

Stewart Bell Jr. Archives
Handley Regional Library & Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society
P.O. Box 58, Winchester, Virginia 22604
Tel.: (540) 662-9041, ext. 17 • Email: archives@handleyregional.org
Website: www.handleyregional.org/archives

Winchester-Clarke Garden Club Records
Collection Number: 1454 THL

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS: Collection is open to all researchers.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING REPRODUCTION AND USE: Restrictions may apply concerning the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult a member of the archives staff for information concerning these restrictions. The user assumes all responsibility for identifying and satisfying any claimants of copyright. Some materials may require special handling.

PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 1987. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in June 2024.

ACCESSION NUMBER(S): 2024.003 THL

EXTENT: 3.4 linear feet

CREATOR: Winchester-Clarke Garden Club

DATE: 1959-2019

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains minutes and other records of the Winchester-Clarke Garden Club (Winchester and Clarke County, VA), as well as the Garden Club of Virginia and the Garden Club of America (1950-present). Also included are tour booklets for Historic Garden Week in Virginia from 1948 to present, with some years missing.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The club was formed in 1924 through the efforts of Miss Bessie Conrad. In 1928, the club was invited to join the Garden Club of America, and it participated in the first Historic Garden Week in Virginia.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of the Winchester-Clarke Garden Club

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

The Garden Club of America
Annual meeting, 1959
Annual meeting, 1991, 1995, 1996 - program, delegate listing, annual dinner medal award program
Annual reports, 1988-1989
Annual reports, 1997

Awards

Bulletin, Volume 52, 1948, No. 1, January 1964
Committee correspondence, 1984, 1980, 1991-1992
Endangered species project, 1978-1980
Fact sheets, 1982, 1983-1984
Flower shows, 1991-1993
Founders Fund award winners, 1936-1979, 1936-1994
Handbook, 1982
Meeting programs, 1981, 1992, 1996

BOX 2

Miscellaneous, 1978-1996
Newsletter, 1992, 1996
President's report, 1982-1983
Zone VII directory, 1994-1995, 1995-1996
Zone VII meeting minutes, 1978, 1992-1996
Zone VII miscellaneous

The Garden Club of Virginia
Annual meetings, 1991-1996
Annual meetings, 1982, 1983, 1989
Board of Governors meetings, 1982, 1983
Board of Governors meetings, 1990-1996

BOX 3

Chapter club membership directories, A-M
Chapter club membership directories, N-Z
Committee correspondence, 1968, 1991-1993
Committee member poster, 1982-1984, 1994-1995
Flower shows, 1995-1996
Miscellaneous
President's reports - annual meeting, 1982, 1984
President's reports - annual meeting, 1990, 1992-1996
President's report - Board of Governors meeting, 1982
President's report - Board of Governors meetings, 1990, 1992, 1996
Registers, supplements, journals, 1963-1997
Winchester Council of Garden Clubs

BOX 4

Winchester-Clarke Garden Club
Account book, 1956-1980
Account statements, receipts
Agendas, 1991-1993
Annual committee reports, 36 items
Awards, 6 items
Board of Directors meetings, 1959-1969
Board of Directors meetings, 1970-1979
Board of Directors meetings, 1980-1986

Board of Directors meetings, 1987-1990
Board of Directors meetings, 1990-1994
Board of Directors meetings, 1995-1997

BOX 5

By-laws, duties, responsibilities, updated by-laws, 2014, 2015

Correspondence

Duties of officers

Financial, Treasurer's report, budgets

Flower Show Poster, June 19, 1931

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 2

Gardening symposium

Historic Garden Week in Virginia, 1990-1994

Historic Garden Week, 1955-1996, lists houses on the tour and their owners

Historic Garden Week, 1196-1998, lists attendance and chairs

History

Minutes of regular meetings, 1966-1969

BOX 6

Minutes of regular meetings, 1970-1979

Minutes of regular meetings, 1980-1989

Minutes of regular meetings, 1990-1993

Minutes of regular meetings, 1994-1997

Miscellaneous

News articles

Newsletters

Reports, 1962-1990

Videos, 2 items: "From Garbage to Gold"

"The Garden Club of America: A Tour de Force"

BOX 7

Minutes, Board Meetings, 2012 – 2019

Budget Reports, 2012 – 2019

Minutes, General Meetings, 2012-2019

Mixed Papers, 2012-2019

Newsletters, 2014-2019

BOX 8

Tour booklets for Historic Garden Week in Virginia, 19 items, printed

1948	1956	1960	1967	1977
1950	1957	1961	1972	1978

1954	1958	1962	1973	1979
1955	1959	1963	1975	

BOX 9

Tour booklets for Historic Garden Week in Virginia

1980	1990	2009
1981	1991	2010
1982	1992	2011
1984	1993	2012
1985	1994	2013
1986	2002	2015
1987	2003	2016
1988	2006	2017
1989	2008	

PHOTOGRAPHS

- [1454-001] Floral arranges submitted by Garden Club, circa 1980
- [1454-002] Floral arranges submitted by Garden Club, circa 1980
- [1454-003] Floral arranges submitted by Garden Club, circa 1980
- [1454-004] Five unidentified women at Winchester-Clarke County Garden Club function, circa 1964
- [1454-005] Two adults and a female teenager (all unidentified) standing outside of house number 2824. Teenager has won a scholarship to go to a nature camp and is about to depart, circa 1985
- [1454-006] Unidentified women at bottom of flight of stairs. The older women is a club member and the teenager is a scholarship winner who is to attend a nature camp and is about to depart, circa 1985