



## **The French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Inc.**

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*To encourage enjoyment of gardening, support environmental and horticultural education and practices, and promote conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.*

### **2024 - 2025 YEARBOOK**

(Revised September 5, 2024)

The French Broad River Garden Club was chartered in 1927.

The French Broad River Garden Club was admitted to the  
Garden Club of America in 1933.

The French Broad River Garden Club, Inc. was chartered in 1957.

In 1989, The French Broad River Garden Club, Inc. merged into The French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Inc. It continues to be a member of the Garden Club of America as The French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Inc.



# The French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Inc.

## 2023-2024 Yearbook

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## Past Presidents

### The French Broad River Garden Club

1927-1929 Mrs. William Beverly Mason  
1929-1931 Miss Jenny Fleetwood Westfeldt  
1931-1933 Mrs. Edward King  
1933-1935 Mrs. John Izard  
1935-1937 Mrs. Catherine C. Carr  
1937-1939 Mrs. William W. Dodge, Jr.  
1939-1941 Mrs. James G. K. McClure  
1941-1943 Mrs. Curtis Bynum  
1943-1945 Mrs. Thomas S. Creighton  
1945-1947 Mrs. Charles S. Bryant  
1947-1949 Mrs. Ferdinand M. Bartelme  
1949-1951 Mrs. Kingsland Van Winkle  
1951-1953 Mrs. A. B. Craddock  
1953-1955 Mrs. William F. P. Coxe  
1955-1957 Mrs. Burnham S. Colburn, Jr.  
1957-1959 Mrs. Charles D. Owen  
1959-1961 Mrs. Charles E. Waddell  
1961-1963 Mrs. John B. Veach  
1963-1965 Mrs. Philip C. Brownell  
1965-1967 Mrs. Robert L. Montague  
1967-1969 Mrs. Frederick L. Worcester  
1969-1971 Mrs. Ernest Hamill  
(formerly Mrs. Joel B. Adams)  
1971-1973 Mrs. L. Tyson Betty  
1973-1975 Mrs. David B. Morgan, Jr.  
1975-1977 Mrs. Cecil A. Pless, Jr.  
1977-1979 Mrs. John B. Veach, Jr.  
1979-1981 Mrs. Joe Berry  
(formerly Mrs. Lewis Lunsford)  
1981-1983 Mrs. Charles E. Cummings  
1983-1985 Mrs. Carter S. Bagley  
1985-1987 Mrs. George H. V. Cecil  
1987-1989 Mrs. Verne Rhoades

### The French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Inc.

1989-1991 Mrs. Joshua F. B. Camblos  
1991-1993 Mrs. John H. Russell  
1993-1995 Mrs. James A. Shivers  
1995-1997 Mrs. Miles Elmore  
1997-1999 Mrs. Stephen W. Woody  
1999-2001 Mrs. Wade H. Saunders, III  
2001-2003 Mrs. Thomas C. Bolton  
2003-2005 Mrs. John C. Ager  
2005-2007 Mrs. Kerney McNeil  
2007-2009 Mrs. Kemper W. Brown  
2009-2011 Mrs. Arthur J. Field  
2011-2013 Mrs. Charles H. Smither  
2013-2015 Mrs. Peter A. Gentling  
2015-2017 Mrs. C. Keith Love  
2017-2019 Ms. Stuart Camblos  
2019-2021 Mrs. Michael L. Flynn  
2021-2023 Mrs. Stephen C. Thompson

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Visit the GCA website for many helpful resources, including information about or links to the following publications:

- Basic Plant Propagation Handbook – hard copy book produced by the Horticulture Committee
- By Design - quarterly magazine produced by the Flower Arranging Study Group
- Conservation Watch – quarterly newsletter published by the Conservation Committee
- Flower Show & Judging Guide (aka The Yellow Book) – publication outlining GCA rules, general information, procedures and guidelines for a flower show
- focus – quarterly online newsletter produced by the Photography Committee
- GCA Acorn – compendium of writing including articles from current and previously published GCA publications, Conservation/ National Affairs & Legislation Committee reports and updates from Smithsonian's Archives of American Gardens
- GCA Annual Report
- GCA Position Papers – jointly produced by the National Affairs & Legislation and Conservation Committees; papers summarizing issues of top priority to the GCA
- The Legislative Update – produced by the National Affairs & Legislation Committee to alert clubs to committee hearings and bills actively before Congress
- The Real Dirt – quarterly online newsletter produced by the Horticulture Committee

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## Committees 2023 - 2024

**Archives & History Committee, Jasmin Gentling,** Eleanor Thompson, Anna Lockwood, Gay Cogburn, Candy Shivers, Ruth Goodridge, Dershie McDevitt, Laura McCue, Cam Fenton, Jeanne Cummings, Sara Lavelle, Stuart Camblos, Karen Brown, Annie Ager

