



Examiner

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
Or Secretary of the Commonwealth 2108
Michael Joseph Connolly, Secretary

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION (Under G.L. Ch. 180) Incorporators

NAME	RESIDENCE
<i>Include given name in full in case of natural persons; in case of a corporation, give state of incorporation.</i>	
G. Bruce Rumph	66 West Street Pittsfield, MA 01201

The above-named incorporator(s) do hereby associate (themselves) with the intention of forming a corporation under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 180 and hereby state(s):

1. The name by which the corporation shall be known is:

Academy Garden Club of Lenox, Inc.

2. The purposes for which the corporation is formed is as follows:

To promote and encourage the interest in horticulture, artistic arrangements and education; to assist the Town of Lenox, Massachusetts and surrounding communities in fulfilling it's beautification and responsibilities to it's residence; to organize and instruct citizens of all ages of the community, as well as the community as a whole, in the joys and pleasures of horticulture and artistic arrangements; to promote sociability and friendship among its members; to manage and conduct events, clinics, workshops, entertainment and social meetings of its members; and

To have all powers of a corporation organized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 180.

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Note: If the space provided under any article or item on this form is insufficient, additions shall be set forth on separate 8 1/2 x 11 sheets of paper leaving a left hand margin of at least 1 inch for binding. Additions to more than one article may be continued on a single sheet so long as each article requiring each such addition is clearly indicated.

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3. If the corporation has more than one class of members, the designation of such classes, the manner of election or appointment, the duration of membership and the qualification and rights, including voting rights, of the members of each class, are as follows: -

None.

*4. Other lawful provisions, if any, for the conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of the corporation, for its voluntary dissolution, or for limiting, defining, or regulating the powers of the corporation, or of its directors or members, or of any class of members, are as follows:-

See sheets attached hereto and made a part hereof.

ARTICLE IV - OTHER LAWFUL PROVISIONS

A. Tax-Exempt Provisions

1. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. 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.
2. No part of the assets of the corporation and 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 Two.
3. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation except to the extent that the corporation makes expenditures for purposes of influencing legislation in conformity with the requirements of Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code; and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
4. Except as may be otherwise required or permitted by law, the corporation may at any time authorize a petition for its dissolution to be filed with the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Section 11A of Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors of the corporation then in office; provided, however, that in the event of any liquidation, dissolution, termination, or winding up of the corporation (whether voluntary, involuntary, or by operation of law), the property or assets of the corporation remaining after providing for the payment of its debts and obligations shall be conveyed, transferred, distributed, and set over outright to one or more educational, charitable, religious or literary institutions or organizations, created and organized for non-profit purposes similar to those of the corporation, contributions to which non-profit institutions or organizations are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Code and which qualify as exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of such Code as such sections may, from time to time, be amended or added to or under any successor sections

thereto, as a majority of the total number of the directors of the corporation may by vote designate and in such proportions and in such manner as may be determined in such vote; provided, further, that the corporation's property may be applied to charitable, religious, literary or educational purposes in accordance with the doctrine of *cy pres* in all respects as a court having jurisdiction in the premises may direct.

5. In any taxable year in which the corporation is a private foundation as described in IRC section 509(a), the organization shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under IRC section 4942, and the organization shall not: (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in IRC section 4941(d); (b) retain any excess business holdings as defined in IRC section 4943(c); (c) make any investments in such a manner as to subject the organization to tax under IRC section 4944; or (d) make any taxable expenditures as defined in IRC section 4945(d) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

B. Other Lawful Provisions

1. The corporation shall have the following powers in furtherance of its corporate purposes:

- (a) The corporation shall have perpetual succession in its corporate name.
- (b) The corporation may sue and be sued.
- (c) The corporation may have a corporate seal which it may alter at its pleasure.
- (d) The corporation may elect or appoint directors, officers, employees and other agents, fix their compensation and define their duties and obligations.
- (e) The corporation may purchase, receive or take by grant, gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, employ, use and otherwise deal in and with, real or personal property, or any other interest therein, wherever situated, in an unlimited amount.
- (f) The corporation may solicit and receive contributions from any and all sources and may receive and hold, in trust or otherwise, funds received by gift or bequest.
- (g) The corporation may sell, convey, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or mortgage, pledge, encumber or create a security interest in all, or any of its property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.

