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***President's
Message***

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

By now you have all received your ballots and cast your votes. You were all aware of the financial problems we face and the need for a dues increase to solve the situation and we will have to live with whatever you decide.

On a lighter and more pleasant subject, we gardeners in the north of the northern hemisphere (I live in zone 5) are tilling, raking, planting and hoping that old demon frost keeps at bay. While we envy those of you who live in more southern climates, there is a certain amount of joy and relief in welcoming spring and bidding a less-than-fond adieu to the harsh realities of ice and snow. Jim Mack called me from Phoenix in early February to tell me that he had iris in bloom and all I could see from my window was a white blanket covering my entire yard.

Many of the clubs in our area and throughout the country are in the process of

either growing or buying plants in order to hold plant sales as fund raising projects and to supply funds or plants for the enhancement of our communities. These are very worthy projects and bring a great deal of credit, not only to our local clubs but to our national organization as well.

While we do these projects out of dedication to our communities, it also helps to shine a light on who we are, what we do and makes everyone aware of our activities.

Recruiting new members into our clubs is a priority for all of us and making the public conscious of the beneficial programs that we all participate in is one of the best tools that we have.

In closing, my own club, "The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown" will be celebrating 75 years of existence on June 30 2005 with a day of seminars and garden tours followed by a dinner with speakers and entertainment. We have been members of the national TGOA / MGCA for 65 of those years. If anyone wishes to attend, call or e-mail me for details.

Yours in Gardening,

Bill Carney

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***Jupiter in June,
Out of this World***

It may just be around the corner, but there is still time to reserve a hotel room, make flight reservations and register for your convention.

Who: Hosted by the Palm Beach Garden Club, Florida.

Please show your support for The Palm Beach Garden Club as though it were your club hosting our convention.

**What: Our TGOA/
MGCA National
Convention.**

When: 2-4 June 2005.

The Executive Committee meeting will be June 1st

Where: Jupiter Beach Resort, 5 North AIA, Jupiter, Florida 33477. Phone: 1-800-228-8810. Fax: 561-744-1741, www.jupiterbeachresort.com

Hotel Rate: \$109 per day (single or double), plus applicable taxes. The rate is good up to 3 days before our

convention based on a space available basis. Usual rates run from \$279-\$319 a day.

Please contact the hotel direct as soon as possible and make reservations. Use reservation discount code: **GARD** to receive the special rate.

Convention Registration.

There is still time to register for your 2005 convention.

The \$245 registration fee includes two walking tours around the hotel on Thursday, June 2; breakfast on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. An off-site tour and box lunch on Friday and a Key West Island buffet that evening. There will be your choice of six seminars on Saturday, entry to the Island Marketplace (a mini trade show where you can purchase garden and nature - related items). The closing ceremony dinner will be Saturday evening.

Please make your registration check payable to: **TGOA /Palm Beach Gardens.**

Fill out the registration form that was sent to your club or the form in our last national newsletter and send with your check to: Gale Langford, c/o The Langford Group, 7108 Fairway Drive, #280, Palm Beach Gardens, Fl 33418. Phone: 561-630-8075. Fax: 561-630-7457.

Email: langfordgroup@earthlink.net

Airport. Jupiter is served by the Palm Beach International Airport which is approximately 25 minutes south of the resort.

Transportation from the Airport: Representatives of the airport will meet you in the baggage area and direct you to car rental counters, or shuttle to the hotel. Your best bet is the Super Shuttle. Look for their counter in the baggage claim area. The cost is \$19 per person from the airport to the Jupiter Beach Resort.

Be sure to provide your arrival time, airline and flight number on your registration form. If you forgot, please notify Gale. If six to eight people arrive at close to the same time (within 30-40 minutes of each other), Palm Beach Garden club members can arrange for slightly cheaper transportation to and from the hotel.

***Unspoiled!
Uncomplicated!
Unforgettable!***

The Jupiter Beach Resort is one of south Florida's best-kept travel secrets.

