for lack of attention and soon be gone. Sponsor, become the best example of an active member that he/she has.

Help your rookie learn more about the other members than just their names. It is how to make them feel they are an integral part of their new gardening family. Working on committees and work parties is an excellent way to support and help them stay informed.

"A better informed member is a more willing and cooperative member"

Learn what the rookie's gardening interest and wishes are, and then introduce them to older members that have similar interests or expertise. It will allow them to share growing experiences, knowledge and plants.

If you know of a gardening or club function with which the rookie has a problem, do all you can to address and help correct the matter!

There are many avenues open that the sponsor can use for an advantage on behalf of his/hers new member. If you can't join them, see that they team up with another willing member. Mentors can step up when elderly sponsors are no longer physically able to be as active. People may join through a

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This is a critical time for an able active caring member to take up the mantle and become a "mentor" to the new one.

A noticeable benevolent and admirable act is that of being a mentor, one individual caring for another with no thought of blowing his or her own horn. Sponsor, mentor or godfather are names for the same person who cares about and persuades others by igniting the desire to become an active member.

The idea is not to be or feel that you have to become a teacher. Think more of it as being about a confidant, one that the rookie can feel free and comfortable asking questions. Be that someone to give a well-deserved pat on the back for a job well done. From time to time, it is what we all need.

So you see, it takes as many steps as necessary to help rookies grow and become active members in good standing, and eventually proudly wear their own spade award pin. Good Job!

Since the first of January 2007, the MGCA has twelve new members by seven sponsors; three of those sponsors are already qualified for the 2007 spade award and will proudly display the pin. We make a ceremony of presenting this special award!

Of the twenty new 2006 members, eighteen renewed their 2007 dues and are still becoming very active with club events. Five of their sponsors qualify for the national trowel award. 5-10-07.

KUDZU IS A HUGE PROBLEM

www.kokudzu.com

1. Labeled a noxious invasive weed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
2. Overruns new land every year.
3. Kills trees (smothers the canopy).
4. Destroys habitats (birds, etc.).
5. Causes economic damage (property loss, cost of control, etc.).
6. Is an eyesore.

Coalition To Control Kudzu

"An on going, proactive, volunteer initiative sponsored by The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club and Master Gardeners with the participation of local organizations and residents to make our communities more attractive through experimentation, demonstration, and education in the use of non-herbicidal methods to control kudzu."

1. We focus on urban kudzu infestations only.
2. We do not use herbicides (there are times and places when selected herbicides are appropriate).
3. Our objectives are:
 - A. Aesthetic Improvement (reduces the spots of embarrassment)
 - B. Environmental Restoration
 - C. Economic Loss Reduction
4. We do this through:
 - A. Working with community minded groups and individuals
 - B. Demonstration sites

- C. Education
- D. Experimentation
- E. Persistence
- F. Volunteers

Kudzu Control Demonstration Sites

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bridges | Parks |
| Corners | Railroad Overpasses |
| Creeks | Small Business Infestations |
| Preserves | Street Side Infestations |
| Fences | Trees |
| Neighborhoods | |
| Utility Poles and Guide Wires | |

Experimental Plots:

Behind the YMCA on South Pine St., Spartanburg, SC.
Have Questions? Want to help? Want help?

Contacts:

Barbara Daniels, 864-591-3600
Newt Hardie, 864-582-0990

Grow Native

From a pamphlet about Southeastern Arizona

Invasive plants impact natural areas by:

- * fueling unnatural and destructive desert fires
- * displacing native vegetation
- * degrading wildlife habitat
- * depleting soil nutrients
- * increasing allergens
- * altering natural water flows

Common characteristics of invasive plants:

- * high seed production
- * rapid growth
- * efficient seed dispersal mechanisms
- * reproduction without pollination
- * tolerance to a wide range of soils
- * toxic or unpalatable to wildlife
- * once established, difficult to control

DON'T FORGET PAGE TWELVE

The Chelsea Flower Show and Gardens of Southern England May 15-23, 2007

By Linda McHam, President,
Spartanburg Men's Garden Club
Reference: Nov/Dec 06 newsletter

Wow! What a trip this was! I have taken groups of dedicated gardeners to England and other countries since 1998, but this was the best ever! With our small group of congenial gardeners from Atlanta, South Carolina, Connecticut and St. Louis, we lived a life of luxury for eight days. Joining me on the tour was Lorraine Calder, president of White Flower Farm and Karen P. Jennings of Park Seed.

