

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
Gamble Plantation Preservation Alliance, Inc.
A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the corporation is Gamble Plantation Preservation Alliance, Inc. and the address of the corporation is 3708 Patten Avenue, Ellenton, Florida 34222

ARTICLE II
TERMS OF EXISTENCE

The period of this corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law or by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of its members. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of the Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State for the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III
INCORPORATORS

The name and residence of the Incorporators are as follows:

Al Aust
7947 Whitebridge Glen
University Park, Florida 34201

Joan Fischer
3912 Saddlecreek Road
Lakeland, Florida 33801

John Trevethan
1268 Spoonbill Landings Circle
Bradenton, Florida 34209

Earl Baden
1101 6th Avenue
Bradenton, Florida 34205

Bubbles Greer
4504 60th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34210

The rights and interests of the Incorporators shall automatically terminate when these Articles are filed with the Secretary of State.

PURPOSE

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows

1. To operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
2. To raise funds, request and receive grants, gifts of money and property to use and invest for the direct or indirect benefit of Gamble Plantation State Historic Site.
3. To function as a support group and association to Gamble Plantation State Historic Site in accordance with Florida Administrative Code 16D-2.01.
4. To increase public awareness of Gamble Plantation State Historic Site through programs, social functions, projects, and events.

**ARTICLE V
PUBLICLY SUPPORTED TAX EXEMPT NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, 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 IV 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 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 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE VI
DISSOLUTION**

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 Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose(s).

**ARTICLE VII
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The business affairs of this organization shall be managed by a board of directors of at least three (3) persons and no more than twenty-five (25) persons. The Board of Directors may provide by-laws for the conducting of its business, as they deem necessary. New Board Members shall be elected as set forth in the duly adopted by-laws. The number of directors constituting the initial board is no less than five (5), and their names and addresses follow:

Al Aust
7947 Whitebridge Glen
University Park, Florida 34201

Michelle Detwieler
2905 59th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

Bubbles Greer
4504 60th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34210

Earl Baden
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Bradenton, Florida 34205

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3912 Saddlecreek Road
Lakeland, Florida 33801

John Trevetan
1268 Spoonbill Landings Circle
Bradenton, Florida 34209

**ARTICLE VIII
INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE, MAILING ADDRESS, AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The street and mailing address of the initial registered office is 3708 Patten Avenue, Ellenton Florida 34222 and the initial registered agent at that address is Al Aust.

**ARTICLE IX
ADMINISTRATION**

This corporation is organized, and shall be operated, on a non-stock basis.

**ARTICLE X
MEMBERSHIP**

1. The qualifications for membership and the manner of their admission are that any person, including individuals, families and corporations with an interest in the purpose of the corporation shall become a member upon payment of the dues as provided by the By-Laws. The board of directors, by majority vote of those present at any regular or special meeting may, for cause and after reasonable notice, terminate membership or decline renewal.
2. The corporation shall provide for equal membership and employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or natural origin.

**ARTICLE XI
BY-LAWS**

The Directors, by majority vote, are authorized to establish By-Laws for the corporation not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, and amend same from time to time.

**ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by the Board of Directors in the form of a resolution, which must be adopted by a majority vote of all members present and those represented by proxy at any meeting of the membership called for that purpose. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, amendments which are required or advisable to obtain or maintain the Corporation's tax exempt status may nevertheless be adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors by a unanimous vote of the directors then in office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 27 day of March 2000.

John D. [Signature]
Jane Jeschke
Al Aust

Earl W. Baden, Jr.
[Signature]

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the Gamble Plantation Preservation Alliance, Inc. at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Al Aust
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