



## *The Gardeners Of America* *Men's Garden Clubs Of America*



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**NEWSLETTER**  
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*The 2008  
President's  
Message*

*Greetings from Texas.*

Fellow Gardeners,

Spring has sprung or is about to and so has TGOA-MGCA. We are going along well in 2008 with the support of our committee members. We are very fortunate to have so many talented and competent individuals giving of their time and efforts in keeping our organization going along smoothly. We could not effectively operate over our diverse operational area without our committee structure.

There are about thirty committees. You can find the committee list, with the chair and members listed, on the [www.tgoa-mgca.org](http://www.tgoa-mgca.org) website. It is in the Members Only section. Go to the Members Only area, sign in with the password *lily*, and then click on Directory and Committees. We are always in need of more individuals to share the tasks. Please contact headquarters if you would like to serve on one of these committees

We have a new face at headquarters. Please join me in welcoming Sheryl Bacon who has assumed the duties and is now our administrative secretary. Sheryl comes to us with an extensive background in office management and we are fortunate to have her on staff.

Sheryl is not new to TGOA-MGCA. She was available to help out several times last year when we were short of staff. Many of you that attended the board of directors meeting in November 2007 at headquarters may have remembered her as AJ announced that Sheryl would be filling in "to learn the ropes" as she prepared to leave. Please be patient as this position has many areas and it will take a little time for Sheryl to get up to speed. Please mark your calendars for our annual convention to be held June 12-14, 2008 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. John Kessen and his team have worked very hard to make this a most enjoyable convention. The seminars, trainings, and tours are outstanding. There is something for everyone. Look for details and registration elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to select your seminar of choice so they can insure there will be an adequate supply of

handouts and seating. Many members throughout the Central Great Lakes Region have contributed to making this a wonderful experience. Please adjust your schedule so you may attend and get the benefits of getting to know your fellow gardeners in the TGOA-MGCA family.

Coming soon are the membership ballots for 2008. By the time you get the newsletter, they may have already arrived. This is your organization. Your input is important. Your ballot is your voice. Please speak up by using it. If you have not received your ballot by mid-March, contact your club president. The ballots will be mailed to members at large, and if they do not receive them, they should contact headquarters.

One last thought. Technology is great and email has expedited our ability to quickly and effectively communicate. I have used the same email address for over eight years without a significant amount of unsolicited emails (SPAM). Coincident with my email address being published on the public side of the national website, I have been bombarded with unsolicited emails (SPAM). On the public side of the website my email has the address re-formatted. This will allow my email address

to be available to the public and combat this automation of "SPAM" unsolicited emails. If you wish to email me you will have to replace (at) with @ and (dot) with a period in the (to:) or (cc:) address field in your email to me.

*txcwdancer(at)hotmail(dot)com should be changed to [txcwdancer@hotmail.com](mailto:txcwdancer@hotmail.com)*

I look forward to seeing and visiting with you at the convention in Fort Wayne June 12-14, 2008.

Remember we are still growing!

Chuck

**MISSION**

To promote gardening education and related environment issues to the membership and the gardening public, through charitable, education and scientific means.

**CLUB ACTIVITIES**

**Please share your club's community activities coming up or completed by submitting stories to headquarters to be printed in our national news-letter or website**

DEAREST GARDENERS OF AMERICA/MEN'S GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

By AJ (Annie) Freeman

This will be my last write up for the national newsletter. I quit my job at national headquarters, and

will be coming in only when they need me.

I wish to write my novels full time now.

**I plan to join the Des Moines club so I will still be seeing you at conventions.**

I have had a great three years serving you all. Thank you for your support.

