

# LOUISIANA STATE HORTICULTURE SOCIETY

## CONSTITUTION

**Preamble:** “One of the many intoxicating elements of Horticulture is its inexhaustible diversity”.

We, the members of this Louisiana State Horticulture Society, having a desire and purpose to promote, encourage, and foster the development and improvement of Horticulture in the State of Louisiana, hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of forming a State Horticulture Society, and do obtain and establish this Constitution.

### **Article 1 – Name:**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the:  
**Louisiana State Horticulture Society.**

Section 2. The registered address of this organization shall be: 163 Julian C. Miller Hall,  
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803

### **Article II – Purpose and Objectives:**

Section 1. To promote, encourage, and foster the development and improvement of Horticulture and public interest therein, by all suitable and appropriate means in the State of Louisiana.

Section 2. To bring interesting personalities to its meetings in their field of expertise on a wide variety of horticultural subjects.

Section 3. To publish a Journal as the official organ of the Society to express the events, views, and interest of its members.

Section 4. To collect, compile, and publish information or literature concerning horticultural subjects and interest.

Section 5. To provide a meeting forum for discerning horticulturists, among professional, industry and non-professional.

Section 6. To promote and support horticultural research and development.

Section 7. To recognize outstanding service rendered in behalf of horticulture in Louisiana.

### **Article III – Length of Existence:**

Section 1. This organization shall exist in perpetuity unless unable to do so, at which time it may be dissolved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

### **Article IV – Non-Profit Status:**

Section 1. The purpose as stated above shall be limited to such activities as are permissible for tax exemption under Section 501 of this Internal Revenue Code of 1954. No part of the Society's monies or securities are to be vested in any way to the benefit of any private member or members.

**Article V – Membership:**

Section 1. Membership in the Louisiana State Horticulture Society shall be open to any person or organization interested in the objectives of the Society. The various types of memberships shall be set forth and described in the By-Laws.

**Article VI – Dues:**

Section 1. Dues for the different types of membership shall be set by the Board of Directors and may be changed from time to time as needed and defined by the By-Laws.

**Article VII – Officers:**

Section 1. The number, qualifications, terms of office, manner of election, powers and duties of the members of the Board of Directors shall be as prescribed by the By-Laws.

Section 2. The officers of the Board of Directors shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

**Article VIII – Meetings:**

Section 1. The time, place and manner of giving notice and conduction meetings shall be prescribed by the By-Laws.

**Article XIX – By-Laws:**

Section 1. The Constitution hereinabove set forth shall be clearly defined by the By-Laws.

**Article X – Amendments:**

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members in attendance at the annual meeting of the Society.

**Article XI – Dissolution:**

Section 1. Upon the dissolution of the Society, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making payment provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Society, dispose of all the assets of the Society to such organization or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall, at the time, qualify as an exempt organization or organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the Parish in which the principal office of the Society is the located, exclusively in the same manner indicated above to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.