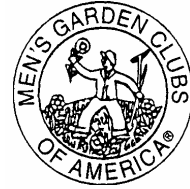


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### ENDOWMENT & INVESTMENT

Donations received from the Men's Garden Club of Akron in memory of two Akron club life members, Robert Snyder and Russell Wilkinson

### GARDENING FROM THE HEART

Donation received from the Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe in memory of Theophiel DeMaire

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SPECIAL NOTE: IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD CONTAINS TWO OR MORE TGOA-MGCA MEMBERS, YOU WILL EACH RECEIVE THIS MARCH-APRIL GARDENER MAGAZINE. THE REASON BEING THAT YOU CAN EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE FOR 2005 NATIONAL OFFICERS BY COMPLETING THE STAPLED IN BALLOT LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF THIS ISSUE. AS A COST MEASURE, WE ASK THAT YOU PUT YOUR OWN 37 CENT STAMP ON THE BALLOT PRIOR TO MAILING. THANK YOU



### GARDENING FROM THE HEART

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Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Buranich, Jr  
for their continued support  
of this program.

Donation from Samuel Buranich III in  
memory of Doreen A. Gasiorowski

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP\*\*\*\*\*

Due to a computer problem, we are unable to generate a membership report listing club membership increases of 10% or more from December 31st to current.

**Each year at the National Convention the club with the highest percentage of membership increase receives the GEORGE SPADER AWARD**

**NOTE:**

**Membership cards for new members are mailed directly to them with a letter from the National President. Renewal membership cards are mailed to the club treasurer for distribution.**

Marcia: tgoa.mgca.mmp@juno.com  
Bob: mgcambr@dwx.

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**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION TO KNOW AND THINK ABOUT OR IMPLEMENT**

**Make plans now** to attend FLOWERS & MORE IN 2004 convention in Des Moines June 24-26, 2004.

**If your club** is thinking about applying for a grant for a Gardening From The Heart project, now is the time to submit the application for approval and processing so that your funds would be available for Spring planting.

**The 2003 National Photography Award Presentation - The Joy of a Garden** shown at the National convention in Albany is now available for rent for \$6.00 plus \$3.00 S&H.

We also have available for rent an Albany 2003 convention tape as seen through the eyes of Robert Novak, Ft. Wayne, IN club

**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Scholarship Applications** should be submitted to Tom Wilten, Scholarship Committee Chair by April 1, 2004

Information regarding submissions can be found on our web site in the members only section or by requesting information from Marcia at the national office.

The National Committee List has been posted in Members Only on the Web Site.

**The Web Site Is Growing by Frank Mitch, Web Master**

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

**What's New?**

Your club newsletter on the internet every month:  
Any TGOA-MGCA club can have their monthly newsletters easily available for every national member to read by going to our "Club Newsletter" page. Valley of the Sun Gardener from Phoenix is available that way now thanks to Olin Miller. Here's how to do it:

1. Post your club newsletter on the club web site if you have one or on any web site available to you.
2. Send to TGOA the URL address of the web site page containing the newsletter.
3. Your newsletter will be listed on the TGOA Club Newsletter page with a link to your newsletter.
4. Each month replace your previous newsletter with the new one on your local website.
5. It will then be automatic at our end and all of your newsletters will be available to all TGOA members with web site access.

A new page: American Horticulture Society Information for all TGOA-MGCA Members.

This new page in Members Only contains a link to the AHS web site and also:

1. A list of AHS benefits available to our members
2. AHS photographer submission guidelines
3. AHS writer submission guidelines
4. Various other AHS information as the new partnership develops.

**Congratulations** to the latest club to modify their name. By vote, the former Men's Garden Club of Rome New York has changed their name to **Gardeners of Rome**

**A New Record??????**  
Submitted by Frank Mitch,  
Central Great Lakes Region Director

Has any club had a junior member to match this record? Men's Garden Club of Akron's John Moss was sponsored to be a member when only 12 years old, and became a Boy Scout at the same time. Six years later, at 18, he earned his Eagle award in 2003. His Eagle project at his high school involved 15,000 pounds of versalock block retaining wall, and over 1,500 landscaping plants. Soon after joining the club, John took on many adult tasks, including meeting greeter, plant auction helper, dinner blessings, and club librarian. He was awarded 24 ribbons and a best of section ribbon in the adult section of one of the club's horticulture shows. Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Moss and the Akron club are very proud of John.

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**CALLING ALL GALS!!  
GOOD NEWS**

By the time you are reading this, the National office will have available for order TGOA logo earrings! (March) These will be available in both post and drop. The green and white round logo will be 1/2" with gold surround. Cost to be \$10. per pair postpaid. Why not pool your orders at your March meeting, and be the first to sport yours at the 2004 convention in Des Moines!

