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BOUQUET

IN THE preparation of this book we present a bouquet to the president, Mrs. Douglas Valentine for insisting that the forty year history of the Garden Club of New Jersey be compiled "while so many of those who have made it are still with us." A bouquet to Mrs. Charles W. Holton, whose "The Founding Years", published previously in 1948, provided excerpts for insight of times and events where records were often lacking. To the numberless members who searched scrapbooks and attics, and who prepared material asked for and on time.

Even so, to compress the activities of 40 years into ninety-six pages was an impossible task. The GREEN CRUSADE is illustrative rather than comprehensive, but we hope it may convey the spirit, the aims, the sound programs which have been the precious ingredients of the Garden Club of New Jersey since its founding in 1925. Setting this down even in capsule form could not be more timely. As we go to press the President of the United States has declared his intent to take public measures to preserve and to restore our country's rightful heritage of beauty.

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COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

Triangle in the center of the city; one of several maintained with seasonal plantings by the Garden Club of Montclair.

THE FOUNDING YEARS

of the Garden Club of New Jersey by Louise B. Holton

Before the actual forming of a federation of garden clubs in New Jersey there was an apparent urge to form some sort of group whose object would be the holding of flower shows, which goes to prove that this popular avocation had its roots back in the early days.

The organization that grew out of this need for flower shows was somewhat handicapped by the magnitude of its title, but it flourished for a number of years and had its own particular charm. It was known as "The Co-operative Flower Shows of the Garden Clubs of Northern New Jersey," and its protagonists were the following clubs:

Elizabeth, Englewood, Essex Fells, Madison, Morristown, The Oranges, Passaic Valley, Plainfield, Princeton, Rumson, Short Hills, Somerset Hills, Summit, Trenton and Westfield.

Flower shows were held every spring, each time in a different town. Judges were assembled from far and near to award the coveted seals, and prizes were given, some by popular vote. There did not seem to be much formality connected with the business side of these affairs, and regular officers were not elected, but each club assumed leadership as it became its duty to be hostess.

As members became more and more involved in the growing intricacies of the gentle art of flower arrangement, these annual events became greater problems for the hostess clubs, and finally this somewhat unwieldy organization died a natural death—not without mourners.

Meanwhile, the more serious aspects of gardening had begun to enter the consciousness of a few earnest women, and with the nearby newly formed New York Federation (formed in March 1924) as an example and incentive, the idea of a New Jersey Federation began to develop.

There had been, in 1924, an unusually bad infestation of tent caterpillars, and Mrs. Harold Hack, President of the Short Hills Garden Club, felt it was incumbent upon the garden club world to take some steps. She knew of at least forty-six clubs in the state, and she sent out letters of appeal to all these clubs, asking for a fighting brigade to tackle this and future problems of a similar nature. She evidently had favorable replies from thirteen clubs, and on April 1, 1925, she entertained representatives from these clubs for lunch in her home.

Records of these early days are not too plentiful, and the memories of the participants differ and are vague, but it seems that Mrs. Hack appointed a committee to set in motion the formation of a federation of the garden clubs of the State of New Jersey. In June this committee met with Mrs. Frank Chapman in Englewood to draft a Constitution and By-Laws. Mrs. Hack took this rough draft home with her and had copies sent to all clubs that she felt would be interested.

The thirteen charter-member clubs were:

Basking Ridge Garden Club, Clio Garden Club of Roselle, Dahlia Society of New Jersey, Englewood Garden Club, Garden Club of Essex Fells, Haddonfield Garden Club, Madison Garden Club, Garden Club of Morristown, New Brunswick Garden Club, Passaic Valley Garden Club, Women Gardeners of Ridgewood, Garden Club of Trenton, Verona Garden Club.

On December 15, 1925, Mrs. Chapman called together at the Town Hall Club, New York City, representatives of all clubs that had manifested interest in these plans. The Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and names were suggested for officers.

Mrs. Arthur M. Decker was elected as the first president; Mrs. Frederic R. Kellogg, 1st vice-president; Mrs. John L. Warner, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. John Gillcillitts, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Kenneth W. Moore, recording secretary; Dr. Helen Carter, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Henry V. Condict, treasurer.

The Directors were: Charles H. Connors, Mrs. Reuben Kipp, Mrs. J. G. Coe, Miss Frances Hornfeck, Mrs. Charles W. Stockton, Mrs. George A. Berry, Mrs. Guy Noble, Mrs. Walter Timms, Mrs. J. L. Engle, Miss Lillian Welch.

The officers and directors were all set to go, but not even an infant industry can go far without funds, so Mrs. Condict endowed the treasury with \$10.00 from the Garden Club of Essex Fells, which princely sum she deposited in the Caldwell National Bank. A month later the Verona Garden Club added another \$10.00 and these two contributions remained the sole wealth until the following summer.

Trenton asked for the honor of having the first annual meeting, which was held in the Little Stone House in the garden of Mrs. F. A. C. Perrine, 413 State Street, Trenton. The charge for the luncheon was \$3.00 per plate. Either we ate more in those days of peace and plenty, or else food prices are not as high today as we seem to think they are.

By September there was \$219.73 in the treasury. This enormous sum seems to have gone to the heads of the ladies, for a Year Book was undertaken and 5,000 copies were printed, although the Book listed a mere 31 clubs. (Incidentally, we only issued 3,000 copies in 1948.) The cost was \$996.00 and even a poor mathematician could see that debt stared us in the face. From advertisers we received \$496.00, clubs contributed \$106.30, "a director" added \$10.60—but a deficit of \$380.70 remained. The situation was met with courage and determination, and somehow the deficit was wiped out in time. The dauntless members contracted to sell 600 tickets to the International Flower Show that year, and did so, thus earning a small percentage. We were not then taking active part in the New York shows, but we seemed to have been avid attendants.



MRS. ARTHUR M. DECKER
President, 1925-1927

The Founding Years, continued

Our first president, Mrs. Arthur M. Decker, always a most gracious and charming presiding officer, traveled many miles over the state, inspiring her audiences to come into the fold. When it seemed necessary to form a County Shade Tree Commission to protect our highways, she called together garden club members to see that this commission was appointed. (Our first committee for highway beautification had the charming name of Highways and By-Ways Committee.) Miss Frances Hornfeck of Verona, Chairman, assembled slides of members' gardens. Some of these show that improvement in landscape design and choice of material over the years is marked. The first Spring Conference was held in Haddonfield at the Indian King, with luncheon at the home of Mrs. William C. Moore. The age-old boxwood and yew trees in those delightful gardens were brought from England by the early settlers and found congenial soil in which to flourish.

Regular monthly meetings were usually held in the Y.M.C.A. in Newark, though some Board Meetings were held in the home of the president. Mrs. Decker served on a committee to ask the Governor to include in the program of highway construction a plan for the restoration and protection of natural beauties along the state highways. To what extent this was acted upon we have no record.

The Administration of the First President

Mrs. Arthur M. Decker was elected the first president of the Federated Garden Clubs of New Jersey at a meeting held on December 15, 1925. The thirteen clubs that attended this meeting were recorded as charter members.

A Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, providing for the election of additional officers and ten directors, and of honorary directors "who because of their advice and cooperation were an un-failing inspiration."

Three committees were formed: the Organization Committee, the Tent Caterpillar Committee and the Lantern Slide Committee.

During Mrs. Decker's administration the first Year Book was published. It contains valuable information concerning birds, wild flower preservation, the "Charms of the Great Swamp," and tells of our "activity in every direction" for the elimination of the tent caterpillar. Many schools were enlisted in our fight on tent caterpillars. One school reported that 26,977 egg masses had been collected and destroyed in two weeks. More than one mil-

lion nests of the pests were burned in New Jersey in one year.

In addition to the thirteen charter-member clubs, eighteen more were added to the Federation before the first year ended. New Jersey was the third state to form a federation of garden clubs.

Mrs. Decker was a graduate of Wellesley College, class of 1902. After she completed her term as president she held many important positions on the Executive Board of the federation: Second Vice President, Honorary Director, Representative of New Jersey Gardens, Program Chairman, Radio Chairman and Chairman of the first Judges Course in 1933. Her interest never waned. Until her death in 1963 she was frequently our honored guest at annual meetings.

As a memorial to Mrs. Decker, the Garden Club of Madison, of which she was a Charter and Honorary Member, has given to the Town a semi-circular concrete planter in which evergreens and flowering plants are maintained by club members.

From the first Year Book, 1927

SOME CHARMS OF THE GREAT SWAMP—Mary J. Averett—Madison Garden Club

The Great Swamp spreads itself out at the foot of the northeast face of Long Hill, most westerly of the Watchung ridges, and stretches its long watery arms toward the highlands lying back of Morristown.

This wilderness, our nearby wild wood, weaves a spell and draws you with its known beauties and with a promise of adventure and discovery. Take the matter of orchids — on the sandy ridges you will find populous colonies of the much sought pink lady slipper (*Cypripedium acaule*). About the meadows, the scrutinizing eye spies out spiranthes, habernaria in variety, and even enchanting calopogon. Who can tell what may happen? It may yet be possible to steal upon elusive Calypso, to come face to face with beautiful Arethusa.

The Founding Years, continued

In Elizabeth, at the annual meeting on November 15, 1927, Mrs. Frederic R. Kellogg was elected the second president of the Federation. In her, we had an exceptional leader whose personal magnetism and charm will never be forgotten. Her quick but gentle wit and talent for repartee made every meeting something to look forward to.

At an April Board meeting Mrs. Harold Thomas of Paterson suggested that we all "observe" the exhibit of the New York Federation at the next International Flower Show, with the idea of making an exhibit of our own. This seems to be the first indication that we were headed towards participation in that project.

During this year, the first garden center was established in Hackensack by Mrs. Frederick T. Fisher. It was the first one anywhere, and it has become a source of great pride to us that New Jersey introduced this most useful and excellent method of demonstrating to the general public the whys and wherefores of gardening.

As far as my recollection goes, that fall was the first time we brought flower arrangements to a semi-annual meeting. Mrs. Walter Hine and Mrs. Woodall were judges.

At the 1929 Fall Conference, held in Plainfield, the matter of an island in the Raritan River where *mertensia* grows in profusion was discussed. It was felt that this unusually fine native growth should be preserved. A committee was instructed to act in connection with the Bound Brook Garden Club, which was investigating the matter. A speaker on Flood Control, Mrs. Channing Gilson, stirred the membership to appoint a committee to keep us informed on the subject. Billboard restriction was discussed, and we found in Mrs. Josiah T. Tubby an ardent worker in the cause.



