

# Central Gorge Master Gardener Association

## Articles of Association

1. The name of this association shall be Central Gorge Master Gardener Association.
2. This association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purposes shall be:
  - a. to enhance and supplement the Oregon State University Home Horticulture Program (Master Gardener Program) in cooperation with the Hood River County Extension Service
  - b. to assume responsibility for performing special tasks and engaging in activities related to the program
  - c. to promote a wide dissemination to citizens of information available as a result of University study and experimentation. Such information shall be in accordance with Oregon State University standards
  - d. to work with other organizations to enhance and promote gardening in the community
  - e. to support education in the fields of agriculture and plant science through teaching
3. This association is a nonprofit organization subject to the general supervision and control of the Oregon Master Gardener Association. It is governed by a Board of Directors, elected by the Central Gorge Master Gardener Association members and consisting of a President, a President-elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a State Representative, and an Alternate State Representative.
4. There shall be four classes of membership, as follows:
  - a. Active Membership: Anyone successfully completing the Master Gardener training of the Oregon State University Extension Service is qualified to be a member upon payment of dues.
  - b. Honorary Membership: Honorary members automatically include the Oregon State University Extension Staff engaged in the Master Gardener program. Honorary members are exempt from payment of dues, and may not vote or hold office. Extension Staff eligible for honorary membership who have completed the Master Gardener training and who otherwise qualify for active membership, may elect to pay dues and participate as an active member.
  - c. Associate membership: Associate members are persons who further the objectives of the Master Gardener Program. Such membership carries no voting rights. Associate members are ineligible to hold office.
  - d. Lifetime membership: Lifetime members are persons who have completed 10 years of service. The association will pay annual dues to CGMGA and OMGA.
5. The initial Board of Directors of this Association consists of:

President: Dede Garcia  
711 Sherman Ave.  
Hood River, OR 97031

President-elect: Kathy McGregor  
2453 May St.  
Hood River, OR 97031

Secretary: Audrey Schneider  
6500 Allen Rd.  
Parkdale, OR 97041

Treasurer: Anne Saxby  
4169 Barrett Drive  
Hood River, OR 97031

State Rep: Cindy Collins  
4374 Willow Flat Rd.  
Hood River, OR 97031

Alt. State Rep: Glenda Ryan  
PO Box 146  
Underwood, WA 98651

These individuals have consented to their appointment.

6. The principal place of business of this Association is:  
2990 Experiment Station Drive  
Hood River, OR 97031
7. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise trying to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
8. This association will not conduct charitable gaming, issue bonds, use professional fundraisers or be involved in low-income, elderly or handicapped housing.
9. In the event of dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed to the Oregon Master Gardener Association, a tax exempt organization, or for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.
10. The personal liability of each member of the Board of Directors and each officer of the association or its members, for monetary or other damages, for conduct as a director or officer or member shall be eliminated to the full extent permitted by law.

11. The agent for this association is:  
Jan McNeilan  
OSU Master Gardener Program Coordinator  
NWREC  
15210 NE Miley Rd.  
Aurora, Oregon 97002-9543

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*Dede Garcia*  
*President*

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*Anne Saxby*  
*Treasurer*

January 1, 2007