



Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Twin City Garden Club
Inclusive Dates: 1946-2006
Physical Description: 2 boxes, (2.0 linear feet).

Provenance:

The Twin City Garden Club Records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

Access:

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

Historical Note:

The Twin City Garden Club was founded in Champaign-Urbana in July 1930 by first club president Mrs. M.D. Gordon and 25 other members. Although a constitution was created in the fall of 1930, the purpose of the club was not officially documented until 1933 when Mrs. A.P. Kratz stated the club's object was "to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to aid in the protection of native growth, and to encourage home, civic and state beautification." Meetings were generally held monthly at varying locations including members' homes and local facilities, such as Bradley Hall and the YWCA auditorium, among others. Meetings consisted of gardening tips and reminders, horticulture programming by both members of the club and specialists, the creation and evaluation of 'bouquets', as well as the discussion of ways in which the club could actively engage with the community. The club planted trees and beautified local common areas in the community, gave talks, hosted and participated in flower shows, and sponsored a Junior Garden Club.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains the Twin City Garden Club's administrative and activities records. The collection is comprised of program booklets (which contain membership lists and the club's Constitution); journals of their meeting minutes; two historical publications created by the Club; Flower Show Programs; an award for best yearbook; the Charter and By-Laws of the sponsoring organization above them, The Garden Club of Illinois, Inc.; as well as scrapbooks containing article clippings related to the Club and its activities. Additionally, there are club meeting minutes and program booklets for the Twin City Junior Garden Club. Two publications--one published in 1965, one in 1991--cover the historical formation, background, members, and activities of the club since its inception in 1930.

Arrangement:

The collection is divided into two series: Club Records and Scrapbooks.

Subject Terms:

Clubs



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Twin City Garden Club Records

Collection 108

Gardening--Societies, etc.--History.
Twin City Junior Garden Club.
Twin City Garden Club.
Women--societies and clubs

Container List:

Box 1

Series 1: Club Records, 1946-2006

Folder 1: Charter and By-laws, The Garden Club of Illinois, Inc. 1976
Folder 2: Clippings, 1946-1998, and undated
Folder 3: Constitution and By-Laws, undated
Folder 4: Flower Show Programs, 1956-1970
Folder 5: Histories, 1965, 1991
Folder 6: Home Tours, 1974, 1978
Folders 7-8: Minutes, 1947-1968 (2 folders)
Folder 9: Secretary's Notebook, Junior Garden Club, 1973-1977
Folders 10-11: Yearbooks, 1960-1980, 1985, 1991, 1999-2006 (2 folders)
Folder 12: Yearbooks, Twin-City Junior Garden Club, 1973, 1975

Box 2

Series 2: Scrapbooks, 1959-1975

Scrapbook 1: 1959-1963
Scrapbook 2: 1963-1967
Scrapbook 3: 1967-1975