(h) The corporation may purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, employ, sell, lend, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, mortgage, pledge, use and otherwise deal in and with, bonds and other obligations, shares, or other securities or interests issued by others, whether engaged in similar or different business, governmental, or other activities.

(i) The corporation may make contracts, give guarantees in furtherance of its corporate purposes and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage, pledge or encumbrance of, or security interest in, all or any of its property or any interest therein, wherever situated.

(j) The corporation may lend money, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.

(k) The corporation may do business, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180, in any jurisdiction within or without the United States, although the corporation shall not be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on for profit a trade or business unrelated to its tax exempt purposes.

(l) The corporation may pay pensions, establish and carry out pensions, savings, thrift and other retirement and benefit plans, trusts and provisions for any or all of its directors, officers and employees.

(m) The corporation may make donations in such amounts as the members or directors shall determine, irrespective of corporate benefit, for the public welfare or for community fund, hospital, charitable, religious, educational, scientific, civic, or similar purposes, and in time of war or other national emergency in aid thereof; provided that, as long as the corporation is entitled to exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, it shall make no contribution for other than religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals.

(n) The corporation may be an incorporator of other corporations of any type or kind.

(o) The corporation may be a partner in any enterprise which it would have power to conduct by itself.

(p) The directors may make, amend or repeal the by-laws in whole or in part, except with respect to any provision thereof which by law or the by-laws requires action by the members.

(q) Meetings of the members may be held anywhere in the United States.

(r) The corporation shall, to the extent legally permissible and only to the extent that the status of the corporation as an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is not affected thereby, indemnify each of its directors, officers, employees and other agents (including persons who serve at its request as directors, officers, employees or other agents of another organization in which it has an interest) against all liabilities and expenses, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines and penalties, and counsel fees, reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or disposition of any action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which he may be involved or with which he may be threatened, while in office or thereafter, by reason of his being or having been such a director, officer, employee or agent, except with respect to any matter as to which he shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interests of the corporation; provided, however, that as to any matter disposed of by a compromise payment by such director, officer, employee or agent, pursuant to a consent decree or otherwise, no indemnification either for said payment or for any other expenses shall be provided unless such compromise shall be approved as in the best interests of the corporation, after notice that it involves such indemnification:

(1) by a disinterested majority of the directors then in office, or (2) by a majority of the disinterested directors then in office, provided that there has been obtained an opinion in writing of independent legal counsel to the effect that such director, officer, employee or agent appears to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interests of the corporation; (3) by a majority of the disinterested members entitled to vote, voting as a single class. Expenses including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by any such director, officer, employee or agent in connection with the defense or disposition of any such action, suit or other proceeding, may be paid from time to time by the corporation in advance of the final disposition thereof upon receipt of an undertaking by such individual to repay the amounts so paid to the corporation if he shall be adjudicated to be not entitled to indemnification under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 6. The right of indemnification hereby provided shall not be exclusive of or affect any other rights to which any director, officer, employee or agent may be entitled. Nothing contained herein shall affect any rights to indemnification to which corporate personnel may be entitled by contract or otherwise under law. As used in this paragraph, the terms "directors", "officers", "employees", and "agents" include their respective heirs, executors and administrators, and an "interested" director is one against whom in such capacity the proceeding in question or another proceeding on the same or similar grounds is then pending.

