



2022-2023
Membership Directory

A Member of the
The Garden Club of America

OBJECTIVES

The Garden Club of America

The purpose of The Garden Club of America is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications; and to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the field of conservation and civic improvement.

The Garden Club of Dayton

The objective of this club shall be educational; to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; to aid in the protection of native trees, plants, birds and other creatures; and to encourage historic preservation, civic planting and the general knowledge of nature.

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GCD is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

2022-2023

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2022-2023

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2022-2023

MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted:

9:00 a.m. Coffee

9:30 a.m. Meeting

*Indicates guests are welcome

September 13, 2022

“Cheers to 100 Years”

Place: Carillon Historic Park
1000 Carillon Boulevard
Dayton, 45409

Program: Membership meeting, followed by
Flower Show set up.

October 11, 2022

“T’ll Drink to That! Raise a Glass to 100 Years!”

Place: Sueño
607 E. 3rd Street
Dayton, 45402

Time: 3:00 pm

Program: Join us as we sample a selection of
mini botanical cocktails made
from a combination of fresh
botanicals, botanically-inspired
homemade tinctures and cordials,
and commercially available

botanical liqueurs, while discussing the history and modern usage of such ingredients. A tip of the flowered hat to Amy Stewart's "The Drunken Botanist."

November 10, 2022

"The Roaring 20s Centennial Gala:

Putting on the Ritz"

Place: The Grand Hall at Liberty Tower
120 W. 2nd St.
Dayton, 45402

Time: 5:30 pm

Program: It's a party!

December 13, 2022*

"Visions of Sugarplums"

Place: TBD

Time: noon

Program: Holiday Luncheon

January 10, 2023*

"Designing with Unique Plants"

Place: Oakwood United Methodist
Church

206 Hadley Ave., Dayton, 45419

Program: Workshop making arrangements using unusual plants, led by owners of Ivy.

February 14, 2023*

“Cold Outside? Come to the Desert!”

Place: Home of Gracey Weisbrod
111 Park Ave., Dayton, 45419

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Program: Nancy White and others will be sharing a taste of the desert, and we may have a surprise guest.

March 14, 2023*

“An Artist’s Eye View of Gardening”

Place: Stivers School for the Arts
1313 E. Fifth St., Dayton, 45419

Program: A presentation from several of our members: Nancy Dankof; Gracey Weisbrod; and Lisa Reeder, discussing Color Theory in gardening and photography.

April 11, 2023*

“Barking Up What Tree?”

Place: Woodland Cemetery
and Arboretum
118 Woodland Ave.,
Dayton, 45409

Program: A spring tree ID tour, showing us how to Identify trees by their bark.

May 9, 2023*

“Lavender 101”

Place: Cedar Ridge Trails
5388 Medlar Road
Miamisburg, 45342

Program: A presentation on growing and using lavender.

June 13, 2023*

“Celebrating Our Centennial”

Place: TBD

Program: End of Year Celebration
and Awards

Brunch will be served

Invitation and details to follow

2022-2023

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at the home of Sara Woodhull, 4220 Trails End Drive, 45429

The house is small but mighty.

Monday, August 29, 2022

4:00 pm: All committee chairs are asked to attend this meeting

Monday, October 31, 2022

4:00 pm: Executive Board Only

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

4:00 pm: Executive Board only

Monday, March 6, 2023

4:00 pm: Executive Board Only

Monday, April 3, 2023

4:00 pm: All committee chairs are asked to attend this meeting

Monday, May 1, 2023

4:00 pm: Executive Board Only – champagne to follow

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PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF DAYTON

