

MS-131 The Four Seasons Garden Club

Collection Number: MS-131

Title: Four Seasons Garden Club

Dates: 1928-2006

Creator: The Four Seasons Garden Club

Summary/Abstract:

The Four Seasons Garden Club is located in Oakwood, Ohio. The collection includes council minutes, member directories, past programs, newspaper clippings, constitutions, photographs, slides, and scrapbooks. The records document the creation of the club in 1928 to 2006.

Quantity/Physical Description: 7 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

The Four Seasons Garden Club collection was donated to Wright State University by Ruth Hayley and Lucy Perez in June 1983.

Related Material:

MS-288 The Garden Club of Dayton records

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Arrangement:

The Four Season Garden Club collection is organized into six series:

Series I: Meeting Minutes

Series II: The President's Files

Series III: Financial Records

Series IV: Member directories

Series V: Slides and photographs

Series VI: Scrapbooks

Biographical/Historical Note

Organized in 1928, the Four Seasons Garden Club of Oakwood has raised money through various activities such as bulb sales and auctions to fund beautification projects including the landscaping of Shawen Acres Children's Home, "Whip-poor-will" Girl Scout Camp, and the Italian Cloister at the Dayton Art Institute, and to provide other community services.

Scope and Content

The first series in the collection contains the club's meeting minutes from 1928 to 1943 and from 1953 to 1976 with occasional membership rolls. The second series has the contents of the "President's Files," the paperwork kept by the club presidents, including annual committee reports, correspondence, project memoranda, and programs from the club meetings. Also included is a miscellaneous file with a copy of the constitution, a list of the duties of the officers, two histories of the club, the introduction of Herr Mistaufen, and other miscellaneous items.

Series 3 is the financial records of check stubs and a receipt book from 1967 to 1974. Series 4 contains the member directories from 1936 and 1939, and from 1952 to 2001. Series 5 has slides, which are pictures of gardens and pictures taken during meetings from 1968 to 1983. Also included are undated photos of meetings and parties. There are also three Records Center boxes with scrapbooks of pictures, newspaper articles, and sample invitations from 1938 to 1940 and from 1949 to 2006.

Subject Terms**Organizations/Corporate Names**

Four Seasons Garden Club -- Archives

Places

Dayton (Ohio)

Subjects

Gardening -- Societies, etc. -- Ohio -- Dayton

Women -- Societies and clubs -- Ohio -- Dayton

Material Types

Newspaper

Scrapbooks

Photographs

Slides (photographs)
 Electronic records (digital records)

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	
Series I: Meeting Minutes				
1	1	Minutes	1928-1931	
	2	Minutes	1932-1935	
	3	Minutes	1936-1939	
	4	Minutes	1940-1943	
	5	Minutes	1953-1956	
	6	Minutes	1957-1960	
	7	Minutes	1961-1964	
	8	Minutes	1965-1968	
	9	Minutes	1969-1972	
	10	Minutes	1973-1976	
2	1	Minutes	1977-1982	
	2	Minutes	1981-1984	
	3	Minutes	1985-1986	
Series II: The President's File				
2	4	Committee Reports	1952-1956	
	5	Committee Reports	1957-1960	
	6	Committee Reports	1961-1964	
	7	Committee Reports	1965-1968	
	8	Committee Reports	1969-1971	
	9	Committee Reports	1972-1979	
	10	Committee Reports	1982-1990	
	11	Correspondence	1955-1960	
	12	Correspondence	1961-1964	
	13	Correspondence	1965-1968	
	3	1	Correspondence	1969-1972
		2	Correspondence	1973-1976
		3	Correspondence	1983-1988
4		Projects and Programs	1958-1960	
5		Projects and Programs	1961-1970	
6		Projects and Programs	1971-1976	
7		Projects and Programs	1976-1991	
8		Miscellaneous	n.d.	

Series III: Financial Records

3	9	Check stubs and receipts	1967-1974
Series IV: Member directory			
4	1	Constitution and bylaws	1936, 1939, 1984
	2	25 th and 50 th anniversary booklet	1953, 1978
	3	Member directory	1952-1954
	4	Member directory	1954-1957
	5	Member directory	1958-1960
	6	Member directory	1960-1962
	7	Member directory	1962-1964
	8	Member directory	1964-1966
	9	Member directory	1966-1968
	10	Member directory	1968-1970
	11	Member directory	1970-1972
	12	Member directory	1972-1974
5	1	Member directory	1974-1976
	2	Member directory	1976-1979
	3	Member directory	1979-1981
	4	Member directory	1981-1983
	5	Member directory	1983-1985
	6	Member directory	1985-1988
	7	Member directory	1988-1992
	8	Member directory	1992-1996
	9	Member directory	1996-2001
5A	1	Member directory	1999-2002
	2	Member directory	2003-2005
	3	Presidents reports Meeting minutes	1990-1992
	4	Presidents reports Meeting minutes	1993-1994
	5	Presidents reports Meeting minutes	1994-1995
	6	Presidents reports Meeting minutes	1995
	7	Presidents reports Meeting minutes	1996-1997
	8	Presidents reports Meeting minutes	1997-1998
	9	Presidents reports Meeting minutes	1998
	10	Presidents reports Meeting minutes	1999

	11	Meeting minutes	Sep 1991-Dec 1992
	12	Meeting minutes	1993
	13	Treasurer's report	1992-1995
	14	Ledger	1977-1998
	15	Ledger	1988-1994
5B	1	Attendance records	1991-1993
	2	Correspondence	1991-1997
	3	Deposit agreement	1983
	4	Flower growing tips	1947-1953, undated
	5	Holiday recipes	Undated
	6	Member list	1949, undated
	7	Memos and meetings	1983-2004, undated
	8	Newspaper clippings	1938-1966, 1974, 2003-2005
	9	Programs	1992-2003, undated
	10	Projects and shows	1940-1959, 1992
	11	Reports and minutes	1947-1995, undated
	12	Ribbons	1938-1941
	13	Outings	1998
	14	Research project form	Undated
	15	Hand-written notes	ca. 1988
	16	History and scrapbook committee	1984-1986
	17	"Four Seasons Garden Club: 75 Years" PowerPoint Slide Show and jpeg checklist (Access copy of slide show in PDF/A format is available at the reference desk. Ask for E-Archives item ms131_e0001)	2003

Series V: Slides and photos

6	1	Slides of various activities	1968-1983, undated
7	1	Photographs	ca. 1980-2000
	2	Photographs	ca. 1980-2000
	3	Photographs	ca. 1980-2000
	4	Rothschild Farm photos	Sep 1999
	5	Flower arranging photos	Oct 1999
	6	Trip to Lebanon photos	Nov 1999
	7	Christmas tea photos	Dec 1999
	8	Museum of Discovery photos	Jan 2000
	9	Project funding photos	Feb 2000
	10	Lecture on Dogwoods at Cox Arboretum photos	Mar 2000
	11	May meeting at Aullwood photos	May 2000

Series VI: Scrapbooks

8	1	Scrapbooks	1938-1940
	2	Scrapbooks	1949-1962
	3	Scrapbooks	1962-1974
9	1	Scrapbooks	1974-1978
	2	Scrapbooks	1978-1983
	3	Scrapbooks	1983-1991
	4	Scrapbooks	1991-1992
10	1	Scrapbooks	1995-1996
	2	Scrapbooks	1996-1997
	3	Scrapbooks	2001-2002
	4	Scrapbooks	2002-2003
	5	Scrapbooks	2005-2006