Most of us arrived a day early and settled into our spa hotel, The Alexander House and Utopia Spa in Turners Hill. You'd have to see it to believe it. It was beyond fun to jump into one of the therapy pools after a relaxing day in the gardens. From our country retreat we traveled short distances to see amazing gardeners and their gardens. This year, I arranged "an insider's look": the owners and head gardeners graciously led us around their properties and answered our many questions.

Our first garden was one of the highlights of the trip. Sue Prideaux is the owner (with her husband Michael) of Selehurst. She met us in her wellies, sweater and pearls, and invited us into her lovely kitchen at 10:00 am for coffee, tea and scones while she told us how her garden began. We headed out into the garden's rooms near the house. We had so many questions about plants new to us, and how she managed the

50+ acres with one gardener. From the garden rooms we walked to the pond and gazebo, and then down the valley of rhododendrons and azaleas to the lower ponds with vistas to the far hills. Upon our return to the house, Sue joined us at our next garden, Leonardslee, literally across the street.

Robin Loder is the current owner and manager of Leonardslee, the Loder estate that began in 1801. He was a thoroughly entertaining gentleman, full of energy and enthusiasm for his ancestral home with a vision for the garden's future. The garden is really a valley with seven ponds at the bottom. Rhododendrons and azaleas were in full blaze as we strolled around the perimeter with Robin. Because the sides of the valley are steep, wallabies (small kangaroos) keep the vegetation down and the grass mown without the use of manpower or machines.

There are too many gardens to go into detail about but a brief list will help: Wakehurst Place, Gravetye (William Robinson's home and lovely garden), Groombridge Place (site of the recent version of *Pride & Prejudice* with Keira Knightly), Squerryes Court, Chartwell (Sir Winston Churchill's home), Yalding Organic Gardens, a quick stop for Canterbury Cathedral, Goodnestone Park, Great Dixter (Christopher Lloyd's home and garden, now directed by Fergus Garrett), Merriment's Garden, Nursery and Garden Center, and Sissinghurst, Vita Sackville-West's garden.

Fergus Garrett spent an hour and 45 minutes with us, taking

us through each room in the garden and explaining to us the intricacies of Lloyd's planting scheme. He said that the garden is up for sale, as Christo passed away in 2006. A foundation is at work trying to purchase the garden but £2,000,000 (\$4,000,000) is a lot of money and there are several buyers who would like to have the garden. If the foundation does not purchase the garden, it may never be open to the public again, which would be a tragedy.

On our last day in the country, we spent four hours at The Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley before driving into London. Several of us went to the theatre or dinner that evening before our next big day: the Chelsea Flower Show.

We met in the lobby at 7:30 am and the coach picked us up at 7:45 for our one-mile drive to the Royal Hospital Grounds where Chelsea is held every year. By 8:00 am, there were several thousand people already there! The show is open for one week, usually the third week in May. Monday is for Royals and the press; Tuesday and Wednesday are for members of the Royal Horticultural Society, which we joined so that we could attend on Tuesday. Wednesday through Saturday is for the general public. All tickets are sold out by February – you cannot buy tickets at the gate! There are about 150,000 people who attend the show, so approximately 30,000 people attend each day. It is open from 8am-8pm.

