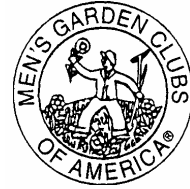


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## Gardeners Gone to Rest 2003

Pat Edgington, Indianola, IA  
Lew Burnette, Warren, NJ  
Elgin Smith, Prairie Village, KS  
David Jones, Hudson, OH  
John Morrison, Atlanta, GA  
Ralph Evans, Akron, OH  
Richard Conn, Akron, OH  
R.R. Showalter, Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
William Phipps, Arlington, TX  
Robert Etcher, Stow, OH

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### ENDOWMENT & INVESTMENT

Donation received from Charles and Grace Brasher in memory of members Carl Tucker, Toni Sena, and Elgin Smith

Donations received from the Men's Garden Club of Akron in memory of the following members of their club:

Dr. Ralph Evans, Leonard F. Kubicek, Richard E. Conn, Raymond R. Showalter, Robert W. Etcher,

### GARDENING FROM THE HEART

Donation received from Dan Blackledge in memory of Elgin Smith

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#### Letter to Club Newsletter Editors from Clyde Wooten, Newsletter Committee Chair:

*I am no longer the National chairman of the Newsletter Committee. I served for 10 years, and with my age, I guess it is time for me to hang it up.*

*I ask all the club editors to work with the new chairperson, even more, as you did with me. The national chairperson must rely on your desire to participate in the National Newsletter Contest. The Chairperson cannot force you to enter. The current Newsletter Manual (How to Spread the Word, A Help To Aid in Producing Effective Newsletters, pub. 1996) is the result of a lot of work on the part of several people. My committee researched a number of publications, written by University professors, who taught classes in newsletter publication. Then there was the work of the chairmen who proceeded me: C.H. Stahl, W. B. Smith, Bert Konzel. All of these chairmen deserve your "Vote of Thanks" for the work they did before me. I wish to thank the two members of my committee, John Walsh and Albert Labunski who worked so diligently for the past few*



### GARDENING FROM THE HEART

#### DONATIONS

**Robert C. Limburg  
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Sincere thanks to

*years, to get the evaluations completed on time. I also owe a "Well Done" to Marcia Peterson, Exec Sec, and to Carol Donovan who preceded her, for their outstanding work in getting the plaques and Certificates of Appreciation prepared for the conventions. Editors no longer need to send me copies of the newsletters. Accept my appreciation for having me on your mailing lists. These kept me up to date on what editors were doing for their clubs. I have been honored to have served you for the past 10 years. Just remember, "Old Gardeners Never Die, They Just SPADE Away" Clyde W. Wooten*

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

The following clubs have a 10% or more membership increase in paid members from January 2003 through September 2003

**MO-KAN REGION**

Mission Springs GOA	46.2%
Excelsior Springs Garden Club	14.3%
GOA Overland Park	16.7%

**CENTRAL GREAT LAKES REGION**

Fort Wayne GOA	36.8%
Maple City Men's Garden Club	18.2%
Fulton County Garden Club	12.5%
Gardeners of Bluffton-Pandora	13.9%

**NORTHWEST REGION**

Gallatin County MGCA	12.5%
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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION**

Santa Rosa MGC	13.8%
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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.

**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?**

1. Questions & Answers: Expert answers by Master Gardeners.
2. TGOA Garden Shop: On line shopping made easy. Pay with a credit card.
3. Gardening from the Heart: News about these major TGOA projects.
4. Installation of Officers: Script for clubs to use at year-end. Print it from the Redbook in Members Only.
5. Add/Delete Members Form: For club Treasurers at year end. Print it from the Redbook in Members Only.
6. Avis Rent A Car special rates for members attending the National Convention in 2004.

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**National Dues for 2004** are due in January. All members recorded as not paid by March 1st will be resigned from the National organization's membership roster.

**Director's 2003 Meeting** in Jackson, Mississippi was a huge success. Watch the Jan-Feb issue of The Gardener for photos and other details.

**Attention Snow Birds!!!**

Tis that time of the year when many of you will depart for warmer gardening climes. So you don't miss a single issue, please be sure to advise the National office of the effective date of your address change. We need to manually recode our database to your current address when it comes to winter and summer locales. Remember, it costs us 70 cents for each return! And, it adds up!! Please keep us informed.

**Need that "little something"** Christmas Gift? Or, how about a Calendar Xmas Card? There's still time to order your 2004 TGOA-MGCA calendars! Do you know these days, that it costs less than a Hallmark Xmas Card that folks read and toss after the holidays? If you give a calendar card, it won't be tossed out with the wrappings and lasts all year!! Simply attach a Merry Christmas gift card to the front & send What could be appreciated more!

