Subscribing Memberships

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GCG SUBSCRIBING MEMBERSHIP? - Any individual who is committed to the purposes and objectives of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and desires "association" without the necessity of becoming a member of a local garden club.

- They are eligible to participate in all programs/events available to the general membership *without* the privilege of a vote; and *if desired*, receive the quarterly *Garden Gateways* magazine and other informative notices.

SUBSCRIBING MEMBERSHIP(SM) TYPES

HONORARY

- **Speakers/Instructors** at a garden club, event or gardening school.

- Local Dignitaries who conduct welcome greetings at annual meetings/conventions, Blue Star/Gold Star dedications. They can make their comments more meaningful when they know more about GCG. They have visibility due to garden club projects on maintaining city fountains, planters, planting trees and participating in Arbor Day, Earth Day, Garden Week in Georgia and National Garden Week events and city proclamations.

- **Community Volunteers/Workers** who partner financially and physically on garden club projects.

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- Former Club Members who are no longer physically able to attend meetings and/or actively participate in club events

- Family Members those loved ones who support us "behind the scenes". They avoid important garden club calendar events; help prepare for meetings; take care of pets while we are on the road; and patiently listen to our garden club stories---the good, the funny and the "what the heck?"

- Friends and Neighbors who support by donating raffle baskets/door prizes; help set up/clean up after events; make copies; decorate tables, etc.

NOTE: Using GCG website samples, clubs may send or present the recipient a welcome letter advising of their GCG Subscribing Membership with an attached dated and signed Certificate. District Co-Directors issue renewal reminders as necessary. WHO CAN NOMINATE? An individual can selfnominate or any GCG member can nominate. DUES: \$25 per year with optional annual renewal HOW: Complete the Subscribing Membership Application on the GCG website; submit a \$25 check payable to "The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc." and mail to: GCG Headquarters 2450 S. Milledge Avenue

Athens, GA 30605-1674

<u>Every Garden Club</u> of The Garden Club of Georgía, Inc. has a goal of adding at least <u>ONE</u> Subscribing Membership to their rolls by 1 JANUARY

District Directors and Co-Directors will be advising their districts of this Subscribing Membership goal for garden club planning and budgeting purposes.

BENEFITS T

- Subscribing Memberships add members to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. membership rolls which helps GCG receive scholarships from National Garden Clubs Inc. to deserving Georgia students.

- Once individuals receive a subscribing membership and receive the beautiful *Garden Gateways* magazine, they are the ones who have the biggest potential of being recruited for full club membership with only gentle coaxing.

- Any garden club with at least <u>three (3)</u> subscribing memberships, earns a well-deserved checkmark on the Club President's Activity Report for the calendar year.