Situated directly on the Atlantic Ocean in northern Palm Beach County, the hotel offers 160 guest rooms and

suites nestled along a secluded stretch of beach.

The resort's outstanding selection of on-site amenities and services includes water sports, tennis and fitness facilities, as well as excellent dining and entertainment options.

In addition, the local area offers some of the country's finest golf courses, deep-sea fishing, and eco-tour opportunities.

The resort has undergone a complete renovation and refurbishment. Included in the multimillion dollar facelift are the guestrooms ranging from 370 to 420 square feet with a private balcony, public areas, meeting spaces and its restaurant. Visit their web site for more information.

**General Information about
Jupiter, Florida**

Average year - round temperature: 78 degrees, cooled by fresh ocean breezes all year. June: Average high: **88.1** degrees, Average low: **72.7** degrees.

Located 80 miles north of Miami, 150 miles south of Orlando, Palm Beach County is located within the only semi-tropic climate in the Continental U.S.

There is a lot to do while you are here. We hope you will stay awhile. Visit www.palmbeachfl.com for the

latest on activities in Palm Beach County.

***Schedule of Events for the
Convention:***

Wednesday, June 1

Executive Meeting,
1-4 pm

Thursday, June 2

Hospitality Room,
Registration open

7:30 – 8:30 am Breakfast

9 am – Noon National
Committee Meetings

***1:30- 4** Board of Directors

2 – 2:45 pm Walking
Tour

3 – 3:45 pm Walking
Tour

5:30 – 7 pm Welcome
Reception/Light
Fare (Pasta Stations)

Friday, June 3

7:30 – 9 am Breakfast,
Awards presentation

9 am – Noon *Members
Meeting

12:30 pm Departure: off-site
bus tour includes box lunch.

For those who do not take the tour, lunch is on you unless you wish to have a box lunch provided for you.

There is a picnic area not far from the hotel where you can eat, or you may wish to eat on the beach and drink in the fresh salt air and enjoy the blue skies.

The hotel, as most hotels, does not allow food to be brought on the premises.



6 pm Dinner Friday will be at the Key West Island Buffet, Awards presentation.

Saturday, June 4

7:30 – 9:15 am Breakfast,
and Awards presentation

10 – 11 am Your choice
of (3) different seminars
running concurrently

11 – Noon Your choice of
(3) different seminars
running concurrently

12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch,
and Awards presentation

12 – 5 pm Tropical
Marketplace

6:00 pm Dinner, Awards
and Entertainment

**For Questions: Please
Contact Gale.**



RED AND BLUE BOOKS

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

These two books are so full of information that will help both club officers and members.

SOUTHERN LIVING visit:

“Southern Living” magazine has undertaken plans for an article about the Spartanburg, SC Men’s Garden Club’s crape myrtle pruning instruction program for a future issue. An editor and photographer visited Wednesday and Thursday, February 26th and 27th and toured the area. A dinner meeting was arranged with key representatives from the City, the County, Chamber of Commerce and three members from our club to tell them about the many local beautification programs.

We anticipate favorable future publicity when the Southern Living magazine representatives return in the summer to see our crape myrtle in bloom.

We congratulate Spartanburg MGC for a job well done.

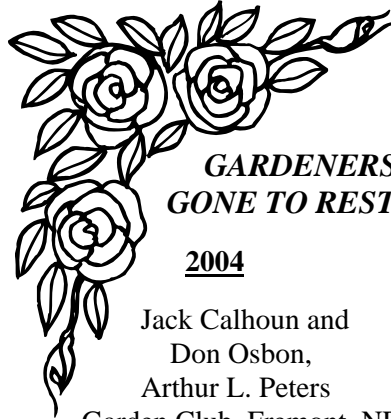
**WOODSON JONES
MEMORIAL TROPHY**

If your club won the Woodson Jones Memorial Trophy for the years: 2002, 2003 and 2004, please contact the National Secretary and/or the National Awards Chairperson.

**“TOGETHER EVERYBODY
ACCOMPLISHES MORE”**

A Very Special Thank You

TGOA/MGCA headquarters wishes to thank The Gardeners of Watchung Hills, NJ for their generous donations.



