

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (F.A.Q.)

**1. What is the club objective or mission for Plantation Lakes Garden Club?**

To support the interests of our members and the objectives of the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs (DFGC) and National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) through activities in our club and community that promote home gardening, community beautification, floral design, horticulture, and conservation.

**2. How often does the club meet?**

The general meeting of Plantation Lakes Garden Club (PLGC) takes place at 9:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, September-June, unless otherwise specified in the club yearbook that is distributed in September. General meetings typically end before noon. The Board of Directors (Executive Officers and Committee Chairs) meet monthly at 1:30 p.m. on the Friday preceding the general meeting.

**3. Where does the club meet?**

PLGC general meetings are held at the Plantation Lakes Community Center, 29787 Plantation Lakes Boulevard, Millsboro, Delaware 19966, unless otherwise specified in the Yearbook that is distributed in September. The location for board meetings is designated by the monthly hostess.

**4. Do members have to live in Plantation Lakes?**

Membership in PLGC is limited to residents of the Plantation Lakes community in Millsboro, DE, without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

**5. How much is the dues?**

The dues is \$40 for the fiscal year, which runs from May 1 to April 30. Members who join after January 1 pay \$20. PLGC dues includes the State and National dues and operating expenses for the club. Our dues are used primarily to fund operating costs for the club, such as State and National dues, post office box, website domain, and other expenses. Participating members pay the cost of attending optional activities and events such as DFGC meetings, PLGC field trips or luncheons, and supplies for some floral design workshops.

**6. How do you fund garden club projects?**

Funds for garden club projects are raised by members through activities under the leadership of our Ways and Means Committee or other committees. Spring and Fall plant sales are the primary resource for our fundraising. Other potential sources of revenue include grants, special events, financial support from major stakeholders in the community and advertisers. Members are encouraged to support and promote our fundraising efforts.

**7. Is PLGC sponsored by, or under the umbrella of, any business or organization?**

PLGC is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC), Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs (DFGC), and Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs (CAR-SGC). We are not affiliated with any other entity.

**8. Why Join a Garden Club affiliated with National Garden Clubs Inc.?**

You will enjoy unlimited opportunities for learning and networking with others who share our interests in gardening, landscaping, flower arranging, horticulture, conservation, and community beautification. By adopting the objectives and projects of these organizations, our members are spared from many hours of organizational time so we can focus on the interests of our club and members, including local activities and projects of our choice.

**9. How do I become a member?**

Visit [PlantationLakesGardenClub.org](http://PlantationLakesGardenClub.org) to learn more about our programs, projects, and activities. If you would like to attend one of our meetings, please R.S.V.P by using the contact form on the JOIN page of our website. You will become a member at your third consecutive meeting upon receipt by the club of a PLGC membership application, signed media release, membership pledge, participation in a committee of your choice and payment of dues. If there are no vacancies at the third consecutive meeting, a prospective member will be placed on a wait list until a vacancy occurs. At this time, there is no waiting list.

Currently, there is a provision in our Standing Rules that three hours of participation in a garden club project or attendance at a DFGC meeting and program may be substituted for any one of these meetings, upon approval by the Board.

**10. Does a current PLGC member have to sponsor me for membership?**

No sponsorship is required for membership. If you satisfy the requirements specified in #9 above and believe you are a good fit for our club, we trust your judgement.

**11. Can I join PLGC if I belong to another NGC garden club?**

A member of another NGC garden club may join PLGC through the process listed in #9 above.

**12. Is the contact information of members shared with anyone?**

Members' contact information is considered privileged information and is shared only with PLGC members and the Membership Chair of NGC, DFGC, and CAR-SGC.

**13. Are there any minimal requirements for participation by PLGC members?**

Members must support and promote the objectives and activities of PLGC, pay annual dues, attend five or more general meetings per fiscal year, and participate in a committee of their choice. Unofficial, but expected: *Have fun, try new things, make friends, and share your own experience and expertise with other club members.*

**14. Will I have an opportunity to read the PLGC Bylaws and Standing Rules before joining?**

PLGC Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Committee Descriptions are available on our website under the MEMBER tab to read at any time. Prospective members receive a membership application and media release, Frequently Asked Questions, and our membership pledge at the first meeting. Prospective members are encouraged to attend an orientation session conducted by a current PLGC member.

**15. Does the club have a website?**

We are very proud of our award-winning website, [PlantationLakesGardenClub.org](http://PlantationLakesGardenClub.org) and our Facebook page, [facebook.com/PlantationLakesGardenClub/](https://facebook.com/PlantationLakesGardenClub/). Please visit them often to learn more about our club, our members, our activities, and other things of interest. Our affiliates: DFGC: [DelawareGardenClubs.org](http://DelawareGardenClubs.org), CAR-SGC [CAR-SGC.org](http://CAR-SGC.org), NGC: [GardenClub.org](http://GardenClub.org)