- 1922-27 Mrs. H. E. Talbott
1928-30 Mrs. Frederick Rike
1930-32 Mrs. E. G. Burkam
1932-34 Mrs. William H. Darrow
1934-36 Mrs. Delmar Hughes
1936-38 Mrs. Robert Landis
1938-40 Mrs. Carroll Sprigg
1940-42 Mrs. Greer Marechal
1942-43 Mrs. Carroll Sprigg
1943-45 Mrs. Ellis Legler
1945-47 Mrs. Clarence Siebenthaler
1947-49 Mrs. Frederick Rike
1949-51 Mrs. Willard Talbot
1951-53 Mrs. Clarence Siebenthaler
1953-55 Mrs. Leonard Strobeck
1955-57 Mrs. Russell Huber
1957-59 Mrs. Robert Kuhns
1959-61 Mrs. Glenway Maxon, Jr.
1961-62 Mrs. Edmund B. Lorenz
1962-63 Mrs. Robert S. Nevin
1963-65 Mrs. James M. Woodhull
1965-66 Mrs. Joseph Wilson
1966-67 Mrs. John Shank
1967-68 Mrs. A. Justin Smith
1968-70 Mrs. Clifford Schaible
1970-72 Mrs. Charles F. Martin
1972-74 Mrs. Nelson S. Mead
1974-76 Mrs. Robert K. Siebenthaler

1976-78 Mrs. Paul E. Lacouture
1978-80 Mrs. Robert B. Bravo
1980-82 Mrs. John S. Haddick
1982-84 Mrs. Frank Zorniger, Jr.
1984-86 Mrs. F. Jean Cummings
1986-88 Mrs. Joanne H. Granzow
1988-90 Mrs. Richard T. Good
1990-92 Mrs. Robert C. Nevin
1992-94 Mrs. Alexander J. Williams
1994-96 Mrs. W. Anthony Huffman
1996-98 Mrs. Duncan D. Powell
1998-00 Mrs. John H. Rion
2000-02 Mrs. Robert C. Schenck
2002-04 Mrs. Alfred J. Weisbrod
2004-06 Mrs. Irvin G. Bieser, Jr.
2006-08 Mrs. Mark Garner
2008-10 Mrs. Bradley Bachmann
2010-12 Mrs. Frank E. Zorniger III
2012-14 Mrs. John R. Haley
2014-16 Mrs. Daniel Stack
2016-18 Ms. Sandra Bergsten
2018-20 Mrs. Robert Morris
2020-22 Ms. Georgie Woessner

AWARD RECIPIENTS

GCA National Medals

*Margaret Douglas Medal
for Conservation Education*

Mrs. John W. Aull (Marie) '64

*Amy Angell Collier Montague Medal Award
for Civic Achievement*

Mrs. James M. Woodhull (Jean) '07

GCA National Awards

Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award

Ms. Kathy Gooch '17

Mr. Chris Rowland '22

GCA Zone Awards to GCD Members

Zone Appreciation

Mrs. Irvin G. Bieser (Tracy) '19

Zone Creative Leadership Award

Mrs. Frank Zorniger, Jr. (Nancy) '89

Mrs. John H. Rion (Barbara) '13

Zone Civic Improvement Award

Mrs. Bob Taft (Hope) '07

Zone Conservation Award

Mrs. Charles F. Martin (M.E.) '80
Mrs. Robert Bravo (Lucia) '86
Mrs. Joanne Granzow (Jo) '99
Mrs. Irvin G. Bieser, Jr. (Tracy) '03
Mrs. Bob Taft (Hope) '21

Zone Historic Preservation Award

Mrs. Alexander Williams (Sue) '99
The Garden Club of Dayton '07

Zone Horticulture Award

Mrs. James M. Woodhull (Jean) '84

Zone Photography Award

Ms. Sandra Bergsten (Sandy) '15

GCA Zone Awards to Non-Members

Zone Conservation Certificate of Acknowledgment

Mr. Glenn Thompson

GCA Zone Commendations to Non-Members

Zone Civic Improvement Commendation

CityWide Development '21

Zone Conservation Commendation

Dick Moseley '21

Zone Historic Preservation Commendation

Dayton History '21

GCA Club Awards to Members

Club Medal of Merit

- Mrs. John W. Aull (Marie) '64
Mrs. Robert French (Kitty)
Mrs. Graham Hopkins (June)
Mrs. Charles F. Martin (M.E.) '93
Mrs. Nelson S. Mead (Ruth) '10
Mrs. John H. Rion (Barbara) '11
Mrs. Irvin G. Bieser (Tracy) '12
Ms. Joanne H. Granzow (Jo) '14
Mrs. Duncan D. Powell (Carol) '15
Mrs. Anthony Huffman (Pokey) '16
Mrs. Alfred Weisbrod (Gracey) '16

