

# A Guide to the Spotswood Garden Club Records, 1924-2018 SC 0146

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## Descriptive Summary

**Unit ID**  
SC 0146

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**Unit Date**

1924-2018

**Language**

English

**Abstract**

The Spotswood Garden Club Records, 1924-2018, are comprised of the administrative records of the club and include meeting minutes, files, and scrapbooks.

**Creator**

Spotswood Garden Club (Harrisonburg, Va.)

**Extent**

6.87 cubic feet 11 boxes

**Repository**

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## Administrative Information

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**Acquisition Information**

This collection was placed on deposit with Special Collections on September 10, 1997 by club representative Electra C. Julias. Additional donation of scrapbooks was made on July 23, 2018, by Sandra Hodge. An additional gift of scrapbooks was made in July 2019.

**Processing Information**

In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in the spring of 2017. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 3090.**

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## Administrative History

The Spotswood Garden Club was founded in Harrisonburg in 1924, with twenty-four charter members and Mrs. James C. Johnston as president. The goals of the club were "the culture and study of flowers, to aid in conservation of forests, native shrubs, wildflowers and birds, and to foster civic improvements." In 1929, the club was elected to membership in the Garden Club of Virginia, and has frequently participated in that organization's annual Historic Garden Week by securing the cooperation of owners of historic homes in the area to open those homes and grounds for public appreciation. Community work has been an important focus through the years. The club emphasized "Victory Gardens" during World War II and later worked for legislation to remove unsightly billboards. It has sponsored a variety of activities to enhance appreciation of native wildflowers, and has planted gardens at nursing homes, schools, hospitals, cemeteries, and throughout the city. Spotswood Garden Club has also sponsored or co-sponsored many flower shows. In 1983 the club undertook the restoration of the historic garden at Fort Harrison in Dayton, including its continuing maintenance. In 1991 the club joined Greener Harrisonburg and intensified its city beautification efforts.

## Scope and Content

The Spotswood Garden Club Records, 1924-2018, are comprised of the administrative records of the club

and include meeting minutes, files, and scrapbooks. Additional materials include annual reports and flower show programs.

## Keywords

Gardens -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg  
Flower gardening -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- Societies, etc  
Flower arrangement -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg  
Flower shows -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg  
Victory gardens  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Food supply  
Historic gardens -- Virginia  
Gardens -- Conservation and restoration  
Fort Harrison (Va.)  
Harrisonburg (Va.) -- Societies, etc  
Harrisonburg (Va.) -- Social life and customs  
Harrisonburg (Va.) -- History  
Minute books  
Scrapbooks

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged by item type and further arranged chronologically.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Minute Book No. 1**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1498

**Unit Date** 1924-1926, 1928-1931

**Mixed Materials [1000886598]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Minute Book No. 1A**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1499

**Unit Date** 1926-1927

**Mixed Materials [1000886598]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **Minute Book No. 2**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1500

**Unit Date** 1931-1935

**Mixed Materials [1000886598]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### **Minute Book No. 3**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1501

**Unit Date** 1935-1940

**Mixed Materials [1000886598]** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### **Minute Book No. 4**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1502

**Unit Date** 1940-1946

**Mixed Materials [1000886598]** 1 (box)  
**Container** 5 (folder)

**Minute Book No. 5**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1503  
**Unit Date** 1947-1949  
**Mixed Materials [1000886598]** 1 (box)  
**Container** 6 (folder)

**Minute Book No. 6**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1504  
**Unit Date** 1949-1952  
**Mixed Materials [1000886598]** 1 (box)  
**Container** 7 (folder)

**Minute Book No. 7**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1505  
**Unit Date** 1952-1954  
**Mixed Materials [1000886599]** 2 (box)  
**Container** 1 (folder)

**Minute Book No. 8**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1506  
**Unit Date** 1954-1957  
**Mixed Materials [1000886599]** 2 (box)  
**Container** 2 (folder)

**Minute Book No. 9**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1507  
**Unit Date** 1957-1960  
**Mixed Materials [1000886599]** 2 (box)  
**Container** 3 (folder)

