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# **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: Family and Friends of Artists' Gardens and Stable, Inc.

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

\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate

FROM:

16047 Psenka Street Brooksville, FL 34604 352-796-9702

NOTE: Original and one copy of the articles are provided.



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

, October 22, 2008

RICHARD M. RITCHIE 1460 WILLOW CREEK TERR. SPRING HILL, FL 34606

SUBJECT: FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ARTISTS' GARDENS AND STABLES,

INC.

Ref. Number: W08000048564

We have received your document for FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ARTISTS' GARDENS AND STABLES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 607.0120(6)(b), or 617.0120(6)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that articles of incorporation be executed by an incorporator.

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

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

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6995.

Wanda Cunningham Regulatory Specialist II New Filing Section

Letter Number: 708A00054708

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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

#### **ARTICLE I NAME**

THE THE PARTY OF T The name of the Corporation shall be Family and Friends of Artists' Gardens and Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II** PRINCIPAL OFFICE

16047 Psenka Street, Brooksville, FL 34604

#### ARTICLE III **PURPOSE**

To raise funds for and provide manpower support for the programs and facilities of Artists' Gardens and Stable.

#### **ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS**

Directors of the corporation, of which there shall be six. Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation which will be held on the second Tuesday of November each year with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer of Artists' Gardens and Stables which shall be an ex-officio Director. Elected directors shall serve a three (3) year term. The first election of Directors will be held on November 11, 2008 in the meeting room at Artists' Gardens and Stable at 16047 Psenka Street, Brooksville, FL 34604, starting at 10:00AM EST. At this organizational meeting one Director will be elected for a one year term, two Directors will be elected for a two year term and two Directors will be elected for a three year term. Thereafter all Directors will be elected for a three year term. The Directors thus elected shall immediately organize the Board of Directors by electing a President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. Officers thus elected shall serve a term of one year. The election of new officers shall be conducted each year immediately after the election of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to conduct all the business of the Corporation including but not limited to setting dues, establishing the calendar for membership meetings and Board of Director Meetings, establishing a bank account for the Corporation, approving program and grant applications, and approval of all expenditures.

#### ARTICLE V **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be open to any individual, organization or company interested in Artists' Gardens and Stable upon the completion of the membership application form and the payment of the annual dues. Each dues paying member shall be entitled to cast one vote for each director position open at each Annual Meeting. Members in good standing shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Board of Directors and to speak at such meetings under the ground rules established by the Board of Directors. Board Meetings will be conducted according to Roberts

Rules of Order for small groups.

### ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Unless otherwise established by the Board of Directors the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month in the meeting room of Artists' Gardens and Stable at 10:00 AM. There shall be a minimum of eight meetings per calender year. In the event that the Board should change the day, time or location of a meeting notice shall be given to the members at least two weeks prior to such meeting. The Board President may call Special Meetings of the Board as circumstance may dictate. Notice of such Special Meetings shall be posted on the Bulletin Board at Artists' Gardens and Stable at least twenty four hours prior to any such meeting.

## ARTICLE VII DUES

Initially annual dues shall be \$12.00 per family, individual, organization or company. Dues are payable in January each year and my be pro rated. The Board of Directors shall establish the dues amount at the Annual Meeting each November to take affect the following January.

## ARTICLE VIII ASSETS

No part of the earnings or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors officers or other private person, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## ARTICLE IX Dissolution of the Corporation

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated

exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE X INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

Richard M. Ritchie 1460 Willow Creek Terrace Spring Hill, FL 34606 352-684-0826

#### **ARTICLE XI INCORPORATOR**

Richard M. Ritchie 1460 Willow Creek Terrace Spring Hill, FL 34606 352-684-0826

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 10/18/2008

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