



# Longboat Key Garden Club, Inc.

Longboat Key, Florida

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Yearbook 2024-2025

## LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB

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A Social, Philanthropic, Eco-Friendly Organization

P.O. Box 8375

Longboat Key, Florida 34228

Website: [www.lbk gardenclub.org](http://www.lbk gardenclub.org)

Total

Number

Members.....	176
Family Memberships.....	53
Single Memberships.....	70

Organized 1969

Florida State Flower.....	Orange Blossom
Florida State Wildflower .....	Yellow Coreopsis
Florida State Bird.....	Mocking Bird
Florida State Song.....	Suwanee River
Florida State Tree.....	Sabal Palmetto
Florida State Shell.....	Horse Conch
Florida State Pie .....	Key Lime
Florida State Beverage .....	Orange Juice
Florida State Gemstone .....	Moonstone

## LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB LOGO

**~Agave~**

The logo was chosen by the founders in 1969. Agave, a genus of about 300 species of plants of the Agavaceae family; some species require many years to bloom, hence the name Century Plant. Agaves can be called American aloes, although not a true aloe. Massive, fibrous leaves with a tall flower stalk were admired growing all over Longboat Key. They adapt well to dry sandy soil.

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# **LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB – 2024-2025** **Board Of Directors & Officers**

President:	Melanie Dale
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Lyn Haycock
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Sharon Meier
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President:	Chris Parker
Treasurer:	Jennifer Shimek
Recording Secretary:	Cathy Bishop
Corresponding Secretary:	Susan Loprete
President Emeritus:	Susan Phillips

## **Committee Chairpersons**

Arbor Day & Annual Meeting	Gretchen Burns
Butterfly Garden	Melanie Dale
Camps	Chris Parker
Cookbook	Melanie Dale
Dinner & Movie	S Phillips/S Branham
Field Trips & Classes	Susan Hamel
Grants	Linda Ulrich
Hospitality (Refreshments)	Diane Blake
J. McLaughlin Trunk Sales	M McBrier/C Bishop
Membership	Sharon Meier
Newsletter	Lyn Haycock
Programs	K Ruscitto
Social Events	Debra Sauers
Scholarships	Susan Phillips
Taste of the Keys	L Haycock/S Phillips/ S Meier/D Sauers/K Roberts
Town Beautification Projects	Susan Phillips
Website	John & Tory Newman
Yearbook	Linda Ulrich

## **Board Meetings - Wednesdays @ 9:00 AM**

LBK Chamber of Commerce, 5390 Gulf of Mexico Dr, #102 & ZOOM

September 11	January 8, 2025	May 14
October 9	February 12	
November 13	March 12	
December 11	April 9	

**LBK GARDEN CLUB CALENDAR**  
**Events, Programs, Classes, Trips by Month - 2024-2025**  
This year's theme: Botanicals and Nature

**November 6 – Event: Welcome Back Lunch aboard the Marina Jack II**  
2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota – 12:00 - 2:00. Boarding is at 11:30.  
Please join us for lunch and a cruise around Sarasota Bay. Reserve early as seating is limited. \$48 members; \$58 non-members.

**November 23 – Event: Light up Longboat**  
LBK Town Center at 5:30 pm  
Join us to celebrate the start of Longboat's holiday season with a tree lighting at the Town Center. The LBK Garden Club has a table to welcome members, both new and old! More details to follow.

**December 1 – Event: Christmas in the Garden - Longboat Chapel.**  
Holiday trees, displays & entertainment. Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve in the Chapel Garden. The LBK Garden Club will erect a holiday tree along with many other organizations. The trees will be lit each evening after dusk. Come and help set up and/or visit this lovely peaceful spot with your family and friends during the season.

**December 12 – Event: 2024 Holiday Party at The Crab and Fin Restaurant.** St. Armand's Circle – 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Join us for our annual holiday party! Further details to follow.

**December 17 - Class: Making Holiday Centerpieces with Susan Hamel.** Windward Bay Club Meeting Room. 10 am – noon. Join us and make your very own holiday center-piece. Bring your own container or pot(s) for the arrangement. \$25 members, \$35 non-members.

**January 14, 2025 – Program: Tour of St. Regis Hotel, 6:30 PM**  
DUE TO LIMITED SPACE, THIS IS A MEMBERS ONLY EVENT.  
Registration will be online at [www.lbk garden club.org](http://www.lbk garden club.org). Further details will be provided.