**Minute Book No. 10**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1508  
**Unit Date** 1960-1968  
**Mixed Materials [1000886599]** 2 (box)  
**Container** 4 (folder)

**Minute Book No. 11**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1509  
**Unit Date** 1968-1977  
**Mixed Materials [1000886599]** 2 (box)  
**Container** 5 (folder)

**Minute Book No. 12**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1510  
**Unit Date** 1983-1990  
**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)  
**Container** 1 (folder)

**Minute Book No. 13****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1511**Unit Date** 1990-1995**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Minute Book No. 14****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1512**Unit Date** 1995-2001**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Minute Book****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/21809**Unit Date** January 2002-June 2010**Mixed Materials [1000885852]** 5 (box)**Minute Book****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/21810**Unit Date** September 2010-June 2018**Mixed Materials [1000885852]** 5 (box)**Garden Gossip****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1513**Unit Date** 1929-1939**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1514**Unit Date** 1925-1957**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1515**Unit Date** 1946-1953**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1516**Unit Date** 1948-1951**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1517**Unit Date** 1951-1955**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)

**Container 8** (folder)

**Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1518

**Unit Date** 1954-1960

**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)

**Container 9** (folder)

**Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1528

**Unit Date** 1957-1966

**Mixed Materials [1000898379]** OV 1 (box)

**Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1519

**Unit Date** 1960-1970

**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)

**Container 10** (folder)

**Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1520

**Unit Date** 1960-1971

**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)

**Container 11** (folder)

**Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1529

**Unit Date** 1967-1982

**Mixed Materials [1000898379]** OV 1 (box)

**Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1530

**Unit Date** 1980-1987

**Mixed Materials [1000898380]** OV 2 (box)

**Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1531

**Unit Date** 1987-1992

**Mixed Materials [1000898380]** OV 2 (box)

**Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1521

**Unit Date** 1992-1994

**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)

**Container 12** (folder)

**Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1522

**Unit Date** 1994-1996

**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)

**Container 13** (folder)

**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1523**Unit Date** 1996-1998**Mixed Materials [1000886600]** 3 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27990**Unit Date** 1999-2002**Mixed Materials [1000897832]** 6 (box)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27989**Unit Date** 2004-2005**Mixed Materials [1000897832]** 6 (box)**Hardesty Higgins house scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27988**Unit Date** 2004-2005**Mixed Materials [1000897832]** 6 (box)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27995**Unit Date** 2005-2006**Mixed Materials [1000897833]** 7 (box)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27991**Unit Date** June 2006- May 2008**Mixed Materials [1000897832]** 6 (box)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27994**Unit Date** 2008-2010**Mixed Materials [1000897833]** 7 (box)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27993**Unit Date** 2010-2011**Mixed Materials [1000897833]** 7 (box)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27996**Unit Date** 2011-2012**Mixed Materials [1000897834]** OV 3 (box)**Scrapbook****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27992**Unit Date** 2013-2014**Mixed Materials [1000897833]** 7 (box)

### **Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27983

**Unit Date** 2014-2016

**Mixed Materials [1000898379]** OV 1 (box)

### **Scrapbook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27997

**Unit Date** 2016-2018

**Mixed Materials [1000897835]** OV 4 (box)

### **Annual Reports**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1524

**Unit Date** 1926-1968

**Mixed Materials [1000885851]** 4 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Contracts**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1525

**Unit Date** 1993

**Mixed Materials [1000885851]** 4 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **Flower Show Programs**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1526

**Unit Date** 1926-1949

**Mixed Materials [1000885851]** 4 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### **History**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1527

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000885851]** 4 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### **Photographs (folder 1 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27984

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000885851]** 4 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

### **Photographs (folder 2 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27985

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000885851]** 4 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

### **Photographs (folder 3 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27986

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000885851]** 4 (box)

**Container 7** (folder)

**Photographs (folder 4 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/27987

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000885851]** 4 (box)

**Container 8** (folder)