Club Appreciation Award

- Mrs. Robert C. Nevin (Linda) '00
Mrs. Joseph Hornbeck (Libby) '02
Mrs. F. Jean Cummings (Annabelle) '04
Mrs. Joseph M. Wilson (Peggy) '05
Mrs. James M. Woodhull (Jean) '06
Mrs. Robert L. Clark (Lindsey) '10
Mrs. Grady Larkins (Elizabeth) '11
Mrs. Duncan D. Powell (Carol) '12
Mrs. D. Lee Carpenter (Kristin) '18
Mrs. Robert C. Schenck (Barbara) '19
Mrs. John R. Haley (Carrie) '22
Mrs. Pete Zorniger (Kim) '22

Club Communications Award

- Mrs. Charles Corpus (Debbie) '17
Mrs. Bill Almoney (Jennifer) '20

Club Conservation Award

Mrs. David Leach (Laurie) '18

Mrs. Bob Taft (Hope) '20

Club Civic Improvement Award

Mrs. Mark Garner (Cindy) '10

Mrs. Steven Ireland (Jean) '17

Club Historic Preservation Award

Ms. Joanne Granzow '20

Mrs. Daniel Repperger (Frances) '22

Club Horticulture Achievement Award

Mrs. J. Logan Burke (Ruth)

Mrs. Robert Schenck (Barbara) '00

Mrs. George Malacos (Moni) '04

Ms. Bruce Howorth (Sue) '21

Club Flower Arrangement Achievement Award

Mrs. Richard T. Good (Adele) '95

Club Photography Award

Mrs. Steven Dankof (Nancy) '18

GCA Club Commendations to Non-Members

Club Civic Improvement Commendation

Legacy of Green Committee '97

Ms. Charity Krueger '02

Mr. Robert K. Siebenthaler '03

Mr. Irvin Bieser '10

Mr. John D. Gower '11

Ms. Kathy Gooch '17

The Siebenthaler Company '20

CityWide Development '21

Club Conservation Commendation

Mr. Paul Knoop

Mr. Marvin Olinsky '01

Mr. Bob Jurick '05

Mr. William Hobart '06

Mr. David Nolin '19

Mr. Tom Hissong '20

Five Rivers MetroParks '21

Club Garden History and Design Commendation

American Veterans Heritage Center '21

Club History Preservation Commendation

Dayton History '21

Club Horticulture Commendation

Mr. Chris Jensen '08

Mr. Richard Stanforth '10

GCA Flower Show Awards

Sandra Baylor Novice

Flower Arrangement Award

Mrs. George Malacos (Moni) '04

Ms. Sandra Bergsten (Sandy) '16

Dorothy Vietor Munger Award

Mrs. John H. Rion (Barbara) '04

Harriet DeWaele Puckett Creativity Award

Mrs. Alexander Williams (Sue) '97

Mrs. Duncan D. Powell (Carol) '97

Mrs. Robert Connelly (Jayne) '16

Mrs. Hilton Garner (Lisa) '16

Clarissa Willemsen Horticulture Propagation Award

Mrs. George Houk (Pam) '16

Best in Show (Horticulture)

Mrs. Robert L. Clark (Lindsey) '16

GCA Novice Award (Horticulture)

Mrs. Charles Corpus (Debbie) '16

GCA Novice Award (Photography)

Mrs. Frederick McConnaughey (Holly) '15

Mrs. Steven Dankof (Nancy) '16

GCA Creativity Award (Photography)

Mrs. Jack Reeder (Lisa) '18

GCA Rosie Jones Award (Horticulture)

