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*President's
Message
6/12/05*

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

The Convention has come and gone and the results of the ballot count as far as the dues increase was 544-526, passing by a margin of 18 votes. All officers were elected to their next office by nearly unanimous votes and Bob Grossman of the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas was elected to the office of Third Vice President. All will be sworn in to their elected offices during the Directors meeting to be held in Youngstown, Ohio the first weekend in November.

Increasing in dues is never a pleasant subject to discuss but sometimes the need overshadows the emotion. The financial survival of our organization is paramount. The only two answers are to increase dues or increase membership. I would much prefer the membership solution but the fact is, it is not happening.

One other proposal that was discussed was a change in dates to make our annual membership compatible with the American Horticultural Society subscription dates so that we would have our cards in time to attend early Home and Garden Shows with discounts. That was deemed not workable since it would entail a change in National and local bylaws that would be too cumbersome for the organization. It was decided that emphasis would be placed on

paying your annual dues early so that they could be recorded in time to submit to AHS so that the cards would be issued by the first of the year. This means your dues should be paid by November 1st to have your cards by January 1st. This is very important!!!

The Convention was a very enjoyable event. Although the attendance was less than usual, those that did not or could not be there missed a great time. The accommodations were spectacular and the seminars were diverse and educational, including a program on the Everglades, one on butterfly gardening and one on Florida wildlife with live animals from Busch Gardens. Also, many attendees were able to go to the beach between 11PM and 1AM to watch huge loggerhead turtles (300 to 400 lbs) come to the beach and lay eggs. The following morning environmental patrols traversed the beach and marked the locations to protect the nests so that no blankets or chairs would be placed in those areas.

As I said previously, those that do not attend conventions are missing a great experience. This was my 13th and I have thoroughly enjoyed every one. Some are better than others but none have been bad. This was one that counts as one of the better ones.

*Yours in Gardening,
Bill Carney*



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2006 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Spartanburg, South Carolina

Members of the Men’s Garden Club of Spartanburg, SC urge you to begin making plans for the next convention of TGOA/MGCA in their city April 20-22, 2006.

Spartanburg is known as the “Crossroads of the New South” because of its location at the intersection of Interstate 85 (north-south) and Interstate 26 (east-west) and connecting with I95, I77, I40 and I81. Spartanburg County has the largest concentration of foreign-owned businesses in the U.S., including the only BMW plant.

Spartanburg is also home to Milliken, Inc. that has an outstanding arboretum, one of five in the county.

The convention will be held at a new Marriott Hotel and Convention Center with reasonable room rates under \$85 per night, seminars and speakers on interesting topics, as well as tours to places of interest for gardeners. Registration is expected to be in the \$150-160 range.

Also within 1 ½ hours driving time are the following: 3 botanical gardens; Baltimore House and Gardens near Asheville; the North Carolina Arboretum; three rose nurseries (Ashdown, Bridges and Roses Unlimited); Parks Seed Company; Wayside Gardens; and Carter and Holmes Orchids.

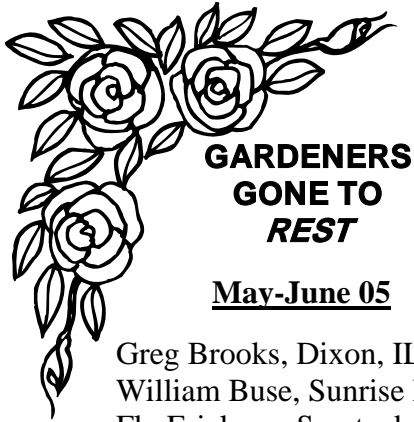
More complete information will be available soon on the TGOA/MGCA web site and by request from our convention chair, Don Crowder, 106 Stockton Lane, More, SC 29269 or telephone 864-580-1829. In the meantime, begin making your plans to be in Spartanburg, SC next April 2006.

2007 CONVENTION

Rockford, IL

The 2007 convention is scheduled for July 12-14, 2007 and will be hosted by Rockford Area Gardeners of America in Rockford, IL.

