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**Winchester-Clarke Garden Club Records**  
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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Initial processing undertaken in 1987. Last updated January 31, 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:** Selected 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:** Received from 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

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, 1996-1998, 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	

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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	