

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
Fiesta Tableware Company Collectors Organization

The undersigned, a natural person over the age of eighteen years, hereby certifies as follows:

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of the corporation is the Fiesta Tableware Company Collectors Organization,  
(hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”).

ARTICLE II — REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

The principal office of the Corporation is to be located at 5223 Bayou Glen Rd., Houston, TX 77056. The name and address in the Corporation's initial agent for service of process is James B. Flodine.

ARTICLE III — PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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. The specific purpose of this organization is to educate collectors and provide the Members with opportunities to learn and broaden their knowledge about the Fiesta Tableware Company, and its over 150-year history. This includes the relationship with the Homer Laughlin China Company and the Hall China Company throughout the years, impacting manufacturing in the USA.

The Corporation shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual, nor shall any of the profits or assets of the Corporation be used other than for the purposes of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE IV — EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the Corporation:

1. 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 Third hereof.
2. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
3. 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.

## ARTICLE V – MANAGEMENT

The Corporation shall be managed by its members.

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Members until the first annual meeting of the Corporation's Members or until successors are elected and qualified are:

Harold Cook	20845 Cole Grade Road, Valley Center, CA 92082
Merrill Miller	19 Stratton Lane, Stony Brook, NY 11790
David Schaefer	1217 Barracks Street, New Orleans, LA 70116
Melissa Schlegelmann	3012 Juhl Road, Marlette, MI 48453

## ARTICLE VI - ORGANIZER

The name and address of the organizer is:

Merrill Miller	19 Stratton Lane, Stony Brook, NY 11790
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ARTICLE VII – REGULATIONS

The regulations will be adopted by the Members.

The power to alter, amend or repeal the Regulation or adopt new Regulations is vested in the Members, subject to repeal or change by action of the Members.

ARTICLE VIII – VOTING

All memberships are NON-VOTING. Directors are elected by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors entitled to vote as set forth in the Organization’s By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX — DURATION / DISSOLUTION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual. In the event of liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by the operation of law, the property or other assets of the Corporation remaining after the payment, satisfaction, and discharge of liabilities or obligations, Upon dissolution of the Corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed exclusively to charitable or educational organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name to this on the 13th day of August 2021.

Merrill Miller\_\_\_\_\_

Name, Incorporator

Harold Cook\_\_\_\_\_

Name, Incorporator