**TGOA/MGCA 2008 National Executive Officers**

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**THE TGOA/MGCA WEBSITE**

By Frank Mitch, Web Master

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

<http://www.gardenersofamerica.org>

**Password: lily**

**Your website is always changing. Check it out.**

*NEW SEARCH FEATURE*

Need an easy way to find something on our website? Try the new Search function in Members Only. Type in a word or two or someone's name and very quickly you will have some answers. Probably what you are looking for. It searches the entire website. Go to the Members Only page using the password: *lily*

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

Newsletter	Date
May/June '08	Apr 1, 2008
July/Aug '08	June 1, 2008
Sept/Oct '08	Aug 1, 2008
Nov/Dec '08	Oct 1, 2008
Jan/Feb '09	Dec 1, 2008

**MARCH**

- 9- Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 16 - Palm Sunday
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 20 - First Day of Spring
- 21 - Good Friday
- 23 - Easter

**APRIL**

- 1 - April Fools' Day
- 22 - Earth Day
- 20-27 - Passover

**2008 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.**

### ROOF CONTRIBUTION

Listed below are donors who have contributed to the roof fund since the last newsletter.

To contribute, please send donations to Mr. Bob Young at national headquarters.

Indianola Men's Garden Club, Indianola, IA

### INTERESTING WEBSITE

<http://www.GrowingWisdom.com>

**Source: James Schuster  
(708) 352-0109**

**Contact: Bob Sampson  
(217) 244-0226**

**Extension  
Communications  
Specialist**

**e-mail:**

[rsampson@uiuc.edu](mailto:rsampson@uiuc.edu)

### Pruning Grapes

If you are wondering when to prune your grape vines, late February through mid-March is the time, said a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

"If the grapes are being grown on wires, choose a vine along a wire that looks moderately vigorous," said James Schuster. "Count about 12 buds out from the trunk or main stems. About one quarter inch beyond the 12th bud, cut the vine off. Repeat this along the wire in both directions."

Once the lateral arms with 12 buds have been chosen and pruned, remove all other vines coming off the main trunk. Remove these lateral vines at the main stem.

"When pruning grapes, it is recommended that anvil-type pruners be used. For some reason, grapes respond better to pruning when the cut tip is slightly damaged. Anvil pruners do this without causing excessive damage. An anvil pruner should be used only on grapes and no other woody plant material.

"No tree paint or tars are needed to coat the cut ends. Treating the pruning wounds has been proven to be mostly cosmetic. There are no benefits for using paints or tars to justify purchasing or using them."

If your grapes are producing little if any fruit, there could be several reasons, Schuster said.

"The grapes may be getting too much fertilizer either directly or indirectly (lawn fertilizer). Strong, long, and vigorous vines often indicate too much fertilizer," he noted. "Reduce fertilization and keep lawn fertilizers away from plants by at least 20 feet.

"Another possibility is that the grapes are not getting enough fertilizer. Thin, short, weak growing vines are an indication of this. Fertilize the plants. It may take a year or more of reducing fertilization or increasing fertilization of the grapes before yields improve."

Grape plants should be planted in full-sun locations and away from tree roots. However, the grape bunch does not need to be in sun to ripen; therefore do not prune vines or leaves off in the summer.

"If grapes are not ripening evenly, there may be a herbicide problem," he said.

### Attention Clubs / Regions

We want to thank the Austin club for voting to hold the 2009 convention. More details to follow.

*Enhance Plants with Epsom Salts(Backyard Living Jan/Feb issue)& The Kansas Sprout Jan/08*

According to the Epsom Salt Industry Council, research shows Epsom salts can help seeds germinate, make plants grow bushier, produce more flowers, increase chlorophyll production, improve phosphorus and nitrogen uptake and deter pests, including slugs and voles. Here are some amounts for a variety of plants:

Shrubs (evergreens, azaleas, rhododendron): 1 tbsp per 9 sq ft; apply over root zone every 2 to 4 weeks.

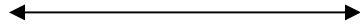
Lawns: Apply 3 lbs for every 1,250 sq. ft. with a spreader, or dilute in water & apply with a sprayer.

Trees: Apply 2 tbsp per 9 sq. ft.; apply over root zone three times a year.

