

McLean County Museum of History

Normal Community Garden Club

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Brief History

In the summer of 1939 nine women were invited to meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. (Hattie) Dickey to organize a Normal Garden Club. The purpose was to exchange gardening and flower arranging ideas and experiences. A constitution was drawn up. Officers were president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Dues was to be collected. Membership was limited to 30. After the first year they began the meetings with a planned program for each month. The first couple of years programs covers were hand painted original designs. The years '42 and '43 were green and white gingham cloth covers. For a short time during WWII they were on WJBC radio with a program of seven minutes of music and seven minutes of garden hints which was well received by the audience.

The club's year ran from April to March, with an agenda of various flower topics from arranging, planting, sunlight, soil, etc. they even got into vegetables. Most meetings were hosted by a member, although sometimes held at a garden or community center.

Scope

The contents of this file were taken from the notes of the original members and programs of the monthly meetings. There were four ledger books containing minutes from the meetings along with the attendance and dues collected.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Normal Community Garden Club Programs 1941 - 1951

- 1.1 '41-'42 program w/decorated cover, listing member names, monthly activities May through March, 12 pages. 1 copy
- 1.2 '42-'43 program w/decorated cover, listing member names, monthly activities April through March, 12 pages. 1 copy
- 1.3 '43-'44 program w/decorated cover, listing member names, monthly activities April through March, 12 pages. 1 copy
- 1.4 '44-'45 program w/decorated cover, listing member names, monthly activities April through March, 12 pages. 1 copy
- 1.5 '45-'46 1 program w/decorated cover, 1 plain cover both listing member names, monthly activities April through March, 10 pages ea. 2 copies
- 1.6 '46-'47 program w/decorated cover, listing member names, monthly activities April through March, 10 pages. 1 copy
- 1.7 '47-'48 program w/decorated cover, listing member names, monthly activities April through March, 9 pages. 1 copy
- 1.8 '48-'49 1 program w/decorated cover, 1 plain cover both listing member names, monthly activities April through March, 9 pages ea. 2 copies

- 1.9 '49-'50 1 program w/decorated cover 8 pages, 1 plain cover 10 pages, both listing member names, monthly activities April through March, 2 copies
- 1.10 '50-'51 1 program w/decorated cover 8 pages, 1 plain cover 14 pages, both listing member names, monthly activities April through March, 2 copies

Folder 2: Normal Community Garden Club Programs 1951 - 1961

- 2.1 '51-'52 1 program w/decorated cover, 1 plain cover both listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages ea. 2 copies
'52-'53 missing
- 2.2 '53-'54 1 program w/decorated cover, 1 plain cover, both listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages ea. 2 copies
- 2.3 '54-'55 1 program w/decorated cover, 1 plain cover, both listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages ea. 2 copies
- 2.4 '55-'56 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages ea. 2 copies
- 2.5 '56-'57 1 program w/decorated cover listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 1 incomplete copy
- 2.6 '57-'58 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages ea. 2 copies
- 2.7 '58-'59 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages 1 copy
- 2.8 '59-'60 program w/decorative cover listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 1 copy
- 2.9 '60-'61 1 program with decorative cover listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 1 plain cover (piece cut out) both 6 pages 2 copies

Folder 3: Normal Community Garden Club Programs 1961 - 1971

- 3.1 '61-'62 1 program with decorative cover listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 1 plain cover both 6 pages, 2 copies
- 3.2 '62-'63 1 program with decorative cover listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 1 plain cover both 6 pages, 2 copies
- 3.3 '63-'64 1 program with decorative cover listing member names, monthly activities, April through March 6 pages, 1 copy
- 3.4 '64-'65 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 1 copy
- 3.5 '65-'66 1 program with decorative cover listing member names, monthly activities, April through March 6 pages, 1 copy
- 3.6 '66-'67 1 program with decorative cover listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 1 plain cover both 6 pages, 2 copies
- 3.7 '67-'68 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 1 copy
'68-'69 missing

- 3.8 '69-'70 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 2 copies
- 3.9 '70-'71 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 2 copies

Folder 4: Normal Community Garden Club Programs 1971 - 1983

- 4.1 '71-'72 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 2 copies
- 4.2 '72-'73 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 1 copy
- 4.3 '73-'74 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 1 copy
- 4.4 '74-'75 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 2 copies
- 4.5 '75-'76 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 2 copies
- 4.6 '76-'77 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 2 copies
- 4.7 '79-'80 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 2 copies
- 4.8 '82-'83 program listing member names, monthly activities, April through March, 6 pages, 1 copy (larger size than previous programs)

Folder 5: Membership lists, Garden Show Entries, Miscellaneous

- 5.1 "Practical Gardening Stressed At Normal Garden Club Meetings," *The Normalite*, February 28, 1941, article pasted to cardboard w/list of N.C. Garden Club Presidents from '40 thru '66 listed on reverse side
- 5.2 '49-'50 Membership list/program on one sheet
- 5.3 "Normal Community Garden Club Program 1949-1950," 2 pages.
- 5.4 "Normal Community Garden Club Membership List," 30 entries
- 5.5 Official rules and entry for 1963 Spring Flower Exhibit mailed to Ruth Ambrose
- 5.6 Envelope addressed to Mrs. Geo. J. McIntosh from Lawrenceville Garden Club, letter containing tickets, post card info about their Annual Flower Show, 1963
- 5.7 "Normal Community Garden Club-Flower Show September 10, 1964," Division-Arrangements listed by class, 3 entries each of 15 classes, 3 pages
- 5.8 "Normal Community Garden Club Schedule for Flower Show, September 10, 1964" 15 entries divided by Divisions of Arrangements and Horticulture, 1 page
- 5.9 Record Book of club meetings in 1970s, early 1980s, constitution copy, 13 *Pantagraph* articles and photos

Ledger Books

4 ledger books:

-1940-49 contains monthly meeting minutes, membership lists, comments on arrangements, and guest speakers

-1949-54 contains monthly meeting minutes, membership lists, comments on arrangements, and guest speakers

-1954-62 contains monthly meeting minutes, membership lists, comments on arrangements, and guest speakers

-1962-68 contains monthly meeting minutes, membership lists, comments on arrangements, and guest speakers