Mrs. Nelson S. Mead (Ruth) '10

The Garden Club of Dayton Awards

Creative Leadership Award

Mrs. Alfred J. Weisbrod (Gracey) '02

Mrs. Robert L. Clark (Lindsey) '21

The Marie Aull Wildflower Award

Mrs. James M. Woodhull (Jean) '96

Mrs. Duncan D. Powell (Carol) '00

Mrs. John H. Rion (Barbara) '02

Mrs. George W. Houk (Pam) '06

Karen Cummings Spirit Award

Mrs. Jack Proud (Debbie) '02

Mrs. Charles J. Backus (Kathy) '04

Ms. Sandra Bergsten (Sandy) '15

Mrs. Bruce Howorth (Sue) '17

Mrs. Bob Newsock (Nora) '19

Mrs. Daniel Sauer (Susan) '19

Mrs. Donald H. Meyer (Kathy) '21

Mrs. Bob Crawford (Kadie) '22

Mrs. Bill Etson (Marge) '22

Award of Excellence

- Mrs. Mark Garner (Cindy) '03
Mrs. Joanne H. Granzow (Jo) '03
Mrs. W. Anthony Huffman (Pokey) '03
Mrs. John H. Rion (Barbara) '03
Mrs. Daniel Repperger (Frances) '05
Mrs. Duncan D. Powell (Carol) '05
Mrs. Dwight S. Woessner (Georgie) '18
Ms. Sandra A. Bergsten (Sandy) '19
Mrs. John Danis (Allyson) '20

Certificate of Appreciation

- Mrs. John Haddick (Penny) '08
Mrs. George W. Houk (Pam) '22

Trellis Award

- Mrs. Pete Zorniger (Kim) '06
Ms. Jeanne Marie Broussard '06
Mrs. Robert L. Clark (Lindsey) '09
Mrs. Jack Reeder (Lisa) '17
Mrs. Sean Geehan (Stephanie) '19
Mrs. Donald J. Snapp (Lisa) '21

Good Friend Award

- Mr. Richard Mantia '03
Mr. Mark Garner '05
Mr. Dick Good '05
Mr. Irvin G. Bieser, Jr. '07
Mr. John C. Gray '08
Ms. Jennifer Silverii '18
Mr. Mike Houser '20
Mr. John Rion '21

GARDENS IN THE SMITHSONIAN ARCHIVES OF AMERICAN GARDENS

The primary mission of the Archives of American Gardens is to preserve, through photographic and written documentation, a wide variety of outstanding cultural, historical and vernacular gardens throughout the United States. The Archives make this information available for research to all with an interest in gardening. The following gardens have been documented by members of our club's Garden History and Design Committee:

Mrs. John W. Aull (Marie)*('94)

Mrs. James M. Woodhull (Jean)*('99)

Mrs. William H. Hobart (Julia)*('01)

The Zorniger Family Garden,
"Marfez", Lexington, KY*('04)

Mrs. John H. Rion (Barbara)*('05)

Mrs. George W. Houk (Pam)*('09)

Mrs. Thomas W. Shulman (Eleanore)('11)

Mr. Dale Eads ('14)

*denotes GCD member

*Gardens can be accessed via the
GCA website – www.gcamerica.org*

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF DAYTON

Article I. Name

The Garden Club of Dayton (the Club) shall be a non-profit organization in accordance with Section 1702.01 of the Ohio Revised Code and a member of The Garden Club of America (GCA).

Article II. Scope

These Bylaws are not intended to state purposes or authorize powers different from or in addition to those provided in the Articles of Incorporation (as amended, 1982).

Article III. Objective

The objective of the Club shall be educational; to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; to aid in the protection of native trees, plants and birds, and to encourage historic preservation, civic planting and general knowledge of nature.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1. Membership Categories

There shall be four membership categories:

Active, Associate, Honorary and Non-Resident.

A. Active Members shall be designated as Active I or Active II. Both will receive the benefits of GCA club affiliation. The total Active membership shall be limited to 85 members.

