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The President's Message

Greetings from Ohio:

It is now the 1st of April, and here in Ohio, daffodil and forsythia are in bloom; a sure sign of Easter time. Yard work has begun, as with many across the country.

When you receive this, the convention will be over. Some committee chairs have not been filled. Hopefully, they will be filled at the convention.

Our local club has planned our annual plant sale for May and our youth sunflower, pumpkin-growing contest. I hope your club has planned a youth project also. If you do not receive your seeds through the headquarters, suppliers are available to purchase from as we did. The Youth and Gardening From the Heart programs are very important projects for each club.

We just had our regional spring meeting. In our region, our membership has fallen tremendously, mainly due to

clubs closing down or dropping out. I hope that a solution came out of this convention.

On the local level, we get a lot from our regional meetings three times a year. Our discussions deal with national concerns as well as local concerns. Ideas are presented for our directors to take to the meetings at national.

Our regional newsletter, JAB, carried an article written in detail by one of the regional members. There are bulletins out on the importance of being aware of possible Formosean termites in mulch from Katrina damaged locations. Some sources say this is not true; so you need to use your own judgment on purchasing mulches this year, especially if it cheap.

Communication and co-operation are the biggest issues with any organization. I believe we are communicating well. We should not have to say, "I didn't know" to this or that. Check the website and make sure that those members in your club that do not have internet access, receive any pertinent information.

Be sure to use resources provided by headquarters, including the library, your master gardeners and extension offices in your area. And, don't forget the website. Our regional

program this month was on setting up websites. Don't forget websites.

*Until later,
Dale Davies*

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JUST A NOTE:

Dale Davies email address starts with a lower case L.

TGOA/MGCA HISTORY

Information provided by Ron Heggen, Past President of the MGC of Des Moines.

In September of 1962 the national officers began discussions about establishing a

permanent headquarters for the organization. A central location in the United States was favored. In 1966, at the national convention in Portland, Oregon, the Ways and Means Committee of the organization was given a mandate to secure suitable office space in a building the organization would own.

Dean Stroud who attended the convention, returned to Des Moines and sparked interest within the club to seek the headquarters in Des Moines. At the August corn feed at Pioneer Hybrid, Dean approached President Ed Brown on the locating of the headquarters in Des Moines. Even though Clarence Yarn, a member of the club offered several acres of his farm on Northeast 14th Street, an offer of the two acres in Johnston from Pioneer was chosen as the site to proceed with.

At the 1967 convention in Minneapolis, Des Moines was chosen as the site for the headquarters. Prior to commencing work on the site, numerous contributions were received to help with the costs, in fact \$5,000 from the Meredith Foundation in Des Moines, Iowa led the funds received. More than 200 gifts were received prior to the construction starting. Due to some changes requested by the national officers, additional funds were borrowed to complete the project. Gerald Griffith, a member of the Des Moines club designed the building and oversaw its construction. In June of 1968 construction was started and in

January of 1969 a reception was held at the new building to greet the staff that had moved into their new home.

At the 1970 national convention in Des Moines, a dedication ceremony was held at the headquarters and keys to the building were officially turned over to Sam Fairchild, national president of Men's Garden Clubs of America.

Money to pay off the loans taken out to complete the building was paid off from funds raised by the annual petunia day sales.

Since bringing the headquarters to Des Moines, the Men's Garden Club of Des Moines has been the major maintainer of the facility and annually the largest contributor of funds to underwrite necessary costs.

2006 National Convention

TGOA/MGCA (April 20-22): Spartanburg, SC

A current write up about the 2006 convention will be in the July/August issue of the national newsletter.

One week before the April 20-22, 2006 National Convention, there were 177 registrations received by the Spartanburg club.

As is true every year just before the convention, I am trying to get the packets made up for the three major meetings, Executive, Board of Directors and Members meetings and putting together this newsletter.

Hopefully this newsletter will
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2006 National Convention

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be received by May 15th and I hope everyone had a great time at the convention. AJ

GARDENING HEAVEN IN 2007

Excerpt from 'Around The Region' newsletter, Ill/Wisc.

