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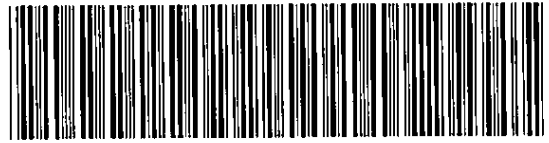
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Department of State
Division of Corporations
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SUBJECT: Florida Flower Show Judges, District I Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

\$70.00
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\$78.75
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& Certified Copy

\$87.50
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Kathryn Spicker
Name (Printed or typed)

1530 Royal Palm Drive
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Niceville, FL 32578
City, State & Zip

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kspicker3@gmail.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Florida Flower Show Judges, District I, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Principal <u>street</u> address:	Mailing address, if different is:
<u>5256 Alabama Street</u>	_____
<u>Milton, FL 32570</u>	_____
_____	_____

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: To maintain a superior standard of flower show judging by meeting the requirements for Judges' Good Standing by continually educating judges holding National Garden Clubs, Inc. accreditation.

Educational opportunities are provided through supporting flower shows, flower show schools and symposia, and by presenting programs on floral design, horticulture, botanical arts and flower show procedure. Furthermore, this organization capitalizes on opportunities to educate the public and recruit those interested in becoming judges. The meetings shall include stimulating programs enough business to keep the organization running smoothly, opportunities to exhibit show-quality designs or horticulture specimens for credit, and a chance to practice evaluating and judging skills.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: By majority votes

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title: <u>Kathryn Spieker, Director</u>	Name and Title: <u>Jennifer Weber, Past Director</u>
Address: <u>1530 Royal Palm Drive</u>	Address: <u>9900 Norman Riley Road</u>
<u>Niceville, FL 32578</u>	<u>Holt, FL 32564</u>
_____	_____
Name and Title: <u>Judy Keliher, Secretary</u>	Name and Title: <u>Ann Crawford, Treasurer</u>
Address: <u>2022 Downing Drive</u>	Address: <u>1201 Knollwood Dr</u>
<u>Pensacola, FL 32505</u>	<u>Cantonment, FL 32533</u>
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ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

The **name and Florida street address** (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name: Kathryn Spieker
Address: 1530 Royal Palm Drive
Niceville, FL 32578

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

Name: Jennifer Weber
Address: 9900 Norman Riley Road
Holt, FL 32564

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ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE:

Effective date, if other than the date of filing: _____ (OPTIONAL)

(If an effective date is listed, the date must be specific and cannot be more than five days prior or 90 days after the filing.)

Note: If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity

Kathryn Spieker
Required Signature of Registered Agent

2/24/23
Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

Jennifer Weber
Required Signature of Incorporator

24Feb23
Date

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January 2023

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this organization shall be Florida Flower Show Judges, District I, Inc., hereinafter called "FFSJ District I, Inc."

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be to maintain a superior standard of flower show judging by meeting the requirements for Judges' Good Standing by continually educating Judges holding National Garden Clubs, Inc. accreditation. Educational opportunities are provided through supporting flower shows, flower show schools and symposia, and by presenting programs on floral design, horticulture, botanical arts and flower show procedure. Furthermore, this organization capitalizes on opportunities to educate the public and recruit those interested in becoming judges.

The meetings shall include stimulating programs, enough business to keep the organization running smoothly, opportunities to exhibit show-quality designs or horticulture specimens for credit, and a chance to practice evaluating and judging skills. FFSJ District I, Inc. shall abide by the directions of Florida Flower Show Judges and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

SECTION 1.

Refer to Chapter 12 beginning on page 113 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Revised 2017 or current edition, and any published changes, for definitions and requirements for levels of flower show judges.

The members of this organization shall be:

a. Judges in "Good Standing" who pay dues to FFSJ, District I, Inc. and are active members of garden clubs belonging to the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., or a National Garden Club, Inc., or affiliated club in another state or country.

1. Student Judge
2. Accredited Judge
3. Accredited-Life Judge
4. Accredited-Master Judge
5. Emeritus Master Judge

b. Lapsed judges- Judges who have lapsed less than four (4) years from their "Good Standing" date and who are actively seeking reinstatement may retain membership in FFSJ, District I, Inc. by paying biennial dues. Lapsed judges are not eligible to vote. A judge who has lapsed more than four (4) years loses all judging status and membership in FFSJ District I, Inc..

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1.

District officers shall be a Director, Assistant Director, Secretary/Credentials and Treasurer. These elected or appointed FFSJ District I, Inc. Officers make up the FFSJ District I Executive Committee. Only active members in 'good standing' are eligible to hold office. The District's boundaries shall conform with those of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. The immediate former Director shall serve as Advisor.

SECTION 2. All officers shall be elected in the odd-numbered year. The term of office shall be for two (2) years. No officer shall be eligible for two (2) consecutive terms in the same office except the Treasurer and Secretary. One half (1/2) term or more shall be considered a term.

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- b. Present a financial report at all FFSJ District I meetings; she shall furnish copies of the report to the Director and Secretary.
- c. S/he shall endeavor to keep dues current, keeping a set of books showing accurate records of receipts and disbursements. S/he shall pay all approved receipted bills, stipends, and honorariums. Authorized signature on checks shall be the Treasurer or Director.
- d. Serve as Chairman of the Budget-Finance committee and submit an estimated budget for approval by the membership at the September meeting in the odd-numbered years.
- e. Turn over all financial records to the incoming Treasurer at the end of an administration.
- f. If unable to complete their term of office, the Treasurer shall provide all financial records to the in-house Financial Review Committee.
- g. File taxes annually. Maintain record of TIN and 501 C-3
- h. The membership list of the FFSJ shall be retained for the use of this organization only.
- i. Any expenditure over three hundred (\$300.00), not in accordance with the budget, shall require approval of the membership. An amendment to the budget will be required.