**Awards Committee, Merri McLean,** Elizabeth Flynn, Mary Anne Paul, Elizabeth Brown, Susan Smith, Randy Hunter

**Botanical Arts Committee, Sara Lavelle,** Courtney Blossman, Elizabeth Flynn

**Buildings Committee, Joye Steele,** Jane McNeil, Dolly McLean, Whitney Israel, Charlotte Riddle, Amy Fleming, Carolyn MacFie, Beth Cummings, Gwen Asheburn, Julie Rose

**By-Laws Committee, Candy Shivers,** Beth Cummings, Jeanne Cummings, Barbra Love

**Civic Improvement Committee, Beth Eckl,** Annie Ager, Eleanor Owen

**Communications Committee, Ruth Goodridge,** Eleanor Thompson, Anna Lockwood, Catty Andry, Karen Brown, Mary Anne Paul

**Conservation Committee, Monte Galliard,** Roba Whitley, Frances Baldwin, Florence Krupnick, Susan Smith, Popsie Lynch, Jane McNeil, Gay Cogburn, Mary Anne Paul, Sara Lavelle, Stuart Camblos, Annie Ager, Leslie Casse, Joye Steele

**Floral Design Committee, Eleanor Thompson,** Leslie Casse, Catty Andry, Elizabeth Flynn, Courtney Blossman, Sara Lavelle, Barbra Love, Ashley Stanier

**Flower Show Committee, Elizabeth Flynn,** Peggy Fischer, Catty Andry, Sidney Thornton, Sara Lavelle, Barbra Love, Angie Baechtold, Ashley Stanier, Eleanor Thompson, Karen Brown

**Finance Committee, Fiona Teague,** Julie Rose, Susan Smith, Lin Brown, Betsy Ivey, Nancy Butler, Joye Steele

**Gardens and Grounds Committee, Nancy Butler,** Millie Elmore, Elizabeth Brown, Monte Galliard, Frances Baldwin, Florence Krupnick, Nancy Swann, Amy Fleming, Annie Ager, Betsey Ambler

**Garden History and Design Committee, Anna Lockwood,** Mary Anne Paul, Courtney Blossman, Ruth Goodridge, Tish Szurek, Charlotte Riddle, Eleanor Thompson, Annie Ager, Katrina Morgan, Karen Brown

**Greenhouse Committee, Margaret Sinnott,** Monte Galliard, Frances Baldwin, Florence Krupnick, Betsey Ambler, Emmie Field, Sara Lavelle, Barbra Love, Charlotte Riddle, Courtney Blossman, Ruth Goodridge, Dershie McDevitt, Beth Cummings, Roba Whitley, Anna Lockwood, Jane McNeil, Eleanor Owen

**Horticulture Committee, Tish Szurek,** Sara Lavelle, Dolly McLean, Sidney Thornton, Angie Baechtold

**Hospitality Committee, Frances Baldwin,** Jan Cantrell, Nancy Maher, Annie Ager, Barbra Love, Katherine Ivey, Dolly McLean

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**Programs Committee, Barbara Veach,** Monte Galliard, Frances Baldwin, Tish Szurek

**Scholarship Committee, Beth Cummings,** Frances Baldwin, Angie Baechtold, Chris Dismukes, Telia Blackard, Candy Shivers, Laurel Hunt

**Visiting Gardens Committee, Gay Coleman,** Courtney Blossman, Telia Blackard, Nancy Swann, Sara Lavelle, Eleanor Thompson, Popsie Lynch, Laurel Hunt

## The French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Inc. 2024 -25 Meeting and Program Calendar

Meetings are scheduled for the second Friday of each month at 10:00 am..

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
July 12	Annual meeting	Business	Frances Baldwin
August 9	Composting at the Biltmore Estate	Conservation	Kimber Jones and Elias Winkenwerder
Sept 13	Field trip to Felix Laughlin's Bonsai garden and Mac Day's Boxwood Hill	Horticulture	Felix Laughlin and Art Garst
October 11	Geology of Western North Carolina: Connections of Plants and Forests	Conservation/ Horticulture	Rick Wooten
November 8		Business	
December 7-8	Greens Market		
January 10	Microplastics and their environmental Impact	Conservation	Jason Love
February 14	Scholarship recipients' presentations	Business	Beth Cummings
March 14	All About Mushrooms		Alan Muskat, "the Mushroom Man"
April 11	Field trip to Campobello, SC, to tour Betty Montgomery's Garden	Horticulture	Betty Montgomery
May 9		Business	
June 13	<b>TBD</b>		

**\*\*Reminder: Please do not bring guests to Business Meetings.**



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# The French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Inc.

## Buildings and Grounds Policy (approved July 5, 2012)

**The cabins and gardens owned by the French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Inc. may be used for private events only if they reflect the purpose/mission of the club.** (See By-Laws, Article II, Sections 1-3)

Each member of the Garden Club is entitled to reserve and use the facilities as long as those criteria are met.