**January 16 – 18 – Event: J. McLaughlin Winter Trunk Sale**

J. McLaughlin Store on LBK – 9:30 am – 5:30 pm. This is a great fundraiser for the LBKCG! Come out and support this sale!

**January 30 - Class: Creating a floral print tray, hand building pottery**  
**Sarasota Art Museum Pottery Studio** – 10 am – 1:00 pm. Classes are limited to 15. No experience is needed. \$50 members; \$60 non-members.

**February 6 – Class: Orchids, Orchids, Orchids - Decorating and Caring for Orchids by Heather Rippy** - 4:30 at Driftwood Beach. You'll be taking an orchid home with you! Cost \$50 members, \$60 non-members.

**February 10 - Program: The Art of Bonsai Presented by the Bonsai Society;** Windward Bay Clubhouse – 6:30 reception, 7:00 program begins. (NOTE SPECIAL DAY: MONDAY)

**February 13 – Event: Valentine's Day Party - Bay Isles Beach Club**  
Music and champagne provided by the LBKGC. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Free to members. This is always a fun event! Note this is on Thursday, 2/13.

**February 20 - Trip: Siesta Key Rum Distillery** – 3 pm – 5 pm.  
Rum samplings and appetizers, \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members.  
NOTE: The distillery is located at 2212 Industrial Blvd, Sarasota.

**February 27 - Event: Taste of the Keys, Longboat Key Club**  
Last year's event was epic! Come join us again this year for a fun evening! Bring your date, bring your friends. Great food, music and prizes! This event will sell out! Further details to follow.

**March 4 - Class: Sip and Paint Orchids**  
Bayfront Park Recreation Center from 1 pm – 4 pm. This class is limited to 20 people. \$50 members, \$60 non-members.

**March 11 – Program: Save our Seabirds at Save Our Seabirds on City Island.** 6:30 reception, lecture and tour. **NOTE: This meeting will be at Save Our Seabirds on City Island.**

**March 20 - Class: Creating a floral print tray, hand building pottery**  
**Sarasota Art Museum Pottery Studio:** 10 am – 1 pm. Limit 15 to a class. \$50 members; \$60 non-members.

**March 21 - Event: Dinner and a Movie. Details to follow. Note: Rain date is March 22.**

**March 27 - Trip: Robinson Preserve and Palma Sola Botanical Garden** – 10 am – 2 pm. Lecture and walk. Meet at Pavilion #1 north entrance at 10 am. The lecture is at 10:30, lunch at noon, followed by walks. Lunch, beverages, and snacks are included. \$25 members, \$35 non-members.

**April 3 - 5 - Event: Art in the Garden, Longboat Chapel Garden.**  
Thurs April 3: 4 pm – 8 pm; Fri April 4: 4 pm – 8 pm, Sat April 5: 2 pm-8 pm, Sun April 6: Noon- 5pm Further details to follow.

**April 10 - Trip: Mindful Blooms Farm, Sustainable Flower Farm in Myakka City.** 14800 Sugar Bowl. Myakka City, FL.  
[www.mindfulbloomsfarm.com](http://www.mindfulbloomsfarm.com). Meet 10:30 am at the Farm. Flower arranging class, arrangement made to take home. Lecture and lunch included. We will meet at the farm at 10:30 am; lunch is at 12:30. \$55 for members, \$65 non-members.

**April 15 – Program: Le Gardinia Bleu: Decorating with Botanicals**  
Windward Bay Clubhouse – 6:30 pm. Further details to follow.

**April 25 – Event: Arbor Day and Annual Meeting - Longboat Chapel Fellowship Hall.** This is a wonderful event provided by the LBK Garden Club for all its members. Lunch is provided. Our grant and scholarship recipients speak for a few minutes about what our support has helped them accomplish. This is a free event for members, and we encourage you to attend!

**May 1-3 – J. McLaughlin Trunk Sale at the LBK Store. 9:30 – 5:30.**

Stock up on any clothing needs. A portion of the sales goes to the LBKGC. Please support this great fund-raiser for the LBKGC!



## LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB PAST PRESIDENTS

1969-1971 .....	Thomas H. Jones
1971-1972 .....	Alfred M. Jones
1972-1974 .....	Mrs. Milton Freudenheim (Patricia Kroh)
1974-1976 .....	Josiah Child
1976-1977 .....	Mrs. Richard D. Oldham
1977-1979 .....	Richard Getman
1979-1982 .....	Mrs. George B. Vetter
1982-1984 .....	Isodene McCall
1984-1986 .....	Charles King
1986-1988 .....	Janet King
1988-1989 .....	Charles King
1989-1990 .....	Marjorie Brett
1990-1992 .....	Kit Fernald
1992-1994 .....	Dutch Arends
1994-1996 .....	Penny Rosenthal & Virginia Sanders
1996-1997 .....	Virginia Sanders
1997-1999 .....	Claire Hunter
1999-2001 .....	Jeremy T. Whatmough
2001-2003 .....	Gillian Busard Doll
2003-2005 .....	Barbara Kerwin
2005-2007 .....	Judy Williams
2007-2009 .....	Susan Landau
2009-2011 .....	Jackie Salvino
2011-2015 .....	Madelyn Spoll
2015-2023 .....	Susan Phillips
2023 – present .....	Melanie Dale

## 2024 SCHOLARSHIP, GRANTS AND BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

**The LBK Garden Club provided \$91,475 this past year in scholarships and grants supporting education of future generations in conservation, the environment and protection of our natural resources and helping non-profit environmentally focused organizations do great work conserving local natural resources.**

*We would like to thank the Danielle Family Foundation for their generous \$50,000 donation to the LBK Garden Club to support our efforts in providing college/university scholarships to students specializing in environmental studies, for youth education, specifically summer environmental camps, and the continued support of our beautification efforts on Longboat Key!*

*We would also like to thank our member, Janet Hartman, for encouraging our Club to apply for a grant from her late Father's charitable foundation. The Charles T Bauer Foundation supports scholarship awards, among other philanthropic missions. For the 7th consecutive year, our grant application was approved to award a single \$15,000 scholarship.*

*We would also like to thank Ken Schneier and Cynthia Craig for their continued generous support of our philanthropy mission with a donation of \$5,000.*

### **2024 Scholarship Awards**

The Longboat Key Garden Club awarded \$30,000 in scholarships for students studying environmental science or related fields.

#### **Tori Guarino – Florida Gulf Coast University - \$15,000 (Charles T. Bauer Foundation Scholarship Award)**

Pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Biology with minors in Environmental Education and Chemistry. Tori enjoys both lab research and field research so this combination of majors allows her to pursue both in her career in ecosystem remediation and using her expertise in botany to conduct phytoremediation. Ultimately, she plans to receive her Master's and Doctorate degree in an environmental field with an emphasis in wildlife conservation and environmental remediation.

#### **Camille Haupt – University of Florida - \$8,000**

Focusing on a degree in Biology, Biotechnology & Sustainability in order to engage in both field and lab work to protect and conserve wetlands. Camille's research experience in water quality testing, and her research project on the health of local creeks and rivers have helped her lay the groundwork for her success in this field.

**Carter Oleckna – Florida Gulf Coast University - \$5,000**

Biology major with concentration in microbiology. Following graduation, Carter plans to pursue his doctoral degree in Agricultural Sciences. His goals are conservation, and coastal plant restoration methods including the impacts of phytoremediation on improving water quality.

**Jamie McHardy – Florida Atlantic University - \$2,000**

Marine Biology as a major supports her desire to embark on research and solutions to coral bleaching and using active restoration projects such as cultivation of corals in nurseries then transplanting them back into the wild. She intends to expand her focus to seek solutions to improve ocean health globally.

**2024 Grant Awards**

The LBK Garden Club awards grants to Not-for-Profit organizations which the following objectives (1) stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; (2) preserve the natural beauty of Longboat Key and/or surrounding areas; (3) foster the preservation of our wildlife and the purity of our waters; (4) support wider environmental concerns and to educate our youth and/or adults accordingly.

The LBK Garden Club awarded 14 grants in total amount of \$45,200 to charitable organizations supporting youth education including for underserved children, edible gardens for 3 elementary schools and other important environmental organizations including Save our Seabird and the LBK Turtle Watch. *This year the LBK Garden Club also provided a one-time capital support grant for Mote Marine Laboratory supporting the Mote Science Education Aquarium.*

**Mote Marine Laboratory - \$10,000**

A one-time capital support grant in the amount of \$10,000 toward the completion of the new Mote Science Education Aquarium (Mote SEA). Currently in its final phase of construction, Mote SEA will be an unparalleled community resource. It will vastly expand the STEM educational opportunities available to K-12 students in our region. This is an extremely exciting time to invest in Mote SEA and Mote would be proud to include the Longboat Key Garden Club among its visionary supporters for this project. Mote is grateful for the Club's consideration of this request and happy to provide any additional information requested.