New gardens: Sprinkle 2 cup per 100 sq. ft.; mix into soil before planting.

Roses and tomatoes: For each plant, use 1 tbsp per foot of plant height every 2 weeks.

Sage: Do not apply! This herb is one of the few plants that doesn't like Epsom salts.



### PUMPKIN / SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

**Seeds are available at national headquarters. Competition forms may be copied from the awards manual or printed off the website. When the competition is complete, mail the signed forms to Don Otterness. Plaques for first place winners and certificates for the remaining winners will be mailed to the appropriate clubs for signing and presentation.**

#### GARDEN TIPS

Dividing plants in the spring and or fall takes some effort. Here is an easier way. Use a hand bulb planter, take a cutting from the outer edge of plant you're dividing. Place this cutting in a hole that you have pre-dug with the bulb planter.

#### MUST HAVE "TRIED & TRUES"

Diamond Frost Euphorbia- delicate white and ethereal

Dolce Key Lime Heuchera

### Spirit Frost Cleome

#### CLUB ACTIVITIES

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#### NEW KIDS (PLANTS) ON THE BLOCK IN 2008

Artist Rose – a pink ageratum

Molimba – a pink daisy

Angel Face – dark violet and white summer snapdragons

Super Bells – six new colors including apricot punch and trailing white

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"I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority."  
E. B. White

#### INTERESTING TIDBIT:

Garden Gate magazine recently listed the top ten favorite perennials:

1. Daylily
2. Hosta
3. Tickseed
4. Tall sedum
5. Peony
6. Iris
7. Columbine
8. Coral Bell
9. Bleeding Heart
10. Brunnera

### GARDENERS

#### GONE TO REST

Richard Mattox, Delmar, NY  
 Catherine, Felder, Saint Charles, MO  
 Philip S. Pagano, Saint Charles, MO  
 Nancy Tritsch, Stone Mountain, GA  
 Wayne Hall, Lilburn, GA  
 Charles M. Brown, Rome, NY  
 John H. Walsh, Kansas City, MO  
 Richard E. Porter, Des Moines, IA  
 Harry G. McCoy, Gilbert, AZ  
 Bernie Hermann, Des Moines, IA  
 John F. Fridenour, Blowing Rock, NC  
 Kenneth W. VanKirk, Gladstone, MO  
 Llewellyn E. Slade, Des Moines, IA  
 Richard L. Phipps, Des Moines, IA  
 James R. Faust, Marshalltown, IA  
 James McCaskill, St. Louis, MO

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#### MEMORIALS/HONORS

A gift was received in memory of *Kenneth VanKirk* from the Gladstone Men's Horticulture Club from fellow gardeners: Bill Crouse, Larry DeForest, Bob Hill, Ray Laverentz, Rich Schaller, Bob Stevens, Roger Yarrbarry & Harry Conwell

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

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#### A Special Thank You

Headquarters wishes to thank everyone who has sent a memorial in a member's memory or honor.

What a great way to remember someone.

**--Check this website--**

**<http://www.gardengatenotes.com/2008/01/08>**

**Book Review**

**Perennials For American Gardens**, by Ruth Rogers Clausen and Nicolas H. Ekstrom.

**Submitted by William J. Carney, The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown**

Many of us have libraries of our own. Some are extensive and some are several volumes that are limited to our particular favorite type of gardening, and some of us make use of public library when particular information is needed. In any case this is one book that fits the bill for all.

The cover identifies it as the definitive A-to-Z reference guide to over 3,000 species, cultivars and hybrids for gardeners across the country and it certainly does that with a thoroughness hard to find in any other publication. Plants are in alphabetical order by botanical name and all current cultivars are included in description, growth habit, blooming season, zone preference and suggestions as to where to use and how to care for. Also, at the back of the book is a cross reference by common name for the forgetful gardener like me.

