Town and Country Garden Club records
4 linear feet; 2 manuscript boxes, 2 oversize drop top boxes
1953-2014, bulk 1996-2006

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Related Materials: Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland District 1 records, 2013.064
Somerset County Garden Club records, 2012.011
Wicomico County Garden Club records, 2008.019
Administrative History: The Town and Country Garden Club formed when a group of fifteen ladies, with a mutual interest in flowers and gardening met at the home of Miss Marian Morton on January 21, 1953. At this time, dates for meetings were discussed and Mrs. Anna Powell, Mrs. Elsie Hearne, Miss Marian Morton and Miss Ruth Powell were chosen to form by laws for the organization. Since the club’s inception, the ladies have continued to meet regularly, to host flower shows and Christmas teas as well as participate in other civic and social activities.

Scope and Content Note: The records of the Town and Country Garden Club document the Wicomico County, Maryland ladies social club through their administrative files and activities from 1953 – 2014 with the bulk of the material dating from 1996 – 2006. Administratively, the organization held regular meetings as reflected in the records which are comprised by the organizations by laws, membership records, financial records and meeting minutes. Socially, the garden club was very active hosting annual flower shows and Christmas Tea’s, these activities are documented via photographs, scrapbooks and planning records.

Arrangement Statement: The Town and Country Garden Club records have been arranged into two series, ADMINISTRATIVE FILES and ACTIVITY FILES. Administrative files document the administrative activities of the garden club and include the articles of incorporation, by-laws, meeting minutes, financial records, and membership information. There is a significant gap in the organization’s meeting minutes from 1955 – 1970. The Activity file series documents the various activities that the club would participate in including an annual Christmas tea and spring flower show, also included are scrapbooks put together by the organization to highlight yearly activities including those aforementioned as well as potting parties and community service efforts. Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.

Subject Terms:

General Terms

Garden Club
Gardening
Horticulture
Flower Shows
Social Club
Societies

Corporate Names

Town and Country Garden Club
Series I: Administrative Files

Box 1

1. Constitution and By Laws, undated
2. By Laws, 2004-2005
3. Property Inventory, 1989 July
10. Meeting Minutes, 2004 September 15 – 2006 April 19
15. Membership Application, undated
25. Newspaper Clippings, 1974, 2004

Series II: Activity Files

Box 2

3. Photographs, Christmas Tea, 1995
4. Executive Tea, 1998 September 16
10. Photographs, Local Plantings, 2005
17. Scrapbook, 60th Anniversary, 2014

Box 3

Box 4