**Mote Marine Laboratory – \$3,300**

This is a new program that the LBKGC and Mote have collaborated on with The Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota & DeSoto County. It covers a full one-day STEM program for 20 underserved youth and includes an educational tour of marine life and coral, hands-on field exploration to investigate biodiversity and ecosystems in Sarasota Bay. Students study sea-grass beds using dip-nets in shallow water.

Finally, the program includes a boat ride to get up close to marine life to see manatees, dolphins, seahorses, crabs etc. Most of these children have never been on the water before.

#### **Mote Marine Laboratory - \$2,600**

Four (4) one-week camperships covered for underserved youth identified by Mote through direct application by families. The camp supports marine STEM education to increase educational access for individuals whom the National Science Foundation defines as being under-represented and underserved in the sciences. Includes all materials required for the program and snacks.

#### **Marie Selby Botanical Gardens - \$5,000**

The grant covers two separate full-day educational tours of Marie Selby Gardens Sarasota and then excursion by boat to Historic Spanish Point for underserved children in the community many of whom have never been on the water before. The boat holds up to 36 children and adult chaperones.

#### **Marie Selby Botanical Gardens - \$2,000**

The LBKGC grant will provide eight (8) one-week needs-based scholarships for Camp Lookout, a summer camp designed for nature lovers entering first through fifth grade. This year, the themes of the four sessions include “Flowering Artist,” “Plant Detective,” “Budding Naturalist” and “Nature Explorer”. Families apply directly to Marie Selby through a special application process.

#### **Save our Seabirds - \$7,000**

The funds will be used to refresh, repair drainage, and install additional plantings around the bioswale which was previously supported with an earlier grant from the LBKGC. The grant will also be used for new native species plantings in the entryway as well as to repaint the sidewalk and the handrails in that area. Finally, it will be used to dig up and clean out a water feature and provide plantings below an original painting by Mirald Cake, a Ringling College art student, who in 2010 was inspired by the photography of Mary Lou Johnson for the mural.

#### **Longboat Key Turtle Watch - \$3,000**

The grant money will be used to print educational materials for the annual “Flip a Switch Make a Move” campaign. Materials include table tents, coasters, window clings, chair tags, and door hangers. The grant money will also be used to pay for the Chamber Visitor Guide ad. The primary goal is to bring conservation awareness to residents and visitors about turtle season.

#### **Southside Elementary School - \$2,000**

This grant provides a weekly opportunity for students to learn in an edible garden

which is comprised of around 200 earth boxes. Lessons include growing and caring for plants, nutrition and cooking fresh vegetables, learning about pollinators and our impact on the environment. Each year, the school needs soil, fertilizer, seeds, and plants for 2 rounds of planting, as well as replacing old hoses, nozzles, and other equipment. The money will also provide additional learning materials such as books, games, educational tools for the weekly lessons in the garden.

**St. Martha's Catholic Elementary School - \$2,000**

The school would like to expand various gardens and complementary components. The school needs new soil and mulch, a new wheelbarrow and watering cans; we need to rebuild / replace some of the wood structures for our Garden Beds; add an organizer to our Garden Shed; purchase jars for Pesto Sauce, new seeds and plants to add to our Gardens; and continue to add new garden-related educational materials for the School Library and STREAM Class projects. Grades P3 through 8th Grade benefit from the garden which provides students with new and unique, hands-on learning experiences that go beyond the traditional classroom and give them skills they can carry with them throughout their lives.

**Longboat Key Center for Healthy Living - Paradise Center - \$1,000**

The purpose of the 2024 grant is to continue to maintain the garden beds and add more planting cycles throughout the year. Beneficiaries are the individuals who plant and maintain the beds – giving them a purpose and an opportunity to socialize with other garden enthusiasts. Also, Fitness Quest Physical Therapy located in The Tidewell Foundation Building has begun utilizing a portion of the garden for shoulder and arm rehabilitation.

