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SUNNY HOURS GARDEN CLUB RECORDS, 1957–2001

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Sunny Hours Garden Club was a social club for gardening enthusiasts in Indianapolis, Indiana. Established in November of 1956, the club was an official member of the Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. Its main objectives were to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, aid in protection and conservation of central Indiana's natural resources, and beautify the world through horticulture. The club was limited to twenty-five members and by 1993 had nine standing committees: Birds, Conservation, Flower Show, Garden Therapy, Horticulture, Membership, Program, Telephone, and Yearbook. Meetings took place once a month, usually in the home of a member or at the Nora Library branch. A flower show was held annually for fundraising, and the club was actively engaged in civic projects, including maintaining a garden at the Indianapolis Zoo. Due to dwindling membership, the club withdrew from the Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. and disbanded in 2000. The remaining funds from the club were donated to White River Gardens and the Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. scholarship fund.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains the records of the Sunny Hours Garden Club of central Indianapolis, an official member of the Indiana Garden Club, Inc. Included are bylaws., certificates, annual reports, flower show reports, club attendance lists, a president's book, treasurer's cash book, and meeting minutes. Folder 1 contains the Sunny Hours Garden Club and Indiana Garden Club Inc., bylaws, a list of past presidents from 1958–2000, compiled treasurers reports from 1956–1992, and list entitled "interesting tidbits" about the club. Folders 2 through 4 contain the annual reports including reports from standing committees, a president's report, and treasurer's reports for years 1957–1996. Folders 5 through 7 include meetings minutes, meeting agendas, and treasurer's monthly reports for meetings from 1978–2000. Following the meeting minutes is Folder 8 that contains an attendance list of those present at the meetings from 1980–1996. Folder 9 contains a bound treasurer's cash book from 1957–1984. Folder 10 houses the president's book (ca. 1993–1998) that includes information from the Indiana Garden Clubs, Inc. for operating a club. This includes general procedures, central district notices and correspondence, by-laws of the Indiana Garden Clubs, Inc., suggested programs and speaker lists, central district officers and club presidents for other Indiana Garden Clubs, Inc. branches, flower show judges list, and an awards manual. Folder 11 houses reports, ephemera, and notes regarding the annual flower show from the years 1977–1993. Folder 12 contains three certificates of special recognition from the Indiana Garden Club, Inc., dated April 11, 2000. Folder 13 houses two National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. publications entitled *Handbook for Flower Shows: Growing, Staging, Exhibiting, Judging* (1987) and *Guidelines For Leaders* (n.d.). The collection also contains one photo scrapbook containing images of different arrangements, club gatherings, and other club memorabilia.

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