MRS. FREDERIC R. KELLOGG
President, 1927-1929

Important Events During Mrs. Kellogg's Presidency

May 8, 1928—Spring Conference held at the Parish House, St. Peter's Church, Morristown. Mrs. John Paris, ex-president of the New York Federation, was guest speaker.

1928—Penny Tree Planting Project for school children was started.

October 1928—Fall Conference held at the Montclair Golf Club. The Garden Club of Verona was hostess, with twenty-eight clubs represented. The Kellogg Peace Pact was confirmed. Mrs. Elizabeth Lawton, President of the National Association for Restricting Outdoor Advertising, was guest speaker. A petition was drawn up requesting that a landscape architect be appointed by the state to design highway plantings.

1928—Year Book published, Miss Hornfeck editor. One thousand copies were printed and ten copies sent to each club.

April 1929—National Council founded in Washington. Mrs. Kellogg attended, representing New Jersey. Eighteen states were represented.

May 1929—Spring Conference held in Englewood. Mrs. Kellogg reported on the recent Washington meeting. The Conference voted to protest a tariff on Dutch bulbs and, in accordance with a request from Oregon, voted to adopt the columbine as the national flower.

September 1929—Eighteen clubs participated in a flower show held in the Newark Armory under the auspices of the New Jersey Florists' Association.

A Tribute by Elizabeth Throckmorton Cooke

As one who never remembers a time when she did not know and love Mrs. Kellogg, it is a high privilege to be permitted to write this tribute, which can only touch on the great contribution she has made over such a long period.

One of the prime movers in the beginnings of the Garden Club of New Jersey, Mrs. Frederic Rogers Kellogg of Morristown gave largely of her time and energy to the broadening of garden club membership. She helped to lay the foundations of a concept of ever-widening usefulness to the community and the nation through working to better standards of horticulture, civic development and individual participation. The garden clubs have been fortunate to have enlisted so much of her interest and to have gained so much inspiration from her character and example.

The Founding Years, continued



MRS. JOSIAH T. TUBBY
President, 1929-1931

At the Fall Conference held in Plainfield in 1929 Mrs. Josiah T. Tubby was elected our third president. The next spring, at the annual Conference held in Radburn, the subject of a flower show and pageant at Atlantic City was introduced by Mr. J. W. Johnston, Horticulture Editor of the New York Herald Tribune, and a committee was appointed to cooperate with the show.

The following fall the International Peace Garden Committee asked our cooperation for a two-million-dollar fund to finance the project.

We had won \$15 at the New York Show of the American Dahlia Society, and this sum was allocated to the State Committee for Roadside Beautification.

The first mention of an annual appropriation to cover the expenses of our state presidents was made at the Fall Conference in Moorestown. The By-Laws were changed to permit this, and the sum of \$250 was fixed. Conservation of the Redwoods was one of our interests, as well as the Audubon Society and the Extension Work of the College of Agriculture at Rutgers. By this time the cost of our luncheon tickets had come down to \$1.10, though whether we ate more modestly or prices were falling in the food markets I cannot say.

Additional Events of Mrs. Tubby's Presidency

At the Spring Conference in Ridgewood the mayor of North Plainfield suggested that all towns on Route 29 cooperate to beautify the highway and keep billboards off this new road. A Bill was introduced in the State Assembly to restrict the use of billboards along highways, and this Bill was endorsed by the Garden Club of New Jersey.

Other events included: \$50 contributed for window boxes to the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Somerset Hills; a School for Judges considered; Parliamentary Law workshops held to instruct members in proper conduct of business meetings; participation in a New Jersey State Flower Show in the Newark Armory under the auspices of the New Jersey Florists Association; increased interest in the preservation of wild flowers, conservation of birds and nature work in public schools; in the Oranges a chapter of the Wild Flower Preservation Society formed; flower shows staged by 29 clubs within a year.

Our State is Our Garden

The National Committee for Protection of Roadside Beauty has in preparation a list of firms pledged not to advertise in rural districts. We stand ready to give this list wide publicity and to urge all comers to patronize these firms.

Mr. Struthers Burt's article in the Saturday Evening Post, his speeches before the American Civic Association in Washington, and elsewhere; Irvin Cobb's famous "Behind these billboards lies New Jersey," and the anti-billboard humorists on the screen, in the New Yorker, etc., are welcome straws showing the way of the wind.

The proper study of garden clubs is gardens, and it is terribly against the grain for some of us to leave our pleasant country acres, or our ever-so-tiny backyard border, and sit for hours in the stifling atmosphere of the State House watching over committee interests, even billboard inspections to detect lack of licenses are unpleasant jobs. But when once we get the idea, that the whole State is our garden, then the task of helping it toward safety, neatness, beauty, becomes a routine duty with promise of results as refreshing as washing one's face in the morning, or as picking the first bunch of home-grown sweet peas.

Mary Peckham Tubby, Year Book, 1933



The Founding Years, continued

At the Fall Conference in Westfield in 1931 Mrs. Cyrus H. Vail was elected our fourth President. She brought to us a tremendous enthusiasm for flower shows, poetry and music, and it was during her regime that we launched upon our career at the International Flower Show, New York City.

The Fall Conference of 1932 was held in Glen Ridge, and in reporting about our Year Book, Mrs. William Holliday spoke of the many requests for copies from far and near, the farthest being from the Library of the Plant Industry of Soviet Russia.

A gavel made from some boxwood that had been surreptitiously filched from her own garden was presented to Mrs. Frederic Kellogg.

In November the Corresponding Secretary reported that the only letter requiring discussion was one written on behalf of the Federation by Dr. Charles Connors to the Institute of Plant Industry of Soviet Russia. It was moved that Miss Durgin and Mrs. Gay "get together on the question of Soviet Russia." One would give much to know what came of the union.

A Presidents' Conference was held in January 1933. Plans for the New York Show were discussed and Mrs. Vail asked for lists of prominent people who might contribute to the funds. Thus began the annual struggle to meet the costs of the Show. Whatever success we achieved at this and subsequent shows we certainly earned by hard work and many financial worries. To most participants the satisfaction outweighed the worries.

The Spring Conference was held at Windbeam Log Cabin, Passaic Valley Club being hostesses. To the surprise of the many conservationists in our ranks and the members of the hostess club, the proprietor of the restaurant had decorated the rooms with dogwood—whole trees of it. I believe it transpired later that most of it was garnered from a road-clearance project, but our hostesses were very much chagrined.

The Administration of Mrs. Cyrus H. Vail

Highlights included the first participation in the International Flower Show; the adoption of our official seal and achievement medal; in honor of the George Washington Bi-centennial, 12,806 trees planted by clubs with many at Washington Crossing State Park; the new Committee of Education, working with Junior Gardeners; participation in the Atlantic City Flower Show; 1500 pamphlets distributed to schools, "Conservation of Christmas Greens"; the first course in Flower Show Exhibiting and Judging; legislation for wild flower conservation; Conservation Week proclaimed by the Governor; emergency action urged for control of Dutch elm disease; congratulatory letter from President Franklin D. Roosevelt; correspondence with Plant Industry, Soviet Russia.



MRS. CYRUS H. VAIL
President, 1931-1933

Our exhibit at the Atlantic City Flower Show, 1932, received the silver medal. Picture shows first display of our Official Seal, left of mantel and Special Achievement medal, right—designed and executed by Mrs. Garrett Smith, Plainfield Garden Club.





MRS. CHARLES W. HOLTON
President, 1933-1935

The Founding Years, continued

Mrs. Charles W. Holton was elected president in 1933. Practically her first act in office was to make an appeal for the support of the New Jersey Audubon Society, for whose welfare she was much concerned. During her terms as Bird Chairman she gave many talks on bird conservation, and she hopefully believes that many garden club members have thus become bird conscious.

One of Mrs. Holton's pet projects was to induce all member clubs to hold elections in the fall in order that our Year Book could present a uniform list of club officers that would hold good for the year. A good many clubs agreed to this plan, but the idea was completely overturned later. A war on the gray squirrel was much in the minutes at that time. People all over the state were writing in to urge us to request a change in the Game Laws that would remove protection to this sometimes marauding little pest. The Law and the gray squirrel remain the same to this day.

At the Spring Conference held at Essex Fells Country Club in 1934, we went on record as favoring the goldfinch as our state bird, but this did not make it official. However, the State Legislature acted in 1935 to make it so.

At this time the Gardens of the Nations at Rockefeller Center were claiming the wonder and admiration of the garden club world, and when Mr. Ralph Hancock, creator of this remarkable

project, offered office space on the 11th floor of the RCA Building to the National Council, the New York Federation and the Federated Garden Clubs of New Jersey at the nominal rental of \$1 per year, we felt it was a reasonable price to pay for the distinction of having our name painted on a door of a small but smart office suite. The Jones Law, regulating billboards on our highways, met an unhappy end during Governor Hoffman's term of office and our valiant chairman felt much discouraged.

Mrs. Kellogg made the suggestion at this time that we change the name of the Federation to The Garden Club of New Jersey. We were being confused with the Federated Women's Clubs in the minds of many people.

The 1935 New York Flower Show had been a great artistic success, though we skirted financial disaster through the refusal of the architect to listen to our limitation of expenditure. The debt that resulted was eventually partially covered by the voluntary assessment of the Board members of \$25 apiece, to be repaid as funds came in. Richardson Wright subsidized us to the extent of \$1000 for the next show, which assurance was a help, but the constant worry for the show chairman was much reduced when we decided it was high time we were incorporated. We could then borrow money as an organization if and when necessary. Papers of incorporation were drawn up and an official seal was ordered for official documents.

Radio broadcast coast to coast, November 20, 1933. Left to right—Mrs. Holton, President; Mrs. Garrett Smith; Mrs. Cyrus H. Vail; Mrs. Frederic Kellogg; H. J. Baker, Director, New Jersey State Agriculture College, who stated, "New Jersey is the first federation to present a year around radio program. It is an outstanding success." (Year Book 1935)



Highlights of Mrs. Holton's Term

An increase in Board meetings, Conferences and Chairmanships; a year-round radio program; first attempt to publish a News Letter in connection with the Garden Digest Magazine; second and third courses in Flower Show Exhibiting and Judging; continuing fight against billboards; increase in Garden Centers throughout the state.

