



Belmont Garden Club Collection, 1931-2002

Collection Summary:

Title: Belmont Garden Club Collection

Summary: A collection of meeting minutes, organizational records, and printed materials documenting the activities and history of the Belmont Garden Club.

Dates range from 1931 to 2002. Bulk dates: 1935-1979.

Creator: Belmont Garden Club

Physical Description: 4 boxes; 1.7 linear feet. Language: English

Stack Location: Section 11, shelf 15.

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville-Davidson County, 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Historical Note:

The Belmont Garden Club was first organized in the late fall of 1929 (exact date unknown), with the purpose to promote gardening and to cooperate in the protection and conservation of wildlife. In early 1930, a group of Nashville women met for the purpose of electing club officers and setting up committees. As most of the club members lived in the Belmont area, it was decided that the name of the club would be the "Belmont Garden Club," and members met on a monthly basis.

In 1934, the Belmont Garden Club was admitted to the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs. Since then, members have been active in horticulture, flower arranging, civic improvements, beautification projects, and fostering interest in garden programs. The club has collaborated with other institutions and organizations such as Cheekwood, the Red Cross, and the Centennial Club.

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

The Belmont Garden Club Collection contains meeting minutes, organizational records, and printed materials documenting the activities, programs, and history of the Belmont Garden Club. Dates of the collection range between 1931 to 2002, with bulk dates between 1935 and 1979. Though the club was founded in 1929, its earliest records have been lost; however, the collection contains written

recollections of charter members about the club's early history. The collection contains a wide variety of materials, including photographs from events, programs, memorial resolutions for deceased club members, correspondence, and a large collection of club yearbooks. Also included is an unboxed scrapbook containing handwritten lists of officers, members, programs, speakers, and the constitution and by-laws of the Belmont Garden Club. The collection comprises approximately 1.7 linear feet.

Index Terms:

Belmont-Hillsboro Neighborhood (Nashville, Tenn.)
Cheekwood
Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center
Garden clubs
Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs
Women's clubs

Related Collections:

Centennial Club Collection

Arrangement Note:

This collection is arranged alphabetically into three series: *Minutes*, *Organizational Records*, and *Printed Materials*.

The *Minutes* series includes meeting minutes of the Belmont Garden Club dating between 1935 and 1999, and are arranged chronologically.

Organizational Records contains records documenting the day-to-day activities and administration of the Belmont Garden Club. Records include awards, correspondence, financial records, photographs from various events, governing documents, and writings about the history of the club.

The *Printed Materials* series includes event programs, newspaper clippings, and yearbooks belonging to the Belmont Garden Club. Also included is a Summer 2000 issue of *The Volunteer Gardener*, a publication of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Contents Listing:

Box 1: Series I--Minutes

Fol. 1: Minutes—Jun. 1935-Dec. 1939
Fol. 2: Minutes—Jan. 1940-Dec. 1943
Fol. 3: Minutes—Jan. 1944-Feb. 1948
Fol. 4: Minutes—Mar. 1948-May 1951
Fol. 5: Minutes—Sep. 1951-Feb. 1961
Fol. 6: Minutes—Apr. 1961-Feb. 1966

Box 2: Series I – Minutes – Series II – Organizational Records

- Fol. 1: Minutes – Apr. 1966-Mar. 1977
- Fol. 2: Minutes – Apr. 1977-Mar. 1985
- Fol. 3: Minutes – Apr. 1985-Jun. 1999
- Fol. 4: Organizational Records – Awards – Bicentennial Celebration (1996)
- Fol. 5: Organizational Records – Awards – Garden Show Ribbons (n.d.)
- Fol. 6: Organizational Records – Awards – HSDC (1977)
- Fol. 7: Organizational Records – Awards – Judges' Book (1959-1982)
- Fol. 8: Organizational Records – Awards – Metro Beautification (1995)
- Fol. 9: Organizational Records – Awards – State Fair Ribbon (1948)
- Fol. 10: Organizational Records – Awards – TFGC (1962-1993)
- Fol. 11: Organizational Records – Correspondence – General (1934-1938)
- Fol. 12: Organizational Records – Correspondence – General (1951-1960)
- Fol. 13: Organizational Records – Correspondence – General (1979-1987)
- Fol. 14: Organizational Records – Correspondence – General (1989-2002)

Box 3: Series II – Organizational Records – Series III – Printed Materials

- Fol. 1: Organizational Records – Correspondence – TN Garden Club (1934)
- Fol. 2: Organizational Records – Financial – Checks & Deposits (1987-19912)
- Fol. 3: Organizational Records – Financial – Statements (1990-1992)
- Fol. 4: Organizational Records – Financial – Treasurer's Book (1955-1966)
- Fol. 5: Organizational Records – Financial – Treasurer's Book (1966-1972)
- Fol. 6: Organizational Records – Photographs – 70th Anniversary (1999)
- Fol. 7: Organizational Records – Photographs – Dakie Cowan's House (1994)
- Fol. 8: Organizational Records – Photographs – Elizabeth Burr Garden (1972)
- Fol. 9: Organizational Records – Photographs – Hats at Spring Meeting (1995)
- Fol. 10: Organizational Records – Photographs – Horticultural Society Meeting (2001)
- Fol. 11: Organizational Records – Photographs – Special Event (n.d.)
- Fol. 12: Organizational Records – Photographs – State Fair (1976)
- Fol. 13: Organizational Records – Policy – Constitution & By-Laws (c.1930s-1958)
- Fol. 14: Organizational Records – Writings – Early History (1955; 1979)
- Fol. 15: Printed Materials – Clippings (1979)
- Fol. 16: Printed Materials – Memorials (1938-1994)
- Fol. 17: Printed Materials – Programs (1931-1934)
- Fol. 18: Printed Materials – Programs (1947-1949)

Box 4: Series III – Printed Materials

- Fol. 1: Printed Materials – Programs (1961-1967)
- Fol. 2: Printed Materials – Programs (1978-1984)
- Fol. 3: Printed Materials – Scrapbook (1969-1971)
- Fol. 4: Printed Materials – Volunteer Gardener, The (2000)
- Fol. 5: Printed Materials – Yearbooks (1936-1963)

Fol. 6: Printed Materials – Yearbooks (1964-2003)

Unboxed Items:

Organizational Records – Members – Scrapbook (1935-1942)

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