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

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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

Martha Goff

1468-3 Park Shore Circle

239-275-5960 Daytime Telephone number

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

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

June 25, 2002

MARTHA GOFF 1468-3 PARK SHORE CIRCLE FT MYERS, FL 33901

SUBJECT: BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

Ref. Number: W02000018543

We have received your document for BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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BONSAI SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

ARTICLE I: CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida, Inc.

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: Lee County, Florida. Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida, Inc., PO Box 2691, Ft. Myers, FL 33902.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

This organization is declared to be an education organization whose prime purposes are as follows:

- 1. To advance the education of its members and the general public in the aesthetic, historic, scientific, business and social features of the art of Bonsai.
- To promote the knowledge, interest, appreciation and enjoyment of the art of Bonsai on the part of its members and the general public.
- 3. To hold meetings and exhibitions in the furtherance of these purposes.

ARTICLE IV. MANNER OF ELECTION

OFFICERS:

Election of officers shall be held at the November meeting with induction of officers at the January meeting. The president shall appoint a nominating committee of three members to submit a slate of candidates for all offices. The slate shall be presented to the membership at the November meeting. Any member shall retain the right to nominate candidates for an office from the floor. Such nominations from the floor must be seconded before being included in the balloting. Voting shall be done by ballot and a majority rules.

DIRECTORS:

There shall be three directors serving in an advisory capacity. Directors are appointed by the previous year's officers and directors. One director must be the immediate past president and the other two directors are chosen from the membership. Directors are chosen to serve a one year term and are eligible for reappoint each year.

ARTICLE V: INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

President

Martha Goff

1468-3 Park Shore Circle

Ft. Myers, FL 33901

Vice-President

Robert Leopold 205 Bayshore Dr.

Cape Coral, FL 33904

Secretary

Sandy Thornburg 901 SE 33rd St.

Cape Coral, FL 33904

Treasurer

Harry Hetrick

16796 Church Dr.

North Ft. Myers, FL 33917

Director

Judith Gore

1334 Gasparilla Dr. Ft. Myers, FL 33901

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Director

Celestine Luke

661 Anchor Dr.

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Director

Sanibel, FL 33957 Virginia Boka

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ARTICLE VI: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

Harry Hetrick 16796 Church Dr.

North Ft. Myers, FL 33917

ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATOR

Martha Goff 1468-3 Park Shore Circle Ft. Myers, FL 33901

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.

Signature/Registered Agent

Signature/Incorporator

Date

Date