

LAS FLORALIAS BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Las Floralias.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of Las Floralias is to bring together a group of interested persons to further the art of flower arranging. This includes, but is not limited to study, workshops, lectures, public exhibition in flower shows, and financial assistance for instruction and public education of the arts.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIPS

Section A. ACTIVE MEMBERS

An active member shall be entitled to vote, hold office, and participate in all activities of the club. A member must attend at least six (6) of the eight (8) meetings per year unless excused for personal or medical reasons. Call or email the President or Secretary about absences from meetings. A member must be willing to make an active commitment to the goals and objectives of Las Floralias and participate in the planning and execution of club events.

Section B. NEW MEMBERS

Membership is open without discrimination to any individual interested in increasing his or her knowledge of floral design arts. An individual may become a member after filling out an application, attends two meetings, agrees with the objectives of Las Floralias, and pays all dues and fees.

Section C. HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Members shall have been members in good standing and may place an arrangement in the fall show. They may attend meetings. They may vote. They will not pay dues. Honorary membership shall be granted by the board.

Section D. DUES

Dues of thirty dollars (\$30) for active membership shall be paid to the Treasurer at the January meeting.

Section E. GOVERNMENT

Officers: The elected officers of Las Floralias shall be President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of the officers shall be two years. These officers with the immediate Past President shall comprise the Executive Board.

Committees: The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint the following Standing Committees or Chairpersons:

- A. Membership. The membership-at-large will act as the membership committee.
- B. Show Chairperson
- C. Publicity
- D. Webmaster
- E. Chairperson for Programs and Meeting Assignments, to be appointed at the October meeting.
- F. Any other necessary chairperson for current activities.

Section F. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. PRESIDENT: Shall have general superintendence of the affairs of Las Floralias and shall preside at all meetings of the membership and Executive Board.
- B. PAST PRESIDENT: Shall assist the President and assume the duties of such when the President is unable to do so.
- C. SECRETARY: Shall keep minutes of all meetings. Shall handle all correspondence of this club unless otherwise designated by the president. Shall accept excused absence of active membership.
- D. TREASURER: Shall receive and account for all monies of this club and shall pay out the club's funds, by check, for a proper bill.

Section G. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations from the floor shall be presented at the October meeting. Incoming officers shall assume their duties in January.

ARTICLE 4. MEETINGS

Regular workshop meetings shall be held the fourth Monday of January, February, March, April, May, June, September, and October. Majority of membership must approve a change. All major issues shall be voted upon by the membership present.

ARTICLE 5. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be made by a simple majority vote of the membership.

ARTICLE 6. GUESTS

Guests may be invited to attend workshops or demonstration meetings.

ARTICLE 7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A member may request a leave of absence for personal or medical reasons. They will maintain payment of regular dues.

ARTICLE 8. ORGANIZATION

Requirements to be exempt as an Organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Section A. Las Floralias is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section B. No part of the net earnings of Las Floralias shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof.

Section C. No substantial part of the activities of Las Floralias shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing

or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, Las Floralias 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section E. Upon the dissolution of Las Floralias assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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