Because of our status as a non-profit organization 501(c)3, strictly social events are prohibited.

Other non-profit organizations may use the facilities if:

- They are sponsored by a FBRGCF member;
- The purpose of the meeting is educational; and
- The sponsor is in attendance for the event.

A contract which includes guidelines will be sent to the club member (and if applicable, a duplicate should be sent to the sponsored agency) to fill out and sign. The Garden Club will ask for a donation that will go directly into the Scholarship Fund.

### The French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Inc.

#### Guidelines for Using Clem's Cabin & Gardens (revised July 5, 2012)

- Because we raise funds to award scholarships at the end of each fiscal year, we request a tax-deductible donation that will be determined at time of reservation.
- Please note that there is a **MAXIMUM** occupancy rate of 49 people inside Clem's Cabin.
- Please note there is **NO SMOKING** allowed in the cabins or anywhere on the grounds!
- Please note, also, that **NO CANDLES** are allowed in the cabins or anywhere on the grounds!
- DO NOT USE THE FIREPLACE.
- Return thermostat to 55 degrees.
- Kitchen, trash baskets and refrigerator are cleaned out.
- Chairs are left as they were found.
- Floor is swept clean.
- Doors are locked and key is returned to the Buildings Chairman.

Your contact for using the cabin and gardens will be the Garden Club's Buildings Chairman (Joye Steele, (828) 808-1381, joye921@gmail.com). She will schedule the time for your use on the master calendar, meet with you to give you the key and decide on the best way to return the key. Please do not hesitate to call her.

At any time **before** your event, please send your donation, payable to **FBRGCF** to the Club Treasurer (Fiona Teague, (2023-2025), (828) 747-1885, fiona\_p@me.com).

**The French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Inc.  
Membership 2023 - 2024**

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**BY-LAWS OF  
THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER GARDEN CLUB FOUNDATION, INC.**

as of August, 2003

**ARTICLE I**

**Corporate Name**

The name of this corporation, which may be a member of the Garden Club of America, shall be THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER GARDEN CLUB FOUNDATION, INC.

**ARTICLE II**

**Purposes**

Sec. 1: To promote the conservation, development and intelligent use of the natural resources of North Carolina and elsewhere, and to that end to support and make contributions to any conservation project or projects whether for the protection or conservation of lands, waters, forests, plants or wildlife, and from time to time by providing scholarships to send teachers and others interested in the field of conservation, to conservation schools and laboratories; to encourage and develop markets for the distribution of products produced by needy rural people in furtherance of the foregoing objectives; to gather, compile and disseminate information relative to any phase of conservation; and otherwise to do all things reasonably calculated to educate the general public as to the need for protecting and conserving our lands, waters, forests, plants, wildlife and other natural resources.

Sec. 2: To secure donations of money and property by solicitation or otherwise for the general purposes or for any specific purpose of the corporation and to conduct fundraising drives and campaigns.

Sec. 3: To encourage horticultural activities and civic planting which demonstrate conservation, development and intelligent use of the natural resources of North Carolina.

**ARTICLE III**

**Members**

Sec. 1: The membership shall consist of not more than seventy Active and Junior members; and such Sustaining and Affiliate members as shall be approved by both the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Sec. 2: Classes of Membership: Active, Affiliate, Junior and Sustaining.

- a. Active. (1) Members shall be required to attend all meetings and to contribute time to the work of the Foundation, either as officers, director or committee members and shall work on major Foundation projects. (2) Excuses for absences should be written or emailed to the Recording Secretary not later than one week after a missed meeting. (3) All active members shall be entitled to vote.
- b. Affiliate. Affiliate Membership may be granted at the discretion of the Membership Committee and with the approval of the Board of Directors to those active members who are (1) not less than sixty-five years of age, who have completed ten years of service to the Foundation, and who are no longer desirous or

able to take part in all activities of the Foundation; or (2) who find that they are unable to meet the requirements of membership in the Foundation because of inflexible professional or business commitments; or (3) who are moving to another area. Requirements of this class are: (1) Resident non-working Affiliates must attend two meetings a year and work on at least one major project. (2) Any Affiliate may vote if she has attended four meetings during the past twelve months. (3) Affiliate members may serve on committees and serve as delegates to Zone and Annual meetings, but may not hold office. (4) Members in this class may, when desiring to become Active again, request Active status and, when space is available, be reinstated. (5) Affiliate members whose circumstances change and who no longer qualify for Affiliate membership must become an Active member as space is available.