(s) No person shall be disqualified from holding office by reason of any interest. In the absence of fraud, any director, officer, or member of this corporation individually, or any individual having any interest in any concern in which any such directors, officers, members,

or individuals have any interest, may be a party to, or may be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, any contract, transaction, or other act of this corporation, and

- (i) such contract, transaction, or act shall not be in any way invalidated or otherwise affected by that fact;
- (ii) no such director, officer, member, or individual shall be liable to account to this corporation for any profit or benefit realized through any such contract, transaction, or act; and
- (iii) any such director of this corporation may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the directors or of any committee thereof which shall authorize any such contract, transaction, or act, and may vote to authorize the same;

the term "interest" including personal interest and interest as a director, officer, stockholder, shareholder, trustee, member, or beneficiary of any concern; the term "concern" meaning any corporation, association, trust, partnership, firm, person, or other entity other than this corporation.

(t) The corporation shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is formed; provided that no such power shall be exercised in a manner inconsistent with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180 or any other chapter of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and provided, further, that the corporation shall not engage in any activity or exercise any power which the corporation shall not engage in any activity or exercise any power which would deprive it of any exemption from federal income tax which the corporation may receive under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(u) All references herein: (1) to the Internal Revenue Code shall be deemed to refer to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or hereafter amended; (2) to the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any chapter thereof, shall be deemed to refer to said General Laws or chapter as now in force or hereafter amended; and (3) to particular sections of the Internal Revenue Code or the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be deemed to refer to similar or successor provisions hereafter adopted.

5. By-laws of the corporation have been duly adopted and the initial directors, president, treasurer and clerk or other presiding, financial or recording officers whose names are set out below, have been duly elected.
6. The effective date of organization of the corporation shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of the Commonwealth or if later date is desired, specify date, (not more than 30 days after date of filing).
7. The following information shall not for any purpose be treated as a permanent part of the Articles of Organization of the corporation.

a. The post office address of the initial principal office of the corporation in Massachusetts is:

Lenox Academy Bld., Main Street, Lenox, MA
P.O. Box 2081, Lenox, MA 01240

b. The name, residence, and post office address of each of the initial directors and following officers of the corporation are as follows:

	NAME	RESIDENCE	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
President:	Lynne Roberson	10 Pineknoll Road,	Lenox, MA 01240
Vice-President:	Lorraine Roman	25 Church Street,	Lenox, MA 01240
Treasurer:	Susan Rudd	30 King William Road,	Lenox, MA 01240
Clerk:	Elaine Christopher	297 Old Stockbridge Road,	Lenox, MA 01240

Directors: (or officers having the powers of directors)

Lynne Roberson
Lorraine Roman
Susan Rudd
Elaine Christopher
Carol Rumph

c. The date initially adopted on which the corporation's fiscal year ends is:

December 31

d. The date initially fixed in the by-laws for the annual meeting of members of the corporation is:

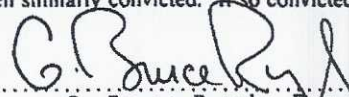
First Tuesday in February

e. The name and business address of the resident agent, if any, of the corporation is:

None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and under the penalties of perjury the INCORPORATOR(S) sign(s) these Articles of Organization this 24th day of April, 1995

I/We the below signed INCORPORATORS do hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that I/We have not been convicted of any crimes relating to alcohol or gaming within the past ten years; I/We do hereby certify that to the best of my/our knowledge the above named principal officers have not been similarly convicted. If so convicted, explain.


G. Bruce Rumph, Esq.

The signature of each incorporator which is not a natural person must be by an individual who shall show the capacity in which he acts and by signing shall represent under the penalties of perjury that he is duly authorized on its behalf to sign these Articles of Organization.

SECRETARY OF
THE COMMONWEALTH
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 180

I hereby certify that, upon an examination of the within-written articles of organization, duly submitted to me, it appears that the provisions of the General Laws relative to the organization of corporations have been complied with, and I hereby approve said articles; and the filing fee in the amount of \$30.00 having been paid, said articles are deemed to have been filed with me this

12th day of MAY 1995

Effective date

William Francis Galvin

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth

TO BE FILLED IN BY CORPORATION
PHOTO COPY OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION TO BE SENT

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