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**SPADE AND TROWEL GARDEN CLUB
PHOTOGRAPHS AND PAPERS, 1935-2006**

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Spade and Trowel Garden Club was organized in 1935 with the goal "to study and promote garden culture, and aid in the protection of native trees, plants and birds." The original membership was limited to twenty-five members who were women that lived within the boundaries of 54th St., 71st St., Keystone Ave., and Meridian St. The first president of the club was Maude Stevenson. The club held meetings with special speakers such as Professor Willard N. Clute, a naturalist and professor at Butler University. They also were closely tied to the Home and Garden Show, forming the Garden Club Advisory Council of the Indianapolis Home Show. The first meeting for this council was held on Nov 14, 1939 at the L.S. Ayres Tea Room.

In 1954, the Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. formed their Central District with several area clubs which included the Spade and Trowel Garden Club.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES

This collection contains several scrapbooks along with loose materials including programs, meeting notes, directories, certificates, and newsletters. The certificates are primarily from the state and national garden clubs in recognition for various services and achievements. The programs are from the years 1966-2006 and list officer and member information. Each of the programs also includes a calendar of events list.

Scrapbook Contents:

1935-1946 scrapbook: news clippings, photos, ribbons, rules, meeting notes, garden plans/notes, poems, letters, programs

1947-1966 scrapbook: news and article clippings, photos, ribbons, programs

1967-1978 scrapbook: news clippings, photos, programs

1978-1985 scrapbook: photos (separated for conservation; see Color Photographs, Box 1, Folder 14 through Box 2, Folder 4), news clippings, guest list, letters-all removed from original scrapbook sheets for preservation, order maintained

1986-1995 scrapbook: photos (separated for conservation; see Color Photographs, Box 2, Folder 5 through Box 2, Folder 8), news clippings, programs, letters-all removed from original scrapbook sheets for preservation, order maintained

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