

Indian Run Garden Club Collection

Overview of the Collection

Repository: South County History Center, 2636 Kingstown Road, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881
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Title: The Indian Run Garden Club Collection

Dates: 1953-2021

Media: Correspondence, Newspaper Clippings, Paper, Photographic Prints, Digital Photographs

Quantity: 5 boxes, 2.5 linear feet

Identification: 2021.008

Language: English

Historical Note

The Indian Run Garden Club (IRGC) was originally founded in 1920, as the “The Narragansett Horticultural Society,” and later renamed the Indian Run Garden Club through a vote in 1963, for reasons presently unknown. The new name of the club was derived from the name of a brook that branches from the Saugatucket River in Peace Dale, Rhode Island. Membership for both men and women over the years ranged from 27 to 45 members.

The IRGC’s mission is the “advancement of gardening among amateurs and the blending of individual gardening interests with a love for growing things.” Over the years the IRGC completed many community beautification projects including: planting flowering trees along Main Street in Wakefield to Dale Carlia corners; planting trees at South County Hospital; planting shrubs at local schools and housing centers; and the installation of memorial bench at the South Kingstown Public Library in Peace Dale. Beginning in 2006 the IRGC undertook its “100 Daffodils a year” campaign, planting daffodils at various locations, including the Narragansett Senior Center, the Kingston Train Station, South County Hospital, and the William C. O’Neill Bike Path. Every holiday season the IRGC decorated the South Kingstown Public Libraries. Additionally, the IRGC on occasion partnered with Habitat for Humanity and assisted with the landscaping for newly constructed homes in the area. From 2003 to 2017 the IRGC awarded a scholarship to graduating seniors from local schools with an interest in horticulture and botany. Funds for the scholarship were raised through the club’s annual plant sale.

The Club celebrated its 100th anniversary on September 8, 2021.

Scope and Content

The records of the Indian Run Garden Club include scrapbooks, meeting minutes, newsletters, photographs, writings from club members, financial documents, newspaper clippings, correspondence, a floppy disc, two CDs, and a flash drive. The materials in the collection were created between 1953 and 2021. The series have been arranged thematically and are organized as follows:

Series I: Administrative Records

Subseries I: Bylaws and Governing Documents

Subseries II: Committees

Subseries III: Correspondence

Subseries IV: Special Projects

Series II: Programming

Subseries I: Membership Guides*

Subseries II: Newsletters

Subseries III: Program Flyers and Ephemera

Subseries VI: Photos

Subseries V: Newspaper Clippings

Series III: Digitized Scrapbooks, 1953-1999

*Membership guides include full membership and officer lists.

Administrative Information

Access: Any qualified person doing personal or scholarly research is permitted to utilize materials in the South County History Center collections.

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Provenance: This collection was compiled by various members of the Indian Run Garden Club. Anita Easterbrooks and Kathy Bossy both served as the club's historians and were largely responsible for the documentation of the club's activities.

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Subject Terms

Indian Run Garden Club (South Kingstown, R.I.)

Narragansett Horticultural Society (South Kingstown, R.I.)

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Women -- Rhode Island -- Societies, etc.

Related Materials

Researchers interested in this collection may also wish to consult the following sources in the South County History Center Holdings:

Archival Collections – Every Tuesday Club Collection

Archival Collections – Kingston Hill Garden Club Collection

Contents Listing

Series I: Administrative Records

Subseries I: Bylaws and Governing Documents

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	Bylaws	1963-2016
1	2	Tax Documents	1976
1	3	Meeting Minutes	2003-2019
1	4	Treasurer's Reports	2006-2020
1	5	Born Digital Records (various digital file media)	2001-2021

Subseries II: Committees

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	6	Planning Committee: Speakers	2008-2014
1	7	Planning Committee: Previous Programs & Suggestions	2009-2013
1	8	Planning Committee: Trips & Tours	2010-2014
1	9	Plant Sale Committee	2009-2016
1	10	Program Committee	2015-2018

Subseries III: Correspondence

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
2	11	Correspondence	1974-1999
2	12	Correspondence	2001-2004
2	13	Correspondence	2005-2006
2	14	Correspondence	2007-2012
2	15	Correspondence	2013-2020

Subseries IV: Special Projects

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
2	16	Scholarships	2003-2013
2	17	Scholarships	2014-2017
3	18	Wakefield Improvement	1973-1974
3	19	Recipe Books	1996-2021
3	20	100 th Anniversary	2021

Series II: Programming

Subseries I: Membership Guides

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
3	1	Membership Guides	1973-1989

3	2	Membership Guides	1990-2000
3	3	Membership Guides	2001-2004
3	4	Membership Guides	2005-2009
3	5	Membership Guides	2015-2020

Subseries II: Newsletters

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
4	6	Newsletters	1982-1983
4	7	Newsletters	2001-2004
4	8	Newsletters	2005-2008
4	9	Newsletters	2010-2011
4	10	Newsletters	2012-2014
4	11	Newsletters	2015-2017

Subseries III: Program Flyers and Ephemera

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
4	12	Program Flyers	1983-1999
4	13	Program Ephemera	1972-2016

Subseries IV: Photographs

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
5	14	Photographs	1953-1989
5	15	Photographs	1992-1999
5	16	Photographs	2001-2004
5	17	Photographs	2005-2006
5	18	Photographs	2007-2013

Subseries V: Newspaper Clippings

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
5	19	Newspaper Clippings	1968-1997
5	20	Newspaper Clippings	2001-2013

Series III: Digitized Scrapbooks

Digital images of the layout of materials on scrapbook pages were made for scrapbooks from 1953-1974, 1976-1990, and 1996-1999; the images are available in PDF format and are stored in the South County History Center's digital collections. All scrapbooks were disassembled and materials were incorporated into above series. Materials from scrapbooks included photographs, program fliers, newspaper clippings, membership guides and ephemera.

Box	Folder	File Name	Dates
iMac	IRGCC	Scrapbook 1	1953-1974
iMac	IRGCC	Scrapbook 2	1976-1990
iMac	IRGCC	Scrapbook 3	1996-1999