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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Ms.2007.032

Unit Date

1914-2009

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

Materials in the collection include newspaper clippings, minutes and yearbooks from the Blacksburg Woman's Club and organization reports, minutes, pressbooks, yearbooks, and scrapbooks from the Southside Garden Club.

Creator

Blacksburg Woman's Club (Blacksburg, Va.)

Creator

Southside Garden Club (1928/1930-) (Blacksburg, Va.)

Extent

6.9 Cubic Feet 15 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Southside Garden Club Records were donated to Special Collections in 2007. Additional scrapbooks were donated in 2011 and 2018. Additional materials were donated to Special Collections in 2019.

Processing Information

The original donation of materials was processed, arranged, and described in 2008. Accessions received in 2011 and 2018 were processed in July 2018. The 2019 accession was processed in October 2022.

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Administrative History

The Southside Garden Club began as a committee under the governance of the Blacksburg Woman's Club. In the 1920s, in order to generate more interest in the Woman's Club a committee was formed known as the Garden Committee. The committee first met in February of 1928, and in March of 1930 the committee voted to withdraw from the Woman's Club and form its own independent organization. From the very beginning the Garden Club was concerned with community involvement and civic interests including the beautification of Blacksburg. In the late 1930s, the Garden Club's membership had grown beyond the capacity that could be accommodated by meetings in women's homes, in order to solve this problem, the club voted to split into three groups, the Arboretum Garden Club, Southside Garden Club, and Town and Country Garden Club.

The Southside Garden Club, so named because many members lived on the south side of town, was federated in 1941. The Southside Garden Club continued the tradition of community involvement. In 1952, the club voted in favor of having women on the town council and in 1963, succeeded in making Blacksburg a bird sanctuary. It has furnished flowers and plants for various public buildings such as school grounds, Historic Smithfield, and the public library. Members of the Southside Garden Club have also participated in many contests and won awards in categories such as Garden Therapy and Horticulture. The primary mission of the Garden Club has always been the beautification of the town and county, and that mission continues even into the present day.

Scope and Content

The Southside Garden Club Records contain materials from the Blacksburg Woman's Club and the Southside Garden Club. The Blacksburg Woman's Club materials include newspaper clippings, minutes and yearbooks. The Southside Garden Club materials include the organization's records and history as well as minutes, yearbooks, awards, and scrapbooks. There are multiple programs from shows that the Southside Garden Club and other local garden clubs hosted. The bulk of the collection is scrapbooks which contain photographs

of floral arrangements and Garden Club members, newspaper clippings, and yearbooks from each year.

Separated Materials

A 1978 New Virginians Home Show program was placed in the Record Group Vertical Files RG 31/8/12.

Keywords

Blacksburg (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Montgomery County (Va.)

Women -- History

Blacksburg Woman's Club (Blacksburg, Va.)

Southside Garden Club (1928/1930-) (Blacksburg, Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series each of which is arranged in chronological order.

Series I: Blacksburg Woman's Club Material, 1914-1957: this series contains newspaper clippings, minutes, yearbooks, and publications.

Series II: Southside Garden Club Material, 1947-2009: this series is broken up into three sub-series described below:

Sub-series A: Records and Minutes, 1947-2005, this series contains annual reports and minutes of the Garden Club. The series is separated into categories and arranged in chronological order.

Sub-series B: Garden Club Awards and Pressbooks, 1964-2001, this series contains press clippings regarding garden club activities and booklets related to the contests entered by Garden Club members.

Sub-series C: Garden Club Scrapbooks, 1962-2009, this series contains the scrapbooks of the Garden Club. This series also contains garden show programs from shows hosted by the Southside Garden Club and a few other local garden clubs.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Blacksburg Woman's Club Materials

Unit Date 1914-1957

Blacksburg Woman's Club

Unit Date 1914-1957

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Yearbooks

Unit Date 1939-1953

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scrapbook - Newspaper Clippings and Correspondence

Unit Date 1940-1941

box-folder 1 (box)
Container 3 (folder)

Presidential Speech

Unit Date 1941
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 4 (folder)

The Virginia Club Woman

Unit Date April 1957
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 5 (folder)

Series II: Southside Garden Club Material

Unit Date 1947-2009

Sub-series A: Records and Minutes

Unit Date 1947-2005

Membership Procedures

Unit Date c.1985-1997
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 6 (folder)

Annual Reports

Unit Date 1954-1988
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 7 (folder)

Annual Reports

Unit Date 1989-2000
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 8 (folder)

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, "Golden Memories and Parliamentary Hints"

Unit Date n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 9 (folder)

Guest Book

Unit Date 1973-1995
box 14

Southside Garden Club Treasurer's Report

Unit Date 1973-1976
folder 15 (box)
Container 3 (folder)

Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Programs

Unit Date 1971-1973

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Southside Garden Club Placement Show Programs

Unit Date 1973-1984

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

"Our Christmas Heritage - Through the Years" Program

Unit Date 1975

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Southside Garden Club Amateur Show Program

Unit Date 1957

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Arboretum Garden Club Programs

Unit Date 1971-1979

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Trillium Garden Club Show Program

Unit Date 1975

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Town and Country Garden Club Show Program

Unit Date 1985

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Minutes

Unit Date 1947-2002

Unit Date 1947-1954

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Unit Date 1954-1961

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Unit Date 1961-1964

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Unit Date 1965-1973

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Unit Date 2001-2002
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Yearbooks

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Sub-series B: Garden Club Awards and Pressbooks

Unit Date 1964-2001

Flower Shows

Unit Date 1964-2000

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

Pressbooks - Publicity Contest

Unit Date 1982

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

Horticulture Award

Unit Date 1983

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Garden Therapy Award

Unit Date 1986-1988

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Conservation of Water Award

Unit Date 1987

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

Civic Project Award

Unit Date 1987-1988

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings

Unit Date 1987-1996

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

Horticulture Award

Unit Date November 1988

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 36 (folder)

Garden Therapy Service Award

Unit Date October 1989

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 37 (folder)

Garden Therapy Beautification and/or Education Award

Unit Date October 1989

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 38 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings - Award S-6

Unit Date 1990

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 39 (folder)

Birds Habitat Award

Unit Date December 1991

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 40 (folder)

Garden Therapy Services Award

Unit Date November 1993

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 41 (folder)

Garden Therapy Beautification and/or Education Award

Unit Date November 1993

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 42 (folder)

Tree Award

Unit Date November 1994

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 43 (folder)

J. B. Spahr and J. T. White Nature Camp Life Membership presentation photograph

Unit Date 1972-01-18

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Roadside Improvement Award

Unit Date November 1994

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Garden Therapy Beautification and/or Education Award

Unit Date 1994

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

National Award - Holiday Show

Unit Date December 1996

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Membership Award

Unit Date November 2000

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Horticulture - Herb Award**Unit Date** November 2001**box-folder** 15 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Sub-series C: Garden Club Scrapbooks****Unit Date** 1955-2009**Loose Scrapbook Items - Newspaper Clippings and Photographs****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 15 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Scrapbooks****Unit Date** 1955-2009**Unit Date** 1955-1956**box-folder** 15 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Unit Date** 1962-1963**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Unit Date** 1971-1972**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Unit Date** 1972**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Unit Date** 1978-1979**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Unit Date** 1979**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Unit Date** 1982-1983**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Unit Date** 1983-1984**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Unit Date** 1984-1985**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Unit Date** 1985-1986**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Unit Date** 1986-1987**box-folder** 6 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Unit Date** 1987-1988**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)

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