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**GARDENERS
GONE TO
REST**

May-June 05

Greg Brooks, Dixon, IL
William Buse, Sunrise Beach, MO
Flo Erickson, Spartanburg, SC
A. Milton Frendberg, Akron, OH
Gayle Gill, Kansas City, MO
John Goodyear, Portland, OR
Robert Harley, Tallmadge, OH
Anne Heiman, St. Louis, MO
Thomas Huck, Phoenix, AZ
Richard Jones, Mendota, IL
Marjorie Kistler, Akron, OH
Vaughn Williamson, Van Wert, OH

***On behalf of all TGOA/MGCA members,
we wish to send our deepest sympathy
to the families for their loss.***

**All gardeners live in beautiful places because they
make them so. By Joseph Joburt**

GOLDEN and MORE

HAPPY 50TH

Don and Glennis Lee celebrated their 50th
(Golden) wedding anniversary in April 2005
in Mason City, IA

HAPPY 65TH

Carl and Mildred Smith, Fort Wayne, IN
celebrated their 65th anniversary on June 6th.
The Smiths have been involved in the
Garden Club for many years.

Carl joined the Men's Garden Club in 1976
and Mildred came in when women were
allowed to join.

Both have had various offices in the club
over the years. They have been a duo at the

Botanical Gardens since its opening. They
are judges for the school flower shows and
have worked for plant sales at the Green
House at Lawton Park.

For fun they enjoy taking 1-day trips
together where they don't have to drive.

Best Wishes from TGOA/MGCA

A visit from Busch Gardens, Florida



That is a snake they are petting

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Steve Bush

As Bill Carney stated in his message, the
dues increase passed on this last ballot. I
thank those who voted for the increase. The
schedule of dues effective as of January
2006 is as follows:

Regular annual membership	\$30
Family annual membership	\$45
Lifetime membership	\$300

As you can see the family-unit dues
maintain the same relationship to regular
dues as we have had.

In order for everyone to get the Jan/Feb
2006 magazine and receive your AHS
card(s) on a timely basis, AHS has told us
they need information by November 1,
2005. I had hoped December 1st would be
soon enough, but we have been told that at
the holiday time of year they need more
time. Thus, that is why we ask you to renew
by November 1st. In past years we would
often pay our printer for excess issues of the
Gardener. Even if people did not renew,

they were sent the Jan/Feb issue anyway.

You may or may not know that each year hundreds of people do not renew for whatever reason. We have decided it would not be fair to our members that do renew for us to pay AHS potentially thousands of dollars for the Jan/Feb issue for people that do not ever pay us.

Yes, I understand we are asking for you to pay a bit earlier this year, but would hope that you now have a better understanding of why your national directors and executive committee decided this change was necessary. In addition, we want all our members to have their AHS cards on a more timely basis this coming year.

I sincerely thank you for your understanding regarding this issue.

Steve Bush

DIRECTORIES

Please have someone in your club print the directory from the web site for your club and if you have a member(s) who are on the executive committee, board of directors or are regional or club officers, check and make sure the correct information is in the directories.

Please check the spelling of the names, addresses (building number, street number, city, state and zip code), phone numbers with area code, and email addresses if applicable.

I would also like the name of your club newsletter and a club web site if applicable.

Please send any corrections or changes, as soon as possible, to national headquarters.

**"TOGETHER,
EVERYBODY
ACCOMPLISHES
MORE"**

PROBLEMS

- * Did not get your TGOA/ MGCA card?
- * Did not get your AHS card?
- * Did not get your magazine with the national newsletter?

Don't Get Mad. Please just pick up your phone.

First, contact your club treasurer and make sure your dues were sent to national headquarters. Then, have the treasurer contact headquarters to find out why you did not get your card and/or magazine with national newsletter. If you are a member at large, call or otherwise contact TGOA/MGCA headquarters directly.

Talk to or leave a message for either AJ or Bob, at national headquarters, with your name and phone number. **Please** include your area code, explain the problem and talk slowly.