Aside from the fact that the book contains all the information you need to know about nearly every perennial grown in the continental United States, there are a number of appendices that provide further tips as to type of selection, soil requirements, how to plant and how to propagate. There is a list of plant sources and a state-by-state catalog of display gardens.

There are a number of books written about perennials and most of them are good, but in my opinion this one is the most informative and complete.

**PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ENTRANTS**

Please check the updated photography manual for changes *before* entering the photography contest.

There have been several changes made.

Point of contact: Sherra Schuck.

**AWARDS APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS**

Please *do not* submit applications to headquarters. Send them directly to the proper awards chair. >>>>> Also, include a cover letter explaining who you are and include your contact information and what you are submitting.

**When you get the phone recorder at HQ, please always leave your name and phone number.**

**TGOA / MGCA Webmaster**

By Frank Mitch, Web Site Committee Chair

Please feel free to submit articles for your national newsletter and/or website at any time.

Submission in a digital file such as MS Word is preferred. Do *not* use MS Works.

Please state whether the article is for the website and / or the national newsletter.

A relevant photo is welcome and a digital .jpg format is preferred.

If mailing hard copy photos, please include a write up explaining the photos.

Email articles and photos to [tgoasecy@dwx.com](mailto:tgoasecy@dwx.com) or mail to the TGOA / MGCA mailing address attention Sheryl Bacon or fax: 515-278-6245.

**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.

**Web Page**

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

**BOOKS FOR SUCCULENT LOVERS**

CACTI & SUCCULENTS by Gideon F. Smith

500 CACTI by Ken Preston-Mafham

HARDY SUCCULENTS by Gwen Moore Kelaidis

How about some fresh onions? Put an onion in a glass, rounded side down. Try yellow, white, and red onions. This time, do not put too much water in---only enough to cover the bottom. Soon the onion will sprout long, thin green leaves. These can be harvested to put into omelets, soufflés, or other dishes requiring an onions' taste. Once the onion gets too small (because its nutrients are depleted), toss it out and start anew.



**TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**  
**JUNE 12 - 14, 2008**



**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE USE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON**

- CURRENT NATIONAL / REGIONAL / CLUB TITLE(S)**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> National President      | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Treasurer        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Secretary        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Past President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Treasurer      | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Editor           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Secretary      | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Liaison          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TGOA/MGCA Staff         | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional President      | <input type="checkbox"/> Host                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Director       | <input type="checkbox"/> Judge                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Chair         | <input type="checkbox"/> Member At Large       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member        | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President          | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member / Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Vice President     | Member Since: _____ ?                          |

**CONVENTION FEE: \$198.00 PER PERSON**  
 Deadline: May 15, 2008 — After May 15th: \$225.00  
 Cancellation Fee After May 30th - \$50.00

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**Note For Private Pilots:** Smith Field (KSMD) is located 1/2 mile from the Convention location/motel. Fuel and service available.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**  
 Fort Wayne TGOA/MGCA  
*Registrations not accepted prior to February 1, 2008*

**MAIL REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:**  
 Kathy Lee, Treasurer  
 4931 Ranch Road, Leo, Indiana, 46765  
 (260) 637-6242 lgarden2@aol.com

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SEMINARS**

Please select from the following:

- Thursday Morning Seminars: 10:15 - 11:15**
- "Seasons of the Prairie" by Ricky Kemery
  - "The Power of Butterflies" by Rebecca Canales
  - "My Favorite Perennials" by Lana Wolfe
  - "Judges Clinic Part 1" by Peggy Moody

*(Must Attend Both Parts)*

- Thursday Afternoon Seminars: 12:45 - 1:45**
- "Seasons of the Prairie" by Ricky Kemery
  - "Going Batty" by Robert Wallon
  - "Art In The Garden" by Louise Rennecker
  - "Judges Clinic Part 2" by Peggy Moody