With new tents in 2001 and a
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The Chelsea Flower Show

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much-improved layout and traffic flow, the show is now a delight. No more sweltering heat under the marquees and plenty of elbowroom! Stand after stand of amazing displays: bouquets of aquilegias, stacks of strawberries and their delicious fragrance, bouquets of roses from David Austin, shimmering colors of tree peonies, tableaux of wildflowers, and that doesn't scratch the surface! There are 13 or more display gardens that are larger than some patio home gardens, about 30 feet wide by 75 feet long with trees and hedges that look like they've been there for 30 years. It is hard to believe that they were all trucked in only three weeks before! And did I mention the sales areas? I really wanted to bring home a Henchman ladder/platform to help prune my hedges. I'll have to work on that this fall!

If you are interested in seeing Hampton Court Flower Show (and the gardens of the west country and the Cotswolds) next year, please contact me at www.copper-beech.com.

I'd love for you to join me!

CLOSER LOOK

From the Organic Gardening magazine, May 2007

Mayapple

I know that spring is in full fling when I see clusters of foot-high plants with umbrella-like leaves popping up in wooded areas. If I get closer, I can spot the pale flower that opens beneath the leaf canopy. Later in the season, the mayapple

(podophyllum peltatum) bears little plum-shaped fruit that feeds wildlife and may someday be a treatment for cancer in people. This is an appropriate symbol, I'd say, for the season of eternal hope.

Native Pest Control

Mayapple was used medicinally by many Native Americans, but the Menominee tribe of the Great Lakes region found it useful for their gardens too. They boiled stems and foliage to make a liquid repellent for potato pests.

**Also Known As:
American Mandrake**

By Abigail Poulette

Early European settlers to North America saw a resemblance between mayapple and a plant native to their continent known as the mandrake. Though the two plants are similar, botanists today classify them in different genera. The mayapples' leaf shape and fruit essence inspired two more nicknames: umbrella plant and wild lemon.

It's a fact

* Mayapple leaves and stems are poisonous, but the fruit is edible when fully ripe. Most people find its lemony scent more appealing than its often-astringent taste.

* Encourage mayapples in your shade garden—they attract box turtles, which munch on the fruit and help spread the plant's seeds.

* Mayapple rhizomes contain podophyllin, a toxic resin that can prevent the growth of human cells. Medical

researchers are evaluating it for use in cancer treatment.

Through Time

Baby blues: Childless Rachel bartered for mandrakes, believed to enhance fertility.

Bard bit: Shakespeare's plays include mentions of the mandrake's dark powers.

Before Superman: Mandrake the Magician was the first costumed superhero.

Hear no Evil: Harry Potter fans know never to repot a mandrake root without wearing earmuffs.

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BUTTERFLY WEED

Asclepias tuberosa

With a name like "butterfly weed," you know this perennial will pull butterflies in for a drink. And since many butterflies are attracted to shades of red and yellow, the vibrant orange is a sure draw, too.

Like many perennials that grow best in hot, dry conditions, butterfly weed has deep roots. These make it hard to move or divide large plants. And when you visit your local garden center, the potted plants often look rough. That's because they've been kept too wet in the containers. The easiest way to establish healthy butterfly weed in your garden is to buy small seedlings or sow seeds directly where you want the plants.

Type: Perennial

Size: 18-30 in. tall by 24 in. wide

Bloom: Late spring to mid summer

Flower colors: Orange and yellow

Soil: Dry

Light: Full sun

Pests: None serious

Popular with: Red admirals, swallowtails, monarchs and skippers

Hardiness: Cold: USDA zones 4 to 9; Heat: AHS zones 9 to 1

From the Garden Gate Magazine www.GardenGateMagazine.com

Example

**THE GARDENERS OF AMERICA MEN'S GARDEN CLUBS OF AMERICA,
5560 Merle Hay Road, P.O. Box 241, Johnston, Iowa 50131-6245**

MEMORIAL FORM

This form can be found in the Red Book on the web

DATE: _____

It is our pleasure to submit a memorial gift in honor of: _____
NAME

Circle One: E&I fund; Scholarship fund; General Fund; Memorial fund; Other _____

For the amount of: \$ _____

Given by: _____
NAME/CLUB

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Acknowledgement to: _____
NAME

Relation to Deceased

ADDRESS

Thank You to: _____
NAME

ADDRESS

Remarks: _____

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AND/OR NEWSLETTER**

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Newsletter Editor and Frank Mitch,
Web Site Committee Chair

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headquarters attention AJ
Freeman.

