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Department of State
Division of Corporations
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SUBJECT: Suwannee Valley Regional Arts Initiative, Inc.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

EFFECTIVE DATE
4-16-96

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

☐ \$70.00 ☐ \$78.75 ☐ \$122.50 ☒ \$131.25

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

FROM: Michele S. Marshall
Name (Printed or typed)

915 N. Marion Street
Address

Lake City, FL 32055
City, State & Zip

(904) 961-9922
Daytime Telephone number

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4/8/96

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*Michele Marshall gave
auth by phone to correct
the effective date.
4/19/96*

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

April 8, 1996

MICHELE S. MARSHALL
915 N MARION STREET
LAKE CITY, FL 32055

SUBJECT: SUWANNEE VALLEY REGIONAL ARTS INITIATIVE, INC.
Ref. Number: W96000007480

We have received your document for SUWANNEE VALLEY REGIONAL ARTS INITIATIVE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$131.25. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The effective date is not acceptable since it is not within five working days of the date of receipt.

The document must include an original signature of the registered agent.

Please return 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 (904) 487-6923.

Doris McDuffie
Corporate Specialist Supervisor

Letter Number: 496A00015861

Returned 4/17/96

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SUWANNEE VALLEY REGIONAL ARTS INITIATIVE
INC.

EFFECTIVE DATE
4-16-96

FILED
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CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
SUWANNEE VALLEY REGIONAL ARTS INITIATIVE

The undersigned do hereby make, subscribe and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida, such corporation to be effective as of April 16, 1996.

(A) The name of this not-for-profit corporation shall be Suwannee Valley Regional Arts Initiative, Inc.

(B) This Corporation is organized solely for the purpose of educating, promoting, preserving, revitalizing, and improving the cultural, moral, artistic and expressive traditions of the artistic folk-life resources in the Suwannee Valley Region of North Central Florida. This Corporation is a corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and is to be a Corporation not-for-profit within the meaning of Chapter 617.

(C) Any person interested in the purposes of this Corporation, who shall pay the annual or other dues and charges which may be fixed from time to time by the by-laws, shall become a member of the Corporation. Admission shall be granted by vote of the Executive Board and the General Membership.

(D) This Corporation shall exist perpetually.

(E) The names and residences of subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

NAMES
Michele S. Marshall

Paula J. Davis

Terry Ann Auger

Carolee Jandreau

ADDRESSES
Rt. 5, Box 629
Lake City, Fl. 32024

P.O. Box 3352
Lake City, Fl. 32025

2200 W. Grandview Ave.
Lake City, Florida 32025

Rt. 3, Box 32283
Ft. White, Fl. 32038

(F) The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed, subject to the supervision of the Executive Board of Directors, by the Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers will be elected at the annual meeting of the Executive Board of Directors to be held each year in January.

(G) The names and addresses of the officers of the Corporation are as follows:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
Michele S. Marshall	Rt. 5, Box 629 Lake City, Fl. 32024
Paula J. Davis	P.O. Box 3352 Lake City, Fl. 32056
Terry Ann Auger	2200 W. Grandview Ave. Lake City, Fl. 32025
Carolee Jandreau	Rt. 3, Box 32283 Ft. White, Fl. 32028

These executive officers of the Board of Directors shall serve until the first annual meeting of the members in January 1997, at which time the Directors shall be elected by the General Membership.

The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven individuals. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased by the by-laws, but shall never be less than nine (9). The Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members each year in January. The names and addresses of the Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
Michele S. Marshall	Rt. 5, Box 629 Lake City, Fl. 32024
Paul J. Davis	P.O. Box 3352 Lake City, Fl. 32056
Terry Ann Auger	2200 W. Grandview Ave. Lake City, Fl. 32025
John Shoemaker	603 E. St. Johns St. Lake City, Fl. 32055
Carolee Jandreau	Rt. 3, Box 32283 Ft. White, Fl. 32038

Larry Glackin

130 N. Marion Street
Lake City, Fl. 32025

Jenne Van Spijker Maillet

Rt. 1, Box 130
Alachua, Fl. 32615

Dr. Carole Law Trachy

Rt. 8, Box 737-5
Lake City, Fl. 32055-9074

Jean V. Richardson

P.O. Box 1814
Lake City, Fl. 32056

These Directors shall serve until the first annual meeting of the members at which time the Directors shall be elected.