- c. Junior. (1) Junior members shall be elected under the rules applicable to Active members. (2) Junior members shall be thirty-five years of age or under when elected. (3) Junior members must attend four meetings of the Foundation during the year. (4) Junior members will be expected to work on two projects during each year. (5) They shall not vote or hold office. (6) They may propose or second nominations for Active or Junior membership. (7) They may apply at the end of one year for Active membership. (8) Junior members must become Active members at the end of five years.
- d. Sustaining. (1) Sustaining members are former Affiliate members who, wishing to become completely inactive for health reasons, may ask to be transferred to this category. Transfer to this category may be made as well by the initiative of the Membership Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors. (2) Sustaining members remain on the French Broad River Garden Club mailing list.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Members' Meetings**

Sec. 1: Meetings of members shall be held monthly and the notice shall state the place where the meeting is to be held.

Sec. 2: The Annual Members' Meeting shall be held on the second Friday in July each year to receive the annual reports of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Foundation. If that date falls on a legal holiday, then the meeting should be held on the next succeeding day not a legal holiday. If an annual meeting is omitted on the date herein provided for, a subsequent meeting may be held in its place. Such subsequent meetings shall be called in the manner provided for special members' meetings and any business transacted at such meeting shall be valid.

Sec. 3: Business meetings shall be held four times a year, preferably in July, October, January and April.

Sec. 4: Special meetings of members may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors or by ten Active members.

Sec. 5: There shall be no refreshments served at any regular meetings with the exception of the Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Notice of Members' Meetings**

Sec. 1: Notice of the Annual Members' Meeting stating the time and place shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member to the address of such member as it appears in the records of the Secretary at least



five days before said meeting. Such notice shall be sufficient if mailed at least five days before said meeting, and all members shall be bound thereby as if they had actually received such notice.

Sec. 2: Notice of all special members' meetings stating the time and place shall be mailed to each member entitled to vote at the address of such member appearing on the Secretary's records at least three days before said meeting. Such notice shall be sufficient if mailed at least three days before said meeting, and all members shall be bound thereby as if they had actually received such notice.

Sec. 3: No notice of the time, place or purpose of any members' meeting shall be required if waived by the members either before or after such meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Quorum at Members' Meetings**

At any members' meeting a majority of the members represented in person shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a less number may adjourn a meeting. When a quorum is present a majority of the members represented at the meeting shall decide any question brought before such meeting. Proxies shall not be permitted and only members actually present may vote.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Officers**

Sec. 1: The officers of this Foundation shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President; a Third Vice President; a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary.

Sec. 2: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation and shall preside at all meetings of the members and Directors when present. The President shall perform all duties usually incident to this office and each other duties as the Directors shall delegate to her.

Sec. 3: The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the President. She shall also be the Chairman of the Buildings Committee.

Sec. 4: The Second Vice President shall be Chairman of the Grounds Committee.

Sec. 5: The Third Vice President shall be Chairman of the Program Committee.

Sec. 6: The Recording Secretary shall be the Corporate Secretary and shall attend meetings of the members and the Board of Directors and keep a record of the proceedings at such meetings and shall perform such other duties as the President or Directors may designate. She shall be responsible for keeping the Garden Club of America advised of the corrected list of all members of the Foundation.

Sec. 7: The Corresponding Secretary shall be an Assistant Corporate Secretary and shall issue notices of all membership meetings, conduct all general correspondence, and perform other duties as assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Sec. 8: The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of the funds of this Foundation and shall exercise all powers and duties commonly incident to the office. Accurate books of account of the financial transactions of the Foundation shall be kept. Funds of the Foundation shall be deposited in such bank as the Directors shall designate and shall be disbursed upon checks signed in the manner designated by the Directors. There may be a Treasurer-elect who will assist the Foundation Treasurer as necessary.

Sec. 9: The officers shall be elected in every odd year at the April meeting of the members, and shall be installed at the subsequent Annual Meeting. All of them, except the Treasurer-elect, shall be full members of the Board of Directors as long as they shall hold office.

Sec. 10: If the office of any officer becomes vacant, the remaining Directors may choose a successor to hold office until the next Annual Meeting. No person shall serve for more than six years consecutively as a member of the Board or officer or combination thereof except the incoming or retiring President may serve for the term preceding or following her tenure of office as Director.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Committees**

Sec. 1: There shall be the following Committees: (a) Horticulture; (b) Conservation, and (c) such other additional committees as the Board of Directors shall deem necessary.

Sec. 2: There shall be a Nominating Committee of five members elected by the Board of Directors of the Foundation. It shall be their duty to nominate a slate of officers for the French Broad River Garden Club Foundation; a slate of the Membership Committee to be voted on at the Annual Meeting every two years; and to present to the Board nominees for delegates to Zone and Annual Meetings of the Garden Club of America. A straw ballot for nominees to the Membership Committee may be taken at the June membership meeting. The out-going President of the Foundation will automatically be the Nominating Chairman.

Sec. 3: A Membership Committee consisting of seven members and two alternates shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in July of every second year by a slate presented by the Nominating Committee. The Chairman is appointed by the President.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Board of Directors**

Sec. 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Foundation, except the Treasurer-elect, and three additional Directors, all of whom shall be elected by the members. A vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled by the remaining Directors, and any Director may be removed by a majority vote of the members at any meeting of the members and a successor elected at any such meeting.

