

# San Augustine Garden Club Constitution

## Article I—Name

The name of the organization shall be the San Augustine Garden Club.

## Article II—Purpose

By stimulating interest and knowledge in different forms of gardening, particularly the building of private gardens and the general improvement of home grounds, the San Augustine Garden Club members seek to promote a general civic improvement in this city and its environs.

## Article III—Qualification of Membership

Any person who evidences a sincere interest in the purpose for which the organization is formed is eligible for membership and may become a member by first attending a meeting as a guest, submitting a completed application form, and then having her name presented to the membership committee for action of the Club. Prospective members should not attend the meeting at which the vote is taken.

### Section 1.

The president, or person designated by the president, will notify members by sending meeting reminders via email or phone. Meeting announcements will be posted on the website as well.

### Section 2.

Dues shall be paid at the beginning of the club year. New members shall pay their dues upon entering, prorated as stated in Article III of the San Augustine Garden Club Bylaws.

### Section 3.

The club shall consist of not more than 44 active members. This is to maintain Bronze status in Texas Garden Clubs.

### Section 4.

When the membership is filled, a waiting list shall be maintained by the secretary in order of the presentation of names.

#### Section 5.

Honorary membership shall be a former member of this organization in recognition of her long service, continued interest in gardening and support of civic improvements in this city and its environs whose name is submitted for majority approval of this honor at a regular meeting.

#### Section 6.

Sustaining membership shall be a current or former member who shall not be counted as an active member, with guest privileges at monthly meetings and Garden Club events. Sustaining members shall pay regular dues and may be called upon to participate in club projects only as their time, talent or health permits. A member can become a sustainer by making the request in writing to the club.

### Article IV—Officers and Elections

#### Section 1.

The officers of this club shall be a president, first and second vice presidents, recording secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian. The historian and chairs of standing committees shall be appointed by the president.

#### Section 2.

All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting held in January of odd years, and shall continue in term of office for two years, or until their successors are elected and installed, with their term of office to begin at the end of the club year.

#### Section 3.

If the president cannot serve, the first vice president takes her place. If the first vice president can't serve, the second vice president takes her place. Vacancies in other offices may be filled by the president as necessary.

#### Section 4.

All officers upon retiring from their office shall deliver to their successors all money, reports, and property belonging to the club.

#### Section 5.

The officers and chairs of the standing committees shall constitute the board of directors.

## Article V—Meetings

The monthly meeting shall be held on the second Thursday of the month from September through May and at such place and hour as shall be determined by the board of directors.

## Article VI—Amendments

The San Augustine Garden Club Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting if the proposed amendments have been read at the previous meeting and a quorum is present at the meeting.