1) Active I members may vote, hold office, and propose new members. They must observe attendance requirements, pay dues and assessments, serve on a committee, work on Club projects, and financially support Club fundraisers.

2) Active II membership becomes available to all Active I members after 12 years in good standing. Active II members may vote, hold office, propose new members, serve on a committee, and work on Club projects. They must pay dues, assessments and financially support Club fundraisers. There shall be no attendance requirements.

B. Associate Members

Associate membership shall be available to Active I members who are temporarily unable to meet membership requirements. The Board of Trustees shall consider each request for Associate membership on an individual basis.

Requests must state the intent to return, when possible, to Active I status.

Associate members may attend meetings, serve on a committee and work on Club projects. They must attend one meeting or event annually. They must pay dues, assessments and financially support Club fundraisers. They may not vote, hold office, or propose new members.

Associate members shall receive the benefits of GCA club affiliation. They shall not be limited in number.

C. Non-Resident Members

Non-Resident membership shall be available to those members who have moved from the Dayton area but who wish to retain the benefits of GCA club affiliation. They cease to hold membership privileges in the Club, but must pay dues. Non-Resident members shall not be limited in number.

D. Emeritus Members

Emeritus membership shall be available to dedicated Active members with a sustained and distinguished record of service. Emeritus members will not pay Club dues, will cease to hold membership privileges in the Club, and shall not be limited in number.

E. Honorary Members

Honorary membership shall be bestowed upon a non-member who has made an outstanding contribution to the community, synonymous with the purpose of The Garden Club of Dayton. Honorary members will not pay Club dues, will not hold voting privileges, and shall not be limited in number.

Section 2. Membership Proposals

New membership proposals may be submitted to the Membership Committee Chair. The committee shall review all proposals and letters for appropriateness. All new member proposals shall be presented to the membership one meeting before a vote is taken. New members shall be officially welcomed at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Initiation Fee and Annual Dues

There shall be one-time initiation fee or incoming transfer fee. All annual dues and fees must be paid by the date of the annual meeting. Change in dues structure must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote.

Section 4. Attendance Requirements

Active I members shall attend membership meetings. Failure to notify the Recording Secretary of inability to attend a meeting shall be considered an unexcused absence. Three successive unexcused absences may be considered grounds for dismissal.

Section 5. Lapse of Membership

Should a member fail to meet her membership obligations, her circumstances shall be reviewed by the Board of Trustees, for possible dismissal. A dismissed member shall forfeit her dues for the current year.

Section 6. Resignation

In the unfortunate situation that it becomes necessary for a member to resign, written notification shall be sent to the Club President by the date of the annual meeting, or the member shall be responsible for paying her dues for the upcoming year.

Article V. Meetings of Members

Section 1. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of members (Annual Meeting) shall be held on the second Tuesday of June for the election of officers, reading of reports, presentation of awards, introduction of new members, and payment of dues.

Section 2. Regular Meetings

Membership meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month unless other notice is given. The location of the meeting will be at the discretion of the President.

Section 3. Quorum

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of one-third of the Active membership.

Section 4. Voting

Unless otherwise specified in advance, all votes will require a simple majority.

Article VI. Officers

The officers of the Club shall consist of the President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary. The officers shall act as the Executive Committee to the Board of Trustees.

Section 1. Duties

A. President

The President shall have general and active supervision of the day-to-day affairs of the Club, subject to the discretion of the Board of Trustees. She shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

B. First Vice-President

The First Vice-President shall be the President-Elect of the Club. She shall assist the President and in her absence, assume the powers and duties of the President.

C. Second Vice-President

The Second Vice-President shall assist the President and the First Vice-President in the performance of their duties and serve as chairman of the Membership Committee.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have general responsibility for financial management of the Club.

E. Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall attend all membership and Board of Trustees meetings. She shall take minutes and attendance, and record votes. She shall forward same to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution to the membership.

F. Corresponding Secretary

The Corresponding Secretary shall distribute all notices of meetings, minutes, and other notifications and correspondence as required by the President, Board of Trustees and Standing Committee Chairmen.

