
Guide to the

**IRVING COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS RECORDS
1951-1980**

1.75 linear ft.

Accession Number: 9798-97; 0102-173; 0102-252; and 0304-001

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Historical Sketch

The Irving Council of Garden Clubs, established in April 1951, was a federation of garden clubs in the city of Irving. The council's membership was made up of the presidents and two representatives from all of the local garden clubs that chose to participate in the council. The purpose of the council was "to bring united effort to the accomplishments of those purposes to which all garden clubs are dedicated."

The Irving Council of Garden Clubs was a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., and the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Meetings were held at the Irving Garden and Arts Center on the second Friday of the month, September through May. The club promoted conservation, and public planting, gave a yard-of-the-month award, and held an annual flower show, the first of which was conducted in 1955. The club ceased operation during the 1980s.

Sources:

The Irving Council of Garden Clubs Records

Collection 16, The Irving Green Thumb Garden Club Scrapbooks

Scope and Content Note

The collection is arranged in two series and housed in one cubic foot box, one manuscript box, and one half-sized manuscript box.

Series I consists of scrapbooks relating to club activities and flower shows, 1963-1980. Three of the scrapbooks contain material relating to the Irving Council of Garden Clubs' annual flower shows in 1975, 1976, and 1979. The scrapbooks are designed and organized along the guidelines set out by the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., with the intent of submitting them to the state organization for evaluation and possible awards. Sixty percent of the evaluation would be based on the flower show and forty percent on the scrapbook.

The collection also contains three scrapbooks which document the club's annual activities, 1963-1970, 1969-1976, 1977. These scrapbooks are made up primarily of newspaper articles relating to the activities of the various garden clubs in the city. They also contain a few photographs of meetings, tree plantings and other activities. Also included is a notebook containing information about organizing and operating garden clubs and flower shows.

Included in the collection is a folder of material concerning the Irving Council of Garden Clubs. This material consists of flower show rules, flower show programs, and newspaper articles, primarily from the 1970s.

Series II is made up of meeting minute books, 1951-1976.

Provenance Statement

Accession number 9798-97 of The Irving Council of Garden Clubs' Records was donated to the Irving Archives by Mrs. Lucy Hendy in June 1998. Accession numbers 0102-173 and 0102-252 were donated to the Archives on April 16, 2002 and July 5, 2002 respectively by past members of the Irving Council of Garden Clubs. Accession number 0304-001 was donated October 2003 by the Friends of the Library. This accession was found in a storage closet. Prior to their donation to the Archives, the other accessions were kept in club members' homes.

The folder of material concerning the Irving Council of Garden Clubs was received as part of Collection 16, the Irving Green Thumb Garden Club Scrapbooks. The collection processor deemed it appropriate to remove this folder from the Irving Green Thumb Garden Club collection and place it in the Irving Council of Garden Clubs collection. A note to this effect has been made in the provenance statement of both collections' finding aids.

Literary Rights Statement

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Container List

Series I. Scrapbooks, 1963-1980

Box 1 Title, Dates, and Description

Vol. 1 Scrapbook depicting the Irving Council of Garden Clubs annual activities, 1963-1970.

Box 2

Vol. 1 Scrapbook depicting the Irving Council of Garden Clubs annual activities, 1969-1976.

Vol. 2 Scrapbook depicting Irving Council of Garden Clubs annual flower show, 1979.

Vol. 3 Scrapbook depicting the Irving Council of Garden Clubs annual flower show, 1974-75.

Vol. 4 Scrapbook depicting the Irving Council of Garden Clubs annual flower show, 1975-76.

Vol. 5 Press Publicity Book – folder depicting the club’s activities, 1976.

Vol. 6 Press Publicity Book - folder depicting the club’s activities, 1977.

Vol. 7 Press Publicity Book – folder depicting the club’s activities, 1978.

Vol. 8 Folder containing the judge’s records from a flower show, 1976.

Vol. 9 Folder containing the master list of awards, 1978-80.

Vol. 10 Notebook containing general information on conducting flower shows, running local gardening clubs, and various related publications, c. mid. 1970s.

Folder

1. Flower show rules and programs, newspaper articles, 1966-1980

Box 3

Vol. 1 Folder containing information on the club’s Arbor Day Project, 1976.

Vol. 2 Folder containing information on the club’s Arbor Day Project, 1977.

Vol. 3 Folder containing information on the club’s Arbor Day Project, 1978.

Vol. 4 Folder containing information on the club’s Reader’s Digest Foundation Award entry, 1966.

Vol. 5 Garden Club of the Year folder containing information on the club’s activities, 1975.

Vol. 6 Garden Club of the Year folder containing information on the club’s activities, 1976.

Series II. Minutes, 1951-1976

Box 4

Vol. 1 Minute Book, October 1951 – April 1956.

Vol. 2 Minute Book, May 1956 - May 1963.

Vol. 3 Minute Book, September 1965 – May 1976.

Vol. 4 Binder containing miscellaneous club information.