**Florida Maritime Museum - \$3,400**

The Florida Maritime Museum is located on almost 4 acres of the Cortez Nature Preserve within the commercial fishing village of Cortez. The grant will be used to get the grounds ready for a grand re-opening and include installation of the front garden beds, the butterfly garden, and the area surrounding the horse fountain. A local native landscape donated a site visit and a plant list for the front bed. The grant will be used for the drawing, planting oversight, native plants for the south bed, rip rap to line, the north and south beds at the entrance, and mulch as well as planting around the horse fountain.

**Cortez Village Historical Society – \$1,400**

Cortez Village is a national historical district on the National Register of Historic Places and is located on the edge of the FISH Preserve, a 100+ acres site of environmentally sensitive land on Sarasota Bay. One of its missions is to educate

the public about the critical importance of a healthy Sarasota Bay for our marine life and for our local economy. The grant will be used for Phase I of a native plant-based project for the front garden area of the CVHS Cultural Center which will educate visitors about the important role of native bushes, shrubs, and grasses in holding the soil, preventing erosion, and filtering runoff before it reaches the tributaries of our watershed and Sarasota Bay.

#### **Ballard School - \$1,000**

The Ballard School would like to plant a vegetable and flower garden to teach the children how to plant, grow and sustain a food source, while developing love and respect for the earth. Funds would go for raised beds, soil, plants, seeds for flowering and edible plants. The children will take these learned skills and replicate them at home.

#### **Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast - \$1,500**

Each year since 2017, the CFGC Youth Education Program has provided hands-on nature experiences and educational programming to thousands of kids from Southwest Florida. This grant will provide 10+ outings for 15 middle school to high school youth in the Nature Journaling Program to foster skills of observation, exploration, and connection with nature.

#### **LONGBOAT KEY CAMPERSHIPS - \$4,125**

This past year, the LBK Garden Club awarded 15 camperships to children of Town residents or employees who work on LBK for them to attend Mote Marine Laboratory's summer camp for children.

#### **BEAUTIFICATION OF THE LONGBOAT KEY TOWN CENTER - \$12,150**

Grant allocated to Town Center Pavilion/Stage and entrance to Town Center Green beautification.

#### **THE LBK GARDEN CLUB MARY MILLER BOOK PROGRAM**

Since 1973, the Longboat Key Garden Club has provided nature-themed, children's books and other educational material to selected non-profit organizations. For the past several years, the LBKGC has donated \$500 each year toward books for Children's First which provides early childhood education for underserved children in Sarasota.

#### **DUES**

**Dues:** \$40 - Family Membership  
\$30 - Single Membership

## HISTORY OF THE LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB

**Founder:** Mrs. Milton Freudenheim (Patricia Kroh)

The Longboat Key Garden Club was organized in 1969 by a group of men and women whose goal was to help preserve and encourage further beautification of the Key. To date, the Club's goal remains the same, including stimulating the knowledge of gardening, encouraging the preservation of our wildlife, birds and purity of our waters.

The Club is a philanthropic, social, and eco-friendly organization which carries on a wide range of activities to implement its objectives. In the past, we have memorialized or honored the Club's founders, members who have made significant contributions, and victims of September 11, 2001.

Each Arbor Day at least one tree is planted to continue the Garden Club's goal of beautifying Longboat Key. Historically, the Garden Club has maintained various projects within Bicentennial Park, sustaining the "Butterfly Garden", and has also planted trees, and landscaped other Town parks, and public places. The Garden Club's first project was in 1970 through a contract with Arvida to clear and create a park in donated land, which created Bicentennial Park. Our early years of fundraising, the Home Tour, was for funds to create, and maintain Bicentennial Park.

At our Annual we award scholarships to students involved in environmental studies, and present grants to organizations to further the environmental purposes of the Club. Local children are funded by the Garden Club to attend Summer Camps at Mote Marine Aquarium & Laboratory, Selby Botanical Gardens, and others.

Academic scholarships are awarded upon application and selection, to junior, senior, and graduate level college students attending FL colleges studying an environmentally-related fields. Grants are made available upon application from local non-profit organizations planning to embark on environmentally-related projects.

Monthly Program meetings are open to members/guests and cover wide-ranging subjects including South American expeditions, environmental sustainability projects, coastal environmental initiatives, island conservation, wine vineyards, and other interesting topics. Fun and social, field trips are made to various regional locations which are very popular with members and guests.

The Club also hosts several social functions, and fundraising events: Traditional

Welcome Back party, Holiday Party, Wine Tasting, Valentine's Day, Taste of the Keys and Dinner & A Movie.

