

# TGOA/MGCA NATIONAL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Members,

The first day of Spring was several days ago, snow is still on the ground in northeastern Ohio, peppers, eggplant, and other garden edibles are begging to go under the growing lights. Life is great!

Speaking of great, how about the improvements that have been made to the newsletter. Thanks to Sheryl and Ron's efforts, I have received calls and emails commenting on the appearance, the quality, and the Esprit de Corps of the current newsletters. Thanks for your efforts to improve the services of the TGOA/MGCA.

To all club members - bring interesting news items to headquarters' attention.

The TGOA/MGCA Convention is "A Little Bit of Heaven in 2011" in Overland Park, Kansas - June 16 - 18. Make your convention and hotel reservations early so as not to

get shut out. The hotel rates are great and the friendship is always super on the "Yellow Brick Road" that leads us to Kansas.

The Poster Club in this issue is Elgin GOA in Illinois. Thanks for sharing your club's experience. We all enjoy hearing and learning from our sister organizations.

On the subject of clubs, the first of March Bob McGowan (Chair of the E&I Committee) and I spent a "Gardeners Weekend Out" and attended the Philadelphia Flower Show in Eastern Pennsylvania. It was wonderful to see and visit with the exhibitors and attend the seminars associated with this thirteen day show. What raised our "blood pressure" is the number of garden clubs that are active in the eastern states.

We need to contact these clubs. Maybe this could be the responsibility of a committee of past presidents. This will be on the agenda for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors in Overland Park. Put on your thinking cap.

If your garden club is looking for a community project here is an outstanding undertaking. It's called

**"Wreaths across America Day."** The program is twenty years old having gotten its start in Arlington National Cemetery. It is a way to partner with other organizations or do it alone - but certainly a way to remember the veterans who made it possible for us to say, we live in the land of the free because of the brave.

Contact Karen Worcester - Executive Director of Wreaths across America. (877) 385-9504.

The Cookbook Committee has been set up, but we welcome more volunteers to help us with this project. The plans will be presented at the Executive Committee meeting and the Board of Director's meeting in June.

Finally, if you have items you would like the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors to discuss - Please call Sheryl at headquarters. She and Ron are very helpful people. Thank you for your outstanding assistance. See you in Kansas in June.

Have a pleasant day & Happy Trails.

*Hugh Earnhart  
President for 2011*



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## FROM YOUR EDITOR

We are still making progress on the "emailing of newsletters". We now have two clubs who all have signed up for an email newsletter (except the members who do not have email): Dixon Area Garden Club, Dixon, IL and Gardeners of St. Charles County, MO. Thank you for your cooperation. Every little bit helps.

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An interesting website to check out for free gardening workshops was sent in by Sue Brelsford, Men's Garden Club of Des Moines, IA. Thank you, Sue.

<http://www.hortmag.com/smart-gardening-workshops>

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## TIDBITS

*Compliments of the Fort Dodge Area Gardeners, Sara Thill Editor*

Suggestion for planting times involving the soil:

The Buns Test – this test was once used in parts of England. In order to test the readiness of the soil, the farmers would remove trousers and other under garments and set down on the earth. If it felt warm and comfortable, then the garden was ready to plant. Personally, I think I will stick with the hand and foot test!!!!

## "NEW PETUNIAS FOR 2011"

How do you kick off the Spring Trials with a bang, hey, just introduce a completely new petunia flower color.

### Petunia Black Velvet



from Ball Flora Plant is the truest black petunia, and it does have a velvety sheen.

This is the world's only true black petunia at this time. But it's not alone; they also introduced a Black Pinstripe and a Black Phantom as well.

Black Phantom is a near-black flower, with a chartreuse-yellow star.



Black Pinstripe is similar to Phantom, except the star pattern consists of quite narrow white bands.

