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ARTICLE I: NAME, LOCATION

The name of this organization shall be Cricket Craftsmen, Inc. and the principal location will be 4401 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purposes as stated in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation shall be the basis of the following statements:

Section 1: To unite into one organization the senior craftsmen of Forsyth County and those people and organizations who have interest and concern for those Craftsmen.

Section 2: To develop, maintain and improve the crafts skills of seniors and to promote opportunities for the utilization of those skills.

Section 3: To educate the public on the merits and skills of seniors through the sale of their items, demonstrations of their craft skills, exhibits, and other related educational programs.

Section 4: To stimulate interest in developing and maintaining quality craft programs at various skill levels for seniors in all types of settings, both public and private.

Section 5: To encourage and promote the study, discussion and research on all subjects which will aid in the continuing productivity and worth of seniors as part of the total adult population.

Section 6: To aid in the creation and dissemination of information and materials which are useful to the development of craft skills in seniors.

Section 7: To provide opportunities to display and sell the crafts and art work of seniors.

Section 8: To operate exclusively for charitable, educational and research purposes as defined in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership Categories:

A. **Craftsmen:** A craftsman shall be a resident of Forsyth County, NC and be a minimum of 55 years of age. He or she may sell their handmade items at outlets provided by the organization, vote on all matters of the corporation, and hold office in the corporation.

If a member has to move from Forsyth County for any reason after a membership is obtained, the membership may be continued upon the member taking the responsibility for getting the craft items to the shop and picking up send-homes.

B. **Associate Craftsman:** An associate craftsman shall be a resident of Forsyth County between 21 and 55 years of age. After submitting their craft to jury and acceptance, he or she may sell their handmade items at the outlet provided by the organization. May be a Board of Directors member as provided for in Article V, Section 1. Voting privileges only as a Board Member.

If an Associate Craftsman has to move from Forsyth County for any reason he or she may participate for the remainder of the current year. He or she must assume responsibility for getting the craft items to the shop and picking up send-homes.

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- C. **Associate:** A non-craftsman interested in and who contributes to the purposes of the organization and may be under 55 years of age. May be a Board of Directors member as provided for in Article V, Section 1. Voting privileges only as a Board Member.
- D. **Sponsor:** A person, company or business firm who contributes a minimum of fifty dollars annually to the organization. No voting privileges and may not hold office, may hold another membership category. May be a Board of Directors member as provided for in Article V, Section 1. Voting privileges only as a Board Member.

Section 2: Dues

- A. The Board of Directors shall prescribe the annual dues for membership categories of Craftsman, Associate Craftsman and Associate.
- B. The membership year shall be January 1 through December 31. Dues not paid by December 31, will result in termination of membership.
- C. Membership may be reinstated as provided by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: Titles and Qualifications:

The officers of the Corporation shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. All officers must hold a valid Craftsman membership.

Section 2: Procedure:

- A. Shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Corporation, and shall take office at the end of the annual meeting of the Corporation. Shall be elected by majority vote.
- B. Vacancies: In the event of a vacancy, the Board of Directors may elect a successor to hold the office for the unexpired portion of the term. The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may declare the position of any officer vacant who shows lack of interest in the affairs of the Corporation.

Section 3: Duties and Terms of Office

- A. **President:** Shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation, act as chairman of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform other such duties as directed by the Board of Directors. The term of office shall be one year.
- B. **Vice-President:** Shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, designate. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. Term of office shall be one year.
- C. **Secretary:** Shall attend and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and general membership. Shall give or cause to be given, all notices which may be required by law or by these bylaws. Shall perform other duties as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, designate. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. Term of office shall be one year.
- D. **Treasurer:** Shall see that all financial matters and funds are properly accounted for and shall perform such other duties, as from time to time shall be assigned by the Board of Directors. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. Term of the office shall be one year.

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ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Number and Qualification

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Corporation, the immediate Past-President, and not less than 9 other members, at least 3 of whom shall be non-craftsmen members, to provide citizen involvement. Two Associate Craftsmen may be members of the Board of Directors. All members shall be residents of Forsyth County, North Carolina.

Section 2: Duties and Terms of Office

- A. **Duties:** The affairs of the organization shall be directed by the Board of Directors except as otherwise provided by statute, lease agreements or by these bylaws. The Board shall have the responsibility of providing coordination and liaison and developing increased public understanding and support for the elder craftsmen. The Board shall assist in developing and maintaining good relationships between the City of Winston-Salem, NC, private organizations, individuals and organization members. The Board shall advise the Executive Director of matters pertinent to the organization and the needs of the senior craftsmen. The Board may establish committees as necessary to carry out the goals and purposes of the Corporation.
- B. **Term of Office:** In the organizational meeting, five (5) directors shall serve a term of two (2) years and four (4) shall serve a term of one (1) year as determined by random drawing. Thereafter member shall serve a term of two (2) years.

Section 3: Election

At the annual meeting of the Corporation the members shall elect by majority vote, the Board of Directors whose terms shall commence at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term. The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may declare the position of any director vacant who shows lack of interest in the affairs of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Corporation. The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio member.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings – General

- A. **Membership:** The annual meeting of the membership shall be held during the month of May, at a date and place set by the Executive Committee.
- B. **Board of Directors :** The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the May meeting of the Corporation.
- C. **Executive Committee:** Shall meet as often as necessary. All action taken by the committee is subject to the Board of Directors.
Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors or a majority of the Executive Committee members.

Section 2: Special Meetings

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Section 3: Notice of Meetings

Notice of the annual and any other special meeting of the general membership shall be posted at each craft outlet of the Corporation at least 30 days in advance of said meeting. The purpose of a special meeting shall be stated.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may establish committees as necessary to carry out the goals and objective of the organization.

ARTICLE IX: QUORUM AND VOTING

Section 1: Quorum

- A. Board of Directors, 50 percent of the members.
- B. Executive Committee, 50 percent of the members.
- C. Corporation, to be specified and declared by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Voting

Majority rule unless otherwise provided for in these by-laws or by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF

The Executive Director and his or her staff shall be as provided by the City of Winston-Salem lease with the Corporation. The finances of the Corporation shall also be handled according to the Articles of Incorporation, and the lease with the City of Winston-Salem.

The Executive Director shall adhere to generally accepted standards of financial management and annual audits shall be conducted with reports to the Finance Director of City of Winston-Salem and the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XI

Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be recognized as the authority governing the meetings.

ARTICLE XII: PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING BYLAWS

Except as otherwise provided herein, these bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors then holding office, subject to a 2/3 vote of approval by the Corporate membership.

Amended 1987, 1991, 1996, 2000, 2006