Exhibits at International Flower Show (Garden Centers, birds and children's Nature Work) won a silver medal; all clubs alerted to make intensive survey of Dutch elm disease; children's interest in trees started with "Penny Tree Planting Association."

A revision in the Constitution changed the name to The Garden Club of New Jersey.

The Founding Years, continued

At the Fall Conference at Princeton in 1935 Mrs. Frederic W. Goddard was elected president. A poet and author, she was gifted with a ready wit and a charming personality and brought much prestige to the newly named Garden Club of New Jersey.

The Dutch elm disease was causing much concern at that time and we wished to share in the plans to fight this and other plagues. We appointed Mr. George Masson of the Trenton Horticultural Society to be our Chairman of Roadside Protection.

At the Fall Conference (now a two-day affair) at Asbury Park it was decided to change the time of our annual meeting and election of officers from October to spring. Mrs. Goddard suggested that we divide the state into districts for more convenient administration. Our Radio Garden Club broadcasts were still very popular, and Mrs. Moses Faintout's talks, in particular, were the subject of a large number of fan letters. A protest against the planned destruction of the cherry trees around the Tidal Basin to make room for the Jefferson Memorial was sent to Washington. No mention of a reply is on record.

There is a gap in available records during this period which the historian regrets sincerely. It was some time during this hiatus that Miss Blanche Durgin staged a flower show for children of the public school system at the old Market Building in Newark. Many schools took part and teachers from all over the state found in it a great inspiration for their nature work.

In April 1938 Mrs. Saunders announced to a delighted membership that Mr. Robert and Mr. Henry Tubbs contemplated giving their beautiful estate, Willowood, at Gladstone, to Rutgers as an Arboretum. There was no way the state could accept this gift without an endowment sufficient to insure upkeep, and Mrs. Saunders proposed that we raise the estimated \$100,000 necessary for this purpose. We did not foresee war and its terrible drain on the resources of the nation and blithely started out to meet this obligation. The various contributions would make a small history in themselves. In one lovely garden a wishing well was the recipient of small donations from visitors. Two Williamsburg chairs with needlepoint seats and a fireside bench (made by Mrs. Holton) were raffled off and brought a goodly sum. Flower Shows were held, garden tools were sold on commission, until the total eventually reached about \$11,000, which was turned over to Rutgers. Alas, that the exigencies of war stopped the inflow of cash and brought this project to an untimely end.



MRS. FREDERIC W. GODDARD
President, 1935-1938

Events of Mrs. Goddard's Term

The New York office of the Club in Rockefeller Center was closed; George Masson named Chairman of Roadside Protection, to combat Dutch elm disease and other plagues.

At the International Flower Show, 1936, our Persian garden won the gold medal. Horticulture exhibit said to be best in show. Fall Conference at Asbury Park, first two-day convention, 400 attending. Annual meeting changed to spring. Radio Garden Club broadcasts given over WOR.

All-Junior Flower Show held at old Market Building, Newark. Fund started for Arboretum.

Membership, 77 clubs.

Fall Conference—Asbury Park, 1936. A part of the program was a takeoff on a flower show. The three women are judging and making comments about the exhibits. Mrs. Holton reports the National Council President, Mrs. O. W. Dynes "laughed so hard she fell off her chair." Left to right—Mrs. Thorburn Reid; Mrs. A. E. Stacey; Mrs. Elliott D. Fox.





MRS. REGINALD A. SAUNDERS
President, 1938-1940

The Founding Years, continued

In 1938 Mrs. Reginald Saunders was elected president. To say that every person who knew her loved her is paying small tribute to her memory. Her sense of humor never failed her, and her amusing sayings made every meeting something to look forward to.

The 1938 New York World's Fair was then in the public eye and Mrs. Harold I. Pratt requested our cooperation for the Gardens on Parade at the Fair Grounds, supplying hostesses and filling niches with flower arrangements, sharing these pleasant duties with the New York Federation. Each club was asked to take one day. This was, I believe, very creditably carried out.

January 10, 1939, was the tenth anniversary of the founding of the first Garden Center. It was celebrated by "open house" for three days and many interested people went to Hackensack for the occasion.

Lilies were to be featured at the next New York Show, and many were being forced in the homes of members. This may have been why we note in the minutes that we contributed \$10 to the Lily Disease Fellowship. The show, as usual, was a triumphant success for our exhibitors.

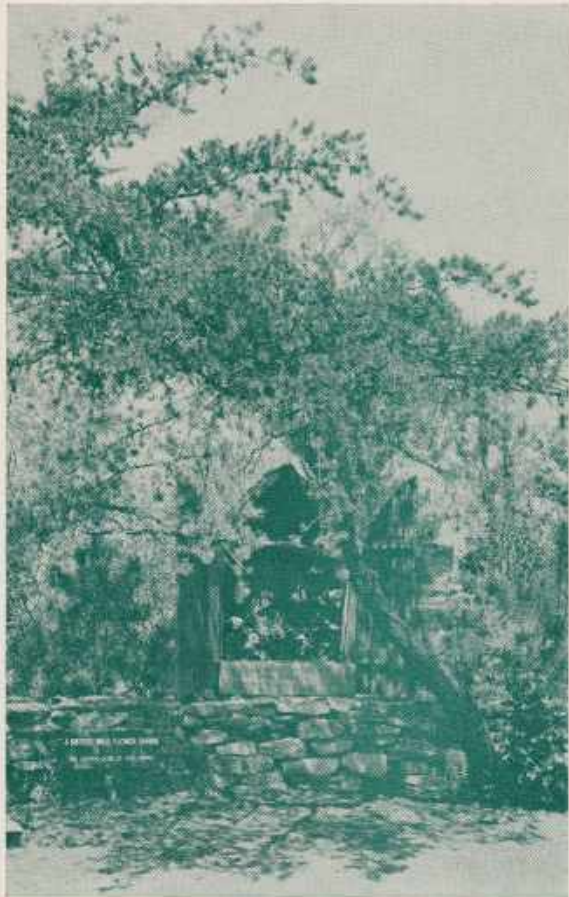
In the spring, 1940, Mrs. Goddard proposed that flower and vegetable seeds and bulbs be collected and given to Madame Kaarlo Kuusani, wife of the Finnish Consul in New York, to take back to Finland as a gift from the Garden Club of New Jersey. This was a sort of forerunner of our later Seeds of Peace. Plant material native to Maine and Michigan were chosen as suitable for the climate of Finland.

Events of Mrs. Saunders' Administration

1938: Fall Conference, Asbury Park; letter sent to Senators and Assemblymen at Trenton in support of a Soil Science Building at State Agricultural College.

1939: Conference to encourage roadside beautification; Award of Merit Plaques distributed by local clubs to gasoline stations who deserved them; exhibits at International Flower Show correlated with New York World's Fair theme; participation in Flower and Fashion Show on S. S. Nieuw Amsterdam for benefit of Seaman's Institute Fund; Radio Garden Club formed; 80 exhibits from 22 clubs at World's Fair Gardens On Parade; wild flower conservation exhibit, a Wayside Shrine; 380 hostesses from 44 clubs; meeting of presidents to establish endowment fund for an Arboretum.

1940: Contests conducted throughout the state for ragweed control. Garden clubs urged town and county officials to take an active and cooperative interest.



A Wayside Wild Flower Shrine. Garden Club of New Jersey Exhibit, New York World's Fair, 1939.

The Founding Years, continued

On May 6, 1940, Mrs. Herman J. Cook was elected president. She had long been active in her own club as well as on the State Executive Board, and had won the respect and devotion of every member. The plight of Europe was engaging our attention, food problems had begun to be headline news, and we were heart and soul behind the various projects that were developing toward the amelioration of suffering abroad. The wonderful food conservation work being done at Gladstone, at Hamilton Farms, was a cause of much pride. There the garden produce counted as surplus was being processed and sent to needy families overseas. Every shipment reached its destination safely, in itself a great feat at a time when the high seas were certainly far from safe.

Events of Mrs. Cook's Presidency

1941: Concentrated effort to spread interest and activity in Junior Gardening; \$1,050 raised for Arboretum Fund, to be placed with Rutgers University; resolution adopted opposing "use of wild bird plumage for millinery"; participation in 28th Annual International Flower Show in New York—many citations and ribbons won; \$2,215 donated by South Orange Garden Club to buy seeds for Great Britain; Arboretum Fund report—\$7,630 from clubs, individual donations and proceeds from Mrs. Holton's chairs; British War Relief Gardens (land owned by a resident in the Oranges, loaned for a Garden Center, was developed into British War Relief Gardens by members and commercial growers. \$1,000 was raised during the season and donated to the cause); endorsement of legislation for ragweed control by municipalities; effort to increase Newsletter subscriptions.

1942: Extensive war gardening program called Victory Gardens, with short course by Rutgers held at Bamberger's, Newark; project "Help to Plant a Red Cross House"—to add cheer through landscaping for hospitalized soldiers; Year Book given to Executive Board members and individual club officers; Spring Garden Club Tours to Stokes State Forest and Pine Barrens; Annual Meeting of National Council of State Garden Clubs held in Philadelphia.



MRS. HERMAN J. COOK
President, 1940-1942

A Community Cannery by Mrs. Alfred G. Kay

Last summer we had faith in an idea. That idea emanated from the knowledge that there would be hunger in Europe this winter. We believed that, having of the good things of this earth, we should give to those who have not.

We set up a Community Cannery. From the first week in July until Thanksgiving, into shining tins went vegetables, meat stew, fruit. About the end of August the British Ministry of Shipping issued an order that the boats were to carry no more food. This was disheartening. Nevertheless, our faith in our idea held. We had food from our Victory Gardens and must can it in summer when it was available. So we worked on, like the ant of Aesop's Fable, storing away the harvest against the famine to come.

With the approval of our State Department and the gratitude of the British authorities, our tins of food went through—about 30 tons in all.

The cost of the Cannery in money was slight. The effort was a rewarding experience to all who shared it.

From the 1940 Year Book



Victory Garden Canning—1940-1941. Left to right—Mrs. Alfred G. Kay, Honorary Director of the Garden Club of New Jersey; Mrs. Charles Suydam Cutting.



