

Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization will be the Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club (CLTTGC)

ARTICLE II - AFFILIATIONS

Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis Garden Club is a member of the Mendo-Lake District, California Garden Clubs, Inc., Pacific Region, and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization will be:

1. To create and promote interest in amateur gardening and its associated aspects and applications.
2. To promote civic beautification.
3. To assist in projects that protect, preserve and conserve our natural resources.
4. To encourage our members to participate in local, district and state projects by sharing their knowledge of gardening and to help our fellow members and community with our knowledge of gardening in Lake County, California.

This organization 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 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The membership will be open to all interested persons.

Section 2. Active membership shall be by an initial application and shall be accompanied by payment of applicable dues annually. Membership will become effective immediately.

Section 3. Honorary membership may be conferred upon one who has rendered distinguished service to the Club, upon recommendation of the Executive Board. Honorary members pay no dues, and have all the rights and privileges of a member. CLTTGC will pay district dues to the Calif. Garden Clubs, Inc.

Section 4. Membership meetings: General meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month except July and August unless otherwise specified by the Executive Board. A quorum to transact business shall be composed of one fifth (20 percent) of the club's total membership.

Section 5. The Club may conduct a meeting of the members, in whole or in part, by electronic transmission, electronic video screen communication, conference telephone, or other means of remote communication. If a vote is called for, the Club shall implement reasonable measures to verify that each person participating remotely is a member.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of this organization will be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.

Section 2. The President will

1. Serve a one-year term.
2. Preside at all club meetings.
3. Appoint the Parliamentarian, chairs of standing committees and all other committees as needed.
4. Become the ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. The Vice President will assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President will also serve as Program Chair.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board will consist of the club officers, standing committee chairs, and immediate Past President. A quorum will consist of five members.

Section 2. The Executive Board will transact all routine business of the club.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Board will be held at the call of the President.

ARTICLE VII - DUES AND FINANCES

Section 1. The fiscal year will be July 1 through June 30, inclusive.

Section 2. Dues are payable on May 1 and delinquent July 1. A member whose dues are delinquent will be dropped from the club.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of 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 federal 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.

Section 4. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be distributed to the Mendo-Lake District* and/or California Garden Clubs, Inc., for 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 state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principle office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Nominating Committee will consist of three members, one appointed by the President and two elected from the floor in September to serve a one year term.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee will submit the slate of nominees at the February meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. All nominees must consent before an election.

Section 3. Elections will be held at the April meeting and will be by ballot unless there is but one candidate for an office, and then a voice vote will elect.

Section 4. Officers will be elected for a one year term and assume office July 1st.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members present after having been read at two consecutive meetings of the club.

Section 2. Standing Rules may be amended on the recommendation of the Executive Board if a majority of the members present at a regular meeting consent if given notice, and a two-thirds vote without consent.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. The club will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.

* Article VII Section 4: The Intent is that all funds upon dissolution of CLTTGC would go to the Mendo-Lake District. If the Mendo-Lake District no longer exists, then funds would go to the Calif. Garden Clubs, Inc.

Amendments: October 2012
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