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Garden Club of Hartford records

A Guide to the collection at the Connecticut Historical Society

Collection Overview

Repository:	Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut
Creator :	Garden Club of Hartford
Title :	Garden Club of Hartford records
Dates :	1916-
Extent :	8.5 linear feet (32 boxes)
Location:	Ms 86915
Language:	English

Historical Sketch

The Garden Club of Hartford was founded on March 16, 1916 by eight women: Mrs. James P. Andrews, Miss Frances Beach, Mrs. John H. Buck, Mrs. Albert s. Cook, Miss Bertha Dennis, Mrs. Robert W. Gray, Mrs. Robert W. Huntington, and Mrs. Samuel O. Prentice. Mrs. Prentice was the first President and Mrs. Gray the first Secretary and Treasurer. The initiation fee was \$2.00 and dues were \$1.00. In 1920 the Garden Club of America (founded 1913) admitted the Hartford club as a member.

The Garden Club of Hartford has been active in the community in civic projects since it's founding. They have contributed their time and have raised money to effect their goals of beautification, conservation, promotion of gardening, and scholarships and fellowships. Funds have been raised by plant sales, flea markets, auctions, dances, and publications. The Old State House has been their largest project. The restoration of the Sunken Garden at Hill-Stead Museum was completed in 1988.

The Club has grown from eight original members to 62 active members in 1988, with 29 members in other categories. Meetings are still held at members houses as originally conceived, as well as at arboretums and other places of interest to learn about such things as plant propagation, pest control, pruning, etc. Members visit fellow members' gardens, enter and attend flower shows, and keep active in the community.

Scope and Content

The records are arranged in ten series. Series I consists of organizational records including articles of incorporation, tax exempt certificates, and minutes of meetings. Series II contains records of projects and awards. These include civic projects, flower shows, etc. The Club's publications are organized in Series III while photographs can be found in Series IV. In consecutive order, the final series contain clippings and scrapbooks; questionnaires and answers; miscellaneous materials; records and publications of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut; records and publications of the Garden Club of America; and notices, circulars and other published materials from assorted gardening organizations.

The arrangement is chronological. The minutes in Series I contain supplemental material relating to the year's activities, including correspondence, financial statements, and issues of the Trumpet Vine. The Club continues to add to this collection as they purge inactive files. Additions are added in new boxes after the last numbered box. No attempt is made to integrate new materials into those already processed. However, the new materials are organized into the same Series and are arranged chronologically.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Use Restrictions

Use of the material requires compliance with the Connecticut Historical Society's Research Center regulations.

Subject Headings

Subjects

Gardening -- Societies, etc.
Women -- Societies and clubs.

Administrative Information

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Accruals

The collection is open. Additional material is expected.

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6 H Histories and Reviews, 1939
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6 O Review, 1988
6 P History of Pewter Bowl Award, 1953

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- 18 1 Tax exemptions, 1965-1967, 1990; copy of certificate of incorporation, 1965.
- 18 2 President or secretary's notebook, 1981-1982. Includes committee reports, newsletter the Trumpet Vine, and correspondence from other gardening organizations. In reverse chronological order.
- 18 3 President's or Secretary's notebook, 1986-1988. Includes minutes of Executive Committee meetings, reports, newsletter the Trumpet Vine, minutes of annual meetings.
- 18 4 Notice of Long-range Planning meeting, 1990
- 18 5 President's or Secretary's file, 1996-1997. Includes photographs.
- 18 6 Minutes, 1996-1998

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- 21 1 Recording Secretary's notebook, May 1988-May 1992
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18	8	Medal from Garden Club of America, 1981

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19	2	Bushnell Park restoration project, 1984
19	3	Hill-Stead Sunken Garden project, 1985-1988

- 19 4 Information and slides of Butler McCook garden, 1987
- 19 5 Information and slides of Elizabeth Park, 1987
- 19 6 Nature's Palette flower show, 1991
- 19 7 Civic Projects, 1992-1994
- 19 8 Civic Projects, 1994-1996
- 19 9 Children's Medical Center project, 1996
- 19 10 Jubilee House, 1997-1998

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- 21 1 Hill-Stead Garden Market and Sunken Garden Project, 1986
- 21 2 Legislative workshop audiotape, 1987
- 21 3 Nature's Palette flower show, 1991
- 21 4 Historic Preservation Award, from Garden Club of America 1992
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- 21 5 Knox Park Foundation Greenhouse Project, 1992-1993

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- 22 1 Community Garden Project, 1992-1994
- 22 2 Christmas Auction at Kitty Smiths, Farmington, 1995
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- 22 3 80th Anniversary celebration, 1996
- 22 4 Mary Hooker School Project, ca. 1996
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- 22 5 Arbor Day, 2000
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- 29 1 90th Birthday committee minutes, 2006
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- 9 S Recipes
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- 9 U Articles printed in Garden Club of America Bulletin
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- 18 11 Trumpet Vine, September 1990-December 1992
- 18 12 "Custodian's" file. Trumpet Vine, June, 1989-June 1990; newspaper stories, 1961, 1988-1989; photographs, 1989
- 18 13 Trumpet Vine, 1993-1995
- 18 14 Trumpet Vine, 1996-1999
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- 22 10-12 Annual brochure/program, 1974-2004
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- 22 14 Newspaper clippings, 1993-2002
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- 23 5 Trumpet Vine reports, correspondence and mock-ups, 1987-2002
- 23 6 Tribute to Deb Eddy, 2004
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- 31 1 Trumpet Vine, 2008, 2020-2012
- 31 2 Program booklets, 2008-2012
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- 10 B Snapshots, 1970-1976
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- 10 F Slides, 1967
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- 22 15 Possibly members on a garden tour and members repotting plants in someone's backyard, no date

- 22 16 Greens Workshop, Hill-Stead Museum, December 1997
- 22 17 Meeting at Deb Eddy's, 1997
- 22 18 Visiting gardens, August 2001. Gardens of Joan Brown, Noank;
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- 22 19 Corning Fountain, Bushnell Park, Spring 2003
- 22 20 Garden Stroll, Betty Stanley's house, Canton, September 2004

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- 24 7 Flower show, Gwen Izard's house, 1999
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22 21 Zone II meeting, May 1993
22 22 Eco-Exchange at Garden Club of America annual meeting, 1995
22 23 Zone II annual meeting, June 2000
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23 1 Zone II annual meeting, June 2000, steering committee records,
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15 P Bulletin, 1934, 1936, 1966, 1968, 1976, 1979

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15 R Visiting Gardens Guide, 1967

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16 C Bartholomew's Cobble

16 D Pine Acres Forest

16 E Olive W. Lee Memorial Garden

16 F Arnold Arboretum

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- 16 I Operation Triangle, Seattle, WA
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- 16 K The Conservationist
- 16 L Quarantine Act, 1919
- 16 M Garden Center of Greater Cleveland Bulletin
- 16 N Connecticut Horticultural Society
- 16 O Garden Club of Evanston, IL paper
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- 16 T Farmington Garden club Fact Finding Committee report
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- 16 W Misc. materials