Zone: Treat as Annual  
 Height: 20-25cm (8-10") (estimated)  
 Spread: 25-30cm (10-12") (estimated)  
 Habit: Upright and Mounded  
 Exposure: Full Sun  
 Moisture: Just Moist

## 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2011** Convention, June 16-18, Overland Park, KS  
 "A Bit of Heaven in 2011"

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**2011** Board of Directors' meeting, November 4-5, Des Moines, IA

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**PHOTOGRAPHY** awards – were due February 16, 2011

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**SCHOLARSHIP** awards – were due April 1, 2011

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**ALL OTHER** awards for 2011 were due, December 31, 2010.

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**BALLOTS** for voting for 2012 TGOA/MGCA officers and for bylaws changes – mailed Feb 9, due June 4, 2011

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

Newsletter	Date
July/August	1 June '11
Sept/Oct	1 Aug '11
Nov/Dec	1 Oct '11

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**NOTE:** *As of April 5, 2011, TGOA/MGCA membership overall is down approximately 9%.*

Let's all help change this!

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## GARDENING FROM THE HEART™

The **Richmond Heights Garden Club** adopted a project of providing gardening activities for the residents of the Richmond Terrace Retirement Center, Richmond Heights, MO. They have created a year-round garden club for the residents and staff of Richmond Terrace.

Not only do they do hands-on gardening with the residents, but they make pickles, pesto, do some canning and other projects such as nature related crafts.

The Richmond Heights Garden Club was recently awarded a **Gardening from the Heart** grant from TGOA/MGCA to help with the purchase of new more accessible beds and to upgrade the existing beds so they are easier for the handicapped residents to work in.

Last fall the Richmond Heights Garden Club, along with the residents of Richmond Terrace, hosted their first annual “Home Grown Harvest” spaghetti dinner. Every dish served had a base of food that was grown in the garden.

Keep up the great work, Richmond Heights. This is a blessing for the residents of Richmond Terrace.

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For more information on Gardening from the Heart grants, please check out the website: [www.tgoa-mgca.org](http://www.tgoa-mgca.org) or call us here at headquarters.

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## **“A THANK YOU LETTER FROM RICHMOND HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB”**



Where gardens grow and friendship blooms

[www.richmondheightsgardenclub.org](http://www.richmondheightsgardenclub.org)

April 10, 2011

Hello.

We are very excited to be the grant recipient of “Gardening from the Heart Project.” Many thanks to all for acknowledging our club’s senior garden project and lending your support with a generous donation of \$1000.00.

This grant allows us to purchase raised beds that are chair height, and wheelchair accessible, which will allow our senior population to experience, once again, the joy of gardening.

Last year much of the gardening was done by volunteers because residents were unable to safely maneuver in 10 inch raised beds. This year we are thrilled to have the opportunity to watch them instead. As they select what they grow and enjoy a first-hand experience of gardening all season long.

Again, on behalf of the Richmond Heights Garden Club we thank you for your support in recognizing the value this project will add to the lives of our seniors. For many this growing season will be a wonderful opportunity to rekindle a moment in time that brings them in contact with the spirit of gardening once again.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Tolstoi and Cheryl Robinson  
Project Coordinators for the Senior Project

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## A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN IN 2011 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### Wednesday -- June 15

3:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

### Thursday -- June 16

7:45-8:45 a.m. Breakfast

Proclamation to be given by our City Councilman

9:00-10:00 a.m. Seminar: Larry Moore; Using the Media

10:15-11:45 a.m. Committee Meetings

A special movie for the kids in the theater

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15-4:15 p.m. Directors' Meeting

A special movie on the Galapagos Is. in the theater for those not attending the meeting

4:15-5:15 p.m. Executive Forum

6:00 p.m. Dinner & Photography Slideshow w/awards

### Friday – June 17

7:45-8:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00-11:00 a.m. Member Meeting

A special movie for the kids in the theater

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15-2:00 p.m. Seminar: Begonias, presented by Eric Nelson

2:15-3:00 p.m. Seminar: Plant Management, presented by Larry Ryan

3:15-4:00 p.m. Seminar: Creating with Gourds, presented by Bill Lanning

4:00-6:00 p.m. Free Time

6:00 p.m. Dinner & Awards

### Saturday – June 18

7:45-8:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00-11:00 a.m. Leave for Kauffman Gardens & tour

11:30 a.m. Lunch at Franklin Park

12:15 p.m. Memorial Service

1:00 p.m. Leave for Marvin Snyder's home garden tour

2:00 p.m. Leave for Overland Park Arboretum & tour

(return bus times staggered; last bus leaves arboretum at 5:00 p.m.)