Sec. 2: The Board of Directors shall manage the business of the Foundation. In managing its property and affairs, the Directors shall present to the membership for ratification and approval all major program activities and recommendations for change. The Board of Directors shall act in accordance with the laws of North Carolina and with the Charter and By-Laws of the Foundation.

Sec. 3: A majority of members present shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4: One or more members of the Board of Directors may participate in meetings by telephone.

Sec. 5: For the two-year period following the term of office the immediate past President shall have the right to attend and be heard at all meetings of the Board of Directors but shall not vote.

Sec. 6: The three Directors who are not officers shall be elected in July of each odd year for two year terms, beginning in July.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Meetings of the Board of Directors**

Sec. 1: Regular Directors' meetings shall be held at such places within or without North Carolina, and at such times as the Board may determine, and if so determined, no notice need be given.

Sec. 2: An annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.

Sec. 3: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time and place when called by the President or by any three or more Directors. Notice of the time, place and purpose of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each Director by the Secretary or President or the Directors calling the meeting at least one day prior to the meeting, or notice may be given in the manner provided for special members' meetings. Meeting of the Directors may be held without notice thereof either before or after any such meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Voting Procedures**

Sec. 1: Election of officers and directors shall be held by ballot except when there is only one candidate for each office, when the vote may, by general consent, be viva voce. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Nominees receiving the vote of a majority of members present and voting shall be declared elected.

Sec. 2: All major Foundation projects require two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting.

Sec. 3: A vote on the Founders Fund Award shall be taken at the membership meeting preceding the Garden Club of America Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Parliamentary Authority**

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the authority in all questions of Parliamentary Law not covered by the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Amendments**

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the members of the Corporation by a majority vote of members present and voting, providing: (1) the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at a previous regular meeting or mailed out two weeks prior to the voting meeting; and (2) sixty percent of the Active members are present at the meeting considering the Amendment.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of the French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to such organizations operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which have established their tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the Board of Directors shall determine.

These By-Laws are correct and currently in effect.

Diane Weaver

Recording Secretary

October 1, 2015

# POLICIES - FISCAL, MEMBERSHIP, BRANDING & AWARDS

*amended February 2024*

- I. **GENERAL** - For the purposes of this document, “FBRGCF” shall refer to The French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Inc., “Board” shall refer to the FBRGCF Board of Directors and “GCA” shall refer to the Garden Club of America.

## II. FISCAL POLICIES

### A. Dues

1. The per annum dues shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) across all membership categories. All dues are payable in advance.
2. Sustaining members will not be responsible for any dues to the FBRGCF, unless the sustaining member wishes to remain a member of the GCA and receive the *GCA Bulletin*. In that case, the sustaining member’s annual dues shall be the membership fee assessed by the GCA.
3. Any member failing to discharge her indebtedness, after a reasonable period of time has elapsed, shall be automatically dropped from the rolls, upon notification by the Corresponding Secretary.

### B. General Fiscal Policies

1. There may be a Treasurer-elect who shall assist the Foundation Treasurer as necessary. The Treasurer-elect will not serve on the Board.
2. Committee chairmen should work closely with the Treasurer in determining a budget for the year. A preliminary budget should be available for consideration by the Board at the beginning of each fiscal year. A final budget should be submitted by the Treasurer to the Board at its September meeting. After approval by the Board, the budget should be presented to the membership at the next business meeting.
3. Committee chairmen are responsible for and must get authorization from the Board for any unbudgeted amount over \$100. Unbudgeted amounts under \$100 require authorization from the Treasurer and President.
4. Any major capital expenditure, sale of real property or major fundraising project should be approved by the Board and the Foundation membership.
5. The Treasurer shall pay all expenses for both the President and one delegate to the Zone Meeting and the GCA Annual Meeting.
6. Savings accounts shall be maintained for the purpose of collecting funds to be used for educational purposes and any other current FBRGCF projects. These funds will also be used for registration, travel expenses and other expenses for the President and one delegate to the Zone and Annual Meetings and to host future Zone Meetings.

### III. MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

#### A. General Membership Policies

1. All Active, Affiliate and Junior members are members of the GCA. Sustaining members may be members of the GCA if they choose to pay the dues. [refer back to II.A.2]
2. The Membership Committee, with the approval of the Board, shall have the authority to allot the number of memberships to the various categories and to review these allotments when it becomes necessary.
3. The Membership Committee Chairman shall read to the Foundation membership, at the Annual Meeting, membership requirements stressing any changes that have been made to these requirements and list the Active vacancies.
4. The Membership Committee, in coordination with Proposers, will be responsible for the orientation of new members.

