



CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
2008 -2009

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date _____

District (if Club or Affiliate) _____

_____ **CLUB** - \$2.25 per member annually Total Members: _____

_____ **ASSOCIATE PLANT SOCIETY**- \$2.25 per member annually Total Members: _____

_____ **AFFILIATE** \$50 annually –any number of members

Name of organization _____

Date founded _____ (mo/year)

Meeting Location (Street address, city & Zip code)

Regular meeting day of month & time _____

President _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ E-mail _____

Treasurer _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ E-mail _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

District Director Signature
Dues paid to District (if Club or Affiliate)

Do you wish to receive dated membership cards ____ yes ____ no ____ one for club records

California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) is a non-profit association of garden organizations devoted to the development of all phases of gardening, floral design, beautification of the community, and conservation of natural resources. The objectives are set forth in the bylaws, printed annually in the CGCI yearbook.

PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERSHIP

Send completed application with check, made payable to **CGCI**, for membership dues to the Membership Chairman, George Speer, 30861 Saddleback Rd., Valley Center, CA 92082-3848. Upon receipt of application, a welcome letter, state yearbook and the current issue of *Golden Gardens* will be forwarded to the president. Clubs and Associate Plant Societies may receive annual membership cards for their individual members upon request. (more =>)

The club, associate plant society, or affiliate will be presented for ratification at the following state board meeting or convention. These meetings are usually held in September, January and June. Any garden club, plant society or other organization having one or more of the objectives of CGCI shall be eligible for membership. No commercial enterprise or agency shall be eligible for membership.

The president of each member organization will receive a state yearbook annually and a subscription to *Golden Gardens*. Presidents, with the exception of affiliate presidents, will also receive a subscription to *The National Gardener*.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

A plant society may join as a club, associate plant society, or affiliate.

CLUB: A club shall pay annual dues of \$2.25 per capita, be a dues paying member of a district and be eligible for liability insurance.

ASSOCIATE PLANT SOCIETY: An associate plant society shall be a member of a permanent statewide or national plant society, pay annual dues of \$2.25 per capita, be eligible for liability insurance but not be a member of a district. The society shall be informed of CGCI activities and events of special interest.

CLUB-AT-LARGE: A club may be designated a club-at-large by the board of directors because of geography or where a district is inactive. It shall pay dues of \$2.25 per capita, be eligible for liability insurance but not be a member of a district. The District Director Coordinator will apprise the club of important CGCI information, events and activities.

AFFILIATE: An affiliate shall be a member of a permanent statewide or national plant society or be an organization with one or more of the objectives of CGCI. Annual dues are \$50 for any size membership. An affiliate may be a member of a district or simply a CGCI affiliate. **Affiliates are not eligible for liability insurance.**

DISTRICTS

CGCI is organized into 28 districts with each one having its own district director. It is through these district directors who attend the state board meetings that there is contact and communication with the clubs. Each district is a structured group with officers, committees, bylaws, meetings & dues.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

The liability insurance plan is available to clubs and associate plant societies. Coverage is for investigation, legal defense, bodily injury and property damage due to the negligence of the club or any of its members during any meeting controlled by the club, such as a flower show, convention, etc. It is limited to \$1,000,000 per accident, with an aggregate of \$2,000,000 for all clubs.

A new club or associate plant society may be added to the policy at the time they join CGCI. A full year's premium will be charged. Subsequent premiums are due on January 15 for the insurance year, which begins on February 15.

GOLDEN GARDENS

Golden Gardens, the official publication of California Garden Clubs, Inc., is a magazine published five times a year. It offers interesting articles, covers statewide activities and includes information from the national and regional organizations. Members are invited to contribute by sending club and district news, dates of club events for *Dateline* and feature articles of interest to garden clubs to the editor. Subscription rates are \$6.00 for 1 year. Clubs are encouraged to subscribe for each member (100% clubs), at a special rate of \$5.00 per year per subscription.