

# STEPS IN BECOMING A FEDERATED CLUB

**1. Contact your District Membership Mentor or District Director.** She will be mentoring your club through the process of becoming a federated garden club.

District	Director	Email	Phone	Membership Mentor	Email	Phone
I	Inactive					
II	Valerie Moscona	vcmoscona@yahoo.com	504-782-9340	Patricia Ortalano	portalano3@gmail.com	504-259-8536
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IV	Inactive					
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VI	Vicky Fannaly,	vicky_fannaly@yahoo.com	985-974-1677	n/a	n/a	n/a
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The first phone number is a home number and the second is a cell. If only one phone number is listed, it is a cell phone.

**2. Purchase a copy of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. Handbook** before you begin the process. The handbook will guide you in setting up your club. Approximate cost \$15.00

The handbook may be obtained by contacting the **LGCF Ways and Means Chairman** Liz G. Hebert: (c) 337-349-3854; liz2163@bellsouth.net

### 3. Requirements

- Minimum of twelve (12) members 1<sup>st</sup> meeting
  - Information meeting to learn about the objectives, responsibilities, and benefits of LGCF and NGC.
  - Decide whether to become federated.
  - Appoint Bylaws Committee and set date for 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
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  - Bylaws are adopted.
  - Members sign a charter and pay dues.
  - Nominate and elect officers.
  - Complete Application for Membership form and dues form.

**4. Submit to your District Director** the Application for Membership Form and your annual dues\* with the Dues Remittance Form to the LGCF Treasurer Ruth Delhomme. For questions about dues contact LGCF Treasurer Ruth Delhomme. Her name and contact information are at the bottom of the dues form.

### \*State and National Payment of Dues

The following is an excerpt from the Bylaws of Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

### Article III – Membership

Section1. (a) Application of a senior club for membership shall be upon recommendation of a member club or of the Director in the District in which the club is located and shall be sent to the State President. After approval of the Membership Committee and payment of annual dues for the first year, the club shall be a member.

(b) Annual dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00); nine dollars (\$9.00) for the Louisiana Garden Club Federation and one dollar (\$1.00) to National Garden Clubs for each member of the club as of June 1, the beginning of the fiscal year, due and payable to the State Treasurer on April 1 and delinquent after June 1. Clubs in arrears shall not be eligible to apply for State or National Awards and clubs whose dues are not paid before the Annual Convention shall not be entitled to representation at the Convention. If dues are not paid by the end of the fiscal year, May 31, the club shall be dropped from membership in the Federation, thirty days (30) written notice having been given by the Treasurer. Garden Clubs becoming federated between November 1 and May 31 must pay half the annual dues of its members in order to be in good standing.