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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.2007.032

### Unit Date

1914-2009

### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

Materials in the collection include newspaper clippings, minutes and yearbooks from the Blacksburg Woman's Club and organization reports, minutes, pressbooks, yearbooks, and scrapbooks from the Southside Garden Club.

**Creator**

Blacksburg Woman's Club (Blacksburg, Va.)

**Creator**

Southside Garden Club (1928/1930-) (Blacksburg, Va.)

**Extent**

6.9 Cubic Feet 15 boxes

**Repository**

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

## Administrative Information

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**Source of Acquisition**

The Southside Garden Club Records were donated to Special Collections in 2007. Additional scrapbooks were donated in 2011 and 2018. Additional materials were donated to Special Collections in 2019.

**Processing Information**

The original donation of materials was processed, arranged, and described in 2008. Accessions received in 2011 and 2018 were processed in July 2018. The 2019 accession was processed in October 2022.

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## Administrative History

The Southside Garden Club began as a committee under the governance of the Blacksburg Woman's Club. In the 1920s, in order to generate more interest in the Woman's Club a committee was formed known as the Garden Committee. The committee first met in February of 1928, and in March of 1930 the committee voted to withdraw from the Woman's Club and form its own independent organization. From the very beginning the Garden Club was concerned with community involvement and civic interests including the beautification of Blacksburg. In the late 1930s, the Garden Club's membership had grown beyond the capacity that could be accommodated by meetings in women's homes, in order to solve this problem, the club voted to split into three groups, the Arboretum Garden Club, Southside Garden Club, and Town and Country Garden Club.

The Southside Garden Club, so named because many members lived on the south side of town, was federated in 1941. The Southside Garden Club continued the tradition of community involvement. In 1952, the club voted in favor of having women on the town council and in 1963, succeeded in making Blacksburg a bird sanctuary. It has furnished flowers and plants for various public buildings such as school grounds, Historic Smithfield, and the public library. Members of the Southside Garden Club have also participated in many contests and won awards in categories such as Garden Therapy and Horticulture. The primary mission of the Garden Club has always been the beautification of the town and county, and that mission continues even into the present day.

## Scope and Content

The Southside Garden Club Records contain materials from the Blacksburg Woman's Club and the Southside Garden Club. The Blacksburg Woman's Club materials include newspaper clippings, minutes and yearbooks. The Southside Garden Club materials include the organization's records and history as well as minutes, yearbooks, awards, and scrapbooks. There are multiple programs from shows that the Southside Garden Club and other local garden clubs hosted. The bulk of the collection is scrapbooks which contain photographs

of floral arrangements and Garden Club members, newspaper clippings, and yearbooks from each year.

## Separated Materials

A 1978 New Virginians Home Show program was placed in the Record Group Vertical Files RG 31/8/12.

## Keywords

Blacksburg (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Montgomery County (Va.)

Women -- History

Blacksburg Woman's Club (Blacksburg, Va.)

Southside Garden Club (1928/1930-) (Blacksburg, Va.)

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series each of which is arranged in chronological order.

Series I: Blacksburg Woman's Club Material, 1914-1957: this series contains newspaper clippings, minutes, yearbooks, and publications.

Series II: Southside Garden Club Material, 1947-2009: this series is broken up into three sub-series described below:

Sub-series A: Records and Minutes, 1947-2005, this series contains annual reports and minutes of the Garden Club. The series is separated into categories and arranged in chronological order.

Sub-series B: Garden Club Awards and Pressbooks, 1964-2001, this series contains press clippings regarding garden club activities and booklets related to the contests entered by Garden Club members.