The members of the Longboat Key Garden Club give their support by volunteering their services for our events, and participating in our fundraisers. Our Club and the services we provide would not survive without our members.

## **LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB GOALS & CONTINUING PROJECTS**

### **Goals**

1. To stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening and to teach the special art of gardening on Longboat Key.
2. To preserve the natural beauty of Longboat Key and surrounding areas and to further enhance its' beautification.
3. To encourage the preservation of our wildlife, birds, beaches, and purity of waterways.
4. To look at wider environmental concerns, and to stimulate this learning in our youth.
5. To encourage a wider awareness of our many philanthropic activities, social events, and actively involve more members.

### **Continuing Projects**

1. Beautify Longboat Key through observing Arbor Day, and participation in the Town's annual Goals and Objectives Workshop.
2. Award scholarship(s) to worthy higher education students to study horticultural, environmental or other related subjects.
3. Provide Summer Camp scholarships to area youth, for fun, learning appreciation of nature, and the environment.
4. Donate environmental books for youth, to a non-profit organization.
5. Participate in numerous environmental and conservation concerns.
6. Organize and host our annual Longboat Key Garden Club fundraisers, to support the Club's many philanthropic activities.
7. Increase membership and encourage new leadership on Club committees.
8. Maintain Bicentennial Park Butterfly Garden.
9. Provide commemoration bricks for the Butterfly Garden.
10. Members personally support a holiday gift giving collection to benefit the youth of Childrens' First, which is a private, charitable, non-profit organization that serves over 600 of Sarasota County's most vulnerable children, birth to five years of age, and their families.



## **BUTTERFLY GARDEN**

When looking for a relaxing spot to read or rest, visit Bicentennial Park “Butterfly Garden” located at the corner of Gulf of Mexico Dr. and Bay Isles Road. You can also volunteer to help in maintenance and re-planting each year.

In 2007, a group of Garden Club members restored this garden, reestablishing the Club’s former presence in the Park. The Town of Longboat Key and Department of Public Works support is appreciated. Fundraisers and special contributions help to maintain a variety of Butterfly friendly plants and an annual Butterfly release.

Our Club sponsors orchestrates a “Butterfly Release” each year as part of the Town’s Annual Freedom Festival on July 4. Children and adults alike, love participating by freeing one of the 100+ butterflies we bring to the event.

# **LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB, INC. BYLAWS**

## **LONGBOAT KEY GARDEN CLUB, INC. BYLAWS**

Amended: January 1996, April 1997, April 2000, October, 2003

October 2010, October 2014, April 2018

### **Article I – Name**

The name of this club shall be the Longboat Key Garden Club, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the club.

### **Article II – Object**

The object of the club shall be to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among its members; to enlighten the community in the special techniques of gardening in the sandy soil of Florida; to beautify roadside plantings; to improve and preserve the beauty of Longboat Key; to encourage civic planting and to aid in the protections of native plants, wildlife and the environment.

### **Article III - Members**

**Section 1** - Membership in the club shall be comprised of persons who are residents of Longboat Key or nearby communities. There shall be two classes of membership: Family and Individual.

**Section 2** - Application for membership shall be presented in writing to the Membership Chairman. Upon payment of dues, the applicant shall become a member of the club.

**Section 3** - Members whose dues are not paid by August 1 may not be listed in the Yearbook. The Membership Chair will inform these individuals that their memberships have lapsed and that they will no longer receive communications from the club.

**Section 4** - Honorary membership may be conferred on any person who has notably promoted the purpose of this club. The name of such person shall be voted on by the Board of Directors. An honorary member shall be exempt from dues and shall be entitled to all privileges of active membership.

### **Article IV - Fiscal Year: Dues**

**Section 1** - The Fiscal year shall be from May 1 through April 30 of each year.

**Section 2** - Annual dues will be determined by the Board and are due by August 1.

## **Article V - Budget and Finance**

**Section 1** - The president, first vice president and treasurer shall constitute a Budget Committee, of which the Treasurer shall be the chairman. It shall be the duty of the Budget Committee to draw up a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and to present the same to the membership for its approval at the regular meeting in October.

**Section 2** - Obligations may be incurred and expenditures made for all budgeted activities and items upon request of the duly authorized committee chairman or officer. Expenditures may be authorized by the Board of Directors for items not budgeted provided such expenditures do not exceed \$500. But if a proposed non-budgeted expense exceeds \$500, it will be handled as follows:

- a. The item shall first be approved by the Board.
- b. The Board shall then announce the proposed item(s) to the general meeting.
- c. The membership shall then vote on the item at a general meeting.

