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# **Cleveland Park Garden Club Collection**

## **An inventory of Cleveland Park Garden Club at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Cleveland Park Garden Club
<b>Title:</b>	Cleveland Park Garden Club Collection
<b>ID:</b>	038
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1953-1984
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.7 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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In order to promote environmental conservation and horticultural interest, area residents founded the Cleveland Park Garden Club in 1953. Topics at the monthly meetings ranged from garden maintenance to community beautification projects. Slide and lecture presentations as well as garden tours were held throughout the year. The club was also active in local volunteer and civic efforts including the maintenance of the National Cathedral grounds, the safeguarding of "green spaces" in the District, and the Cleveland Park Branch Library Landscaping and Beautification project. The group also protested the District's use of DDT as a pesticide. Although the club was advertised as a community organization open to all, membership was primarily women. When the club disbanded in June 1984, the decline in membership was attributed not only to District families' exodus to the suburbs, but also to women working outside the home.

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## Scope and Contents

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Records from the Cleveland Park Garden Club extend from 1953 through 1984. The collection contains correspondence, financial materials, meeting minutes, by-laws, membership lists, and newsletters. Significant items in the collection are a letter signed by First Lady Claudia Alta "Lady Bird" Johnson and the Garden Club scrapbook highlighting various projects undertaken by the group. Included are articles from the Washington Post and photographs of members and club projects.

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## Arrangement

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Processed without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

Finding aid revised to be more evergreen. 2020-05-19

### Custodial History

Philip J. Stone donated the records of the Cleveland Park Garden Club.

### Processing Information

Standard archival processing procedures were applied to the collection when it was processed.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Neighborhoods
- Horticulture
- Societies and clubs
- Organizational Records
- Correspondence
- Community organization
- Cleveland Park (Washington, D.C.)

## Collection Inventory

Series 1		
Title/Description	Instances	
Annual Program Announcements, 1973-1984	Box 1	Folder 1
Annual Report of the Secretary, 1976-1984	Box 1	Folder 2
Audit Reports, 1974-1984	Box 1	Folder 3
Cleveland Park Branch Library Beautification Project, 1965-1966	Box 1	Folder 4
Cleveland Park Branch Library Landscaping Project, 1965-1966	Box 1	Folder 5
Cleveland Park Branch Library Landscaping Project, 1965-1966	Box 1	Folder 6
Constitution and By-laws, 1973	Box 1	Folder 7
Correspondence, 1959	Box 1	Folder 8
Correspondence, 1960	Box 1	Folder 9
Dissolution Papers, Undated	Box 1	Folder 10
Executive Committee Minutes, 1975-1983	Box 1	Folder 11
Financial Reports, 1975-1984	Box 1	Folder 12
Flyer, Undated	Box 1	Folder 13
Ledger Book, 1960-1983	Box 1	Folder 14
Membership List, 1959	Box 1	Folder 15
Membership List, 1974-1984	Box 1	Folder 16

Minutes and other Materials, 1953-1955	Box 1	Folder 17
Minutes and other Materials, 1956	Box 1	Folder 18
Minutes and other Materials, 1957	Box 1	Folder 19
Minutes and other Materials, 1958	Box 1	Folder 20
Minutes and other Materials, 1959	Box 1	Folder 21
Minutes and other Materials, 1960	Box 1	Folder 22
Minutes and other Materials, 1961	Box 1	Folder 23
Minutes and other Materials, 1962	Box 1	Folder 24
Minutes and other Materials, 1963	Box 1	Folder 25
Minutes and other Materials, 1964	Box 1	Folder 26
Minutes and other Materials, 1965	Box 1	Folder 27
Minutes and other Materials, 1966	Box 2	Folder 1
Minutes and other Materials, 1967	Box 2	Folder 2
Minutes and other Materials, 1968	Box 2	Folder 3
Minutes and other Materials, 1969	Box 2	Folder 4
Minutes and other Materials, 1970	Box 2	Folder 5
Minutes and other Materials, 1971	Box 2	Folder 6
Minutes and other Materials, 1972	Box 2	Folder 7
Minutes and other Materials, 1973	Box 2	Folder 8
Minutes, 1974	Box 2	Folder 9
Minutes and other materials, 1975-1984	Box 2	Folder 10
Scrapbook, 1954-1961	Box 2	Folder 11
Scrapbook, 1954-1961	Box 2	Folder 12

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