Guide to the West Concord Garden Club Records, 1938-1992

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:
West Concord Garden Club Records, 1938-1992

Repository:
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Author of Finding Aid:
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Creator:
West Concord Garden Club

Language:
The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:
3 boxes

Abstract:
The West Concord Garden Club Records contain various versions of the constitution and by-laws. There are minutes from 1938-1940 and annual reports from 1953-1992. Financial records cover 1948-1990. There are flower show reports 1943-1982. There are membership lists, scrapbooks, photographs, and information on Hazel Sprauge, an herb specialist.
Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:
The West Concord Garden Club Records were a gift of Paula Smith, August 1994.

Processing Information:
The finding aid was updated by Katelynn Vance in October 2014. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Access Restrictions:
Available for research.

Location:
The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information/ Administrative Information:
The West Concord Garden Club was started in February of 1938. The first president was Agnes Johnson. The object of the group was to “promote a greater interest in gardening and to exchange experiences that shall be of mutual benefit to its members.” Members all had to be actively involved in gardening. There were to be 50 members holding monthly meetings and sponsoring an annual flower show. The club held program talks on topics such as herbs, plant disease, perennials, and flower arranging. They were very active in the Hopkinton Fair and often won ribbons for their entries. They sponsored civil improvements from the Concord City Park manager regarding the damage from the 1938 hurricane. With the last of their treasury, they purchased a granite memorial bench for the Sewell’s Falls Park in West Concord.

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Arrangement:
The West Concord Garden Club Records are organized by type of material and then date.

Contents List

**Box 1**
- Folder 1  Constitutions
- Folder 2  Minutes book, 1938 - January 1959
- Folder 3  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1953-1959
- Folder 4  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1960-1961
- Folder 5  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1962-1963
- Folder 6  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1964-1965
- Folder 7  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1966-1967
- Folder 8  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1968-1969
- Folder 9  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1970-1971
- Folder 10  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1972-1973
- Folder 11  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1974-1975
- Folder 12  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1976-1977
- Folder 13  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1978-1979
- Folder 14  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1980-1981
- Folder 15  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1982-1983
- Folder 16-17  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1984-1985
- Folder 18-19  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1986-1987
- Folder 20-21  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1988-1989
- Folder 22-23  Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1990-1991
- Folder 24  Final Annual Report, 1992

**Box 2**
- Folder 1  Treasurers book, 1948-1975
- Folder 3  Treasurers reports, 1986-1990
- Folder 4  Passbooks and check registers, 1960s-1980s
- Folder 5  Flower show reports, 1943-1947
- Folder 6  Flower show reports, 1947-1958
- Folder 7  Flower show reports, 1955-1959
- Folder 8  Flower show reports, 1962-1966
- Folder 9  Flower show reports, 1978-1982
- Folder 10  Membership forms
- Folder 11  Membership lists
- Folder 12  Awards
- Folder 13  Scrapbook Highlights, 1938-1961, by Margaret Crabbe
- Folder 14  Scrapbook, 1938-1959
- Folder 15  Scrapbook, 1942-1951
Box 3
Folder 1  Scrapbook 1962-1969
Folder 2  Scrapbook, 1970-1973
Folder 3  Scrapbook, 1974
Folder 4  Scrapbook, 1973-1979
Folder 5  Scrapbook, 1980
Folder 6  Scrapbook, 1988
Folder 7  Scrapbook, 1989-1991
Folder 8  Newspaper clippings
Folder 9  Hazel Sprague, herbs, etc.
Folder 10  Miscellaneous
Volume 11  Guestbook, 1942-1946
Volume 12  Guestbook, 1959-1978
Volume 13  Guestbook, 1978-1979
Volume 15  Guestbook, not dated

Separated Materials:
The photographs that arrived with this collection have been moved to the New Hampshire Historical Society’s Photograph Collection.

Subject Terms
People:
   Crabbe, Margaret
   Sprague, Hazel
Subjects:
   Agriculture
   Garden Club
   Gardening
   Gardens
   Herbs
Locations:
   Concord, NH

Related Materials
Concord Garden Club Photographs in the New Hampshire Historical Society’s Photograph Collection.