



BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO TGOA/MGCA



- **NATIONAL NEWSLETTER.**
 - A 12-page newsletter full of national, club and region news.
 - Articles of horticultural interest.
 - Horticultural Publication reviews.
 - Partnership offers.
 - Member biographies.

- **ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION.**
 - Hosted each year by various clubs/regions around the country.
 - Educational seminars and tours.
 - Opportunity to meet fellow gardeners from across the country and share ideas and make new friendships.

- **WEBSITE.**
 - An up-to-date website with club/region/national and horticultural information.

- **JUDGING SCHOOL.**
 - Horticultural instruction and accreditation.

- **YOUTH GARDENING PROGRAM.**
 - National pumpkin and sunflower contest and container gardening contest.
 - Youth gardening information on the website.

- **GARDENING FROM THE HEART.**
 - A program that places emphasis on helping disadvantaged gardeners in the community.

- **LENDING LIBRARY.**
 - Available to all members.
 - Full of gardening related topics/biographies.

- **ANNUAL AWARDS.**
 - Club, region and national prestigious awards.

- **ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST.**

- **CALENDAR PROGRAM.**
 - Photographs from the photography contest are used in the production of an annual calendar.

- **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** for horticultural students.
- **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER CONTEST.**
 - Open to affiliated clubs and regions.
- **ELIGIBLE FOR 501(c)3 inclusion under TGOA/MGCA group exemption umbrella.**
 - Enables a club to operate as a non-profit organization and to solicit tax-deductible donations from corporations and individuals; however, because of the federal Pension Protection Act of 2006, each club is still required to submit its own form 990, 990-EZ or 990-N.
- **DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN HORTICULTURE SOCIETY.**
 - Single membership for \$25 for one year a membership. Subscription to their American Gardener magazine.
 - Seed sharing program.
 - An 800 number for horticulture questions.
 - Admission to River Farm, home of AHS.
 - Admission to many botanical gardens and arboreta in the U.S. and beyond our borders at no charge or a reduced entry fee, and in some gardens, a discount in their garden shops.
- Offers of unique plants; tours and seminars throughout the year.
- Discount programs from retailers that change periodically.
- Opportunity to serve others in leadership capacities at three levels; local, regional or national.
- Club officer and club organizing materials and assistance are available from National headquarters.

If anyone has any questions, please contact:

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