**TGOA-MGCA LENDING LIBRARY, 2003  
EXCESS BOOKS**

<b>Bk #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>LOC</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>
885	Propagation for the Home Gardener	Brooklyn Botanic Gardens	D4	Propagation
925	Modern Roses, The Pocket Encyclopedia of	Gregory, Tony	D5	Roses
593	Hydroponics, The ABC's of	Schubert Margot	C3	Hydroponics
805	Orchids in Colour	Rittershausen, Brian	D2	Orchids
928	Book of Roses/A	Logan, William Bryant	D5	Roses
785	Water Conservation in Landscape	Robinette, Gary O	D1	Landscaping
765	Landscape Plants for the Southeast	Batson Wade T	D1	Landscaping
752	Garden Construction	McHoy Peter	D1	Landscaping
1087	Tips from the Garden Hotline	Snodsmith, Ralph	E2	Vegetables
482	Greenhouses, Cloches & Frames	McHoy Peter	C1	Greenhouses
660	Garden Plants/A Complete Handbook	Wright Michael	E7	Encyclopedias
17	Book of Rose Arrangements	Clements, Julia	A1	Arranging
728	Encyclopedia of House Plants	Herwig Rob	C4	Encyclopedias
727	World Guide to House Plants	Huxley, Anthony	C4	Encyclopedias
31	Flower Arranging for Shows	Napper, Mary	A1	Arranging
700	Language of Flowers/The	Peroni Laura	C5	Encyclopedias
1668	Miracle Houseplants/The	Elbert, Virginie F	C2	Houseplants
753	Garden Planning and Design	McHoy Peter	D1	Landscaping
91	Cacti of Texas & Neighboring States	Weniger, Del	A2	Cacti and Succulents
49	Bonsai	Lesniewicz, Paul	A2	Bonsai
302	Country Gardener's Almanac/The	Lawrence, Martin	B2	Gardens, General
1257	In and Out of the Garden	Midda Sara	E5	Miscellaneous
1135	Freshwater Vegetation, Introduction to	Riemer, Donald N	E3	Water Gardens
2384	Succulents/Instant Guide of Healthy	Pilbeam, John	A2	Cacti and Succulents
79	Indoor Bulbs & Annuals/Instant guide to	Simpson, Norman	A2	Bulbs
1084	Chinese Vegetables, Grow your Own	Harrington, Geri	E2	Vegetables
1173	Texas Wildflowers	Loughmiller, Campbell	E4	Wildflowers
1074	Vegetables, Growing & Showing	Fenton, Tom	E2	Vegetables
1055	Growing Vegetables & Herbs	Southern Living	E2	Vegetables
146	Garden Planter	Saville, Diana	A3	Container Gardening
946	Roses, Growing & Showing	Charlton, Don	D5	Roses
217	Chrysanthemums, Growing and Showing	Brook Wallace	D3	Perennials
229	Pelargonium Family	Webb, William J	A6	Flowers, General
154	Cucumbers in a Flowerpot	Skelsey, Alice	A3	Container Gardening
96	Cacti/Instant guide to Healthy	Pilbeam, John	A2	Cacti and Succulents
1007	Conifers, How to Grow	Proudley, Brian	E1	Trees/Evergreens
387	Community Garden Book/The	Sommers, Larry	A6	Gardens, Community
135	Gardening with Children	Pesch, Barbara B	A3	Children
276	Geraniums, Growing and Showing	Shellard, Alan	C1	Geraniums

Due to the limited number of books available this year, we will be sending only one selection per person based on a random drawing of 39 requests on December 1st. You may request up to 4 books by numbering in order of preference, however, only one book will be sent. Please mail your request to TGOA headquarters to arrive by the December 1st drawing. Shipping costs will be billed with the book. Please be prompt in making the nominal postage payment.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation or Member at Large \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to : P.O. Box 241, Johnston, IA 50131 Choice #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Choice #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Choice #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Choice #4 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Spartanburg Men's Garden Club's Plant Sales**

By Henry Pittman, Secretary, Spartanburg Men's Garden Club, Spartanburg, SC

The Spartanburg Men's Garden Club has a strong commitment to community beautification—and it has worked toward that end since its organization in 1948.

It's annual plant sales have helped make that possible. These sales work toward that goal in two ways—by providing “quality plants at reasonable prices” to encourage personal home landscaping, and by providing funds for street and highway treescaping and other of the club's community beautification projects. And there have been many of these projects—but that is not the topic of this article.

We began our plant sale project in the 70s, specializing primarily in common and popular bare root plants packaged in plastic bags—plants that were not available from local garden shops. Thousands of native White Dogwood and Crape Myrtles were sold. This established the Club's reputation for filling a unique community plant need.

In the 80s we enlarged and expanded the program by using an unused City area for growing plants of a wider variety and of larger size, but continued to dig and package them bare root. After a few years of this, it became obvious that the labor of harvesting was becoming more and more difficult (some of us were getting older!), so we began the current “container grown” project.

Dozens of our members propagate plants from cuttings and seed and, in addition, we purchase liners from commercial nurseries. All of them are potted and re-potted as they grow. Most of these containers plants are located in a space we use in Hatcher Garden, a local public garden built by MGC member Harold Hatcher. This garden is also the location of our public sales.

In addition to “nursery space” at Hatcher Garden, we have added a utility building to house paraphernalia related to the project, an irrigation system with separate water meter, and professional landscape fabric floor under all of the plant area. Our inventory typically consists of some two thousand plants.

Plant sales are in the Spring and Fall; both are conducted in close cooperation with Hatcher Garden—we continue to specialize in trees and shrubs, Hatcher specializes in annuals and perennials. This is a winning combination for the public. Spring sales are a one-day affair, Fall sales are for 4 consecutive Saturdays. Annual income over the years has ranged from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

On one Saturday in August, members potted 400 new purchased liners in one- to three-gallon pots, and repotted approximately 100 plants that were ready to move up in size.