6:30 p.m. President's Reception,  
Cocktails and book signing with Charles Gusewelle

7:15 p.m. Dinner & Awards - Charles Gusewelle, guest speaker

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## MEET SOME OF OUR HONORED GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

**Eric Nelson**, has been in the Horticultural industry his whole life and the second generation owner of Family Tree Nursery which specializes in retail/mass merchandising and landscape designs, wholesale and greenhouse growing. Eric received his Horticulture degree from our own Kansas State University. He is on the Horticulture Advisory Board at Jo. Co. Comm. College and is the President of the KS Greenhouse Growers Association. Eric will share his vast knowledge of the beautiful and versatile Begonia.

**Larry Ryan** has a forestry degree from the University of Montana and has served on boards at horticulture and agriculture boards at Ks-State Un., Ok-State and Jo. Co. Comm. College. He spent 10 years on the tree board in Overland Park, KS and 3 years on the arboretum board. Larry says, like many foresters, he is a tree hugger. He loves everything about trees. In addition, Larry has spent a lot of time studying our environment and tools to effectively and efficiently manage the environment. In his presentation, Larry will talk about how we are missing an opportunity in horticulture by focusing on the tool when we should be focusing on the ultimate goal which is creating beautiful landscapes and beautiful communities. He hopes to show you the tools we have to create landscapes that are safe, efficient and powerful. Larry's talk is entitled, "Bringing Organics and Chemical Together to make more Beautiful Landscapes".

**Bill Lanning** is a retired administrator from Bowling Green State University. He is a National Past President of The Gardeners of America, currently the Treasurer for the Central Great Lakes Region of The Gardeners of America and he is a member of the Men's & Women's Garden Club of Findlay. In addition, he is a member of the Northwest Ohio Gladiolus Council and a member of the North American Gladiolus Council where he served as club president for nine years. Bill is the third Vice President of the American Gourd Society and a member of the Ohio and Indiana Societies. Bill and Anita served as Officers and Judges' coordinators for over 10 years for the Ohio Gourd Society. Bill suggested setting judging standards and having guides for judge's training on the national level. These have become standard guides for the national groups. Bill and Anita have judged gourd shows in three states. Bill is an accredited judge of horticulture, gladiolus and gourds. He is a Hancock County Master Gardener. Bill loves gardening and people.

**Larry Moore** anchors the award-winning 5p.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. news. A native of Missouri and a graduate of the University Of Missouri School Of Journalism with a master's degree in television news, Larry holds the distinction of having anchored the news for more years than anyone in Kansas City. Larry has been involved in the coverage of almost every major news story that has affected the Kansas City area in the past 40 years. Most recently, Squire Publications editors and readers honored Larry as Kansas City TV Person of the Century. An avid vegetable gardener, Larry is the author of a personal book on gardening titled "The 20 by 30 Backyard Garden Guide" and a member of the Greater Kansas City Gardeners of America.

**C.W. Gusewelle** has been on the staff of THE KANSAS CITY STAR since 1955, as a reporter, editorial writer, foreign editor and is currently an associate editor and columnist. He has traveled extensively on assignment in Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the former Soviet Union. His essays and short fiction have appeared in many American magazines, journals and anthologies. He was awarded the PARIS REVIEW'S, Aga Khan Prize for Fiction in 1977.