*(Must Attend Both Parts)*

- Saturday Morning Seminars: 11:00 - 12:00**
- "Common Sense Pest Control For The Home & Garden" by Dr. Clifford Sadof
  - "Container Gardening" by Jason Becker
  - "Annual Flower Gardens" by Lynda Heavrin
  - "Photography Workshop Part 1" by Sherra Schuck
- Saturday Afternoon Seminars: 1:30 - 2:30**
- "Common Sense Pest Control For The Home & Garden" by Dr. Clifford Sadof
  - "Using Chemicals Safely" by Doug Allen
  - "Bonsai" by Dafene Kittle and Ed Hake
  - "Photography Workshop Part 2" by Sherra Schuck

**Saturday Afternoon Activities (Select One Only):**  
 2:45 - 5:00

- Allen County Public Library
- F. W. Children's Zoo *(May Require Admission Fee)*
- Garden Tours

Please Note: All seminars are subject to change and are limited in capacity. They will be filled on a "First Come, First Served" basis. Thank you.

**MEALS**

All meals will be served buffet style except for Friday lunch (Box Lunch off-site) and Friday dinner (Chicken & Ribs Barbecue off-site).

- Vegetarian Meals

The Saturday evening banquet will be a sit down dinner with a cash bar. Please select from the following:

- Prime Rib
- Chicken Breast
- Vegetarian Meal

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Registration Number	_____
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## TGOA/MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 12 – 14, 2008 FORT WAYNE, IN

### EVENTS SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY – Theme: Back to Our Roots

- 7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 – 10:00 Committee meetings
- 10:15 – 11:15 Seminars (Choose one)
- Seasons of the Prairie by Rick Kemery, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service (C.E.S.) horticulture educator
  - The Power of Butterflies by Rebecca Canales, supervisor of programs and volunteer development at Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory
  - “My Favorite Perennials” – Lana Wolf, advanced master gardener, daylily and iris hybridizer, president of Northeastern Indiana Iris Society, vice president of Fort Wayne Daylily Club
  - Judges’ clinic – Part 1 by Peggy Moody (must attend both parts to receive credit)
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:45 Seminars (Choose one)
- Seasons of the Prairie by Ricky Kemery, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service (C.E.S.) horticulture educator
  - “Going Batty” – Robert Walton, bat expert
  - “Art in the Garden” by Louise Rennecker, advanced master gardener, herb specialist
  - Judges’ Clinic – Part 2 by Peggy Moody (**must attend both parts to receive credit**)
- 2:00 – 5:00 Board of directors meeting
- 5:00 – 6:00 Cash bar
- 6:00 – 7:00 Dinner
- 7:00 – 8:00 Photograph program

#### FRIDAY – Theme: Country Picnic

- 7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:00 Tour of the master gardener display gardens at the Purdue University C.E.S.
- 10:30 – 11:30 Tour of Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory
- 12:00 – 1:30 Box lunch and tour Lakeside Park & Rose Garden
- 1:30 – 2:00 Memorial program at Lakeside Park
- 3:00 – 5:00 Tour of Merry Lea Environmental Center
- 6:00 – 9:00 Journey to Solomon farm for chicken and ribs barbecue and awards

#### SATURDAY – Theme: Garden Serenade

- 7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast
- 8:45 – 10:45 Membership meeting
- 11:00 – 12:00 Seminars (Choose one)
- “Common Sense Pest Control for the Home & Garden” – Dr. “Clifford Sadof, Purdue University professor of landscape and ornamental biological control
  - “Container Gardening” – Jason Becker, part owner of Countryscapes and Gardens in Ligonier, Indiana, responsible for the planters and beautification in Columbia City, Syracuse, and Ligonier, Indiana
  - “Annual Flower Gardens Secrets of Success” – Lynda Heavrin, manager of landscape horticulture for Fort Wayne parks and recreation
  - Photography workshop – Part 1 by Sherra Schuck
- 12:15 – 1:15 Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:30 Seminars (Choose one)

