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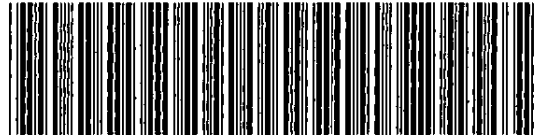
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Central Florida Bonsai Club Inc  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Central Florida Bonsai Club Inc.  
Name (Printed or typed)  
c/o Sandra Racinski  
1039 BRAEMAR DR  
Address  
WINTER PARK FL 32792  
City, State & Zip  
407-497-6145  
Daytime Telephone number

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

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

## **Central Florida Bonsai Club, Inc. A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the purposes set forth below:

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Name of Corporation**

The name of the corporation is Central Florida Bonsai Club, Inc.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Principal Office and Mailing Address**

The principal office of the corporation is located at 1039 Braemar Drive, Winter Park, Florida 32792. The mailing address of the corporation is 1039 Braemar Drive, Winter Park, Florida 32792.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Corporate Purposes**

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, educational and scientific and consist of the following:

1. To provide educational services and activities promoting the art of bonsai throughout Central Florida.
2. To provide members the opportunities to watch bonsai masters at work, to participate in hands-on workshops, and to share in the friendly companionship of other bonsai enthusiasts.
3. To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions, or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
4. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, association, trusts, institution, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
5. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively charitable and educational purposes in such a manner that the Corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

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**ARTICLE IV**  
**Duration/Membership**

The duration of corporate existence is perpetual until dissolution. The qualification, if any, for members, and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the bylaws.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Board of Directors**

The method of selection of the Board of Directors and number of directors shall be stated in the bylaws. The names and titles of the persons who are on the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Address</u>
Adam Lavigne	President	1107 3rd St, Orlando FL 32824
Steve Smith	Vice President	113 W Oakland Ave, Oakland, FL 34670
Sandra Racinski	Treasurer	1039 Braemar Dr, Winter Park FL 32792
Adam Lavigne	Corresponding Secretary	1107 3 <sup>rd</sup> St, Orlando FL 32824
Elizabeth Hoagg	Recording Secretary	320 E. Chester Street, Clermont, FL 34711

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Registered Agent**

The name of the registered agent of the corporation is Sandra Racinski. The address of this registered agent is 1039 Braemar Drive, Winter Park, Florida 32792.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Incorporator**

The name and address of the incorporator is: Adam Lavigne, 1107 3rd St, Orlando, Florida 32824.

**501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS**

1. **CORPORATE PURPOSES:** Notwithstanding any other provision of these 7 articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state 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.

2. **EXCLUSIVITY:** The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

3. **NO PRIVATE INUREMENT:** The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be

operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

4. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS: No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

5. DISSOLUTION: Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

6. "PRIVATE FOUNDATION" PROVISIONS: In the event this Corporation is considered to be a "Private Foundation" by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under provisions of the United States Code the following provisions apply:

a.) The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

b.) The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

c.) The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

d.) The Corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

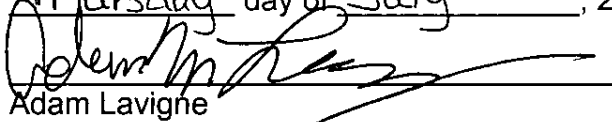
e.) The Corporation will not make taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## INDEMNIFICATION

Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors or administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

#### EXECUTION

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporator this 24th Thursday day of July, 2008.

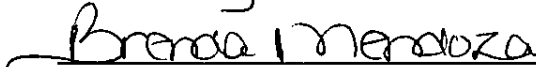
  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Adam Lavigne who is either personally known to me or who produced a valid Florida Driver's license, executed the foregoing instrument as incorporator (or the agent of the incorporator) and acknowledged before me that he or she executed the same.

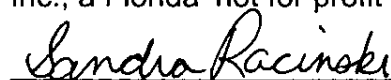
WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 24th day of July, 2008.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
My Commission Expires:



#### REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for Central Florida Bonsai Club, Inc., a Florida 'not for profit' corporation.

  
Sandra Racinski  
7-24-2008  
Date