Sub-series C: Garden Club Scrapbooks, 1962-2009, this series contains the scrapbooks of the Garden Club. This series also contains garden show programs from shows hosted by the Southside Garden Club and a few other local garden clubs.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Series I: Blacksburg Woman's Club Materials**

**Unit Date** 1914-1957

#### **Blacksburg Woman's Club**

**Unit Date** 1914-1957

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Yearbooks**

**Unit Date** 1939-1953

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **Scrapbook - Newspaper Clippings and Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1940-1941

**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 3 (folder)

**Presidential Speech**

**Unit Date** 1941  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 4 (folder)

**The Virginia Club Woman**

**Unit Date** April 1957  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 5 (folder)

**Series II: Southside Garden Club Material**

**Unit Date** 1947-2009

**Sub-series A: Records and Minutes**

**Unit Date** 1947-2005

**Membership Procedures**

**Unit Date** c.1985-1997  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 6 (folder)

**Annual Reports**

**Unit Date** 1954-1988  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 7 (folder)

**Annual Reports**

**Unit Date** 1989-2000  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 8 (folder)

**Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, "Golden Memories and Parliamentary Hints"**

**Unit Date** n.d.  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 9 (folder)

**Guest Book**

**Unit Date** 1973-1995  
**box** 14

**Southside Garden Club Treasurer's Report**

**Unit Date** 1973-1976  
**folder** 15 (box)  
**Container** 3 (folder)

**Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs Programs**

**Unit Date** 1971-1973

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Southside Garden Club Placement Show Programs**

**Unit Date** 1973-1984

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**"Our Christmas Heritage - Through the Years" Program**

**Unit Date** 1975

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Southside Garden Club Amateur Show Program**

**Unit Date** 1957

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Arboretum Garden Club Programs**

**Unit Date** 1971-1979

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Trillium Garden Club Show Program**

**Unit Date** 1975

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Town and Country Garden Club Show Program**

**Unit Date** 1985

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Minutes**

**Unit Date** 1947-2002

**Unit Date** 1947-1954

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Unit Date** 1954-1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Unit Date** 1961-1964

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**Unit Date** 1965-1973

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### **Yearbooks**

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**Unit Date** 1993-2005  
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### **Sub-series B: Garden Club Awards and Pressbooks**

**Unit Date** 1964-2001

**Flower Shows****Unit Date** 1964-2000**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 29 (folder)**Pressbooks - Publicity Contest****Unit Date** 1982**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 30 (folder)**Horticulture Award****Unit Date** 1983**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 31 (folder)**Garden Therapy Award****Unit Date** 1986-1988**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 32 (folder)**Conservation of Water Award****Unit Date** 1987**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 33 (folder)**Civic Project Award****Unit Date** 1987-1988**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 34 (folder)**Newspaper Clippings****Unit Date** 1987-1996**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 35 (folder)**Horticulture Award****Unit Date** November 1988**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 36 (folder)**Garden Therapy Service Award****Unit Date** October 1989**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 37 (folder)**Garden Therapy Beautification and/or Education Award****Unit Date** October 1989**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 38 (folder)

**Newspaper Clippings - Award S-6**

**Unit Date** 1990

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 39 (folder)

**Birds Habitat Award**

**Unit Date** December 1991

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 40 (folder)

**Garden Therapy Services Award**

**Unit Date** November 1993

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 41 (folder)

**Garden Therapy Beautification and/or Education Award**

**Unit Date** November 1993

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 42 (folder)

**Tree Award**

**Unit Date** November 1994

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 43 (folder)

**J. B. Spahr and J. T. White Nature Camp Life Membership presentation photograph**

**Unit Date** 1972-01-18

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Roadside Improvement Award**

**Unit Date** November 1994

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Garden Therapy Beautification and/or Education Award**

**Unit Date** 1994

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**National Award - Holiday Show**

**Unit Date** December 1996

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Membership Award**

**Unit Date** November 2000

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Horticulture - Herb Award**

**Unit Date** November 2001

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Sub-series C: Garden Club Scrapbooks**

**Unit Date** 1955-2009

**Loose Scrapbook Items - Newspaper Clippings and Photographs**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 15 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Scrapbooks**

**Unit Date** 1955-2009

**Unit Date** 1955-1956

**box-folder** 15 (box)

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**Unit Date** 1962-1963

**box-folder** 2 (box)

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**Unit Date** 1971-1972

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Unit Date** 1972

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Unit Date** 1978-1979

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Unit Date** 1979

**box-folder** 3 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Unit Date** 1982-1983

**box-folder** 3 (box)

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**Unit Date** 1983-1984

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**Unit Date** 1984-1985

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**Unit Date** 2007-2008

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**Unit Date** 2008-2009

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