MRS. KENNETH V. C. WALLACE
(Now Mrs. Byron D. Benson)
President, 1942-1944

The Founding Years, continued

In 1942 Mrs. Kenneth V. C. Wallace was elected to the presidency. It would be easy enough to grow fulsome over the charm of this new leader. She brought tremendous energy to bear on our growing responsibilities and did it with such a winning smile that we worked for the joy of backing her up.

Mrs. Wallace appointed Mrs. Hood Chairman of Roadside Planning, and through her inspiration our association with Hon. Spencer Miller, Jr., Commissioner of Highways, became a reality. He willingly joined forces with us in an effort to beautify our highways.

Many clubs had model or demonstration Victory Gardens, and much surplus food was canned and sent to Europe. It was said that we had 450,000 Victory Gardens in New Jersey.

Mrs. Wallace cooperated with Rutgers in broadcasting advice to Victory Gardeners and headed a tremendous amount of work for the Red Cross, but her sparkling personality and driving energy kept prodding us to ever greater efforts along lines we were well fitted to follow.

Events of Mrs. Wallace's Administration

In August 1942 New Jersey's program in the National Victory Garden Harvest Show movement was inaugurated. Harvest Shows were to be given in all 48 states to raise money for emergency relief and to teach people to grow better food and to can more vegetables.

In January 1943 a Victory Garden Committee was set up by Civilian Defense to disseminate information to the 563 local Defense Councils. A well-qualified member of a local garden club was appointed to every Victory Garden Committee.

In February 1943 the Club started Scrap Drives. Each Club president was asked to urge her club to remedy some eyesore in its community. A statewide roadside improvement contest was held from December 1, 1942 to October 1, 1943. The winner—the Garden Club of Montclair.

Because of gas rationing, the 1943 Annual Spring meeting was held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, which was accessible by train.

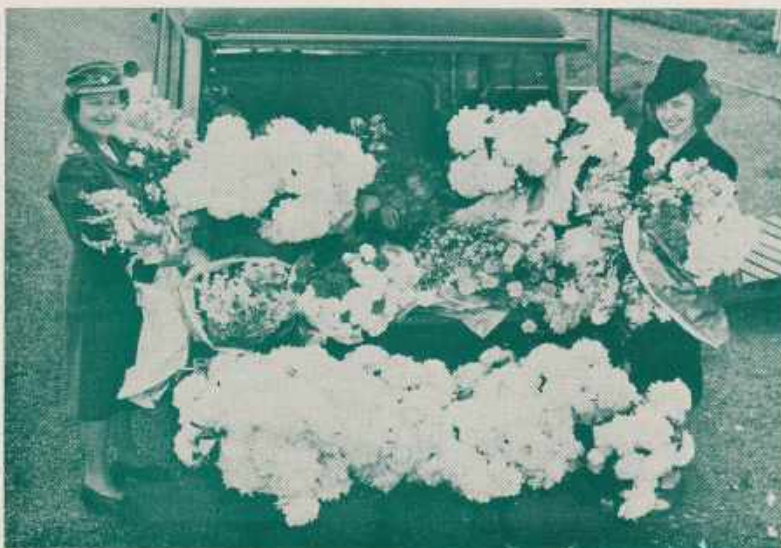
February 25, 1944, a nation-wide garden club meeting of the air took place, sponsored by the Central Atlantic Region of National Council of which Mrs. Lewis M. Hull was then Director, who presented Secretary of Agriculture, Charles R. Wickard to launch the 1944 Victory Garden Program.

The 1944 Annual Spring Meeting featured a wishing well into which were placed donations for the Arboretum of the Garden Club of New Jersey.

Flowers for Camp Kilmer, May, 1943, from the garden of Mrs. J. P. Stevens, Plainfield, for the chapels and wards at the Camp. "Throughout the whole war, from 1942 until the end, we never missed a Saturday to decorate the 8 chapels and all the wards," writes Mrs. Harry B. Coxhead, left; right, Mrs. Cecil L. Rutledge.



The President's first prize flower arrangement, International Flower Show, March, 1941.



The Founding Years, continued

The keen mind and quick grasp of every problem and question made Mrs. Lewis M. Hull's incumbency almost electric. Life was now full of hurdles and war had darkened the skies of almost the whole world. We needed leadership and guidance as never before, and we got it.

One of the greatest calls upon the garden club world was from the huge hospitals that sprang up in various parts of the state. War Services became at once a major committee and the entirely new field of Gardening Therapy, something heretofore unknown, became a tremendous success with psychiatric patients and war prisoners at Camp Kilmer.

At Atlantic City, transformed from a holiday resort to a place of healing for the sick and broken men, small gardens were created in the sands and flowers bloomed in strange places.

Another far-reaching accomplishment of this period was the creation of our now-famous Blue Star Drive. Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Hood dreamed this one up and now the entire country has followed in their footsteps, projecting this form of memorial from coast to coast. A dogwood tree planted to honor each son and daughter of the state who served the nation in the armed forces—what could be a lovelier way to honor them? The slogan "A dollar plants a tree" had popular appeal and money flowed in.

Much remains that could be told of the work done in the war years and the years immediately following, but suffice it to say we have been growing in stature and importance until our swaddling clothes of 1925-26 seem like a mere G-string on the adult organization.

Highlights of Mrs. Hull's Administration

1944: War Services organized; Gardening Therapy initiated; Blue Star Drive originated; first Garden State Flower Show held; weekly Victory Gardening radio program conducted for eight months; creation of two new classes of membership—Life and Associate; incorporation under title "The Garden Club of New Jersey."

1945: Resolution No. 1 passed, designating Blue Star Drive a State Memorial Highway. Mrs. Hull invited to address both houses of State Legislature.

Bill A59 passed by State Legislature, enabling Parkways and Freeways; cooperation in New York Times Garden Week netted \$1200 for American Red Cross (repeated in 1946); goal of \$25,000 for planting trees on Blue Star Drive reached; 20th Anniversary Yearbook published; American Theatre Wing play, "Song of the Radish," based on incident of Gardening Therapy; Flower Show of the Air given on WOR; second Garden State Flower Show held; Louis Bromfield speaker at Fall Conference. Annual meeting held V-E Day, May 8, 1945.

1946: First Course in Flower Show Judging under National Council standards; exhibited at 30th International Flower Show (last time of participation).

In 1947 Mrs. Hull became President of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, from which she received a citation in 1960: "Helen S. Hull—In recognition of her continuing services to the organization, her distinguished literary contribution to Horticulture and more recently, her dedicated efforts to promote World Peace through her initiation of the World Gardening Program. — Compiled by Gene Oneal, Archivist



MRS. LEWIS M. HULL
President, 1944-1946

The President, left, and Board members, Mrs. Vance R. Hood, Mrs. Arthur J. Sullivan, Mrs. William J. Walters and Mrs. Herman J. Cook, witnessing the signing of the first Parkway bill. They were invited by Governor Walter E. Edge in recognition of the educational program of the garden clubs terminating a ten year struggle for this legislation.





The beginning of Gardening Therapy. Convalescing soldiers harvesting one of their Victory Gardens at Camp Kilmer Station Hospital. The Garden Club of New Jersey committee in charge from left to right: Mrs. Stephen G. Van Hoesen of Fanwood, Chairman; Mrs. B. L. Glaser, Newmarket; Mrs. H. C. Hunter, Fanwood.

War Services 1944 - 1946

by Adelaide B. Wilson, Chairman

A panorama of the services performed by the members of the Garden Club of New Jersey during the eventful war years demands a large canvas. The backward look shows only a miniature of something too big for delineation—like looking through the reverse end of binoculars.

In retrospect, it was not events but people who played important roles—all the garden club members. They formed an army whose motive power came from the spirit.

Most of the clubs were already at work in 1944. Planting grim barracks, often with plants from their own gardens; providing decorations for various events; painting furniture to make recreation rooms less dreary—all kinds of needs were filled.

The first official act of Mrs. Lewis M. Hull as President of the Garden Club of New Jersey was to accept the invitation of the Commanding Officer at Camp Kilmer, Colonel Thomas Tousey, to develop a program of gardening therapy, then a new idea. This was a sensitive assignment, for we had to prove to the military that we were capable and discreet. A small committee, uniquely endowed, worked daily at active gardening with patients. Often the temperature reached 115 degrees, but this group served with such wise devotion that their methods furnished a pattern copied far beyond our borders.

Less than two years later the Garden Club was participating in activities at twenty-five installations. Major projects included planting six extensive gardens and acres of shrubbery borders, arranging bedside flowers, chapel decorations and holiday trimmings. We were near a major debarkation center and casualties were returned to several large hotels that the military had absorbed to serve as auxiliary hospitals.

Two certificates were awarded the Garden Club by the Commanding Officer of the Second Service Command (New York, New Jersey and Delaware). They read:

"In recognition of meritorious service performed by The Garden Club of New Jersey, this Certificate of Commendation is presented to commend members and associates who have voluntarily assisted in the accomplishment of many missions assigned this Command in the prosecution of World War II."

A third commendation was awarded by the Commanding Officer of Camp Kilmer Debarkation Center. Personal and official notes came from military and Red Cross, with whom we worked closely.

This was a venture of faith. No money was available, but clubs and individuals were generous. Growing needs demanded a backlog of funds. The initial effort to provide these funds resulted in two flower shows—the First Garden State Flower Show at Orange Lawn Tennis Club in October 1944 and a second show in 1945. Together they netted \$7,186.81. Both occasions were oases in the sombre desert of wartime. Both were enthusiastically received. The Tennis Club walls were extended into a giant tent for overflow exhibits. The buoyancy that marked these days carried over when everyone returned to sterner duties. Husbands gave valiant backing. Indeed, backs were truly tested as the men helped restore the clubhouse to its normal calm and many a lasting friendship developed between a front-end carrier of a sofa and the rear-end strong arm.

The War Services Committee was formed to coordinate all activities and to channel them into specific areas. At first its scope included conservation of war-depleted resources and creation of Victory Gardens, but these were soon assigned to separate committees.

The next step was our response to an invitation to send a representative to all Red Cross Camp and Hospital Council meetings in the state. This body had been designated by the military to act as liaison between it and civilian organizations. Through this Council the Garden Club was enabled to act without sacrificing its own identity.

The Chairman had invaluable support from ten zone chairmen, representing seventy clubs—unbeatable women, all.

Many clubs financed their own projects. Those near installations were empowered to set up their own committees.