Let's all get excited – go tell all your friends and everyone you don't know that Gardening Heaven in 2007 is on its way.

By this time next year all plans should be completed and the final polishing will be done.

Dominic Mencarino, Rockford Club, is the 2007 TGOA/MGCA Convention Chairperson. John Majernik, Boone County Club, Treasurer; Steve Stimes, Rockford Club, Registration; and John Morley Jr., Dixon Club is Secretary.

Others involved in the planning for the annual convention are Ron Bare, Rockford Club, National Board of Directors, and Audrey Friend, Boone County Club, Regional President. These folks have all been meeting once a month at the Friend's home transforming *Gardening Heaven in 2007*.

Here are some facts:

When – July 12-14, 2007

Where – Clock Tower,
Rockford, Il

Sponsored by – Illinois /
Wisconsin Region

Master of Ceremonies – John
Majernik

Housing – Ron Bare

Food – Sharon Bare, Julie
Jordahl

Decorations / Favors – Audrey
Friend, Kathy Morley, Julie

Jordahl and Ethel Johnson
Hospitality Room/Souvenir
Packets – Tom Palmer,
Mendota Club

Tours: Full day at Dixon, IL:
Anderson Gardens; Garden
Glory Tour; Calvin Park
Blvd.; Sinnissippi
Gardens/Klehm

Many thanks to JoAnn
Wienrank, Boone County Club,
who is making a quilt to raffle
off in 2007 – Elmer Friend who
completed 25 picnic tables for
Centerpieces.

Attention Clubs:

Please submit your
request to be host for the
2008 convention to Honey
Barnekoff, any executive
officer or to the convention
board meeting as a whole
as soon as possible. HB

HAPPY NEW GARDENING YEAR

By Theresa Miller, MGC of Des
Moines

Like so many organizations,
it's what you put into the group
that makes the difference. The
more you give, the more you
receive in return. I firmly
believe this, so you may be
hearing that same message
throughout the year.

**Gardening is about enjoying the
smell of things growing in the
soil, getting dirty without feeling
guilty, and generally taking the
time to soak up a little peace and
serenity** *Lindley Karstens*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

State Fairs are a great place
to set up a booth in the
horticultural section.



GARDENERS GONE TO REST

Dwight Barton, Dallas
Center, IA

Harold Bollinger, Akron,
OH

Ralph Chewning, Stone
Mountain, GA

Elizabeth Hubbard,
Amazonia, City, KS

Kenneth Johnson, Fort.
Dodge, IA

Lucille Martin, Jenera, OH

Mickey Montgomery,
Kansas City, KS

Glenn Snider, Albany, NY

Haiden Turner, Avondale
Estates, GA

Charles J. Winegarden,

Des Moines, IA/Mesa, AZ

MEMORIALS

E&I fund

A gift was received from
Rick Hubbard, Kansas City,
MO, in the memory of
Elizabeth Hubbard and Mickey
Montgomery.

A gift was received from
Robert S. Junge, Wheat Ridge,
CO, in memory of Bill Cusic.

A gift was received from the
Greater Kansas City Gardeners
of America, Edgerton, KS in
memory of Kent M. Strodman,
Belton, MO.

Gifts in memory of Ralph
Chewning: Georgia Region and
Jim Tracy. Ron Heggen (to
Gardening from the Heart fund)

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

MEMORIAL BOOK

From the Edelweiss News newsletter, Gardeners of The Bluffton Pandora Area, OH

A book was purchased as a memorial for Lucille Martin. The book, Growing Glorious Glads, was published by the Glad Society and purchased by the club.

It is an excellent source of information on glads and how to grow them for advanced or novice growers of gladiolus. There are some writings by Jim Martin in this book, which is one of the most knowledgeable persons in glads you will ever meet. Also, in the book is a section of color plates of several beautiful glads. The third plate is a picture of the glad "Lady Lucille" which was created or hybridized by Jim and he named it for the love of his life Lucille.

