

PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The purpose of Provisional Membership is to allow a prospective member to understand fully the requirements of CGC membership before she is elected to Active Membership. It also allows the membership of the Club to become acquainted with the Provisional Member before she assumes the responsibilities of Active Membership. Acceptance of the invitation to become a Provisional Member is a commitment to fulfilling the requirements of the Provisional Program.

The Provisional Member Program

The Provisional Member Program is designed to introduce our Provisional Members to the work done by a number of our committees. The intent is for this to be a learning process and an opportunity to try new things. Every Provisional Member will be assigned a mentor who will guide her through the Provisional Program. The following requirements of this program are expected to be completed in two years or less:

1. Attend a minimum of four monthly Programs each year (March through October).
2. Participate in the Club's civic gardening projects (one hour a week working on a team for one month).
3. Serve on the Conservation Committee.
4. Exhibit in at least one Horticulture, one Photography and one Design Show during the year(s).
5. Assist in setting up a Horticulture, Photography or Design Show or serve as an assistant clerk for a Horticulture, Photography or Design Show.
6. Participate in two workshops in two of the following areas: Conservation, Design (flower arranging), Horticulture, and Photography.
7. The Membership Committee in its discretion may waive a particular requirement in light of a Provisional Member's overall contributions to the club.

Procedures for Proposing a

Provisional Candidate

1. An Active or Sustaining Member may propose or second a candidate for membership.
2. When an Active or Sustaining Member wishes to propose a Provisional Candidate, she should discuss with the Membership Chair the procedures and obtain from her the Provisional Membership Application Form. The ability of the candidate to fulfill both the requirements of the Provisional Program and of Active Membership must be considered. A candidate must have a one-year residency in the Cohasset area prior to June 30th of the year of proposal. An exception to the one-year residency requirement, provided that there is an applicable opening, may be considered for a candidate who was a member of another GCA club where she has demonstrated an exceptional interest and enjoyed an active, participatory membership.
3. After discussion with the Membership Chair, if the club member wishes to proceed with the proposal, a completed Provisional Membership Application Form and at least one seconding letter must be sent to the Membership Chair by June 30th. No candidate may be proposed or seconded by a relative.
4. It is the responsibility of the proposer and seconder to ensure that the members of the Membership Committee meet their candidate. It is also advisable that as many members as possible of the Executive Committee meet the candidate as well.
5. Under no circumstances shall a proposed member be informed that she is being considered for membership. This is a confidential process.