\*I have learned there is some confusion regarding the movies shown on the schedule. I apologize for not being clearer regarding this. The hotel has a small theater near the meeting rooms. We were going to utilize this theater to keep the children or spouses entertained during a few of the meeting times. The movies are optional. If the interest is not there or attendees are not bringing their children, the movie may be canceled. The Doubletree has a number of other means of entertainment for those not attending meetings; i.e. outdoor courtyard, swimming pool, fitness room etc. The decision to show movies will be determined at a later date.

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**TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

June 16, 17 & 18, 2011

**A Little Bit of Heaven in 2011**



**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE USE SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON**

**CURRENT NATIONAL / REGIONAL / CLUB TITLE(S)**

- National President
- National Vice President
- National Past President
- National Treasurer
- National Secretary
- TGOA/MGCA Staff
- Regional President

- Club Treasurer
- Club Secretary
- Club Member
- Club Editor
- Club Liaison
- Historian
- Host

- Regional Director
- Regional Officer
- Committee Chair
- Committee Member
- Club President
- Club Vice President
- Judge
- Life Member
- Member At Large
- Spouse
- Family Member / Guest

Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_?

**CONVENTION Fee: \$270.00 PER Adult**  
**\$200.00 Children under 12**  
**After Deadline: May 15th, 2011: \$300.00**  
**Children \$230.00**  
**Cancellation Fee after May 15th - \$50.00**

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TGOA/MGCA Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member at Large: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap or other Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know your travel information:

Arriving Airline: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_ Flight No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Departing Airline: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Driving: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS**

- Vegetarian Meals preferred.
- Medically Required Diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Information

**The Doubletree Hotel**  
 10100 College Blvd.  
 Overland Park, KS 66210  
 (913)451-6100  
[www.Doubletree.Hilton.com/OverlandPark](http://www.Doubletree.Hilton.com/OverlandPark)  
 Room rate - \$99.00 single/double plus tax  
 Pricing good for 3 days before/after convention

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**Overland Park GOA**

**MAIL REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:**

**Tracy Williams**  
 14829 S. Summertree Lane  
 Olathe, KS 66062-4705  
[Tracywilliams@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tracywilliams@sbcglobal.net)



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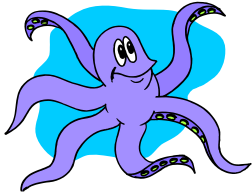
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**“YOUTH GARDENING”  
OCTOPUS”**



Youth Gardening

**This year there is a nation wide push to revive the Big Pumpkin – Giant Sunflower Contest for the youth. Clubs are being asked to be the link between the youth and national. Basic rules are as follows:**

1. Clubs &/or club members should find a youth that they would give free seeds too.
2. Clubs would order bulk seeds from national for a small fee. **To be in this contest – all seeds must come from national.** Twelve pumpkin and twelve sunflower seeds are given per contestant. Clubs would package the seeds in small envelopes or small zip-lock bags and distribute them keeping a list of who has them.
3. Now each club or sponsoring member is free to handle the mentoring, assistance and encouragement as they so desire.
4. **A minimum of three pictures is required from the participant:** One of preparation/

planting of the ground & seeds, second of some stage of the growing season and the third of the finished product. These pictures need to be brought in with the finished produce at the end of the contest.

5. Clubs will set their date and time for produce to be brought in for weighing and judging. They may also want to invite parents & youth to one of their club meetings for recognition, celebrations &/or rewards.

6. Clubs would then notify me of the winners by Nov. 15, 2010. From this list, the national winner will be determined for the largest pumpkin and largest sunflower. Names of top winners from each club will be published in the national newsletter.

As a footnote to this contest, I would like to have the clubs let me know how many youth they have growing this year and what creative things you sponsors are doing to help educate and make it a fun, enjoyable experience for our youth.

Cheri Kessen, Youth Gardening Chair  
ckessen2001@yahoo.com

***NOTE: To date we have had five clubs order seeds from us for the contest.***

## JOHNSTON HAPPENINGS

As our leader said in the opening of his message for this issue of our May / June newsletter, spring's arrival was several days ago, and so stated, it is obvious that gardeners, one and all, are once again preparing activities to satisfy their gardening passion, regardless of specialty.