National Newsletter

Articles should be 200 words
or less in font size 12 and the
font type should be either Times
New Roman or Arial.

National Web Page

Articles should be one
page or so in length, about
500 words.

TGOA/MGCA Website

By Frank Mitch, Web Master
and Committee Chair
<http://www.tgoa-mgca.org>
[http://www.gardenersof
america.org](http://www.gardenersof
america.org)
Password = lily

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Does anyone from California
have any gardening information
or stories they would like to
share with gardeners across the
U.S.A. by submitting an article
for the national newsletter?

How about members in
Illinois and Washington?

We sure would love to hear
from you.

TRAVELING THE U.S.A.

* **LONGWOOD GARDENS,**
Festival of Fountains, May 26
– September 1, 2007, US Route
1, P.O. Box 501, Kennett
Square, PA 19348-0501,
longwoodgardens.org.

* **TOUR PHILADELPHIA'S
GARDENS,** there are four tours
available, www.plantloverstours.com

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

Newsletter Dates	Deadline
Sep/Oct '07	Aug 1-7, '07
Nov/Dec '07	Oct 1-5, '07
Jan/Feb '08	Dec 3-7, '07
Mar/Apr '08	Feb 1-7, '08
May/Jun '08	Apr 2-6 '08
Jul/Aug '08	Jun 1-7, '08



Plaques & Certificates may be ordered from national headquarters in Johnston, IA; Monday-Friday at 515-278-0295, via email: mgcambr@dwx.com or tgoasecy@dwx.com, fax: 515-278-6245 or via postal mail.

2008 Calendars are now available at the national headquarters.

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

Give Bob Young at HQ a call to order.



2008 Calendar Order Form

Ship to:

Name: _____

(Member #: _____)

Club Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Member Cost

1-249..\$2.95 each

250-749..\$2.75 each

750+..\$2.50 each

plus S&H

Quantity ordered: _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

*Order via: mail, phone, fax, or email
ATTN: Bob Young, at TGOA/MGCA
headquarters in Johnston, Iowa.
A bill will be forwarded
with your calendars.*

2007 Calendars

2007 TGOA/MGCA calendars are still available for purchase.

JUDGING CARDS

Please order them from national headquarters at least 30 days or more before the competition.

Allow five days for mailing.

Peggy Moody,

Ft Dodge, IA, is the Shows & Judging chair.

HERTZ

You're a participant in Hertz Member Savings and TGOA/MGCA headquarters has a discount card for you. Being a member of the Hertz discount is a year-round offer.

Visit hertz.com; call your travel agent or Hertz at 1-800-654-2210.

You may also contact HQ and have a car rental discount card sent to you.

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.

YOUTH GARDENING CONTEST or AWARDS FORMS

For youth gardening forms or the youth gardening manual, please give AJ at HQ a call or email request and she will mail it to you or you may have someone in your club with internet print it for you. The youth manual is item 30 in the Red Book on the national website, members only.

The forms need to be filled out completely. Mail, fax or call Don Otterness with the required information. P.O. Box 233, Altamont, NY 12009-0233, 518-355-5722, Fax: 518-861-5105, No email listed at this time.