- “Common Sense Pest Control for the Home & Garden” – Dr. Clifford Sador, Purdue University professor of landscape and ornamental biological control
  - “Using Chemicals Safely” – Doug Allen, retired Eli Lilly chemist
  - “Bonsai” – Darlene Kittle, advanced master gardener, president of Fort Wayne Bonsai Society, houseplant expert on the “Ask the Expert” internet site. Also, Ed Hake who started growing and designing Bonsai at age 12.
  - Photography workshop – Part 2 by Sherra Schuck
- 2:45 – 5:00 Optional events (Choose one)
- Allen County Public Library – Genealogy department is second largest in the country
  - Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo – More than just a children’s zoo. It has been rated in the top ten in the country for children’s zoos.
  - Garden tours – Each has its own charm, beauty and plant diversity that you can carry home to your own gardens.
- 6:00 – 7:00 President’s reception  
7:15 – 9:00 Banquet & entertainment

## **SEMINAR PRESENTERS AND OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **THURSDAY SEMINARS**

Ricky Kemery has been the horticulture educator at the Allen County, IN extension office for over twelve years. At present there are over 3200 trained master gardeners in Allen County and he has also trained a large number of master gardeners in the surrounding counties. Ricky has a weekly Saturday morning call-in radio program on WGL-AM and FM. He is also a bi-weekly guest on WBNI-FM on Thursday mornings, and writes a Sunday column in the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette newspaper and a monthly column in the “Fort Wayne” magazine. His presentation is “Seasons of the Prairie.”

Rebecca Canales is supervisor of programs & volunteer development at the Fellingner-Freimann Botanical Conservatory. Ms. Canales is a horticulturist and educator. She has a B.S. in ornamental horticulture from the University of Maryland and 22 years experience in research, education, and public programming in the fertile realm of public gardens. She gardens on a half-acre in Fort Wayne. Her presentation is “The Power of Butterflies.”

Lana Wolfe is an advanced master gardener and a well-known hybridizer of daylilies and iris, president of the Northeastern Indiana Iris Society, and vice president of the Fort Wayne Daylily Club. She has approximately 1000 daylilies growing on her property. Her presentation is titled “My Favorite Perennials.”

Robert Walton has been a bat lover for many years and will present a very interesting and informative lecture on bats and the good they do in the garden. He will be bringing one or two live bats with him for you to see and possibly touch.

Louise Rennecker has been an advanced master gardener for many years and is an herb specialist and an excellent speaker. Her presentation is titled “Art in the Garden” and will be very entertaining – from the sublime to the absurd.

Judging Clinic – speaker Peggy Moody

Clinic is in two sessions and judges must attend both morning and afternoon sessions to receive credit. This clinic is open to all. Flower show judges (in good standing) will receive refresher credit if they attend and participate in completing the two- part clinic. A written point scoring test is required to receive refresher credit. Attendance may be limited.

Part 1: Review flower show procedure; judges’ ethics/requirements; review basic floral design principles and element.

Part 2: Introduce and review a general scale of points for horticulture; written point score test for horticulture

### **SATURDAY SEMINARS**

Dr. Clifford Sadof is a professor of landscape and ornamental biological control in the Entomology Department at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. His special interest is in identifying elements of the urban ecosystem that contribute to insect problems on ornamental plants and trees. His presentation is titled "Common Sense Pest Control for the Home and Garden."

Jason Becker is part owner of Countryscapes and Gardens in Ligonier, Indiana. He is responsible for planters and beautification in Columbia City, Syracuse and Ligonier, Indiana. His presentation is titled "Container Gardening."

Lynda Heavrin is the manager of landscape and horticulture for Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation. She is responsible for Lawton Park Greenhouse, and landscaping and care of gardens at several parks throughout Fort Wayne. Her presentation is titled "Annual Flower Gardens-Secrets of Success."