The same goes for those dedicated to maintaining your grounds at the headquarters in Johnston. Meetings have been held to discuss plans for the grounds in 2011; selection of plants to satisfy bed requirements and ordering of same; the planting of trees to replace those lost last fall, plus a couple of others to fill in voids on the grounds; an arrangement to have others than those on the MGCDM Building and Grounds committee create and maintain a vegetable garden area on the grounds; and finally how the committee will handle the

maintenance of the grounds through out the summer months.

By the time you read this article, the MGCDM B & G committee will have held at least three work days on the grounds to clean up the tailings of the winter past. As I said in my last piece on the happenings in Johnston, if you are passing through Iowa on Interstate 35 / 80 on any Wednesday, stop in and give the committee a hand. They really appreciate all the help individuals can give them. There are always many tasks that need accomplishing.

Tree replacement was accomplished on Tuesday, April 12th. The trees planted were a Pin Oak, an Autumn Blaze Maple and two Little Leaf Lindens. Plants for the grounds have been ordered and delivery is scheduled for the second week in May.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, three members of the B & G committee and I made a



Getting ready to dig the hole for the Pin Oak



Digging the hole for the Pin Oak



Planting the Pin Oak



The supervisors checking the Pin Oak placement

trip to Indianola, Iowa to pick up a donation of 60 bags of cocoa bean hull mulch for the flower beds on the grounds. The Indianola Garden Club has been making this donation for more years than I can recall. Unfortunately the Indianola club disaffiliated from TGOA/MGCA five years ago, but fortunately for TGOA/MGCA, still continue to support the headquarter grounds from their annual fund raiser stock of cocoa bean hull mulch. The donation is greatly appreciated, and for a short time, once it is spread on the beds, the grounds have the smell of chocolate.

In closing, I would like to appeal to regions, clubs and members to consider donations to the headquarters in Johnston. There is much that can be accomplished with regard to the property, but we only do what can be accomplished with funds on hand.

Ron Heggen

**“CLUB FEATURE”**



**GARDENERS OF ELGIN  
Elgin, IL**  
Laurie Noverini, President

This past Tuesday Velma Ottinger gave a wonderful presentation/demonstration on amaryllis cultivation including how to pot, propagate, etc. She gave us all bulbs she had grown to take home and plant!

We discussed plans for our annual plant sale in May including which plants we will be ordering and from which wholesalers, etc. for the Saturday before Mother's Day sale. Next month's program will be on hummingbirds. In April we will have a guest speaker presenting the topic: Invasive Species Plants and Ornamentals.

One of our members Ed Frederick wanted me to forward the information below to you for an article. He is a 60-year member and known nationally and internationally for his hybridization of gladiolas.

*Here is the article Ed has written for TGOA/MGCA:*

Ed and Eunice Frederick have returned from the

66th Annual North American Gladiolus Council Convention, in Pittsburgh, PA. Their friends, John and Edith Anderson from Bristol, England, also attended. John and Edith had spoken at the Regional TGOA meeting in Belvidere, IL, when they visited there about seven years ago.

At the convention, Ed received an award plaque in appreciation of his many years of service with NAGC. This was his 51st NAGC convention, he has been a member of NAGC for 60 years. He has received the NAGC Gold Medal Award and Achievement Award Plaque. He is in the NAGC Hall of Fame for Gladiolus growers and hybridizers, at The University of Colorado, in Greeley, CO. His gladiolus, Black Lash, was introduced in 1976 and is also, in the Hall of Fame. Ed holds the office of Chairman of the Gold Medal Committee.

Ed was Membership Secretary of the NAGC Society for 10 years, in the '60's. It had over 2000 members around the world. Today it has less than 350 members.

He has introduced over 30 varieties of gladiolus in the past 36 years. Three

new ones are listed for sale this year by Peeters Enterprises, RR5, Stratford, Ontario, Canada N5A 6S6. The new ones are Coral Sea, Irish Cream and High Stakes.

His glads have won countless awards which are displayed in their family room.

