

Central Oregon Master Gardener Association

Articles of Association

1. The name of this association shall be the Central Oregon Master Gardener Association (COMGA).
2. The principal place of business of the association is: Oregon State University Extension Service, 3893 SW Airport Way, Redmond , OR 97756.
3. 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 purpose of the association shall be:
 - a. To Teach sustainable gardening practices which have their foundation in researched-based information.
 - b. To Support the OSU Extension Service horticulture program in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties.
 - c. To Promote the OSU Extension Service Master Gardening program in Central Oregon and and statewide.
4. This association is a nonprofit organization subject to the general supervision and control of the Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA). It is governed by COMGA Board Members and OSU Extension Service Representative. COMGA Board Members are either elected by General Membership or appointed by the COMGA President. At a minimum, COMGA Board Members will consist of a President and a Secretary.
5. There are three categories of General Membership which include Active, Associate, and Honorary Memberships.
6. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be

distributable to its members, 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 purposed set forth in Article 3 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be 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 the 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.

7. In the event that COMGA ceases to function and dissolves itself, all assets after obligations and expenses of COMGA have been satisfied, shall be transferred to the OSU Master Gardener Program Endowment Fund.
8. The agent for this association is OSU Master Gardener Program Coordinator, Oregon State University Master Gardener Program, Department of Horticulture, 4017 Agriculture and Life Sciences Building, Corvallis, OR 97331-7304.

Jan Even
COMGA President

Shirley Jaynes
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