SECTION 5.

The Parliamentarian shall advise the Director in accordance with the By-laws of FFSJ District I, Standing Rules and *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. S/he shall determine a quorum at District meetings, which will be a majority of Accredited members (one-half plus one).

SECTION 6.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate former Director. The Parliamentarian shall attend meetings in an advisory capacity.

The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Be responsible for transaction of necessary business between regular meetings and business referred to it and shall make a complete report of its actions to the membership.
- b. Approve appointments by the Director.
- c. Fill vacancies in offices with the exception of the office of Director
- d. The Executive Committee shall meet on the CALL of the Director and shall meet upon the written request of the members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

SECTION 1.

FFSJ District 1 shall meet 4 times a year in September, November, February, and April

SECTION 2. Members shall attend FFSJ District I meetings a minimum of twice yearly (NOTE: if offered, attending a Virtual meeting will count as attendance). Absences should be explained with a notification to the Director.

SECTION 3.

Special meetings may be called by the President or may be called at the request of members representing at least one half (1/2) of the membership.

SECTION 4.

Meetings of the Executive Committee or other Standing committees may be called by the Director or committee chairman.

SECTION 5.

FFSJ District I Officers and Committees are authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications so long as the members may simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting.

SECTION 6.

Non-members of FFSJ District I shall be admitted by invitation only; they may not vote.

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ARTICLE XI: DUES

SECTION 1.

The Biennial dues shall be collected by the Treasurer no later than March 30 of the odd-numbered year. Those members joining during the interim year shall pay prorated dues. Dues shall be payable at the February meeting or by mail prior to the March 30 deadline.

SECTION 2.

Members shall, at the time of paying dues, furnish the Treasurer with the following information: FFGC Garden Club membership, current date of Judges' Good Standing date and number of meetings attended during the current year.

SECTION 3.

An in-house Financial review Committee, appointed by the Director, shall review the financial records of FFSJ District I at the end of an administration and report their findings at the Fall meeting. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, the Committee shall review the financial records of FFSJ District I before the vacancy is filled.

SECTION 4.

- a. The Fiscal year of FFSJ District I, Inc. shall be from January 1st through December 31st.
- b. The funds of FFSJ District I, Inc. shall be derived from the payment of biennial dues and such other sources as the Executive committee, with the vote of the membership, may authorize.
- c. FFSJ District I funds shall be used for flower show schools, symposia, flower shows at the local and state level and other expenses of FFSJ District I as authorized by the membership.

ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Florida Flower Show Judges, District I, Inc. shall be turned over to the Florida Flower Show Judges, a 501 (C)-(3), with a request that it be used for educational purposes, preferably in flower shows, flower show schools and symposia.

The Florida Flower Show Judges, District I, Inc. , notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws, agrees not to carry on any other activities which are not permitted an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal revenue law.

ARTICLE XIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised*, 12th edition, shall govern the proceedings of FFSJ District I in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

The bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided amendments shall have been presented at least four (4) weeks prior to the-meeting.

SECTION 2.

Without such notice, the bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a unanimous vote.

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FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

From time to time FFSJ District I, Inc. will host a flower show school series.....

RULE 1. At least five (5) months prior to the first Flower Show School course, the Flower Show Series Chairman shall submit a complete and balanced budget for all four courses to the Flower Show Schools Chairman for approval. After approval, the budget shall be forwarded to the FFSJ Budget-Finance Committee for approval, the approved budget shall be forwarded to the FFSJ President and the FFGC Finance Committee.

RULE 2. The Flower Show Series Chairman may submit a request to the FFSJ Budget-Finance Committee for an advance of up to \$500.

RULE 3. Following completion of each Flower Show School course, a financial statement shall be submitted to the Flower Show Schools Chairman for review. The reviewed financial statement will then be forwarded to the FFSJ President and the FFGC Finance Committee. If a profit is realized over the advanced amount when all courses are completed, the advanced amount shall be returned to FFSJ.

FLOWER SHOWS

From time to time FFSJ District I, Inc. will hold a flower show.....

RULE 1. The Chairman shall be appointed by the FFSJ District I Director with approval from membership.

RULE 2. The Flower Show Chairman will appoint all committee chairmen and serve as an ex officio member of all committees.

RULE 3. A Balanced budget shall be presented to the members of FFSJ District I; a Budget vs. Actual financial report will be given at the close of the Flower Show and included with the final report.

RULE 4. The Flower Show Chairman and all committees will conform to the requirements and duties as written in *The Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 edition and all changes printed/posted in *The National Gardener* magazine of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

OTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS OR SPONSORSHIPS

From time to time the FFSJ District I, Inc. may host a large fundraising event or sponsor an event being hosted by some other organization

RULE 1. Chairman shall be appointed by the FFSJ District I, Inc. Director with the approval of the membership; other chairmen shall be named as needed for the event.

RULE 2. A balanced budget shall be prepared and presented to the membership for approval; a Budget vs. Actual financial report will be given at the close of the event and included with the final report of the event.

RULE 3. FFSJ District I, Inc. may vote to **sponsor** a speaker, program, or workshop at the state or regional level (at a convention, annual FFSJ Meeting of other FFSJ special program) with donation toward such event not to exceed \$500.

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

RULE 1. The President should be reimbursed expenses incurred pertaining to the office, but those expenses should not exceed the budgeted amounts.

RULE 2. All expenses incurred by officers or chairmen must be substantiated by receipts, which must be submitted to the treasurer no later than 30 days following the April meeting, at end of each administration.

RULE 3. Memorials for deceased active or Emeritus members will be an appropriate remembrance not to exceed \$50.

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