

## Standing Rules

1. Annual dues shall be \$175.00 for Active, Associate and Non-Resident members. Courtesy members do not pay GCV dues. Their annual dues are \$135.
2. New members shall pay an initiation fee of \$25 in addition to the regular dues and shall attend an orientation meeting chaired by the president prior to their acceptance of membership in The Virginia Beach Garden Club. They shall serve on the Horticulture Committee during their first year and on the Conservation Committee their second.
3. Expenses of \$400 and under not provided for in the budget may be incurred and paid upon order of the Board of Directors. Expenses over \$400 not provided for in the budget may be incurred and paid only upon order of the membership.
4. Sponsors of new members will assume responsibility of their candidates for at least two years.
5. All Active members must notify the Meeting Arrangements Chairman by the Wednesday prior to a meeting if they will be **absent**, or they will be charged for lunch. Active members who **are** attending a meeting but **not staying for lunch**, must notify the Meeting Arrangements Chairman by the Wednesday prior to the meeting or they will also be charged for lunch.
6. All Associate, Non-Resident and Courtesy members must notify the Meeting Arrangements Chairman by Wednesday prior to a meeting if they **will** attend.
7. Associate and Non-Resident members of The Club may attend the April business meeting but shall have no voice nor vote.
8. Tally of the ballots, in any election, is to remain

strictly confidential.

9. A tie vote, in any election, shall be resolved by lot.
10. The members of all Committees shall be known by the membership.
11. Bills for annual dues shall be sent prior to January 31 and paid no later than February 28.
12. Every Active member is expected to work on the Virginia Beach Historic Garden Week Tour and Associate members are encouraged to do so.
13. Active and Associate members are expected to actively support and promote the Fall Flower Festival. Every Active member is expected to work on the Fall Flower Festival and Associate members are encouraged to do so.
14. Dues and initiation fee must be received from new members no later than the Annual Meeting in May.
15. An Active member who has to resign by February 28, and holds a position in VBGC may fulfill the obligations of her job for that year, attend the March and April meetings and shall be invited as a guest to attend the May meeting.