

**MS-524: Centerville Garden Club Records**

**Collection Number:** MS-524

**Title:** Centerville Garden Club Records

**Dates:** 1930-2006 (bulk 1980-2006)

**Creator:** Centerville (Ohio) Garden Club

**Summary/Abstract:**

The Centerville Garden Club, located near Dayton, Ohio, was established in 1930. The records consist almost entirely of scrapbooks with both internal and external material on the club. The materials are photographs, newspaper clippings, booklets containing a list of events, members and officers, certificates, awards and thank you notes.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 5.84 linear feet

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

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**Preferred Citation:**

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**Acquisition:**

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives by the Centerville Garden Club on January 15, 2015; the representative of the club was Linda Barsalou, president of the Centerville Garden Club.

**Accruals:** Further accruals are expected.

**Other Finding Aid:**

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries website at: <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms524.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at: <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

**Related Material:**

MS-131: Four Seasons Garden Club Records  
MS-288: Garden Club of Dayton Records  
MS-463: Delphinium Garden Club of Dayton Records  
MS-535: Greenview Garden Club History

**Processing Information:**

Some of the scrapbooks have rosette ribbons in them that bow the covers. Some were able to be removed and placed in a file within the collection. Others could not be removed without possibly damaging them; those were left in the scrapbooks.

**Processed by:**

Finding aid written to DACS standards by Victoria L. Chadbourne, April 2017

**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged in two series:

- Series I: Awards, 1974
- Series II: Scrapbooks, 1930-2006

**Historical Note:**

The Centerville Garden Club began on May 5, 1930, and is still functioning. The original name of the club was the Community Garden Club. The first documented use of the name Centerville Community Garden Club was in 1938. It became the Centerville Garden Club in 1946.

The club has several areas of interest: local conservation projects, civic beautification, drying and selling local plant materials, and hosting and participating in floral arrangement competitions. The club is a member of four other organizations: the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Atlantic Region; the Garden Clubs of Ohio, Dayton District; the National Arbor Day Foundation; and Cox Arboretum, located in Miami Township, Ohio. The club won the Luna Sears Conservation Education Award in 1974.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The Centerville Garden Club Records consist of two report covers containing information on awards the club applied for and seventeen scrapbooks. The scrapbooks contain well-labeled photographs, club histories, roster of member and officers, booklets published by the club, and club constitutions and policies. Many of the booklets cannot be opened because the edges of the front covers adhered to the adhesive scrapbook pages as well as the back covers.

Series I, Awards (1974), consists of awards documentation not contained within the scrapbooks. These materials include paper work submitted by the club in November of 1974. The competitions entered were the Luna Sears Conservation Education Award, which they won, and

the Ethel Fisher Conservation Award. See Series II for many certificates and ribbons contained within the scrapbooks and unable to be removed without damage to the award.

Series II, Scrapbooks (1930-2006), consists of scrapbooks, all with “magnetic” or adhesive pages. In 1993 the scrapbooks became known as the Historian’s Scrapbook. The materials consist of photographs, newspaper clippings, awards, pamphlets, etc.

One scrapbook contains yearbooks from 1930-1979. Each yearbook includes an outline of events held that year, list of events held that year, and a roster of member and committee members. Beginning in 1980, the scrapbooks included the yearbook from the year or years the scrapbook covered. There is no scrapbook for 1985, but five photographs are included at the end of the 1984 scrapbook.

## **Subject Terms**

### **Organizations/Corporate Names**

Centerville (Ohio) Garden Club  
Centerville (Ohio) Community Garden Club  
Community Garden Club

### **Places**

Centerville (Ohio)

### **Subjects (General)**

Gardening -- Societies, etc. -- Ohio -- Centerville  
Gardening -- Societies, etc. -- Ohio -- Dayton  
Gardens -- Ohio -- Dayton  
Women -- Ohio -- Dayton -- Societies and clubs

### **Material Types**

Scrapbooks

## Collection Inventory

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Series I: Awards</b>			<b>1974</b>
1	1	The Luna Sears Conservation Education Award	1974 Nov. 20
1	2	The Ethel Fisher Conservation Award	1974 Nov. 20
<b>Series II: Scrapbooks</b>			<b>1930-2006</b>
2		Scrapbook of Yearbooks	1930-1979
3		Scrapbook (See also Oversized Location #208, Folder #11 for 1 drawing of proposed Centerville Library 17.5" X 25.5", circa 1955)	1930-1959
OS 208	11	Drawing of proposed Centerville Library removed from Scrapbook	Circa 1955
4		Scrapbook	1960-1962
5		Scrapbook	1963-1966
6		Scrapbook (See also Box #1, Folder #3 for 3 rosette ribbons and 5 photo graphs)	1967-1970
1	3	3 rosette ribbons and 5 photographs removed from Scrapbook	1967-1970
7		Scrapbook (See also Box #1, Folder #4 for 2 rosette ribbons)	1971-1979
1	4	2 rosette ribbons removed from Scrapbook	1971-1979
8	1	Scrapbook (See also Box #1 Folder #5 for 5 photographs)	1980-1985
1	5	5 photographs removed from Scrapbook	1985
8	2	Scrapbook (See also Box #1, Folder #6 for 1 rosette ribbon)	1986-1988
1	6	1 rosette ribbon removed from Scrapbook	1976-1988
8	3	Scrapbook	1989-1992
8	4	Historian's Scrapbook	1993-1994
9	1	Historian's Scrapbook	1995
9	2	Historian's Scrapbook	1996
9	3	Historian's Scrapbook	1997
9	4	Historian's Scrapbook	1998
10	1	Historian's Scrapbook	1999-2000
10	2	Historian's Scrapbook	2001-2003
10	3	Historian's Scrapbook	2004-2006