Feb 05 to Apr 05

- Arthur Aydt, St. Louis, MO
- Willeta Cox, Excelsior Springs, MO
- Harold Bothe, Ft. Dodge, IA
- Lindsey Bridge, Syracuse, NY
- Louis Dammeyer, St. Marys, OH
- Robert Deily, Slingerlands, NY
- Albert Flinn, Bluffton, OH
- Theodore Gasper, Burr Ridge, IL
- George Hoover, Poland, OH
- Joseph H. Jones, Bradenton, FL
- Joseph W. Jones, San Antonio, TX
- William Kiernan, Mentor, OH
- Ruth Phillips, Oronto, MN
- Dale Reichenbach, Bluffton, OH
- Richard Rohrkaste, N. Huntington, PA
- William Schreiber, Berkeley Heights, NJ
- Jim Stayton, San Antonio, TX
- Ernest Walk, Altamont, NY
- Dean Weidman, Akron, OH
- Pun Wilson, St. Louis, MO

On behalf of all TGOA / MGCA members, we wish to

send our deepest sympathy to the families for their loss.

**Retraction to Mar/Apr 05
Gardeners Gone to Rest**

In the last newsletter we had Charlotte Hanthorn of Gladstone, MO, as deceased. She called April 6 and assured us that she was not deceased. No wonder she did not get her American Gardener magazine and the newsletter. Go figure! It was a pleasure to mail them to her. We apologize for the error.

**The Men’s Garden Club of
Youngstown, OH.**

By Leno Laner

Early in 2005 “The Men’s Garden Club of Youngstown” entered into an agreement with a local organization called “Masco” (Mahoning Adult Services Corp.) which is a part of the MRDD (Mahoning County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities) to renovate, maintain and operate a 43’ x 73’ green house located at 825 Bev Rd., in Boardman, Ohio, a suburb of Youngstown. Along with helping to educate the workshop’s clients in the propagation and growing of plant life, the club is also holding a public plant sale of annual flowers, hanging baskets, vegetables and other innovative items in order to raise funds for community beautification projects and to provide local parks and

gardens with materials and equipment.

The plant sale is to be held May 19 – 21 2005 and customers who have pre-ordered can pick up their plants on those dates and are encouraged to visit the greenhouse to shop for other items we will have for sale.

We have operated a 20' x 70' plastic hoop house for a number of years with great success and that house will now be available for members use and to supplement overflow needs from the MASCO greenhouse operation. The members have enthusiastically embraced the new plan and have volunteered in record numbers to help projects along.

This entire endeavor has been very ably conducted by one of our newer members, John Schinker, and really highlights what new members and new blood can do for a club.

DIRECTORIES

Please have someone in your club print off the directory from the web site for your club and if you have a member or members 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.

Check the spelling of the

names, addresses (building number, street number, city, state and zip code), phone numbers with area code, and email address if applicable.

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

Please send me any corrections or changes.

NEW BUSINESS

By Honey Barnekoff

In order to receive our AHS membership cards the first of the year, it has been suggested to move the dues cut-off date to no later than September 30.

If the dues increase goes into effect and we change the dues cut-off date to

September 30, it has been proposed to only pay for nine months dues of \$22.50. The full \$30 will be in affect by October 2007.

Using the earlier cut-off date will give us the full 12 months membership, for which we are currently paying, but not receiving.

This proposal will be on the agenda at the national convention.



Video films are now for sale from the national office.

Each ½ hour part costs \$10 postpaid. And, are dubbed from local access TV broadcasts.

