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**The Gardeners of America -  
Men's Garden Clubs of America and the  
American Horticultural Society form a new  
Partnership in Gardening Education**

The Gardeners of America/ Men's Garden Clubs of America (TGOA/MGCA) and the American Horticultural Society (AHS) are forming a partnership to advance the programs and enhance the strengths of the two organizations. Effective July 2004, TGOA/MGCA will become an AHS Horticultural Partner.

Headquartered in Johnston, Iowa, in the roots of the American heartland, MGCA was formed in 1928 by a small group of dedicated gardeners interested in sharing and advancing gardening knowledge in their community. MGCA was formally organized in 1932 as a group of affiliated garden clubs. In 1992 the organization expanded under the name The Gardeners of America adding family membership clubs. Currently with 78 clubs from coast to coast operating under both designations TGOA/MGCA continues to advance gardening knowledge and enrich the landscape of gardeners' lives.

Headquartered at George Washington's River Farm in Alexandria, Virginia, the AHS was founded in 1922 to unite and supplement the diverse groups that constitute American horticulture, to represent their interests nationally, and to promote the beauty and environmental value of American gardens and gardening practices. AHS's 37,000 members receive *The American Gardener* magazine, which will now be delivered to all TGOA/MGCA members in place of the club's current membership magazine, *The Gardener*.

Separately these two organizations have been in the forefront of horticultural education for decades. Now, through this strategic alliance, they will be even more prominent. Both groups will also benefit from each other's programs and activities. TGOA/MGCA has an annual convention hosted by a club affiliate, a garden calendar, photography and horticultural awards, a newsletter and a lending library, plus the 78 clubs which have a variety of activities as shown on their web site. In addition to *The American Gardener*, AHS offers gardening tours, horticultural awards, an annual garden conference, a seed exchange, free or discounted admission to many flower shows, botanical gardens and arboreta, and much more.

Visit both web sites for more information. [www.gardenersofamerica.org](http://www.gardenersofamerica.org) and [www.ahs.org](http://www.ahs.org)

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