Section 2. Elections

A Nominating Committee consisting of the First Vice-President and two (2) other members appointed by the President shall submit a slate of officers at the Annual Meeting. A simple majority shall elect officers at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Term

The officers shall serve for two (2) years or until their successors are elected. If an officer must vacate her position, the Board of Trustees may appoint a member in good standing who shall serve out the unexpired term of her predecessor or until the annual election.

Article VII. Board of Trustees

Section 1. Powers

The business of the Club shall be conducted by the Board of Trustees (Board). The Board shall be responsible for maintaining and revising the operating policies and procedures of the Club.

Section 2. Number of Trustees

The Board shall consist of the officers, a Program Committee representative Communications Chair, and two (2) Members-at-Large.

Section 3. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers who shall assume the responsibilities of the Board between Board meetings, should the need arise.

Section 4. Term

Trustees shall hold office for two (2) years.

Section 5. Vacancies

The Board shall vote to select a member in good standing to fill a Board vacancy. The member shall serve out the unexpired term of her predecessor or until the annual election.

Section 6. Meetings

Meetings of the Board may be held at any time and place called by the President. The President may invite Standing Committee chairmen to attend Board meetings in a non-voting capacity.

Section 7. Voting and Quorum

Five (5) Trustees shall constitute a quorum for a vote. If fewer than (5) trustees are present, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled for a time when a quorum can be present.

Article VIII. Standing Committees

There shall be Standing Committees including Conservation, Horticulture, and such other committees deemed important and necessary by the Board.

Article IX. Disbursement of Income and Principal

The Board of Trustees shall make recommendations to the membership regarding votes to disburse Club funds. Such disbursements must be consistent with the Club's purpose and objectives.

Article X. Indemnification

The Club may indemnify or agree to indemnify any officer or trustee in accordance with the provisions of Section 1702.12(E) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Article XI. Interpretation

In case of dispute, the Board shall have the power to interpret the Bylaws.

Article XII. Amendments

A proposal for the amendment of Bylaws shall be presented to the membership one meeting before a vote is taken. At the time of the vote, there must be a quorum present and the proposed amendment must pass by a two-thirds majority.

OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

I. General

The principal office of GCD will be at the residence of the President.

The President may appoint ad hoc committees to study and make recommendation on matters deemed important to the Club.

The President may invite members serving in either Zone or GCA positions to attend Board meetings in a non-voting capacity.

II. Membership

A. Change in Category/Status

Members who wish to change their membership category or status for the upcoming year will make a written request to the President by May 31. The Board will act on the request at its next regularly scheduled meeting. [Active members in good standing with another GCA affiliated club wishing to transfer into GCD shall inform the president of GCD by way of letter of introduction from the president of that club. If there is space available as defined by the Club quota, the president shall notify the membership

chair, and introduce the transferring member at the next meeting. Transferring members shall be considered Active members of the GCD following payment of a transfer fee.]

B. Transfers

An active member in good standing with another GCA affiliated club may be considered for transfer into GCD. The President of the referring club must submit an introductory letter confirming the status of the member upon leaving her club. If there is space available as defined by the Club quota, the President shall notify the Membership chair, and introduce the transferring member at the next meeting. Transferring members will be considered Active I members of the GCD following payment of a transfer fee and dues.

C. Reinstatement

An Active member who has resigned in good standing from the Club may make application in writing to the Board at any time for reinstatement. Reinstated members shall pay a \$125 reinstatement fee.

D. Honorary

Proposals of Honorary members can come from an Active GCD member in good standing by submitting in writing to the Membership Committee the name of the individual to be considered, documenting

carefully the candidate's qualifications. The Board must approve the candidate and will recommend a vote at the next meeting. While there is no limit to the number of members in this category, it is considered the very highest honor, one which will not likely be awarded often. Current Honorary members shall be listed in the Club directory, and a record of deceased Honorary members shall be maintained by the Membership Committee.