#### B. Changes in Status

1. There will be a moratorium from July 1 to April 30, during which time no membership changes may be made. All requests for changes in membership must be made in writing to the Chairman of the Membership Committee between May 1 and July 1. No resignations shall be accepted until all dues are paid in full.
2. Any member who has resigned in good standing and wishes to return to the club must request reinstatement by writing to the Chairman of the Membership Committee prior to September 30. That member will be invited to fill the first available Active space. The former member of the FBRGCF may enjoy all privileges of club membership, with the exception of holding office, until space is available.
3. With the approval of the Membership Committee and the Board, a leave of absence not to exceed one year may be granted to a member making such a request, if circumstances of health or absence from the city or any other extenuating circumstances warrant. At the end of one year, the case shall be reviewed, and the leave may be extended for a reasonable period of time.
4. Junior members must become Active members at the end of five years.
5. An Affiliate member whose circumstances change and who no longer qualifies for Affiliate membership must become an Active member as space is available.

#### C. Proposal of New Members

1. No member of the Membership Committee or the President of the FBRGCF may propose or endorse a candidate for membership.
2. No Board member may propose or endorse a candidate for membership.
3. No member may propose or endorse a relative related by blood or through marriage for membership.
4. A member may not propose more than one candidate nor endorse more than one candidate in one year.
5. Proposals shall include a proposal form and letters from the Proposer and the Endorser.
6. Proposals must be made in writing to the Membership Chairman any time after the Annual Meeting in July and by September 30 of that year. All proposals must be in the hands of the Membership Chairman by Midnight, September 30.
7. It is required that anyone proposed for membership shall have lived in the area for at least two years.
8. Proposers and Endorsers should introduce their candidate to the Membership

Committee by January 31st.

9. Any candidate who is approved by five of the seven persons on the Membership Committee shall be recommended to the Board.
10. The Membership Chairman shall present the candidates chosen by the Membership Committee to the Board by reading the proposals at the April and May Board meetings.
11. At the May Board meeting, the Board shall vote on the candidates. A simple majority of the Board must vote affirmatively for acceptance.
12. All persons on the Membership Committee and the Board must vote on candidates for membership.
13. New members shall be announced at the June Foundation meeting and invited to attend the Annual Meeting in July.
14. Proposers and Endorsers are required to be a part of the orientation process of new members. Proposers and Endorsers are responsible for inviting and accompanying new members to membership meetings, workdays, and major Foundation projects during the new member's first year.
15. The Proposal for Membership form is attached at the end of this policy document.

#### D. Proposal of GCA Members

1. A member of the FBRGCF may propose for Affiliate membership in the Foundation a member in good standing from another GCA club who is sixty five years or older and who has lived in the area for one year. The Membership Committee should be provided with the following information: (a) a letter of recommendation or introduction from the home club and (b) letters of endorsement from two members of the FBRGCF.
2. A member of the FBRGCF may propose for Active membership in the FBRGCF a member in good standing from another GCA club who is under sixty five years of age and who has lived in the area for one year. The Membership Committee should be provided with the following information: (a) a letter of recommendation or introduction from the home club and (b) letters of endorsement from two members of the FBRGCF.
3. Proposals in both categories will be considered as they are received. The aforementioned ration of affirmative votes in the Membership Committee and the Board shall be necessary for acceptance. (See Policies III.C.9 & III.C.11.)

#### E. Policies for New Members

1. The Membership Committee Chairman and the President shall be responsible for assisting new members to become acquainted with the aims, policies and projects of the FBRGCF and the GCA at a welcoming orientation. The Membership Committee will organize two subsequent orientation meetings during the first year. At these meetings, heads of all committees (including greenhouse, Greens Market and Plant Sale) should outline activities of their committee and, where relevant, invite each new member to a specific event (i.e., greenhouse ladies morning) on a specific day.
2. Each new member shall be given a copy of our history and a list of all committees, plus a verbal description of each.
3. Requirements shall be stated as follows:
  - a. To attend all membership meetings (Juniors must attend four meetings per year).
  - b. To work on at least one committee during each two year term.
  - c. To support all major Foundation projects.
  - d. To work on at least one of the Market complex workdays each year.
  - e. To attend one meeting of the Foundation Board during the fall of the year.
  - f. It is recommended that no new member be asked to co-chair a fundraising event her first year.

F. Membership Responsibilities

1. Members are expected to attend all meetings. Excuses for absences should be made in writing, by telephone or by email to the Recording Secretary.
2. Members shall serve on at least one committee and help with both fundraisers.
3. Each Active member must participate on one of the rotating teams assigned to care for the gardens and grounds. Junior members are encouraged to participate whenever able.
4. Affiliate members are appreciated as valuable contributors and mentors. They do not have to fulfill these requirements.
5. Sustaining members will remain on the FBRGCF mailing list and are encouraged to remain as active as health allows.

IV. **BRANDING POLICY** - any use of the name, logo or other marks associated with the FBRGCF requires review and approval of the Board.