**Gardening From The Heart at Arizona Children's Home, By Bob Dore, Tucson, AZ**

The Arizona Children's Home in Tucson is one of 4 facilities maintained by the AZ Children's Association to provide for abandoned neglected and abused children. In 1974 John Ware, one of the staff at ACH, and also a member of the Men's Garden Club of Tucson, started a garden for the children. The club participated in the program, providing volunteers and building a greenhouse, a storage shed and walkways. The garden project was soon recognized as having therapeutic value for the children. It was adopted by several other clubs in the Men's Garden Clubs of America and identified as the Gardening from the Heart Program. (GFTH)

In 1988 I began working with John who had established a remarkable rapport with the children. He helped them set up a little Farmer's Market where they sold produce from the garden. Periodically he recognized the best gardeners with the "Green Thumb" award.

John died in 1992, and inherited the program which entails maintaining the garden and weekly gardening lessons for 3 groups of children: Sr Boys, Intermediate Boys and younger children from the coed dormitory. The children come out once a week with a counselor; the older children spend 2 or more hours in the garden; the younger children less time due to a shorter attention span. In accordance with the guidelines for the national GFTH program, a contract was drawn up between our club and ACH delineating the responsibilities of each. Since we can garden 12 months of the year we have summer and winter crops of mostly vegetables and fruit with some seasonal flowers. Much of the produce like onions, potatoes, carrots, beets, lettuce, peas, cauliflower and broccoli is used by the kitchen for the children's meals. Our club, Gardeners of Tucson, continues to support the program with volunteers and a budget for expenses. 3 years ago our request for a \$500 grant from national was approved with which we replaced a rototiller and improved the security of the storage shed. We also collect and sell aluminum cans which helps to maintain a petty cash fund. At the present time we are fortunate in having 5 dedicated gardeners to meet with the children each week, but we always need more volunteers to cover for vacations/illness. This is a wonderful program and it is particularly therapeutic for the children and the volunteers.

# Flowers and More in 2004!

## The Gardeners of America National Convention

### Des Moines, Iowa

### June 24 through June 26, 2004

Arrive early because the members of the Des Moines Men's Garden Club are also planning additional fun things for you and your family from Wednesday through Sunday. And, if you happen to be a member of the American Hosta Society, consider a combination of Gardens and Conventions. The American Hosta Society 2004 Convention will also be held in Des Moines - from June 15 through 19.

The official Flowers and More in 2004! convention hotel is the Holiday Inn Convention Center, located near the Des Moines International Airport. Whether you fly, drive or bring a bus, we're centrally located at the junction of Interstate Highways 35 and 80. If a train ride sounds relaxing and fun, roll in on Amtrak. We'll arrange to collect you from its Osceola stop (just 20 minutes from the hotel), and we'll see that you catch your train home, too.

If you need a roommate to help share expenses, we're creating a clearing house for you to connect with other singles. Sharing expenses can double your fun.

We've blocked out rooms for Tuesday night as well as Wednesday night. Why? Because we hope you'll arrive early and enjoy some of the extras we'll make available for you. Like the Living History Farms, one of the finest working museum farms in the country. You'll see people using the tools, the animals and the skills from 200 years ago, over a century ago and more. The Farm also houses one of the finest collections of antique quilts anywhere.

Or maybe you'd rather spend time in doors. The Iowa Capitol complex includes our beautiful State Capitol building and the new State Historical Building.

Terrace Hill is the Governor's home today. Built in the late 1800's by a prominent Des Moines family, the home and grounds gardens are open for tours and one of the Des Moines club projects is working in the gardens there.

For the kids in all of us there's Adventureland. It's a great amusement park just 20 minutes from the hotel, and we'll get the family there.

Of course the TGOA headquarters building and grounds deserve your attention so we'll show you what your support has done. If the weather cooperates, we'll let you in free, but there's a tiny possibility your entrance fee may be pulling a weed or dead heading a perennial. Surely you won't mind.

Meredith Publishing, home of Better Homes and Gardens, has a walled garden just minutes away. It's used for many photo shoots and isn't often open to the public, but we're invited.

Oh, and did we mention shopping? Antiques, crafts, malls, and maybe a few surprises up our sleeve.

We'll take you to the amazing Reiman Gardens, gateway to Iowa State University. This fourteen acre bit of magic includes eleven individual gardens, a 5,000 sq. foot indoor conservatory, a butterfly flight house and more. There are gardens and activities for the whole family, regardless of age or energy level. Run-stroll-sniff-explore, or sit quietly while butterflies investigate you. And bring your cameras, please.

You'll be our guest at the 378 acre Iowa Arboretum. It's located in the heart of the Iowa countryside. The gardens, the gazebo, the walking paths through out the arboretum - each with it's own special beauty. We'll remember our gardeners gone to rest and rest awhile ourselves. We've ordered a beautiful June-in-Iowa sunset for you, but even a good old fashioned thunderstorm would be spectacular to watch from the porches or from the dry safety of the Hughes Education Center.

Plans include seminars for skill building, membership growing and fun-having, sessions to educate and amuse and even a "get down and get dirty" workshop or two (rated G, GP and K for grownups, grandparents and kids). Check the web site for more. We'll look for you among the Flowers and More in 2004!

*The Des Moines Men's Garden Club*