## DOUGLAS County Master Gardener Association Articles of Association

- 1. The name of this association shall be Douglas County Master Gardener Association.
- 2. This association 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 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purposes shall be:
  - to enhance and supplement the Oregon State University Home Horticulture Program (Master Gardener Program) in cooperation with the Douglas County Extension Service
  - b. to assume responsibility for performing special tasks and engaging in activities related to the program
  - to promote a wide dissemination to citizens of information available as a result of University study and experimentation. Such information shall be in accordance with Oregon State University standards
- d. to work with other organizations to enhance and promote gardening in the community
- 3. This association is a nonprofit organization subject to the general supervision and control of the Oregon Master Gardener Association. It is governed by a Board of Directors, elected by the Douglas County Master Gardener Association members and consisting of a President, a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Historian, a State Representative, and an Alternate State Representative.
- 4. There shall be three classes of membership, as follows:
  - a. Active Membership: Anyone successfully completing the Master Gardener training of the Oregon State University Extension Service is qualified to be a member upon payment of dues.
  - b. Honorary Membership: Extension Service Staff engaged in the Home Horticulture Master Gardener Program are automatically honorary members who are exempt from payment of dues. They may not vote or hold office.
  - c. Associate membership: Interested persons who are not Master Gardeners may be elected as Associate members. They have no voting privileges and can not hold office.

5. The initial Board of Directors of this Association consists of;

President: Kathy Shayler Address: PO Box 65 Dillard, OR 97432

1st Vice Pres.: Patricia Gilbert Address: 1660 Whistlers Lane, Roseburg, OR 97470
2nd V. Pres.: Lillian Lockwood Address: 934 NW Plateau Dr, Roseburg OR, 97470
Secretary: Koleta Wells Address: 1739 Melrose Rd, Roseburg OR, 97470
Treasurer: Pat Vaughn Address: 462 Lillian Lane, Roseburg OR, 97470
Historian: Marjorie Orr Address: 1114 W. Brown Av., Roseburg OR, 97470
State Rep: Chuck Aiello Address: 560 White Oak Lane, Roseburg OR, 97470
Alt. State Rep: Roger Sawyer Address: PO Box 351, Winchester, OR, 97495

These individuals have consented to their appointment.

- The principal place of business of this Association is: 1134 SE Douglas Ave, Roseburg, OR 97470
- 7. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the association 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 Article 2 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise trying to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to 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 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.
- 8. This association will not conduct charitable gaming, issue bonds, use professional fundraisers or be involved in low-income, elderly or handicapped housing.
- 9. In the event of dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed to the Oregon Master Gardener Association, a tax exempt organization, or for one or more exempt 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 to a state or local government, for a public purpose.
- 10. The personal liability of each member of the Board of Directors and each officer of the association or its members, for monetary or other damages, for

conduct as a director or officer or member shall be eliminated to the full extent permitted by law.

11. The agent for this association is:

Ann Marie VanDerZanden, OSU Master Gardener Program Coordinator Oregon State University

4017 Agricultural and Life Sciences Building, Corvallis, Oregon 97331

President

Patricia Gilber

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