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Articles of Incorporation

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The undersigned incorporators, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Island & Village of Geneva Rural Heritage Center, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business: Museum of Geneva History, 165 First Street, Seminole County, Florida. *Geneva 32732*

The mailing address of the corporation shall be:

Island & Village of Geneva Rural Heritage Center, Inc.
PO Box 91
Geneva, Florida 32732

ARTICLE III PURPOSES

- A. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

C. The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- (a) To encourage nature and humanity to live in harmony within a rural lifestyle.
- (b) To create and disseminate a grassroots vision of Rural Heritage from the community via workshops, expert panels, civic committees and publications.
- (c) To coordinate with partnering Geneva Associations such as the Geneva Citizens Association, Geneva Historical & Genealogical Society, Schools, Churches etc. in mutually beneficial efforts that bring the community together.
- (d) To provide educational programs, events and exhibitions to promote the importance of Rural Heritage to the Central Florida Region.
- (e) To establish research initiatives that investigate the breadth and depth of rural heritage for The Island and Village of Geneva Rural Heritage Area.
- (f) To participate in public policy decisions and to provide a voice for the rural constituency of Central Florida.
- (g) To partner with civic, academic, and commercial leaders in cultural affairs to protect preserve and promote the fragile, living legacy of Rural Heritage within its community, historical landmarks, educational institutions and natural lands.
- (h) To guide the economic development of the Rural Heritage Area that is appropriate to enrich the Rural Lifestyle.
- (i) To share knowledge and resources to strengthen partnerships with other local, national and international heritage associations that promote Rural Heritage.
- (j) To brand and promote The Island and Village of Geneva Rural Heritage Area and Center by recruiting volunteers, sponsors and

fundraising in order to be a self-sustaining community asset of Geneva.

- (k) To seek recognition, support and funding from local, regional, state and national levels.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

The officers and directors of the corporation shall be members of the corporation presented by a nominating committee and voted upon by the membership at the annual meeting in January of each year. The officers and directors shall hold office for the period of one year or until their qualified successors are elected.

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Christopher Stapleton
1255 Saratoga Lane
Geneva, FL 32732
President

Shelly Sloan
135 Whitcomb Drive
Geneva, FL 32732
Vice President

Richard Creedon
1172 Apache Drive
Geneva, FL 32732
Director

**ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET
ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent is:

Christopher Stapleton
1255 Saratoga Lane
Geneva, FL 32732

ARTICLE VII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

No person, firm, or corporation shall receive any dividends or profits from the undertaking of this corporation and upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose, and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer, or trustee of this corporation.

ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

The name and the address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

Mary Jo Martin
PO Box 1188
1450 Lake Harney Road
Geneva, FL 32732



Signature of Incorporator



Date

Having been named as registered agent and 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.

Christopher Stapleton

Registered Agent



Signature/Registered Agent

1/14/08

Date

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