In 2010, he raised some 1,600 bulbs, including 60 varieties and many seedlings, he had a large seed bed that came from 16 crosses made in 2009. Ed joined the Men's Garden Club of Elgin, in 1952. He has been a Life Member for many years. He has two bronze medals for Champions won at the Annual Garden Show, held in the '50 & 60's, at the Elgin Masonic Temple.

He was President of the Men's Garden Club of Elgin, two different times. When he first joined they had over 125 members. It now has about 20 members with men and women combined.

The Elgin GOA club is part of Region 114 (Illinois-Wisconsin Region). They meet the 3d Monday of each month. For more information, please contact TGOA/MGCA headquarters for phone numbers.



*FROM THE GARDEN SHOP  
ACCESSORIES*

**CAPS & HATS** (choice of logo)

*Life member white cap (both logos) \$15*

- green/white or white mesh cap \$7.50
- green or white sun visor \$6
- Sun body hat (no logo)(description 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 & XXLg \$25

short sleeve Arrow dress shirt  
(15 to 17-1/2) \$28.00

Gardening from the Heart t-shirt  
(no logo choice) L-XL \$3

**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  
pins: membership, president, past president, etc. \$4.00

**PLAQUE**, club president (walnut) \$55  
w/bronze plate(walnut \$38)(pressed wood \$30)

**MUGS:**

porcelain (both logos) \$2.50  
terra cotta "flower pot" (both logos) \$2.50

**GLOVES:** long cuffed or summer glove \$6  
S, M, Lg

**SWEATSHIRTS: (TGOA logo)**

M-XL \$15 2XL-3XL \$18

**APRONS:** \$14

**UMBRELLA** (sunflower or magnolia) \$15

*Shipping and handling charges will be added to your order using this chart. Shipping is priority mail.*

Total Order	Shipping and Handling Charge
Up to \$9.99.....	\$4.00
\$10.00 to \$49.99.....	\$7.50
\$40 to \$99.99.....	\$10.50
\$100 to \$199.99.....	\$12.50
\$299 and over.....	\$14.50

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**ORDER FORM** (Please submit order and we will invoice you)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Style/Item	Size	Quantity	Price	Total

Head Size for Sun body hat (only): \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\*APPROPRIATE SHIPPING AND HANDLING CHARGES WILL BE ADDED TO THE INVOICE



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**5560 Merle Hay Rd/P.O. Box 241**  
**Johnston, IA 50131-0241**

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HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY (AHS)**

Membership cost of \$40 for two years for a single or \$40 for one year for a couple. Check out the benefits of membership.  
[www.ahs.org](http://www.ahs.org)

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**YEARLY REMINDER!**

**The TGOA/MGCA policy relating to club responsibility for persons working in youth programs is as follows:**

**Individual clubs affiliated with TGOA/MGCA will require members that are working with youth, in programs sponsored by our organization, to submit to a background check for registered sex offenders.**

**The background checks must be done with your local sheriff's department.**

**COMPOSTCRITTER**

Is offering a 5% discount off of Solexx Greenhouse kits to TGOA/MGCA members. Jeff Kurtz, the owner, is a member-at-large from Pennsylvania. Visit [compostcritter.com](http://compostcritter.com) or call him at (717) 620-9676.

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**SUNSHINE FARM & GARDENS:** Members can save 10% off with offer code MG10. Check out <http://sunfarm.com> or <http://sunfarm.com/specials/>

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**2012 CALENDARS**



**PLEASE SEND YOUR ORDERS TO HQS OR CALL US AT:  
(515) 278-0295**

**2012 Calendar  
Order Form**

**Ship to:**  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Street  
Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**State:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1-249.....\$2.95 each**  
**250-499.....\$2.75 each**  
**500+.....\$2.65 each**

**Quantity  
ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total  
amount** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **Ship calendars to name and address above.**

\_\_\_ **Will pick up** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(enter date/call ahead for time.)**

**Invoice will be sent with your calendars. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALL ORDERS PLACED**