E. Emeritus

Those considered for this honor are long serving members in good standing who may no longer be able to participate in Club activities. The Membership Committee will recommend candidates to membership for a vote at a spring meeting. For administrative purposes Emeritus members will be classified as "Subscriber" members of GCA and GCD will pay all appropriate dues.

F. Voting

The membership vote on Emeritus and Honorary candidates will take place at a spring meeting.

G. Invitation

The President will write a formal letter of invitation to all candidates accepted by membership vote.

H. Introduction

All new members who have accepted the invitation will be introduced at the Annual Meeting in June.

III. New Members

A. Membership Committee

The Membership Committee will be chaired by the Second Vice President. There will be four other “at-large” members. Each member of the Executive Board will submit in writing 5 names to the Second Vice President at the September Board meeting. She will compile the committee from those receiving the majority of the votes, with input from the President. The Committee member names will be kept confidential. Any person who has served in the past 2 consecutive years is ineligible to serve on the committee. The term for the Membership Committee will be 2 years.

B. Membership Proposal Guidelines

1. A member may propose or second only one candidate per year. Membership proposals will not be held over; a new proposal must be submitted. Members on the Membership Committee cannot submit candidates for consideration while serving on the committee.

2. The following guidelines must be followed by each proposing member and seconding member:
- A. Have been an Active member in good standing for at least two years.
 - B. Know their candidate well enough to be assured of her interest in GCD and its objectives.
 - C. Share the expectations and opportunities of GCD membership with their candidate.
 - D. Invite their candidate to be a guest at a regular membership meeting or other Club-sponsored events.
 - E. Complete the Membership Proposal Form and submit it to the Membership Committee by January 17 of each year.
 - F. The proposing member and seconding member will take an active role in mentoring the new member for her first two years. One of them must attend the New Member Orientation with the new member. They will be responsible for her attending the Annual Meeting and membership meetings, working in the GCD community gardens, and actively participating on a committee.

C. Admission Policy

1. Proposals will be reviewed by the Membership Committee. All new membership proposals will be announced at the February membership meeting, after which the decision to recommend acceptance will be by a majority vote of Membership Committee (3 votes).
2. The Membership Chair will present the slate of proposed candidates to the Board for their approval.
3. If a candidate has been denied acceptance by the Membership Committee, the Membership Chair will notify the proposing member. The proposing member has the option to present her candidate's proposal directly to the Board at a specially called Board meeting. The Board will then vote on the proposal. Neither the proposing member nor the Membership chair shall be present during discussion nor will they have voting privileges. The Board must approve the proposed candidate by a 2/3 vote. This process is strictly confidential.
4. The new members will be presented to membership at the May membership meeting.

D. Invitation/Introduction

1. The Membership Chair will notify the proposing member(s) of the decision on the proposed candidate.
2. The President will write a formal letter of invitation to all candidates.
3. All new members who have accepted the invitation will be announced at the May membership meeting and introduced at the June Annual meeting.

E. Orientation

An orientation program, planned by the President and the Membership Chair, will be held for the new members prior to the first membership meeting of the new Club year. The proposer or the seconding member must accompany the new member to the Orientation. New members will be invited to one Board meeting.

F. Requirements

Each first year member will be subject to the membership requirements outlined in the GCD Bylaws. Additionally, she will be required to participate in the maintenance of the Community Gardens.

IV. Financial

A. General

1. Operating Year

The GCD operating year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th of the following year. All income and expenses, receipts and disbursements relating to the operating year must be finalized before June 30th.

2. Records

A copy of our annual financial records should be maintained in the Club archives. An accounting professional may be retained for tax filing purposes. The Treasurer should also maintain a copy with the accounting books for protection against loss of computer records.

3. Budget

All committee chairmen and members needing funds for the next operating year must submit a budget request to the Treasurer by August 15th. The Treasurer will develop a budget to present to the Board at the September meeting. The Budget must have Board approval.