Your Chairman accepted all requests blithely, and came back to you to have them filled. Never was she refused. I remember the day when I said we would furnish a greenhouse, and before the Executive Board had discussed its financing a note was passed down the table: "Order it and send me the bill."

Heavy loads of plants were trucked to furnish flowers and plants for six large gardens—this with gas rationing. Many hands planted so that every patient might pick as he chose. Bouquets were pinned on coats of wives and sweethearts. The blind buried their faces in fragrant flowers, reminiscent perhaps of some far-off home. Brides wore their first orchids to chapel weddings.

Christmas 1945 saw 660 nursery-grown trees, two miles of roping, thousands of wreaths, nosegays, plants and flowers riding the highways. The day when ice kept even the army trucks immobilized, a loaded station wagon crept over two hundred miles to deliver our handiwork. The army was astonished, the husbands blissfully ignorant, the driver peerless in her skill—the rider scared to death.

A soldier held the elevator door at England General Hospital on a vicious March day. My train trip had been long and wearying, the weather foul. He spoke first: "Isn't this a fine day?" He had just come in from the boardwalk. His face shone. His wheel chair was new, the blanket that covered only remnants of young legs was warm, his right hook could hold a door and his left hand still had five fingers. A fine day indeed for a lesson in courage.



STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR WALTER E. EDGE—
1946 Year Book:

"On the 20th anniversary of the Garden Club of New Jersey I extend congratulations on behalf of the citizens of the state for your fine record of civic improvement.

In these grave times of war where so many gardeners have turned from the beauty of flowers to the production of food your program takes on new significance. The Blue Star Memorial Drive will be a living monument to New Jersey service men and women for many years to come."

Making bedside bouquets, Camp Kilmer Hospital, 1945. Standing—left to right—Mrs. John S. Anderegg, Plainfield Garden Club; Mrs. Cecil L. Rutledge, wife of commanding officer; Mrs. Harry B. Coxhead, Spade & Trowel; seated, Mrs. J. Harold Loizeaux and Mrs. Victor King, Plainfield Garden Club.

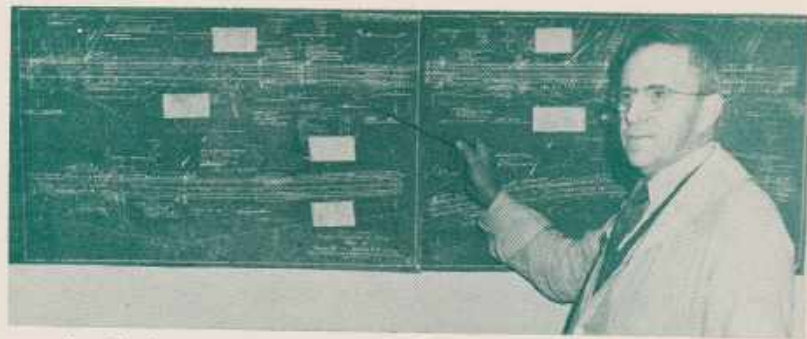


Mrs. Coxhead and Mrs. Rutledge, Plainfield Spade & Trowel Garden Club, distributing bedside bouquets from flower cart given by garden clubs.





Blue Star Drive Memorialized with perpetual maintenance, January 22, 1945, by joint resolution of the N. J. Senate and Assembly. Above, Senators, Highway officials and members of the Board, after the President, Mrs. Hull by invitation addressed both houses of the Legislature.



Dr. Charles H. Connors of Rutgers University shows landscaping plans for Blue Star Drive, January 5, 1945.



Left: Governor Walter E. Edge presents pen to Mrs. Vance R. Hood, Chairman, Blue Star Drive, February 8, 1945, on signing bill of Blue Star Drive Memorialization. Right: One of 10,000 flowering dogwood trees planted along Blue Star Drive.



Camp Kilmer band plays at dedication of Blue Star Drive, Mountainside, November 10, 1944.



Protected roadsides of Blue Star Drive at western entrance, North Plainfield.



Mrs. Thomas A. Edison and Governor Charles Edison receiving Blue Star Drive Certificate from Mrs. Vance R. Hood, Chairman, for donating trees in honor of employees of Thomas A. Edison, Inc. in armed services.



Hunterdon County establishes its own Blue Star Drive on Route 28, dedication at Whitehouse, April 23, 1946. L. to R.—Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Chester A. Schomp, State Chairman, Roadside Planning, and Mrs. Harvey J. Stothoff, President, Community Garden Club, Hunterdon County.

Blue Star Drive

A Living Tribute to the Men and Women of New Jersey, Who Serve in the Armed Forces

by Elizabeth S. Hood, Chairman



Original Blue Star marker and first planting of flowering dogwood, Chapel Island, Mountainside—U. S. Route 22. Place of dedication ceremonies—November 10, 1944.

The "inspired idea," as Governor Walter E. Edge later called it, was the outcome of a meeting held in the spring of 1944 by Mrs. Lewis M. Hull, President of the Garden Club of New Jersey, with Mrs. Vance R. Hood, Roadside Chairman, and New Jersey State Highway Commissioner, Spencer Miller, Jr.

The proposed plan sought to protect the beauty of the countryside for the return of the men and women from New Jersey who were at war defending the safety of the nation. It called for a five-mile planting of flowering dogwood trees in a landscaped area along U. S. Route 22 between Mountainside and North Plainfield, where all who passed might share in the beauty and homage. The blue star of the service flag would be its name.

The Garden Club of New Jersey embraced the proposal and became co-sponsor of the undertaking with the New Jersey Highway Department.

The "inspired idea" was launched in June 1944, with the slogan "A Dollar Plants a Tree on the Blue Star Drive"—an offer made possible by the cooperation of nurserymen of New Jersey. Citizens were invited to plant dogwood trees for the mem-

bers of their families in the armed forces. Service clubs and industry contributed for those whose names were listed on their honor rolls. In November 1944 the first group of trees was planted on Chapel Island in Mountainside.

The State Legislature commemorated the Blue Star Drive by joint resolution in January 1945. Subsequent legislation provided for the acquisition of all undeveloped land bordering the Blue Star Drive for plantings. With more than \$25,000 raised by the Garden Club and acquisition of land by the state, more than half a million dollars has been invested in the Blue Star Drive. A book of the memorial names and donors resides in the State House in Trenton.

In the fall of 1945 the National Council of State Garden Clubs extended the project nation-wide as the Blue Star Memorial Highway. The State of New Jersey memorialized the entire length of U. S. Route 22 as New Jersey's link in the national chain. A seven-member Blue Star Advisory Council, having four Garden Club of New Jersey representatives, was established by legislative action in 1948, to safeguard and promote the interests of both memorials.



MRS. LAURANCE N. WILSON
President, 1946-1948

Mrs. Wilson, right, and Mrs. Arthur Sullivan presenting Roadside Survey awards.



Mrs. Wilson (head of table) and judges of Roadside Survey, including officials from State Departments of Highway, Motor Vehicle, Conservation Council, Economic Development, Health and Conservation.

Highlights of Mrs. Wilson's Regime

Major goals: to establish an Arboretum for New Jersey; to conduct a Survey of Approval to commend industrial and commercial establishments for their civic achievement in beautifying state highways.

Special events: participation with Governor Walter Edge and state officials in the dedication of Garden State Parkway, November 1946; food packages sent to Holland bulb growers, who had been impoverished by wartime destruction of their land; more than \$3000 sent to National Council's program of Seeds of Peace; introduction and sales of specially designed cards and notepaper to be sold by clubs for their own needs; a study of membership standards and the introduction of a category for Provisional Clubs; the zoning of clubs under zone chairmen to create closer liaison between the Executive Board and the member clubs.

Our Roadside Surveys

by Madeline Schomp

One hundred of our members, joined by state officials, traveled over 1500 miles of New Jersey's state highways for seven consecutive years, evaluating commercial and industrial establishments. They considered the following points: landscaping, maintenance, suitability of signs, parking and health facilities, and architecture.

The state was divided into ten areas, each headed by an area chairman. The garden clubs were divided into ten zones; surveyors chosen from zones where they would not judge their home territories formed teams.

The names of the establishments rating 85% or better in this test were sent to the Departments of Highway, Health and Conservation to be checked for their conformity to state laws and regulations. Those passing these rigid tests won the Garden Club of New Jersey's Civic Achievement Citation. The first year, 1947, there were thirty-seven winners.

Our efforts had far-reaching effects. New Jersey citizens were made aware of industry's part in the beauty of their surroundings. This positive approach to the promotion of roadside beautification is today reflected along New Jersey's newer highways.



The Founding Years, concluded

Mrs. Laurance N. Wilson became president in 1946, and again we demonstrated our ability to pick a winner. Her record as War Services Chairman had taught us that she had the qualities essential to the fulfillment of large responsibilities.

Mrs. Wilson appointed Mrs. Herbert Carnes Bird Chairman, and suddenly we knew we had in our midst a small dynamo—soon we were merchandising bird and flower cards, match clips, calendars and bird seeds, earning tidy sums to swell the treasuries of innumerable clubs. Meanwhile, horticulture sprouted anew. A particular plant was taken up for extensive study each year.

The accomplishments of all the members deserve a fuller recognition than I have been able to give them. I am a bit too prejudiced in their favor. History should be written by someone from the outside looking in!

Mrs. Arthur J. Sullivan President 1948 - 1950

"An arboretum for New Jersey" was the dream of one of our presidents, Mrs. Reginald Saunders, and through her efforts \$12,000 had been raised for such an arboretum. After her death, in 1945, an Arboretum Advisory Committee was appointed to select a suitable site. Greenbrook Sanctuary in the Alpine section of Interstate Park was chosen. The Garden Club of New Jersey Arboretum area includes sections 1 to 20 on the Greenbrook Sanctuary map—approximately 40 acres of open wooded land, looking down over the Palisades. Arboretum funds are being used to establish a stand of flowering dogwood, native azaleas, shrubs and wild flowers; garden clubs are allotted small areas to plant.

At the dedication ceremonies on October 7, 1948, Laurance S. Rockefeller accepted the Arboretum within the custody of the Interstate Park Commission, and a memorial fountain, with the name of Nell Baker Saunders carved on it, was unveiled.