The book was given to the Bluffton Richland Public Library on Wednesday, March 29th.

TGOA / MGCA Webmaster

By Frank Mitch, Web Site Committee Chair

Please submit articles for your national newsletter and/or your national website **every month.**

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

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

Submission in a digital file

such as MS Word or Publisher is preferred. Do not use MS Works.

A relevant photo is welcome and a digital .jpg format is preferred. Email articles and photos to tgoasecy@dwx.com or mail to the TGOA / MGCA mailing address attention AJ Freeman or fax: 515-278-6245. fm

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

INTERESTING WEBSITES

Landreth Seed Company, for information about '*The Story of Painted Corn.*'

www.landrethseed.com or lheinstadt@landrethseeds.com

 University of Vermont Extension, on topics such as: *potting dahlias; effective deer fences; Easter Lilies; planting trees correctly; columbines.*
pass@zoo.uvm.edu.
e.oneida@cornell.edu or
www.cce.cornell.edu/oneida

Does anyone out there have a gardening website they would like to share in this, Interesting Websites, section of our newsletter?

TRAVELING THE U.S.

The Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Oneida County, NY will be holding their 10th annual Herb and Flower Festival on Saturday, June 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. at the Farm and Home Center, near the County Airport. The event will be held rain or shine.

The theme of this year's festival is Attracting Birds and Butterflies to Home Gardens.

For more information please contact: Holly Wise, 315-736-3394, extension 125.

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 2006 Festival of Fountains at Longwood Gardens May 27 – September 2, Kennett Square, PA. 610-388-1000.
pevans@longwoodgardens.org

190 PUBLIC GARDENS

From the Romin' Gardener, Editor's Corner, Rome, NY

190 public gardens have joined the AHS reciprocal admissions program, entitling you to visit these places of beauty and inspiration across America at little or no charge.

<p>MAY 2006 14 –Mother's Day 29 – Memorial Day (observed)</p> <p>JUNE 14 – Flag Day 18 – Father's Day 21 – Summer Begins</p>

<p>BIG PUMPKIN / GIANT SUNFLOWER CONTEST Youth Gardening Committee Chair: Don Otterness 6829 Dunnsville Rd, Altamont, NY 12009-5315 518-355-5722 FAX: 528-862-6206 No E-mail listed</p> <p>Seeds can be ordered from National Headquarters to ensure each child has the same chances to win.</p>
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SHADE PLANTS

From Tim Parks, The Germinator newsletter, MGC of Youngstown, OH

"I need a plant for a spot that doesn't get any sun."

This is a frequently heard statement when your employment is retail horticulture. The problem here is not the right plant, but what is the customers' perception of no sun or shade.

Many times we limit ourselves on what we can plant because we don't really know how different plants will perform in these shady spots. So let's talk about what is "sun" and what is "shade".

This is just one reason I like to qualify full sun plants as plants that will tolerate a full day's worth of sun, but also a plant that will perform equally as well with half a day of sun. Many full sun plants will do just fine with indirect light most of the day, one or two feet back behind the shadow line of a north facing home. It's lots of light, just not on them.

Partial sun: This is a broad category of plants. Six hours of sun AM, dappled light all day, indirect light and six hours of afternoon light can all work for partial sun conditions. Be careful though when you site these plants in hot afternoon, dry location; it can be tough for some of these fair skinned beauties.

Shade and dense shade: What is it really? I like to think of shade as an area that receives no direct sun with strongest light

being filtered or dappled and can actually be well lit. Dense shade on the other hand, would be classed only as under-story of a wooded area receiving nothing but limited filtered light.

There really should be two classes of shade plant, one being "shade tolerant" for shady areas and the other "shade lovers" for dense shade positions.

There are a great many plants that are classified partial sun that do well in shade. But beware; there are a lot fewer shade lovers that will perform in partial sun.

In the end the thought process should not be that there are distinct light categories for plants; rather light categories (full sun, partial sun, shade) with large gray areas between them that a plant will grow successfully. It is with this in mind that you might do something a little bit different this year with your "shade garden".