**Section 3** - The Board of Directors may establish and maintain special funds for the promotion or enhancement of particular club projects or activities, and may accept gifts made to such purposes. The Treasurer will keep a separate accounting of all such funds.

## **Article VI - Officers**

**Section 1** - The officers will be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected and installed at the Annual Meeting to serve for up to two years and shall be eligible for re-election.

**Section 2** - The President will preside at all meetings of the club, will appoint the standing committee chairmen, and may sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer. The President will be a member ex-officio (having one vote) of all committees except the Nominating Committee; and will present a written report at the Annual meeting.

**Section 3** - The First Vice President will assist the President and will perform the duties of the President in his or her absence or inability to serve.

**Section 4** - The Second Vice President will perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and will also be chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee.

**Section 5** - The Third Vice President will perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President and will also be chairperson of the Membership Committee.

**Section 6** - The Recording Secretary will keep a record of all meetings of this organization, and will be custodian of the Bylaws and will maintain a record of all officers and committees.

**Section 7** - The Corresponding Secretary shall send notices of meetings conduct such correspondence and maintain such files as may be requested by the President or Board of Directors.

**Section 8** - The Treasurer will keep an account of all monies received and of all disbursements and issue receipts as may be necessary; will deposit all club funds in the name of the club in the bank of the club; will make disbursements in accordance with these Bylaws; will keep accurate accounts and will prepare an up-to-date financial report for presentation to the Board and membership at each Board and regular meeting of the club. A copy of the Budget shall be presented to each member at the October membership meeting.

## **Article VII - Directors**

**Section 1** - The elected officers of this club, together with the Immediate Past President and Committee Chairs, will constitute the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will transact the routine business of the club, will prescribe the duties of all committees, and may appoint special committees; and will, by majority vote, fill all vacancies in elective offices.

**Section 2** - Regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held each month unless otherwise notified.

**Section 3** - Seven (7) members of the Board will constitute a quorum.

## **Article VIII - Standing Committees: Parliamentary**

**Section 1** - There may be the following standing committees: Budget, Camps, Civic Beautification, Environmental Protection, Grants, Hospitality, Program, Publicity, Scholarship, Ways and Means, and Youth Activities. Additional committees may be established at the Board's discretion.

**Section 2** - In addition to appointing the chairpersons of the standing committees, the President will appoint a Parliamentarian, whose duty it will be to advise the President, officers and directors and other members of the club in regard to parliamentary law and procedure when requested.

**Section 3** - Each officer and committee chairperson will submit to the President, at least 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting, a written report of the activities of his or her office or committee during the preceding year and recommendations for the future

#### **Article IX - Nominations and Elections: Voting**

**Section 1** - The Nominating Committee is for the purpose of selecting the officers of the club and will consist of three (3) members. The Board of Directors at the February meeting will elect from the directors who have served on the Board at least two years, one person who will be Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. The other two members will be selected by the Chairperson from among members of the Board.

**Section 2** - The Nominating Committee will present its report at the March Board meeting.

**Section 3** - At the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor, in addition to those previously made by the Nominating Committee.

**Section 4** - Votes by proxy will not be received at any meetings; only the votes of members present will be counted. At all meetings of the club, those enrolled as Family members will be entitled to one vote each.

#### **Article X - Meetings**

**Section 1** - General membership meetings and/or programs will be held each month, October through April unless otherwise voted by the Program Committee with the approval of the President. The meeting schedule will be published in the Yearbook.

**Section 2** - Special meetings may be called by the President or by vote of the Board upon written request of 10 members of the club, allowing for sufficient notice to the membership.

**Section 3** - The regular meeting in April shall be known as the "Annual Meeting" and will be for the purpose of electing officers, installing officers, presenting awards, and

transacting any other business that may arise.

**Section 4** - Twenty (20) members will constitute a quorum at all club meetings.

#### **Article XI - Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised will govern this club in all cases to which they are applicable and which they are not inconsistent.

#### **Article XII - Amendments to Bylaws**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting at any regular meeting of the club, provided the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at the previous regular meeting or sent to each member at least one month before the meeting.

#### **Article XIII - Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of this organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501 (c) 3 and 170 (ex2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.