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Town and County Garden Club records, 2010.001
Wicomico County Garden Club records, 2008.019
Administrative History: Maryland was one of the first states to form a federated garden club, as part of the garden movement in the 1920s. Today, the Federated Garden Club of Maryland is comprised of 112 garden clubs and has approximately 4,000 members divided into five districts located regionally across the state from the Eastern Shore and Chesapeake Bay region to the mountains in the Western region. The FGCMD is a part of the Central Atlantic Region of National Garden Club, a nonprofit educational organization with over 200,000 members and 6,000 clubs.

Throughout the organization’s history the FGCMD has taken a key role in keeping Maryland roadways free of billboards, preserving and placing Blue Star Memorial Highway markers, and partnering with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in planting trees and shrubs to protect critical watershed areas.

The purpose of the organization is to encourage sound horticulture, conservation and design among its members as well as to educate the public through the beneficial use of native trees, shrubs, perennials, and wildflowers.

District 1 of the FGCMD was born out of several of the Eastern Shore and Chesapeake regional garden clubs with their acceptance into the Federated Garden Club of Maryland from the earliest admission in 1947 of the Queen Anne’s County Garden Club. Over the next twenty years, garden clubs throughout the Eastern Shore became members of the FGCMD. The individual garden clubs share a similar purpose, to stimulate interest in the citizens of their communities to grow flowers, to expand knowledge and to beautify their community properties.

Citation: The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
http://www.fgcofmd.org/who_we_are.html

Scope and Content Note: The Federated Garden Club of Maryland, District 1 records document the organization’s activities on the Eastern Shore of Maryland from 1930-2011 with the bulk of the records dating from 1987-2008. Regionally District 1 is comprised of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester counties and their organized garden clubs. Activities including the semiannual meetings, special meetings, horticulture committee, and the newsletter are documented via meeting minutes recorded by the FGCMD secretary. Also included are scrapbooks compiled by the FGCMD historian that document the activities of the varying clubs through photographs and newspaper clippings.
Arrangement Statement: The records of the Federated Garden Club of Maryland, District 1 have been arranged into two series, Administrative Materials and Visual Materials. ADMINISTRATIVE MATERIALS document the activities of the district’s garden clubs throughout the Eastern Shore, including Queen Anne’s County, Talbot County, Chestertown and Worcester County through meeting minutes and local garden club histories. There is a complete run of meeting minutes from 1966 through 2008. VISUAL MATERIALS document the activities of the various clubs through scrapbooks which were assembled by district historians and include newspaper clippings, photographs, and printed ephemera.

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
- Flower shows
- Garden Clubs
- Gardening
- Horticulture
- Landscape design
- Societies

Corporate Names
- Caroline County Garden Club
- Chestertown Garden Club
- Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland
- Greenfingers Garden Club
- National Garden Club, Inc.
- Queen Anne’s County Garden Club
- Somerset Garden Club
- Talbot County Garden Club
- Worcester County Garden Club

Personal Names
- Hakes, Mrs. Jesse
- Myles-Tochko, Chris
Series I: Administrative Materials  
Box 1  
1. Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1957, 1982-1993  
2. Meeting Minutes, 1966  
3. Meeting Minutes, 1967  
4. Meeting Minutes, 1968  
5. Meeting Minutes, 1969  
6. Meeting Minutes, 1970  
7. Meeting Minutes, 1971  
8. Meeting Minutes, 1972  
9. Meeting Minutes, 1973  
10. Meeting Minutes, 1974  
11. Meeting Minutes, 1975  
12. Meeting Minutes, 1976  
13. Meeting Minutes, 1977  
14. Meeting Minutes, 1978  
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16. Meeting Minutes, 1980  
17. Meeting Minutes, 1981  
18. Meeting Minutes, 1982  
19. Meeting Minutes, 1983  
20. Meeting Minutes, 1984  
21. Meeting Minutes, 1985  
22. Meeting Minutes, 1986  
23. Meeting Minutes, 1987  
24. Meeting Minutes, 1988  
25. Meeting Minutes, 1989  
26. Meeting Minutes, 1990  
27. Meeting Minutes, 1991  
28. Meeting Minutes, 1992  
29. Meeting Minutes, 1993  
30. Meeting Minutes, 1994  
31. Meeting Minutes, 1995  
32. Meeting Minutes, 1996  
33. Meeting Minutes, 1997  
34. Meeting Minutes, 1998  
35. Meeting Minutes, 1999  
36. Meeting Minutes, 2000  
37. Meeting Minutes, 2001  
38. Meeting Minutes, 2002

Box 2
1. Meeting Minutes, 2004
2. Meeting Minutes, 2005
3-4. Meeting Minutes, 2006
5. Meeting Minutes, 2007
6. Meeting Minutes, 2008
7. Meeting Minutes, 2009 February – March
8. History, Chestertown Garden Club, 1931-1952
11. History, Queen Anne’s Garden Club, 1933-1964
13. History, First and Second Garden Clubs of Talbot County, by Elizabeth W. Dixon, undated
15. Holiday Award #22, Red and Green Rosette, 1977-1978
16. Award #30, Green Rosette District Show Award, 1982
17. Greenfingers Garden Club Yearly Resume of Activities, 1960-1964

Series II: Visual Materials
2. Scrapbook, 1975-1976
3-5. Scrapbook, 1979-1996

Box 3
1-2. Scrapbook, 2002-2004
4-5. Scrapbook, 2005-2006
9-11. Scrapbook, 2009-2010
Federated Garden Club of Maryland, District 1, Part 2 records
1 linear foot; 1 manuscript box

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Abstract: The Federated Garden Club of Maryland, District 1 was created from garden clubs around the Eastern Shore to provide awareness, and interest to residents in their communities to keep community properties in tasteful presentation by utilizing native greenery and wildflowers. The records document the organization’s financial activities, and events on the Eastern Shore from 1971-2011 with the bulk of the records dating from 1991-2007.

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Box 4

1-3. Meeting Minutes, 2009-2011
10. Budget Sheet and Receipts, 2001
12. Correspondence and Receipts, 2005-2006
13. Correspondence and Receipts, 2007
14. Correspondence, Expenses and Receipts, 2006-2008
15. Receipts, 1995-1996
18. Receipts, 2002-2005
19. Receipts, 2008 April
25. Handbook, District I, undated
26. Greeting Card, undated