V. **AWARDS**

- A. The Virginia Hamlin Creighton Memorial Trophy shall be awarded in July at the Annual Meeting of the Foundation to the member winning the largest number of points in all flower shows in which members have exhibited during the year.
- B. Points are accumulated as follows:
  1. Blue ribbons - 3 points
  2. Red ribbons - 2 points
  3. Yellow ribbons - 1 point
  4. Tri-color ribbons - 6 points
  5. Special awards - 6 points



## **POLICIES - FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Statement of Purpose**

- To define the responsibilities of the FBRGCF Finance Committee.
- To define the responsibilities of the FBRGCF Board of Directors regarding finance.

### **Objectives/Goals**

- Ensure that the Foundation is fiscally responsible.
- Ensure the financial health, protect the assets, and make sure the resources are used appropriately.

### **Board of Directors**

- Has overall legal responsibility for the financial health of the Foundation.
- Has responsibility to review and understand key financial information, statements and reports:
  - Fiscal year budget (with comparisons to actual expenditures/revenue)
  - Profit and loss statement
  - Balance sheet statement (needs to reflect restricted and current unrestricted net assets)
  - Cash flow analysis
  - Reports required for local, state, and federal regulators

### **Finance Committee**

- Consists of the Treasurer(s), Fundraising Treasurer, First Vice-President/Buildings, Second Vice-President/Grounds, and one or two other persons if deemed appropriate.
- Is represented on the Board of Directors by the Treasurer.
- Oversees the finances by designing and monitoring appropriate policies to safeguard the organization's assets.
- Hires a CPA to guide the Foundation, to audit/review the books, to prepare tax returns and to ensure that the Foundation has met compliance and reporting requirements.
- Prepares and oversees a budget with guidance from the Treasurer and Board and revises the budget throughout the year if necessary.
- Provides a financial report to the Board at least quarterly.
- Determines the dollar amount to be retained from fundraisers to support our complex (buildings and grounds).
- Determines the dollar amount to be invested yearly for our next Zone Meeting.
- Ensures that the full board understands the organization's financial condition.
- Studies and makes recommendations to the board relating to all aspects of financial planning, financial management, and financial results. This committee will work with the Investment committee to oversee investments and endowments.

## **POLICIES - INVESTMENTS**

### **Statement of Purpose**

- To define the investment policy of the FBRGCF to be followed by the Board of Directors.
- To define the investment responsibilities of the Foundation's Board and the Investment Committee.

### **Objective and Goal**

- The Foundation's investment objective is to achieve a favorable total rate of return consistent with prudent financial management and consistent with purposes or uses of funds involved.
- The goal is to meet the financial needs of the Foundation, its projects and its property through growth and preservation of the financial assets.

### **Board of Directors**

- Has authority for the investment assets of the Foundation.
- Approves any person or entity providing investment services to the Foundation to avoid conflicts of interest.
- Approves the Investment Policy and any subsequent changes.
- Reviews the Foundation's financial assets and performance quarterly.

### **Investment Committee**

- Consists of the Treasurer and two or three other persons, and if deemed appropriate, may include a person with investment expertise from outside the Foundation.
- Is represented on the Board of Directors by the Treasurer.
- Chooses an investment advisor/consultant/broker(s) who will meet with the Investment Committee to review the investment policy of the Foundation, handle investments as directed and to further meet with the committee as needed.
- Chooses an insured fiduciary to hold financial assets and provide regular statements.
- Oversees the financial assets.
- Defines appropriate investments for asset categories.
- Provides a quarterly financial report to the Board.
- Will review and, if necessary, propose changes to the investment policy at least every two years when new officers and committees are elected, using recommendations of the Foundation's Board, attorneys, accountants or other professionals .
- Follows necessary IRS procedures to maintain nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status.
- Meets as required.

### **Investment Types**

The funds can be invested in equities, fixed-income investments, cash and equivalents. The types of investments acceptable to the Foundation are as follows :

- US or International Common Stock
- US or International Preferred Stock
- US Government and Agency Securities

- Foreign Government Bonds
- Corporate Bonds
- High Yield Bonds
- Commercial Paper
- Money Market Funds
- Mutual Funds (open and closed-end)
- Real Estate (Public and Private REITs)
- Commodities

### **Additional Criteria**

- All investments must be dollar denominated.
- Mutual fund investments and other pooled investments must have objectives, rules and regulations that are consistent with the Foundation Investment Policy.
- Investments in lower rated bonds are permitted as part of a diversified mutual fund, given that the exposure within the fund does not exceed 15%.
- All investments selected for the Foundation must have a readily ascertainable market value and be readily marketable.
- Cash should be invested in interest bearing accounts or instruments.
- Money market funds and other cash equivalents should have stable pricing and instant liquidity.
- Investments will be made with a maturity or liquidity according to the date funds are needed to meet obligations.
- Whenever possible, financial assets should be pooled for investment to achieve the best possible return for the Foundation.

