

THE BELTSVILLE GARDEN CLUB CONSTITUTION

SECTION I NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The Beltsville Garden Club", here-in-after referred to as "BGC".

SECTION II OBJECT

The purpose of this non-profit club shall be to:

- (a) promote the garden interests of the members;
- (b) increase their knowledge of horticulture;
- (c) add to their enjoyment of gardening;
- (d) encourage ornamental plantings by individuals, community and/or business groups.

SECTION III MEMBERSHIP

All persons willing to implement the objectives of the club are eligible to become members. A family may join for the cost of a single.

SECTION IV ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 1. A President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary shall constitute the elected officers of the club.

ARTICLE 2. The term of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary shall be one fiscal year starting September 1 and ending August 31. The Treasurer shall serve two consecutive fiscal years.

ARTICLE 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, past-President, and chairpersons of the standing committees.

SECTION V DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

BGC funds shall be disbursed:

- (a) by the direction of the Executive Committee
- (b) by the President with approval of the Executive Committee;
- (c) by the Treasurer for routine BGC expenses such as postage, rent, advertising, not to exceed \$500 for any single disbursement. Expenses in excess of \$500 shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

SECTION VI PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall govern questions that do not conflict with the BGC constitution and by-laws.

SECTION VII SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution shall be amended only at the Annual Meeting. Proposed substantive amendments may be suggested by the BGC members or by

the Executive Committee. Proposed *substantive* amendments shall be presented to the membership by (a) written notice in March, and (b) explanation and discussion at the April meeting. Voting on the proposed amendments shall be at the May meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary for adoption.

Approved at the 2007 Annual Meeting

Printed name of President

Signature of President

Date