- 1994 Jackson, Ms (1 part)
- 1995 Dallas (1 part)
- 1996 Colorado Springs (2 parts)
- 1997 Spokane (not available)
- 1998 Asheville, NC (3 parts)
- 1999 Green Bay (3 parts)

- 2002 Tucson (2 parts)
- 2003 Albany (1 part)
- 2004 Des Moines (1 part)

START YOUR OWN CLUB WEB SITE

By Frank Mitch

Five TGOA/MGCA clubs now have their own web sites. These are now listed separately as links on the “Club Newsletters” page in “Members Only” section. It is very interesting to merely click on these links and see what these clubs are doing, who are their officers and their contact addresses. The current, as well as past, club newsletters are also available for most of these clubs. Here are the clubs with a web site:

- Valley of the Sun Gardeners, Phoenix, AZ
- Richmond Heights Garden Club, St. Louis, MO
- Men’s Garden Club of Akron, Ohio
- First Men’s Garden Club of Dallas – Texas
- Gardener’s of Green Bay, Wisconsin

We urge other clubs to seriously explore the possibility of creating their own web sites. Perhaps there is a computer person in your club who has web site experience or is willing to learn. Completely free or very low cost web site hosting is available. In the case of Akron the large county library system provides free hosting to non-profit groups. Even better is free web hosting by Yahoo's Geocities.com. They claim that their free web design tools "will have your web pages up in a matter of minutes." Geocities offers free online help and their Yahoo Page Builder is free and full featured. All of this is free but does display small ads on your site. More advanced ad free service is available for a small charge of \$4.95 per month. Give it a try. This is how I started making web sites using a similar free service.

MEMBERSHIP

The following clubs have a 10% or more increase in paid members from January through March 2005.

- East Valley Gardeners Club, 46.88%
- St. Marys GOA, 11.11%
- Mountain Shadow Garden Club, 46.88%
- Riverbend GOA, 12.50%
- Dixon Area Garden Club, 15.79%

Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club, 10.71%

Each year at the national convention the club with the highest percentage of membership increase receives the **GEORGE SPADER AWARD.**

GARDENERS TRAVELING THE USA

"The Gates", Central Park, NY. It losses something in grayscale, but it was an awesome sight to see on TV.



Carlton and Paula Fruth, OH, put their art and nature together and took a trip to the Big Apple and saw "The Gates" up close and personal. It cost the artists \$20 some million to put up. It was a onetime deal.

GARDENING FROM THE HEART

We are sorry for not mentioning this in a previous newsletter. In 2004, Mr. Ron Heggen made a donation in honor of the 60th anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. O. Reeves Davis of Plano, TX.

Recently, the Akron, Ohio Men's Garden club requested

a \$500 donation from GFTH funds for a project that they are working on in conjunction with their local Habitat for Humanity organization. The GFTH committee happily approved this request. We applaud the Akron club for their work and remind other clubs that other request for funds are welcome.

Note to Clubs:
By Bob Young, Membership Manager.

Please notify me as soon as possible when a member passes so that I can adjust our mailing list and acknowledge the family's loss.

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.

From the Garden Shop

ACCESSORIES

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

Cap & 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)

M-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: \$5

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 website.

2005 Calendars

2005 calendars are still available. Please order by phone, fax or via email to the National Headquarters Secretary or Membership Manager. Information required: Club name or status of individual requesting order; name, address and phone number of individual to receive calendars; number of calendars needed. \$2.00 each (minimum 5) \$15.00 for 10. Price includes shipping

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**

**Members at Large
and Life Members**

Please remember to notify your local club and/or national headquarters of any changes of status in your membership. For example: if you have an address change or if you can no longer participate or if you no longer want to receive the magazine due to age. It is advised to notify your family members now of your wishes.

Club Newsletters

Please mail 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 NEWSLETTERS	
Jul/Aug 05	Jun 6, 05
Sep/Oct 05	Aug 1, 05
Nov/Dec 05	Oct 3, 05
Jan/Feb 06	Dec 1, 05

NEW MEMBERS

New members to TGOA / MGCA are mailed their membership cards and the book, "Hints for the Vegetable Garden, A to Z" direct by headquarters.

We would like to welcome all new members around the nation and invite you to visit TGOA/MGCA in Johnston, Iowa.



By the time this newsletter is received, there will be several memorials around your state and town to remember officers lost in the line of duty.

I do hope you can find time to attend a memorial. It is an unforgettable experience.

NEAR & DEAR TO MY HEART

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.

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