### **Foundation Asset Categories**

The foundation's financial assets are divided into four separate categories each with specific investment criteria.

1. Operating
  - a. Operating funds are used to carry on the daily functions of the Foundation. Operating funds are mainly generated from dues and fundraisers.
  - b. Investments shall be low risk and have instant liquidity.
2. Endowment
  - a. Endowment funds are permanent financial assets intended to support the maintenance and preservation of property and gardens owned by the Foundation. These funds are to be invested and maintained so that the growth and earnings can provide funds for the property and gardens. A conservative spending policy will be followed to pay out on an annual basis a reasonable percentage, such as 4 or 5 percent, of the assets as long as there is no weakening of the value of the fund. The ultimate objective shall be to pay out only a portion of the annual average growth or total investment return. Endowment funds are mainly generated from gifts and a designated percentage of yearly fundraisers. By May 30 of each year the finance committee shall determine the maximum percentage of profits from the fundraisers to be contributed to the Endowment, with a minimum of one percent.
  - b. Investments shall be prudently chosen for growth and income.
3. Zone Meeting
  - a. Zone Meeting funds are accumulated each year to cover the expenses of the Zone meetings, which currently occur every 18 years. Funds are generated with a deposit

each of the 18 years to be certain that Zone Meeting expenses will be met. The Finance Committee shall determine the dollar amount for each annual deposit with a minimum of \$1,500 per year. If there are funds left over after a Zone meeting, the Finance Committee shall determine the disposition thereof. The Finance Committee can declare that remaining funds may be part, or all of the required deposit for the next year.

- b. Prudent investments shall be chosen for growth and income with the Zone meeting target date as a guide.
4. Property/Gardens
- a. Property/Gardens funds are used to support the property and gardens. Funds are mainly generated from rent, undesignated gifts, fundraisers and distributions from the Endowment fund within the above-mentioned guidelines.
  - b. Investments shall be low risk with timely liquidity.

1/10/2007  
Amended 3/16/2009

# PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

(amended April 2021)

To propose a candidate for membership into the FBRCGF, please complete the following form. Proposals shall include this proposal form and letters from the Proposer and the Endorser. The completed packet shall be delivered to the Membership Committee Chairman by midnight, September 30.

## Policies Overview:

- Members of the Membership Committee, the Board and the President may not propose or endorse a candidate
- A member may not propose or endorse a relative related by blood or through marriage
- A member may not propose more than one candidate, nor endorse more than one candidate in one year
- Anyone proposed for membership shall have lived in the area for at least two years

## Responsibilities of Proposers and Endorsers:

- mentor your candidate throughout her first year of membership
- accompany her to meetings
- introduce her to members
- attend an orientation meeting with her
- help create a welcoming atmosphere for her
- encourage her to participate in FBRCGF activities
- ensure that new members understand the benefits and expectations of FBRCGF membership
- introduce her to each person on the Membership Committee between her proposal (September 30) and the beginning of their deliberation (January 31)
- please initial that you are willing to follow through with these responsibilities

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_ Endorser: \_\_\_\_\_

## Responsibilities of New Members:

- attend meetings
- serve on at least one committee
- participate in Foundation projects
- attend orientation sessions to learn about FBRCGF history, policies and projects

## Important Dates:

- July Annual Meeting - September 30: Proposals for Membership accepted
- September 30: Proposals for Membership due by midnight
- September 30 - January 31: Proposers and Endorsers discreetly facilitate introducing proposed candidates to Membership Committee
- February 1: Membership Committee deliberations begin; candidates approved by five of the seven persons on the Membership Committee shall be recommended to the Board
- April Board Meeting: Membership Chairman presents candidates chosen by Committee to Board
- May Board Meeting: Membership Chairman presents candidates chosen by Committee to Board
- May Board Meeting: Board votes on candidates; simple majority must vote affirmatively
- June Membership Meeting: New Members announced
- June: Orientation for New Members
- July Annual Meeting: New Members attend as guests of their Proposers & Endorsers

Please remember that discretion is imperative. Thank you for your participation in the membership process!

**Name**

**Address**

**Telephone**

**Email**

**Age**

**Length of residence in As**

**Husband's name**

**Husband's occupation**

**Children and approximate ages**

**Educational background**

**Occupation (past & present)**

**Memberships (organizations, church)**

**Relatives in FBRGCF**

**Friends in FBRGCF**

**Does she have a garden?**

**Is she sincerely interested in: (please circle)**

**Horticulture**

**Conservation**

**Floral Design**

**Educational Activities**

**Other talents or interests**

**How long and in what capacity has Proposer known the candidate?**

**How long and in what capacity has Endorser known the candidate?**

**Date**

**Signature of Proposer**

**Date**

**Signature of Endorser**