Do not contact AHS directly. We will do so and make every attempt to solve your problem. We are still working out the bugs with our association with AHS.

Please, be patient and keep us informed promptly about problems so we can act accordingly.

MEMBERSHIP IN TGOA/MGCA

With your TGOA/MGCA membership you receive membership in two (2) organizations for the price of one, The American Gardener magazine and the TGOA/MGCA national newsletter.

WHAT A DEAL

FYI

An AHS membership is \$35 a year. So, being a member of TGOA/MGCA includes a membership in AHS at no extra cost. And, if you figure all the free attendances to garden shows, garden tours and, discounts at garden shops, you are saving more than what dues have gone up.

**TGOA/MGCA Webmaster and
Committee Chair**

By Frank Mitch.

At the Florida convention in June, the web site committee decided to provide another significant benefit for all members.

Gardening Publications will be a new page in Members Only for posting gardening-related articles written by our members or others. We will welcome all publications, but reserve the right to edit or refuse any as necessary. To start, we will post some articles previously on our web site, but later removed because of a possible conflict with our former Gardener magazine.

We hope some of the writers for the Gardener will now contribute to this replacement source of gardening information for our members. This new Gardening Publications page should be available by the time you receive this newsletter.

Please send any articles to the TGOA/MGCA office. Some may be included in future newsletters as well as on the web site. We would like a short bio of any new writers also. FM

**GARDENING QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS**

TGOA/MGCA website
www.tgoa-mgca.org

Master gardeners are standing by

YOUTH PROGRAMS

I would like information from each club about its youth programs to put in our national newsletter.

Our youth today are the grownups and leaders of tomorrow. Thank you, AJ

***Values aren't what you get out of an
experience; they are what you put
into an experience***

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Please send to national headquarters (attn: AJ Freeman) a listing of different club activities to put in our national newsletter to give other clubs ideas of activities they might find interesting.

A large write-up about these activities is not needed, but just a listing of activity types/suggestions (i.e.: Habitat for Humanity, planting memorial and/or veterans gardens, bus trips, private garden tours, community projects, etc.)

An active club brings in and keeps members. Out-of-sight and out-of-mind will kill a club. Thanks, AJ

***To be involved
is to have a voice***

SPREADING THE WORD

Attention to All TGOA/MGCA Members

By Bill Lanning

Michigan and now Ohio have been infested with the Emerald Ash Borer, an exotic invader from China.

This insect attacks only ash trees, and as of today, there is no cure or effective prevention. The larvae eats just under the bark and stops the flow of nutrients to the upper tree and then down to the lowest limbs.

The state of Michigan has given up attempting to stop this invader and now Ohio is attempting to prevent the spread by cutting, chipping and burning all ash trees within 1/2 mile of the infected trees. Several outbreaks have been stopped in areas of Ohio.

Eradication is very costly and may be a losing battle as the state is running out of money to continue the program.

The purpose of this article is to let you know about this exotic invader as we may

eventually lose all ash trees. Space does not permit explaining the whole process and telling about the results in Michigan.

This may result in what happened to the chestnut and elm trees. For more in-depth information, see the following web sites. BL www.emeraldashborer.info
www.michigan.gov/o

Google: Emerald Ash Borer

If you or your club/region/committee has information you think our other clubs/regions/members across the nation need to know or that would be of interest, please contact **AJ** at national headquarters via mail, fax, or email.

PHOTO AND CALENDAR CONTEST

By Judy Schuck, National Photography and Calendar Chairperson

I would like to thank all the photographers who participated in our 2005 photography competition.

We had many, many beautiful entries. We had 34 entries total, with 13 being either all digital or mixed with slides. There were 8 entries from members of AHS. Three different panels, having photography and/or gardening experience, judged the entries. Those entries were used to make up the presentation for the convention in Florida and will be used also for selection of the photos to be used in the 2007 calendar. A very special "Thanks" to my daughter, Sherra Schuck, for all the many hours she spent in making the show, which was shown in digital form.