Sing softly, breeze, a requiem for one
Who, like these trees, long loved the wind and sun.
Sing sweetly, too, ye birds who come in spring
When skies are blue. Be happy here, and sing.
We pray that here God's grace will ever be
From year to year and through eternity.
A gentle soul had dreamed of this retreat,
This sunlit goal where man and nature meet.
Let no man harm its loveliness serene
Nor break the charm which sanctifies the scene.
It is a spot where peace alone should dwell.
Disturb it not but rather breathe its spell.
Sing softly, breeze, through pines, whose harp-strings sigh
Their threnodies to silent earth and sky.

Louise B. Holton, October 7, 1948

Other important events included the fifth and sixth Garden State Flower Shows, with six other states exhibiting; the Second Roadside Survey and the awarding of 97 citations to industries for landscaping; the holding of the sixth and seventh Flower Show Schools, with over 100 students attending; Garden Centers held by twenty-eight clubs; a Garden Club Program of the Air on Station WPAT, carried on for eight months; membership growth from 86 to 97 clubs; 2400 copies of News Leaf printed each month; War Services contributions at Lyons, Tilton General and Kilmer Hospitals; donation of \$1,117.50 for National Council's Redwood Grove in Humboldt County, California, and \$3,047.74 to the "Seeds of Peace" project.

Mrs. Laurance N. Wilson, left, and Mrs. Herman J. Cook, Past Presidents, unveil the marker on the drinking fountain, at the entrance to the Garden Club of New Jersey Arboretum.

"The fountain in an area about 20 yards square is approached by a series of log steps and lies within several rocks against a rock backdrop. The outdoor cathedral is guarded by a tulip tree, 2 red oaks and a white oak. Memorial was fashioned by G. G. Neuring, resident naturalist, after a design by Mrs. D. W. Colburn."—from New York Herald Tribune, October 8, 1948.



Dedication of Garden Club of New Jersey Arboretum, Nell Baker Saunders Memorial, October 7, 1948. L. to R.: Mr. Laurance S. Rockefeller, Secretary, Interstate Park Commission; Mrs. LeRoy Clark, President, Palisades Nature Association; Mrs. Arthur J. Sullivan, President, Garden Club of New Jersey; Mrs. Lewis M. Hull, President, National Council of State Garden Clubs.



Garden Club of New Jersey Arboretum dedication, October 7, 1948.



Mrs. Chester D. Schomp President 1950 - 1952

On May 11, 1950, Mrs. Chester D. Schomp was elected President of the Garden Club of New Jersey, at the twenty-fifth Annual Meeting held in Princeton. Her goal was to give more service to member clubs.

A coordinated program was initiated, comprising Arboretum, Birds, Conservation and Horticulture Committees.

The Antoinette Driscoll orchid, hybridized in New Jersey, was named at our request for the wife of our Governor, Alfred E. Driscoll.

Eleven Zones were established, to promote a closer bond between Executive Board and member clubs.

A citation "To The Garden Club of New Jersey for Distinguished Service to the State" was received from Governor Driscoll, on December 28, 1950.

A Green Thumb Corps was established for Gardening Therapy at Lyons Veterans Hospital.

The By-Laws were revised to include Provisional Clubs.

Flower Service was initiated on Christmas Day at Menlo Park and Vineland Hospitals.

In 1951 the following pamphlets were distributed to garden clubs: "Joining The Garden Club of New Jersey"; "Objectives and Activities of The Garden Club of New Jersey"; "Suggested Constitution and By-Laws."

Early in 1951 sets of garden tools for the blind, designed by Dr. Hugh Findlay, were donated to the New Jersey Commission for the Blind.

On March 19, Mrs. Schomp addressed the New Jersey Senate on behalf of Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, extending the Blue Star Memorial Highway to "All who serve or will serve in the Armed Forces."

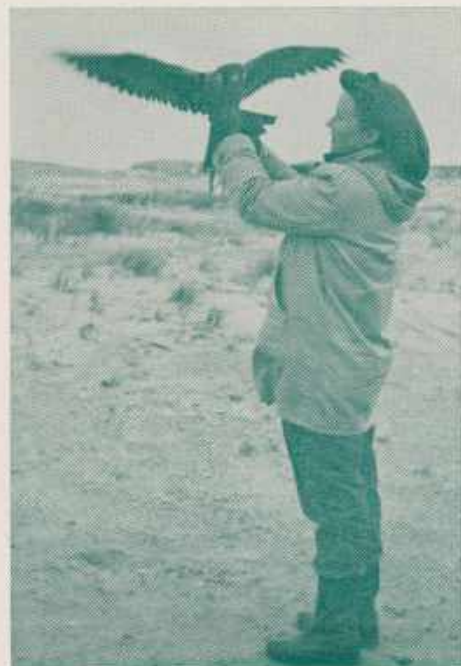
A Herb Garden was created at Lyons Veterans Hospital.

Further Events in 1951:

Seventh Garden State Flower Show, in Upper Montclair; Special Achievement Citation received from the National Council for our Roadside Survey and the Cora L. Hartshorn Arboretum; Flower Service expanded to include U. S. Army Hospital at Fort Monmouth; presentation of 67 citations for industrial plant beautification; dedication of three Blue Star Memorial Drive markers at Route 29 and Vaux Hall Road in Union; an exhibit depicting the Greenbrook Sanctuary erected in the Rotunda of the State Capitol, Trenton.

In March 1952 we received the National Council Special Achievement Citation for our Green Thumb Corps and our Plainfield Garden Club Cornus Arboretum. In April we initiated our program of Flower Show Evaluation.

Mrs. Schomp receives from Governor Alfred E. Driscoll a Citation to the Garden Club of New Jersey for Distinguished Public Service to the State, December 28, 1950—"Establishment of an Arboretum in Palisades Interstate Park; Creation of the Blue Star Drive; Underwriting Conservation Education Scholarships; Formation of a Green Thumb Corps; and especially noted for the Highway Beautification Survey."



Mrs. Herbert E. Carnes, State Bird Chairman, 1946-1948, with peregrine falcon she banded. While on the Garden Club Board Mrs. Carnes initiated SALES of Bird Notes and other items to aid club treasuries. Later she was President of the New Jersey Audubon Society and for her educational work was granted an honorary doctorate by Keuka College, 1962, for "scientific contributions in ornithology."

Mrs. Francis M. Archibald President 1952 - 1953

In May 1952, Mrs. Francis M. Archibald was elected President, but served only eight months, moving to Durban, South Africa, in February 1953.

During her administration events included:

The Third Annual Arboretum Day, together with the laying of the cornerstone of the Holton Pavilion; the Garden Tour of Historic Morristown; the Sixth Conservation Education Workshop at Trenton State Teachers College; the first patient-participation flower show at Lyons Veterans Hospital; the opening of the Veterans Administration Hospital at East Orange and the inauguration of a Flower Service there under the supervision of hospital-trained Garden Club personnel; the acceptance of a design for a Garden Club of New Jersey pin; the presentation of 80 awards for the Sixth Annual Roadside Survey.

The First Vice-President, Mrs. Frank D. Adams, assumed the presidency until the Annual Meeting in May 1953. At that time a change was made to elect the president in the odd years, to conform to the pattern of the National Council.

The Louise B. Holton Pavilion

The laying of the cornerstone of the Louise B. Holton Pavilion in the Garden Club of New Jersey Arboretum in Greenbrook Sanctuary, Interstate Park, was held on Arboretum Day, May 22, 1952.

Included in the cornerstone are the May 1952 issue of *News Leaf*, the 1951 Year Book, the Blue Star Drive folder, the Architect's sketch of the Pavilion, coins, the Resolution of Acceptance by the Palisades Nature Association, plans for trails in the Arboretum, lists of birds and plants, the names of clubs that donated to trailside plantings, an article on erosion control, and a poem by Mrs. Holton.

After the strong box was placed in the concrete by Mrs. Lewis M. Hull, Chairman of the Arboretum Committee, a dogwood tree was planted near the Pavilion, given by the Essex Fells Garden Club in honor of their member, Mrs. Holton.

On October 4, 1952, the Louise B. Holton Pavilion was finished and dedicated at the Annual Meeting of the Palisades Nature Association, the first meeting to be held within it.

Mrs. Frank D. Adams President 1953

Mrs. Frank D. Adams, who took office as President in February 1953, continued the committees and projects initiated by Mrs. Archibald. At that time the membership was 100 clubs, with 4,800 members.

During her short term a Flower Show Judging School course was held; Junior Gardening was carried on in 33 clubs; a lecture was given by J. Gregory Conway; Mrs. William J. Walters of New Brunswick was elected president of the National Council and Mrs. Chester Schomp was elected Corresponding Secretary; the following members of the Garden Club of New Jersey served on the National Council Board of Directors: Mrs. Lewis M. Hull, Mrs. Charles W. Holton, Miss Gertrude Smith (who is now Mrs. John Wister), and Dr. Cynthia Westcott.



Mrs. Francis M. Archibald. Cornerstone laying—Holton Pavilion May 22, 1952.



Dedication of Louise B. Holton Pavilion, October 4, 1952.

MRS. FRANK D. ADAMS, President, 1953

Seated, l. to r. Mrs. Harold Brooks; Mrs. Colton Tuttle; Mrs. Frank Adams; Mrs. C. Birch Stoner. Standing, l. to r. Mrs. Herbert Hunter; Mrs. Kenneth Wallace; Mrs. Arthur Sullivan; Mrs. Laurance Wilson; Mrs. Francis Merriam.





MRS. VANCE R. HOOD, *President*, 1953-1955

Mrs. Hood, left, and Mrs. Roland Howell dedicate Blue Star Highway marker (May, 1950), New Jersey Highway Commissioner Spencer Miller far left.

The Flowering Dogwood

by Charles H. Connors
(*Honorary Director*)

The Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*) is the most conspicuous tree of the woodlands of New Jersey, and it is one of the handsomest of American flowering trees. In New Jersey it is found abundantly in the northern and western parts, in the Cape May peninsula and along sections of the coastal plain, but does not occur naturally in the Pine Barrens. New Jersey is not alone in enjoying this treasure, because it extends from Massachusetts, in the mountains and foothills down to Florida, and west to Minnesota and eastern Texas. Like many of the plants of our east, it has a somewhat similar relative in Eastern Asia (Japan, Korea, China) known as *Cornus kousa*. It is the envy of the people of Europe where it does not generally thrive because of the mild winters.