Doug Allen is a retired chemist from the Eli Lilly Company in Indianapolis. As a chemist, he has experience in safely handling hazardous chemicals, and what these chemicals can do to humans. He will show us the safe way to handle and apply chemicals. His presentation is titled "Using Chemicals Safely."

Darlene Kittle is an advanced master gardener, president of Fort Wayne Bonsai Society, and houseplant expert on the "Ask the Expert" internet site. Ed Hake has been growing and designing bonsai since age 12. Their presentation is on bonsai, and they will be demonstrating how to transform a plant from a nursery pot item into a bonsai.

Sherra Schuck has worked for Elgin Smith's Studio 35, Inc. for 14 years. They specialize in slide duplications and direct copy work. Sherra's grandfather, Elgin Smith, became a member of the TGOA photography committee many years ago. He soon introduced his daughter, Judy Schuck, and granddaughter, Sherra Schuck, to floral photography. Judy and Sherra have now taken over as the photography committee. Sherra truly enjoys shooting her own pictures and viewing all the beautiful images nature has to offer. The photography workshop is in two sessions, morning and afternoon.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

The Allen County Public Library has just completed a \$26 million expansion and upgrade. The library is nationally known as having a genealogy collection second only to the Mormon library in Salt Lake City, Utah. You will be given a tour of the library and have time to do some genealogy searching on your own or to just wander around. If you are really into genealogy, you might want to come early to the convention, or stay a couple of extra days after convention.

The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo is recognized as one of the top ten children's zoos in the country; and it is just not for children. Covering 38 acres, the zoo is in the process of remodeling and expanding the African Journey. Visitors will be able to ride on a new sky lift, which replaces the noisier ground level cars in the old exhibit. The zoo also has a tropical rain forest, an Australian Outback exhibit, a Great Barrier Reef underwater exhibit, a walk-through aviary and a petting zoo and pony rides for the kids, as well as the usual complement of exhibits such as penguins, sea lions, monkeys, otters, etc.

For those whose interest is more in the garden area, we are offering tours of several gardens in the Fort Wayne area. Each has its own charm, beauty and plant diversity that you can carry home to your own gardens.

GUESTHOUSE ROOM RESERVATION FORM

The Gardeners of America

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Don Hall's Guesthouse is proud to be hosting the Gardeners of America National Convention. All affiliates attending this convention will receive a special rate of \$79.00 (plus tax); standard room with two double beds (1 or 2 persons.) King rooms for 1 or 2 persons are available for \$89 (plus tax.) To reserve a room, please call or mail/fax this form to the hotel. Reservations may also be made over our website at [www.donhalls.com](http://www.donhalls.com). Please mention "Gardeners of America" for your special rate.

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## 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:*

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Up to \$9.99.....	\$4.00
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**Sunbody Hats** are made of Guatemalan palm leaves and are tough – rain or shine.

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By Sheryl Bacon



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

*The following club(s) have a 10% or more increase in paid members from 2007-2008.*

**Tioga County, MGC, NY,**  
14.29%

**Certificates & plaques order through Bob Young, National Headquarters, afternoons, Monday-Friday at 515-278-0295 or email him at [mgcamb@dwx.com](mailto:mgcamb@dwx.com) or via mail.**

***Be gentle with the earth***

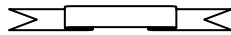
*Life member white caps (with both logos) are now only \$15*

**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](http://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.  
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**MORE GARDEN SECRETS**

Toothpaste will clean your hands after a dirty day in the garden.

Mint, thyme, dill and sage fend off cabbage moths.

Toss a few nails in the soil with your hydrangeas for big blooms.

Basil, tansies and marigolds deter bugs from your veggie garden.

Place broken terra-cotta pots in the soil for healthy azaleas.

**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](http://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.

**JUDGING CARDS**

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

Allow five days for mailing.

Peggy Moody, Fort Dodge, IA, is the Shows & Judging chair.



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