I will have copies of the show in digital as well as VHS in the national headquarters soon. These are available for clubs to borrow for viewing or for a program at one of their monthly meetings.

The deadline for next year's competition will be December 21, 2005. There will be an updated photography manual on the web

site. I will be sending a 2006 manual with each entry that I received this year when I return their entries to the photographers.

Again, thanks to all who helped to make this competition one of the best in many years. I hope to hear from all photographers next year as well as many more. JS

WINNERS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

2005 Sweepstakes Winner

Donald Bolak
With a total score for all entries - 240
Blue - 15, Red - 5, Yellow - 0

Best-of-Show Winners

Second Runner-Up
Melissa Hanlin.....Spider on *Tagetes petula*,
Marigold

First Runner-Up
Anne C. Allen.....*Magnolia*, "Ann"

Best-of-Show
Arabella S. Dane....*Maderense*, *Geranium*

NATIONAL AWARDS

Beautification Award: Dixon Area Garden Club, Dixon, IL

Home Garden Beautification Award: David and Julie Marcyes, Spokane, WA, Gardeners of Spokane

Appleseed Award: Robert J. Mongin, Gardeners Club of Green Bay, Green Bay, Wisc.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Due to unforeseen difficulties, we are unable to list the scholarship winners at this time. But, if you go to the web site, they will be listed there.

**Gardeners don't die,
they just spade away**

From the Garden Shop
ACCESSORIES

A-Z Hints for Vegetable Gardener, book \$6

Caps & Hats (choice of logo)

Green/White or White Mesh Cap \$7.50

Green or White Sun Visor \$6

Sun body Hat (no logo) \$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 (no logo choice)

L-Xlg \$10

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) \$35

Mug, 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 by priority mail.

Total Order	Shipping and Handling Charge
Up to \$9.99.....	\$4.00
\$10 to \$49.99.....	\$7.50
\$50 to \$99.99.....	\$10.50
\$100 to \$199.99...	\$12.50
\$299 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.

2006 CALENDARS

2006 member calendar prices
1-249..\$2.75 250-999 \$2.50 1000+ \$2.35

2006 calendar order forms can be printed off the web page or they can be emailed, faxed or mailed to you.

ORDER FORM

Name _____ Club Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Style/Item	Size	Quantity	Price	Total

Head size for Sunbody hat (only): _____

Total Enclosed: _____

2005 Calendars \$1.00 each (minimum 5)

2005 calendars are still available. Please order by phone, fax or via email to the National Headquarters Secretary or Membership Manager. They are great ice breakers even if they are 2005. Suitable for framing. \$15.00 for 10 Price includes shipping



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By AJ Freeman

NEAR & DEAR TO MY HEART

Richard Robledo attended a meeting of the Arlington Men's Gardening Club in May. He was planning to join, but was notified that he was being mobilized July 24, 2005 by the Army to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom for 18 months. He plans to join in 2007. If I get his US Army email address, please write him. He is really looking forward to his return and getting more involved with the Arlington club. Good luck to you, Richard.

Chris McKay, a grandson to James McKay, Gardeners of Spokane, WA is stationed in Kirkuk, northern Iraq. Chris is a member of the Idaho National Guard. The following is Chris's email address: chris.mckay@us.army.mil.

Please send him an email saying "Hi". And, keep him, his unit members, his wife and his family in your prayers.

If anyone else out there has a family member or friend in the military in harms way, please notify me and I will put their information in the national newsletter.

**Contact Mr. Bob Young
for membership/finance actions**

Club Newsletters

Please mail, fax or email your club newsletter here monthly. Keep in mind that I use them to enter information into the national newsletter.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTERS

Sep/Oct 05	Aug 1, 05
Nov/Dec 05	Oct 3, 05
Jan/Feb 06	Dec 1, 05
Mar/Apr 06	Feb 1, 06
May/Jun 06	Apr 4, 06

I would have loved to put more information and pictures into this newsletter, but frankly I ran out of space.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you have questions about gardening matters.

Have a great and green summer.

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.

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