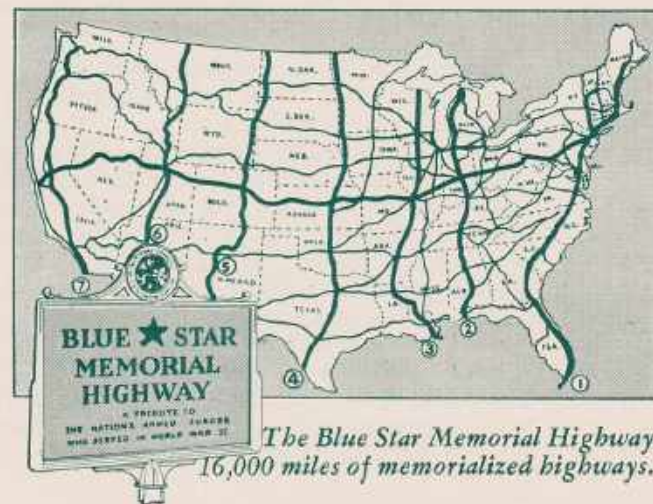
Everyone knows that it is not a one season plant. In spring, just as the trees are beginning to green up and the yellow catkins of oak are opening, the billowy masses of snowy-white bracts enclosing the inconspicuous flowers are formed and remain until enveloped by the green of unfolding foliage. In the autumn the leaves turn a brilliant scarlet, and then, as they fall, the glory of the scarlet fruit is exposed. These remain until the squirrels and the birds take their toll. During the winter it also possesses merits to excite interest. The bark, checkered like an alligator's skin; the button-like flower buds at the tips of the green twigs; the twig formation; all these make pictures for those who observe.

Aside from the bloom, colored fruits and autumn foliage, this plant has other merits that commend it to our attention. First of all it is a durable, small tree, and while it requires a few years to reach tree-like stature, yet it is much more appropriate in the small yard where a small tree is needed than the forest trees that are so often used and which soon outgrow their situation.

We have a heritage in this plant of our woodlands that we should cherish and foster, but we should realize that it will not grow everywhere. Too much shade will reduce its beauty. It will not grow in wet, undrained soil. It does best in a well drained, somewhat gravelly soil.

The Blue Star Drive is a testimony of our appreciation of those who are undergoing hardships and suffering scars. As the trees which we plant stretch out their arms in blessing, may they help to bring to bruised hearts and minds and bodies the peace which passeth understanding.

Year Book, 1944



The Administration of Mrs. Vance R. Hood

Mrs. Vance R. Hood, elected president of the Garden Club of New Jersey in May 1953, revised the administration framework of the organization in accordance with the expanding membership. Headquarters of the Club was established at 369 Park Avenue, East Orange. Zones were redefined to equalize the number of clubs in each, and the Constitution and By-Laws were revised to provide zone representation.

A Manual for Chairmen was prepared containing standing rules and policies. War Services was changed to Garden Therapy, with subcommittees of Green Thumb Corps and Military and Veteran Hospital Service. The Roadside Survey was established as an independent committee.

New committees included Judges' Council, President's Advisory and Headquarters Committees.

A Garden Club of the Year award was established. The National Council Permanent Home was supported. Two projects were initiated: the "Don't Be A Litterbug" campaign and the "Save Mettler's Woods" program.

In connection with the Blue Star Memorial Highway Contest, \$3,000 was designated as prizes for plantings in communities making the best beautification efforts.

National and State events in which our role was significant included the acquisition of Island Beach by the State, the Garden State Parkway opening at Monmouth, and the transference of Mettler's Woods to Rutgers University.

The First Blue Star Council Report and the Blue Star Memory Book were presented to Governor Alfred E. Driscoll.

The dedication of the Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker and Planting at Phillipsburg took place.

Awards received included Best State Garden Club Year Book from *Flower Grower*, the *Home Garden Magazine*, 1954, and Best State Garden Club Year Book from the National Council of State Garden Clubs, 1954, 1955.

The Administration of Mrs. Francis F. Merriam

Mrs. Francis F. Merriam was President of the Garden Club of New Jersey from 1955 to 1957.

June, 1955: By-Laws amended so that number of Zones was changed from 11 to 10, with representatives from Zones to be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for one year.

September: Dedication of Cushetunk Roadside Rest on the Blue Star Highway at Whitehouse.

October: Central Atlantic Regional Meeting and Fall Conference, held at Asbury Park.

March, 1956: Junior Gardeners' Workshops held.

May: \$2000 donated for National Council Headquarters; eighth Garden State Flower Show, "Open House" Show and Tour, in Orange; a series of radio broadcasts held, publicizing work of the garden clubs; Elizabeth Hood perpetual trophy for Best Garden Center established.

June: Change in By-Laws: 100% subscription to News Leaf required of members.

July: First decorative cover on News Leaf by Mrs. James A. Logie, Editor. Donations of \$15,786.96 to National Council Permanent Home announced.

September: Two-day Fall Conference at Asbury Park.

October: Twentieth Flower Show School. Ceremonies awarding North Plainfield and Whitehouse \$3,000 for civic plantings, winners in Blue Star Drive Improvement Contest.

November: Christmas Star Symposium, Mrs. James McBain, Chairman.

April, 1957: The "New Jersey Garden" at Rutgers University planted with native wild flowers; Second Horticulture Workshop (on daffodils) held at the Contemporary Club of Trenton. Roadside Survey: 135 Civic Achievement Citations given to industrial firms for landscaping.

May: \$2000 presented to state for landscaping at Morven, the Governor's Mansion at Princeton.

In April, 1958, our Betty Merriam, an inspiring leader, died. As memorials to her, the Garden Club of New Jersey established a scholarship in Landscape Design at Rutgers University and gave \$75 for a named chair at National Council Headquarters. The Garden Club of Montclair presents annually within their membership their Betty Merriam perpetual silver trophy for the best decorative use of plant material. The Garden Club of Mountain Lakes planted an Oxydendron tree in their Library grounds in her memory.

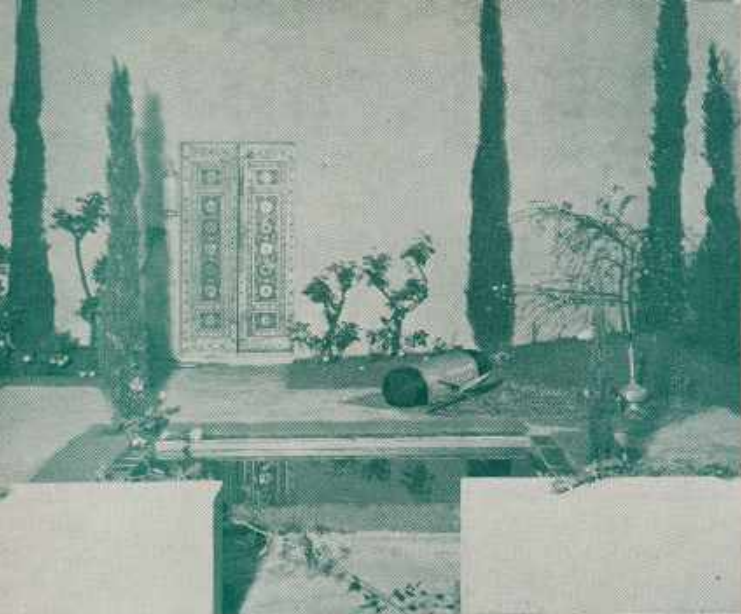
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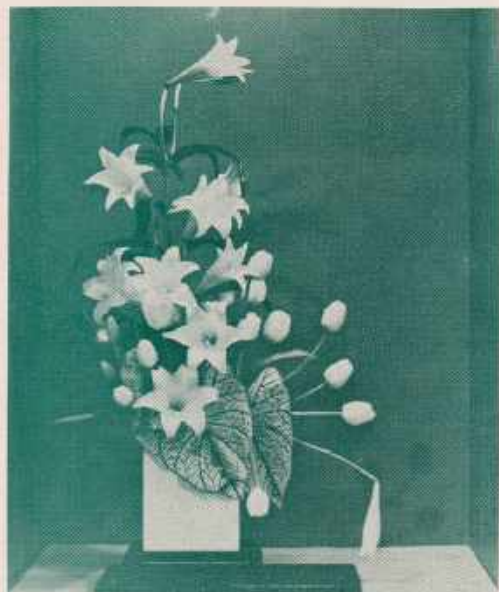
MRS. FRANCIS F. MERRIAM
President, 1955-1957

Central Atlantic Regional Meeting, Asbury Park, September 21-22, 1955. National and Regional Presidents, 1. to r.—Mrs. Ernest N. Calboun, Pennsylvania; Mrs. John I. Lane, New York; Mrs. Bradley Morrish, National Council; Mrs. Earl J. Vallen, Ohio; Mrs. Benjamin A. Powell, District of Columbia; Mrs. Francis F. Merriam, New Jersey; Mrs. J. Cookman-Boyd, Jr., Maryland.





Persian Garden, Garden Club of New Jersey exhibit, International Flower Show, 1936, during Mrs. Goddard's presidency.



Flower Arrangement, 1946 International Flower Show, by Mrs. Colton Tuttle, Montclair.

Peace Rose Garden, Garden Club of New Jersey exhibit, International Flower Show, 1946.

Right: First display of Peace rose.



Two Early Flower Shows

by Gladys B. Goddard

Following my retirement as president, I acted as chairman of two Garden Club of New Jersey flower shows held in New York, in 1939 and in 1946, a part of the International Flower Show for each of those years. Quite apart from management, each show had a special importance all its own. In 1939 we proved beyond a doubt our competence as a state club, not only by winning gold and silver medals bestowed by experts in horticulture, but in broadening interest in civic improvement. We filled our hall with the flags of England, France, Italy, Holland and the United States, and received highly enthusiastic notices for our portrayal in flowers in the mood of these countries.

In the years between 1939 and 1946 came World War II, with its restrictions on labor, transportation and materials, and the tragedies involving many families brought exhibits of this kind to an end. But in 1946 the New York International Flower Show was resumed and we accepted an invitation to exhibit. The president asked me to take the chairmanship.

In 1945, at the opening of the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, a white rose named "Peace" had been given to the delegates by Robert Pyle, President of Star Roses. Mrs. Hull was so impressed by its beauty that she asked him if he would supply us with a few plants for our exhibit. He responded by having 125 bushes forced into bloom in Oregon and sent to us by airmail.