HARDY ORCHIDS

From The Spade newsletter, MGC of Greater Cleveland

Hardy orchids are all perennial and most are most are deciduous. They come mainly from the temperate regions of the world. By growing native orchids gardeners can make a contribution to improving biodiversity. With judicious selection orchids can be in bloom from April through to August or later.

To get the best out of hardy orchids use them much as you

would choice bulbs or woodland perennials. They are best placed with plants that are not too exuberant in their growth. Most species do well in poor, thin, low-nutrient soils and many will adapt well to container cultivation where their flower are easier to appreciate.

A wide range of hardy orchids is adapted to shady conditions, including some of the most showy and exotic looking. Species and hybrids of *Dactylorhiza*, *Cypripedium* (Lady Slipper, *Calanthe* and *Bletilla* all thrive in light to medium shade. They can be planted well with *Arisaema* (Jack-in-the-pulpit), *Podophyllum* (May Apple), and *Trillium* smaller hostas and ferns.

The species of *Cypripedium* (lady's slipper) is among the most exotic of all the hardy orchids, but many can be very difficult to grow. All prefer moist, leafy, open soils, but different species are adapted to varying soil pH. The cultivated *Cypripedium calceolus* var. *pubescens* is a strong plant and perhaps best suited to garden conditions.

There are many other varieties and an excellent source of information, outstanding photos and plants can be found at www.thimblefarms.com.

There are over 25,000 species of orchids. There are only two places on earth where they do not grow. Antarctic and under water.

**The Gardeners of America – Men’s Garden Clubs of America
2007 Region / Club Officer Report**

Region / Cub name & location: _____
 Region / Club newsletter: _____

Return this form to: TGOA-MGCA Headquarters, P.O. Box 241, Johnston, IA 50131-6241 by January 31, 2007.

OFFICER	NAME	E-MAIL	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE
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1 ST VP							
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EDITOR							
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR							
LIAISON							

2007 Calendars

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

2006 Calendars

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

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.

**2007 Calendar
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Club Name: _____

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*1-249..\$2.85 each
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Quantity ordered: _____
Total Amount: _____

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A bill will be forwarded with your calendars.

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

From the Garden Shop ACCESSORIES

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 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
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 Pin, Membership President, Past President \$3.50

Plaque, Club President (walnut) \$40

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 Porcelain (both logos) \$3.50
 Terra Cotta "Flower Pot" (both logos) \$5.50

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Plant Markers (set of 8) \$2 (unavailable at this time)

Screen Saver: \$1

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



**National Membership
Manager**

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

AHS WEBSITE & PASSWORD

www.ahs.org

Password: tulip

This is a *change* from last year.

MEMBERS AT LARGE

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

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

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

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

Newsletter	Deadline Dates
Jul/Aug '06	Jun 1-9, '06
Sep/Oct '06	Aug 1-9, '06
Nov/Dec '06	Oct 2-10, '06
Jan/Feb '07	Dec 1-11, '06
Mar/Apr '07	Feb 1-9, '07
May/June '07	Apr 2-10 '07

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

We at national HQ thank the people at Indianola, IA Men's Garden Club for their generous contribution to the grounds of 60 bags of cocoa mulch.

A Special Thank You

I wish to thank everyone who has sent a memorial in a member's memory. What a great way to honor someone.

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

By Frank Mitch, Web Master

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

Password = lily

Check out your new and improved website.

For gardening questions and answers go to the TGOA/MGCA website

www.tgoa-mgca.org

Master gardeners are standing by.

You are welcome to visit our beautiful grounds at National Headquarters in Johnston, Iowa at anytime.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS

If you have not yet turned in your reports for 2005, please do so as soon as possible.

Board of Director's reports will be due no later than the 2nd of October, 2006 in preparation of the November 2006 Board of Director's meeting in OH.

If you don't take care of your body, where else are you going to live?
Anonymous

Near and Dear to

My Heart



HEALTH PROBLEMS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

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

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

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

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