

CONSTITUTION OF GAINESVILLE CAMELLIA SOCIETY

ARTICLE I

The name of this association shall be the Gainesville Camellia Society. The Society will not operate in any manner resulting in pecuniary profit to itself or its members. Headquarters of the society shall be located in Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida

ARTICLE II

The general purpose of the society shall be:

- A. To promote and encourage the hobby of camellia growing among its members.
- B. To promote and encourage the growing of camellias by non-members of this society.
- C. To stimulate a knowledge of camellia culture and uses of the plant.
- D. To disseminate the horticultural and artistic use of the plant and its flowers.
- E. To sponsor an annual camellia show and assist other organizations who sponsor shows.
- F. To facilitate and create a closer relationship between the members of this organization and other similar organizations, particularly the American Camellia Society.
- G. To encourage civic beautification, especially camellia plantings, through all available agencies.

ARTICLE III

Membership shall consist of active and honorary members, who are interested in the purposes and objectives of this society. Concurrent membership in American Camellia Society is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

ARTICLE IV

The business of the society is to be managed by an Executive Board consisting of all elected officers and the retiring President, and not less than five, nor more than ten elected Directors. They shall be elected at the annual business meeting to be held in the spring of the year and shall hold office for one year beginning July 1st of that year in which they are elected.

ARTICLE V

The Officers of the Gainesville Camellia Society shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers are to be elected and officially installed at the spring meeting, and take office on July 1 of that year and serve one year.

ARTICLE VI

The constitution and Bylaws of the Society may be amended from time to time by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting, provided that in either case at least thirty (30) days notice shall have been given to the members of the nature and wording of the proposed amendment or amendments.

ARTICLE VII

The Society shall meet a minimum of six (6) meetings per year.

ARTICLE VIII

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this society may at any time subject itself shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of its cash and other assets.

ARTICLE IX

In the event of dissolution of the Gainesville Camellia Society, its residual assets will be turned over to the American Camellia Society if it is then an exempt organization as described in Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and 170 C or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code or to one or more organizations which are themselves exempt if said American Camellia Society is not so exempt.

ARTICLE X

The names and addresses of the subscribers or these Articles are:

C. Arnold Matthews, President 1978-1979
2000 NW 23rd Terrace

Gainesville, Florida 32605

Wilbur Harling, Jr., First Vice-President
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Mrs. Henry C. Lunsford, Sr., Second Vice-President
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James Gahan, Past President & Board Member
3245 SW 3rd Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32607

Jim Reser, Secretary
4420 NW 16th Place
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John B. McFerrin, Treasurer
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BYLAWS
GAINESVILLE CAMELLIA SOCIETY

Article I NAME

As provided by the Constitution, the title of this organization is the GAINESVILLE CAMELLIA SOCIETY.

Article II LOCATION

The location of this society shall be in Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

Active Members. The number of members shall be unlimited.

Honorary Members. Shall be unlimited and shall be approved at any general meeting by two-thirds vote of the active members present at said meeting. Honorary members do not pay dues and cannot vote on business of the society.

Article IV DUES

Active membership dues shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for a single membership and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a husband/wife. Dues are due at the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1). These dues are subject to any increase or decrease voted by the membership.

Article V OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section I. President. Presides at all meetings, including the Executive Board, appoints (with the advice of the Executive Board) the committees provided for herein, and appoints such other committees as may be deemed necessary, and performs such other duties as pertains to this office.

Section II. First Vice-President. Presides at meetings in the absence of the President. It further shall be his duty to be Chairman of the Show Committee, elected by the membership.

Section III. Second Vice-President. Presides at meetings in the absence of the President and First Vice-President. It further shall be his duty to be Chairman of the Program Committee, as elected by the membership.

Section IV. Secretary. Keeps records of all proceedings of the Society and the Executive Board, notifies all members of the time and place of all meetings, and performs such other duties as pertains to this office.

Section V. Treasurer. The duty of the Treasurer is to collect all monies and issue receipts for same which may be due, deposit them in a bank designated by the Executive Board, under the name of the Gainesville Camellia Society, pay bills and claims, and keep a regular account subject to the inspection at any time by the Finance Committee. The Treasurer should maintain an up-to-date roster of paid and unpaid members, and report progress at each regular meeting. The Treasurer is automatically a member of the membership committee, and will send out dues statements each year.

Article VI DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall have the general management of this society, and shall recommend such regulations and rules as it may see fit. It shall meet at least twice during each elected year. Six (6) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business of the society.

Article VII ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section I. The president will appoint a nominating committee consisting of three (3) members to suggest a panel of Officers and Board Members in January of each year. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be at that time an elected Director. The other two (2) members must be non-office holding members. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be made at the February general meeting. Active members may make other nominations from the floor.

Section II. Active members in good standing are eligible for nomination and election to the Executive Board.

Section III. The election of officers will take place at the March meeting. The installation of officers will take place at the May meeting or the last meeting of the year.

Article VIII MEETINGS

Section I. The general membership meetings shall be held each month during the months of September through May. The membership may have additional meetings by vote of the membership.

Section II. Ten active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section III. A special meeting may be called at any time by the President or by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by ten (10) active members. All members shall be notified in writing ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

Section IV. The place for the general membership meeting may be in any place obtained by the president or his/her designate subject to his/her approval.

Article IX STANDING COMMITTEES

Section I. Membership Committee. The Chairman of the Membership Committee, assisted by the members of this committee, is responsible for the acquisition of new

members, the retention of existing members, and the reinstatement of former members. These efforts shall not only be directed toward membership in the Gainesville Camellia Society, but the American Camellia Society as well. The Treasurer who is automatically a member of the Membership Committee shall maintain an up to date roster of paid and unpaid members, report progress at each regular meeting, and send out dues statements each year.

Section II. Program Committee. The Program Chairman, who is the Second Vice-President elected by the membership, assisting by the members of this committee, is responsible for developing, scheduling, and presenting appropriate programs for each of the regular meetings.

Section III. Finance Committee. Shall have the general management of the finances and funds of this Society, and shall audit the books of the Treasurer at the end of each fiscal year.

Section IV. Social Committee. Shall be responsible for any entertainment and refreshments for meetings.

Section V. Show Committee. The Chairman, who is the First Vice-President elected by the membership, shall be responsible for the annual Camellia Show and appoint committees as are needed to carry out these responsibilities. Committee appointments shall be Publicity, Awards and Door Prizes, Trophies, Judges, Judge's Clerks, Hospitality, Receiving, Classification and Nomenclature, Placement, Recording, Hosts, Plant Sales, Education, ACS and GCS memberships, Properties and Physical Set-Up, Dismantling, and Finances.

Section VI. Newsletter Committee. Shall be responsible for publishing the monthly NEWS BULLETIN during each Society year. The Chairman shall be the Editor and may appoint one or more members as assistants or reporters.