From the Garden Shop ACCESSORIES

Caps & Hats (choice of logo)

- Life member white cap (both logos) \$15*
- Green/White or White Mesh Cap \$7.50
- Green or White Sun Visor \$6
- Sun body Hat (no logo)(discription below) \$20
- White poplin Golf Cap \$8

Jackets (choice of logo)

- Green or White Lined Windbreaker
M-Xlg \$32 XXlg \$35
- Green or White Unlined Windbreaker
M-Xlg \$26 XXlg \$29

Shirts (choice of logo)

- Green or White Sport Shirt, knit
M-Xlg \$22 XX & XXXlg \$25
- Short Sleeve Arrow Dress Shirt
(15 to 17-1/2) \$28.00
- Gardening from the Heart T-shirt
(no logo choice) L-Xlg \$5

Vest (choice of logo)

- Green Poplin, washable \$16

Jewelry (club members only, logo choice)

- Bolo Tie, \$6.75; Key Chain, \$4; Tie Tacks, \$4
- Earrings (choice of post or wire), \$7.99
- Pin, Membership President, Past President \$3.50

- Plaque**, Club President (walnut) \$40
- Mugs**, Insulated, Hot/Cold (both logos) \$5
Porcelain (both logos) \$3.50
Terra Cotta "Flower Pot" (both logos) \$5.50
- Gloves**, Long Cuffed or Summer Glove \$6
- Plant Markers (set of 8) \$2 (unavailable at this time)
- Screen Saver:** \$1
- Umbrella** (sunflower or magnolia) \$15

*Shipping and handling charges will be added to your order using this chart:
Shipping is by priority mail.*

Total Order	Shipping & Handling
Up to \$9.99.....	\$4.00
\$10 to \$49.99.....	\$7.50
\$50 to \$99.99.....	\$10.50
\$100 to \$199.99.....	\$12.50
\$200 and over.....	\$14.50

Only checks or cash please. Headquarters is not set up for credit card actions. Credit cards may be used when ordering from the web site.

Sunbody Hats are made of Guatemalan palm leaves and are tough – rain or shine.

Sewn-braid palm leaf hats are the toughest hats you will find. The overlapping layers of palm braid from an almost impenetrable sun block. And when they get wet, they stiffen and keep their shape making them great in sun or rain.

ORDER FORM

Name _____ Club Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Style/Item	Size	Quantity	Price	Total

Head size for Sunbody hat (only): _____

Total Enclosed: _____



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



**2007 COMMITTEE
CHAIRS AND REGION
DIRECTORS**

Committee chair reports are to be submitted to the appropriate executive officer quarterly. Please forward the names of your members to headquarters as soon as possible.

Regional/directors reports are to be submitted to the national president quarterly.

Reports are to include the activities of your committee / region.

Did You Know...? Wise Words & Advice for Gardeners & Floral Designers, a book printed in 2007.

Two tablespoons of white vinegar & two tablespoons of cane sugar per quart of water help **preserve flowers**. The vinegar inhibits the growth of bacteria while the sugars serves as food. Contributed by Sylvia Lu.

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.



**National Membership
Manager / Bookkeeper**

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



**Spokane web listing at
TGOA-MGCA**

By Frank Mitch

Spokane website is now linked on the TGOA/MGCA web site. We now have 14 clubs and 2 regions with web sites on the list. Most of them have monthly newsletters.

AHS 2007 PASSWORD

The new AHS 2007 password may be found in The American Gardener magazine.

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**JUST THE FAX MA'AM
JUST THE FAX**

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

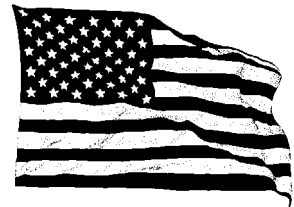
Be advised: call the office at 515-267-0295 before faxing so it can be turned on.

Include a cover sheet with an attention and subject line, your name and phone number.

Please print or type.

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**INTERESTING
WEB SITES**

National Wildlife Federation, www.nwf.org



Please say a prayer for all American military service and law enforcement men and women and their families.



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