(II) The corporation shall maintain its office at 915 North Marion Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. The location of its principal office may be changed by its by-laws.

(I) The specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is to educate the citizens of our community with regard to the arts and culture; provide a center for art education and cultural awareness programs, to nurture and develop the creative talents of our citizens; to assist in the preservation of those expressive traditions that are unique to our cultural heritage; and promote the artistic resources in the North Central Florida region, and also:

1. To make and perform contracts of any kind and description for the purpose of attaining any of the objectives of the corporation; to do and perform any other act or thing; to exercise any and all powers which a co-partnership or natural person could do and exercise and which are now or hereafter may be authorized by law, and generally to do and perform any an all things necessary or incident to the performing and carrying out of the powers hereinafter specifically delegated or implied.

2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, to operate exclusively for such charitable, educational, or other purposes as will qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as a tax-exempt organization under that Code. This corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt from federal income tax under the above-described statute.

3. The corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by

publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office

4 In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

(J) This corporation shall have the power to indemnify its officers, directors, employees and agents in the same manner and to the same extent as permitted a corporation under Section 607.014 Florida Statutes.

(K) The by-laws of the Corporation are to be made, altered, and rescinded by a majority vote of the members at a meeting called for that purpose.

(L) Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by a majority of the members at a meeting called for that purpose and shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members at a meeting called for that purpose.

(M) No contract or other transaction between the corporation and any other corporation in the absence of fraud, shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any one or more of the Directors of the corporation is or are interested in, or is a director or officer or are directors or officers of such other corporation, and any Director individually or jointly, may be a party or parties to, or may be interested, and no contract, act or transaction of the corporation with any person or persons, firm or corporation in the absence of fraud, shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any Director of the corporation is a party or are parties to or interested in such contract, act or transaction, or in any way connected with such person or persons, firm or corporation, and each and every person who may become a Director of the corporation is hereby relieved from any liability that might otherwise exist from thus contracting with the corporation for the benefit of himself or any firm, association, or corporation in which he may be in anywise interested. Any Director of the corporation may vote upon any contract or other transaction between the corporation any subsidiary or controlled company without regard to the fact that he also is a director of such subsidiary or controlled company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE UNDERSIGNED DO HEREBY MAKE, SUBSCRIBE AND
ACKNOWLEDGE THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL,
1996.

Michele S. Marshall
Michele S. Marshall,
Incorporator

Paula J. Davis
Paula J. Davis

Terry Ann Auger
Terry Ann Auger

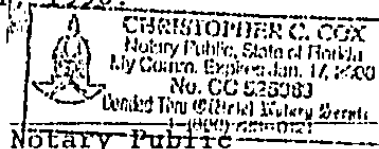
Carolee Jandreau
Carolee Jandreau

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for
Columbia County, Michele S. Marshall, Paula J. Davis, Terry Ann
Auger and Carolee Jandreau, who are known to me to be the same
persons who executed the foregoing instrument of writing, and duly
acknowledged the execution of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed by name and affixed
my official seal, this 16th day of April, 1996.

(NOTARIES SEAL)



Notary Public

My commission expires:

Christopher C. Cox
Christopher C. Cox

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED **FILED**
AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501 OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is: Suwannee Valley Regional Arts Initiative, Inc
(must include suffix)

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Michele S Marshall
(Name)

915 N. Marion Street
(Street address - P. O. Box not acceptable)

Lake City, FL 32055
(City/State/Zip)

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 hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Michele S. Marshall
Michele S. Marshall
(Signature)

3/26/96
(Date)

Registered Agent filing fee \$35.00