4. Dues and Financial Obligations

- a. Changes to dues and financial obligations must be approved by the board and be voted on by membership with a simple majority.
- b. Annual dues shall be as follows: Active I and II, \$175; Associate, \$185; and Non-Resident, \$100.
- c. Transfer and Reinstatement fees shall be \$100.
- d. New Member Initiation Fee shall be \$100.
The Treasurer will send a dues invoice by US Mail or email to each member in May. Membership dues for the following year are to be paid by the Annual Meeting in June.
- e. Members wishing to resign in good standing or transfer after July 1 are responsible for their GCA annual assessment before such changes in membership status can be approved.

B. Tax Exempt Status

The Club is a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt organization. State and local sales tax should not be paid when purchasing goods or services for the Club. The Treasurer will provide a copy of the State of Ohio Certificate of Exemption for any members needing to make purchases.

C. Reimbursable Expenses

All workshop and/or conference attendees must receive approval by the president prior to registration. Expenses incurred by a member in the performance of Club related duties will be reimbursed within the following guidelines;

1. GCA Annual Meeting

Each year the Club will send the President (or President-Elect) and one (1) delegate to the GCA Annual Meeting. Expenses will be reimbursed as follows: registration fees (100%), travel (50%), hotel (50%) and sponsored meals, tours and workshops (100%). Hotel expenses are for room and tax, and do not include room service, alcoholic beverages, or other room fees. Reimbursable expenses should be submitted within 3 months of attendance.

2. Zone Meetings, President's Council, GCA National Affairs and Legislation Meeting and the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Workshop

Club representatives to these meetings will be reimbursed as follow: registration fees (100%), hotel (50%), and sponsored meals, tours and workshops (100%). No travel will be reimbursed.

3. Other Meetings, Seminars and Workshops

Members who wish to participate in other meetings, seminars and workshops will do so at their own expense. All such gatherings attended and/or funds spent in pursuance of GCD responsibilities, however, are tax deductible.

D. Charitable Activities by the Club

The Club will make charitable donations, including memorial contributions, special gifts and pledges, and will also support various organizations through the purchase of memberships. Members will vote on all such disbursements when appropriate except for membership renewals which will be presented for a vote in June. In keeping with our mission statement we will not participate in underwriting or sponsoring any grant applications for outside organizations.

E. Charitable Donations to the Club

All charitable donations to the Club will be acknowledged in writing by an Officer of the Club as required by law. Specific requirements for donation acknowledgement are contained in the Treasurer's Handbook from the GCA.

F. Holiday Parties, Field Trips and Special Events

All such events must pay for themselves. Expenses should be covered by the price charged for attendance. A member who cancels a reservation less than 48 hours before an event will not be reimbursed for admission.

G. Liability

Any member scheduling an event such as a field trip, the rental of a tent, a party not in a member's home, or any event where alcohol will be served must check with the Treasurer to assure that all requirements of GCA Liability Insurance are being met.

V. Board Meetings

The Board will meet three to four times a year, and meeting dates will be scheduled by the President. Other meetings may be scheduled by the President as needed.

VI. Standing Committees

Standing Committee Chairmen will write a brief report summarizing the committee activities for the preceding year. The report, including a list of committee members, must be submitted to the President at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting.

VII. Project Proposals

Members wishing to propose a community project will contact the Projects Committee Chairman for a Project Proposal Form. The form must be completed and returned by January 1st. The Projects Committee will make recommendations to the Board regarding the suitability of the proposed project. Upon Board review and approval at the January board meeting, the Projects Committee will present the project to the membership at the January meeting. A vote will be taken at the February membership meeting. Projects may be “fast-tracked” for Executive Committee approval if amount requested is under \$500. For more information contact the Projects Chair.

LEGISLATIVE CONTACTS

Visit the National Affairs & Legislation landing page on the GCA website for important links to legislative action.

Make a difference! Contact a legislator!

Contacting Your Representative

- State your purpose in the first paragraph; support your position in the remaining text of the letter.
- Be concise, informed and polite.
- Call or send email letters only.
- Cite a bill by name and number
- Letters sent to district offices will be forwarded to Washington, DC, offices.

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