

CHARTER OF
THE GARDEN CLUB OF SANFORD

WE, the undersigned, EVELYN M. EPPS, ALICE FITTS, DOROTHY M. MORRISON, MARGARET SPENCER and MARCIA McLAULIN, desiring to form a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, 1941, for the purpose of promoting an interest in gardens, their design and management, to co-operate in the protection of wild flowers, native plants and birds, and to encourage and assist in civic planting, do hereby present to the Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for Seminole County, Florida, the following proposed charter of a corporation not for profit under said Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, 1941, subscribed by each of us as the incorporators, as follows:

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this corporation not for profit is THE GARDEN CLUB OF SANFORD, located in the City of Sanford, Seminole County, State of Florida.

ARTICLE II.

GENERAL NATURE OF OBJECT OF INCORPORATION

The general nature of the object of this corporation not for profit under and in conformity with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, 1941, is to promote an interest in gardens, their design and management, to co-operate in the protection of wild flowers, native plants and birds, and to encourage and assist in civic planting; no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of

any private individual and no part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

ARTICLE III.

QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION

Section 1. The membership of this corporation shall consist of the subscribers hereto and members of the Garden Club Circles of the present Garden Club of Sanford, a voluntary organization, and such other members as may be admitted as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Persons eligible to membership must take an active interest in horticulture, or be the owners of, or give personal care to gardens.

Section 3. The names of applicants for active membership shall be presented to the Board of Directors in writing by the Chairman of circles and endorsed by two active members. Unanimous consent of the Board of Directors shall be necessary for admission.

Section 4. The membership of the corporation shall be divided into circles as now constituted in the Garden Club of Sanford, a voluntary organization, or may be hereafter established.

ARTICLE IV.

TERM OF EXISTENCE

The term of the existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V.

NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF SUBSCRIBERS

The names and residences of the subscribers of this corporation are as follows:

Evelyn M. Epps
Orlando Road
Sanford, Florida

Alice Fitts
Celery Avenue
Sanford, Florida

Dorothy M. Morrison
1904 Sanford Avenue
Sanford, Florida

Margaret Spencer
214 East 18th Street
Sanford, Florida

Marcia McLaulin
117 West 19th Street
Sanford, Florida

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS MANAGING AFFAIRS OF CORPORATION

Section 1. The officers who will manage the affairs of this corporation shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of Circles and Chairman of Standing Committees.

Section 2. The officers shall hold office for two (2) years and shall be elected on alternate years at the annual meeting in February of each year by ballot. The President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected on even years. The Vice President and Recording Secretary shall be elected on odd years.

Section 3. No member shall serve in the same office more than two (2) consecutive years, except the Treasurer.

Section 4. Officers elected at the annual meeting in February shall assume their duties at the general meeting in May. All vacancies among officers and members of the committees shall be filled by appointment of the Presi-

dent with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII.

NAMES OF OFFICERS TO MANAGE AFFAIRS OF CORPORATION
UNTIL FIRST ELECTION

The names of the officers who are to manage all this corporation's affairs until the first election under the charter are as follows:

President	Evelyn M. Epps
Vice President	Alice Fitts
Recording Secretary	Dorothy M. Morrison
Corresponding Secretary	Margaret Spencer
Treasurer	Marcia McLaulin

ARTICLE VIII.

BY-LAWS

Section 1. The by-laws of this corporation may be made, altered or rescinded at any general meeting of THE GARDEN CLUB OF SANFORD by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members attending said meeting, provided that any proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to the Board of Directors at least two (2) months before said meeting, and if the Board of Directors approve such proposed amendment a copy thereof shall be sent to each member circle at least one (1) month before the general meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

HIGHEST AMOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation may at any time subject itself shall be FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00).

The corporation may subject itself to bonded or mortgage indebtedness for the purpose of acquiring a site for a garden center and auditorium, and the construction thereof, and for furnishing and equipping the same, or for both purposes.

ARTICLE X.

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REAL ESTATE HOLDING

The amount in value of the real estate which the corporation may hold, subject always to the approval of one of the Circuit Judges of Seminole County, Florida, shall be ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00).

ARTICLE XI.

FINANCES

The funds of THE GARDEN CLUB OF SANFORD shall be derived from the payment of dues by each member circle, from an annual flower show, and from such other sources as the Board of Directors may authorize.

ARTICLE XII.

ANNUAL MEETING

Section 1. The annual meeting with the election of officers shall be held in February on Thursday following the annual meeting of the circles.

Section 2. Quorum: Twenty (20) members of those entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any general meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have hereunto set their hands this 14th day of November, 1947.

Evelyn M. Eppe

Alice S. Fitts

Dorothy M. Harrison

Margaret L. Spencer

Thomas Charles McLaughlin

STATE OF FLORIDA)
 COUNTY OF SEMINOLE)

I, the undersigned notary public, duly authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in said County of Seminole and State of Florida, do hereby certify that before me this day came EVELYN M. EPPS and DOROTHY M. MORRISON, to me personally known and known to me to be two of the individuals described in and who subscribed to the above and foregoing proposed charter of THE GARDEN CLUB OF SANFORD, and they being then and there by me duly sworn did depose and say: that they are two of the subscribers, incorporators and members of the above and foregoing proposed charter of THE GARDEN CLUB OF SANFORD, that they have read said charter and know the contents thereof, and that it is intended in good faith to carry out the purposes and objects set forth therein; and further that they acknowledge said charter and make and subscribe this oath as required by the laws of Florida.

Evelyn M. Epps
Dorothy M. Morrison

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 this 12 day of November, 1947.

A. Edwin Allen Holman
 NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida
 My Commission Expires Feb 16, 1950

The foregoing and attached proposed Charter of THE GARDEN CLUB OF SANFORD, having been presented to me, and the same having been found by me to be in proper form and for an object authorized by law, is hereby approved, and such approval accordingly hereby endorsed upon said charter, and it is hereby ordered that said charter, together with this approval and order, be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Seminole County, Florida.

DATED at Sanford, Florida, this 5 day of
Dec, 1947.

M. B. Smith
 Judge of the Circuit Court of the Ninth
 Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida,
 in and for Seminole County, Florida.

Filed DEC 11 1947

at 10 o'clock A M and Recorded in Enc.

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W. H. Anderson
 Clerk Circuit Court, Seminole County, Florida

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