The newly elected Cardinal Spellman had just returned from a peace mission, and we decided to carry a plant of the Peace Rose to him at the end of the Show. A small delegation made the presentation at his residence adjoining St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, where he received us informally. It was a day and a Show to remember.



Garden State Flower Shows

by Emma E. Slocum

The Garden Club of New Jersey has sponsored eight Garden State Flower Shows, from 1944, when the first was held at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club, to 1956. These shows dramatize the proficiency of exhibitors in horticulture and flower arrangement in state-wide competition. They present to the public uses of plant material for homes, churches, schools and hospitals and provide funds and interest for our programs in conservation, civic projects, Garden Therapy, hospitalized veterans, Junior Gardeners, and Landscape Design courses. Through the years attendance increased from about 1000 in 1944 to more than 6000 in 1956.

Our first show, held in October 1944, was opened by Helen Jepson, Metropolitan Opera Star, with Mrs. Earl S. Rhine as Chairman. Displays included annuals, perennials, home-grown vegetables and fruits, flower arrangements, conservation exhibits, and a display featuring the Blue Star Drive.

In October 1945 the second Garden State Flower Show was held, with Mrs. Francis F. Merriam as Chairman. There were competitive Junior exhibits and a garden photography contest, and twenty-five State Federation Presidents attended.

The third, in 1946, with Mrs. Arthur J. Sullivan Chairman, and the fourth, in 1947, with Mrs. William J. Walters Chairman, featured conservation, flower arrangements and educational displays.

In 1948, when Mrs. Francis F. Merriam was again Chairman, the fifth Show included an art exhibit. At the sixth, in 1949, with Mrs. Dwight Beebe Chairman, there was a greenhouse display of orchids. The seventh Show, held in 1951, under the joint chairmanship of Mrs. Laurance N. Wilson and Mrs. R. Carlisle Folger, featured small gardens in competition.

The eighth Garden State Flower Show, a three-day "Open House," Garden Tour and Flower Show, presented 1700 horticulture entries, 320 competitive flower arrangements and 24 Club entries. Mrs. Clarence W. Slocum was Chairman.

The story of the Garden State Flower Shows would be incomplete without special mention of Mrs. Francis F. Merriam, twice Chairman, and President when the eighth Show was held, for her ever-ready guiding hand.



Miss Helen Jepson, Metropolitan Opera star, opened first Garden State Flower Show, October 6, 1944.



Above right: New Jersey Shore—small class, 1944.

Center right: First prize in horticulture, 1946.

Two prize-winning exhibits, 1956 state show.

Right: Dad's Hobby—early days in New Jersey.

Far Right: Arrangement depicting early iron industry.





Early workers: L. to R., Mrs. William Urner, Mrs. E. Alden Owens, Mrs. Harry Lake, Blue Star Garden Club.



A Junior gardener enters his collection of succulents.



A wild flower garden exhibit in the making. Garden Club of Mountain Lakes.



Eighth Garden State Flower Show, 1956



Bringing in the trees. Mrs. Joseph Durer and Mrs. Eric Williams of Rumson.



Horticultural Exhibit, Rose culture—Dr. Cynthia Westcott.

Lower left: Flower arrangers checking in.

Below: After the work the reward: The public enjoys the show.



Mrs. Clarence W. Slocum President 1957 - 1959

"Widening Horizons" for garden club programs was the vision of Mrs. Clarence W. Slocum, who was elected eighteenth president of the Garden Club of New Jersey on May 16, 1957. Membership at that time included 121 Active Clubs, 14 Provisional Clubs and 1 Affiliate Club.

June: The Garden Therapy Committee developed the Flower Delivery Corps, as requested by the Director of Volunteers at Lyons Veterans Administration Hospital. The Spade and Trowel Club donated a silver trophy to be awarded annually for the best Christmas Greens Show.

October: The Publicity Chairman reported the establishment of a statewide committee and regular monthly news releases to over 70 newspapers.

November: A Planting (a \$2000 gift) at Morven, the Governor's Mansion, Princeton, was completed.

January 13-14, 1958: First School of Landscape Design held, and accredited by the National Council.

April: The Elizabeth B. Merriam Memorial Scholarship in Landscape Design established at Rutgers.

May 1: Princeton Historic Home and Garden Tour held.

June: Thirty-third Annual Meeting, with a National Council Standard Flower Show. A change was made in the By-Laws: per capita dues of \$1.00 to include News Leaf subscription. The Blue Star Highway Bill, SJR No. 10, was signed into law by Governor Robert Meyner, designating the new Interstate Defense Highway from Phillipsburg to the Holland Tunnel a "Blue Star Memorial Highway." The Club answered the more than 500 replies to letters of friendship sent by the National Council to gardeners in foreign lands at the time of the issuance of the stamp honoring Gardening and Horticulture, Ithaca, N. Y., March 15, 1958.

August: The Club voted to send fifty dogwood trees to Niigata, Japan, to replace the famous willows destroyed by a typhoon. These trees were sent in March, 1959. It was voted to affiliate all Junior Clubs with the National Council by payment of \$10 dues.

September 24-25: Fall Conference, in Asbury Park. The first presentation of the Elizabeth B. Merriam Scholarship was made to Frank N. Nudge. The Club voted to plant dogwoods in its section of the Arboretum at Lyons Hospital.

October 8-9: Landscape Design School Course II.

March: Landscape Design School Course III (first Course III accredited by the National Council). Sixty-four rose bushes were sent to Seoul, Korea, on the People-to-People Program. A gift of 100 gardening books was sent to the Alexandria (Egypt) Horticultural Society.

April: Five clubs formed a Green Thumb Corps at request of Marlboro State Hospital.

May 10: Permanent Home for the National Council was dedicated in St. Louis, Missouri.

May 22-23: First all-state Junior Flower Show.

May 26: Thirty-fourth Annual Meeting and National Council Standard Flower Show were held. The Constitution was amended to include Junior Affiliates (Junior Garden Clubs sponsored by Senior Clubs) with dues of \$1.00 per sponsoring club.



Mrs. Clarence W. Slocum, sending 60 rose bushes to Seoul, Korea.



"Sendoff Party." 50 dogwood trees go by Pan Am Air to Japan. Mrs. Slocum, Board members and Japanese Consuls.

Mrs. Slocum gives Elizabeth B. Merriam Memorial Landscape Design Scholarship to first recipient, Frank Nudge, Rutgers, as Dr. William Snyder, left and Dr. Norman Childers look on.



World Friendship Through Gardening

by Anne Sayre, Chairman

Mrs. Frank G. Ruggles, Short Hills, receives in Tokyo scroll given to the Garden Club of New Jersey for dogwood trees.



Egyptian teen-age girl shows poster from New Jersey High School gardener sent for Alexandria Flower Show.



"Seeds of Peace" was initiated by the National Council of State Garden Clubs in 1948. Seventeen tons of vegetable and flower seeds were sent to the countries of the Marshall Plan, to aid in their recovery from World War II. Giving \$3500 for this project, we were the second largest contributor among the state federations. This donation was followed by a gift of food through CARE to Holland.

In 1958 a commemorative stamp honoring horticulture and gardening was issued at the request of the garden clubs and 5,000 letters of friendship, bearing the gardening stamp were sent to gardeners throughout the world. The Garden Club of New Jersey answered 700 replies received.

One hundred books on gardening subjects were sent by us to the Alexandria, Egypt, Horticultural Society in reply to their request to know more of American gardening. Sixty rose bushes were sent to Korea at the request of the Ever Beautiful Society of Seoul, for planting at the South Gate to the City, and the following year another sixty rose bushes were sent to Seoul for the city's parks. This request came to us from the United States Information Agency, as was the request for trees to replace the famous willows of Niigata, Japan, which had been destroyed by a typhoon. Fifty flowering dogwood trees were sent with the cooperation of Pan American Airways.

Slides of American plants and gardens have been sent to the Horticultural Society of Ethiopia, to Florence, Italy, and to Costa Rica. Mrs. Lewis M. Hull visited Egypt and at their request gave lectures, with slides, at the University of Cairo to the Egyptian Horticultural Society and to the Alexandria Horticulture Society. Both societies as well as that of Ethiopia are now affiliates of the National Council.

In 1962, with the cooperation of Rutgers University, we furnished a post-doctoral grant to Dr. Zaki Mahdi, a professor at the University of Cairo and a member of our affiliate horticulture society.

The "American Corner," an exhibit at the spring flower show of the Alexandria Horticulture Society, was furnished with materials sent by New Jersey. The only foreign exhibit in the week-long flower show was praised by the American Consul General for generating friendly relations. In a report to the Department of State, he said, "I have seldom heard, in recent years, so many nice things said about the United States." We continue these endeavors to accomplish our great objective - World Friendship Through Gardening.

At their spring flower show, Riad Sharoni, Alexandria Horticulture Society, displays 100 American gardening books, seeds and flowers sent by Garden Club of New Jersey.



Mrs. Austin B. Sayre President 1959 - 1961

Accomplishments and Events:

First Sears Roebuck Foundation grant: \$1000 for civic and community projects, ten clubs receiving \$100 each in state contest.

Two scholarships given to students at Rutgers University: Elizabeth B. Merriam Scholarship, Charles H. Connors Scholarship.

Blue Star Memorial Highway Memory Book, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Holton, presented to Governor Robert Meyner and placed in the State Capitol at Trenton.

Garden Therapy carried on by 94% of the clubs, with 12,300 volunteer hours given.

The Historical House and Garden Tour held in Morristown environs.

All-State Junior Flower Shows: First, 1959; Second, 1960; Third, 1961.

Start of the Museum in the Garden Club of New Jersey Arboretum.

Two Flower Show Schools each year; two Landscape Design Schools each year; first Landscape Design Appraisers Council organized.

Books on plants, trees and shrubs native to New Jersey presented to Dr. Mason Gross, President of Rutgers, to be placed in the New Jersey Room.

Planting of violets on the Garden State Parkway. Sixty rose bushes sent to Seoul, Korea, for the second time.

Slides of flower arrangements and gardens sent to Egypt, Costa Rica, Italy and Ethiopia through World Gardening Committee.

World Gardening Party, Mrs. Zahia Marzouk, wife of the President of the Alexandria Horticulture Society of Egypt, gave a talk on Egyptian Gardening with slides.

Juniors sent slides of their work to Egypt, to be shown in schools there.

The "American Corner" initiated at the Alexandria Horticulture Society's Flower Show. Three thousand packets of seeds sent and also pamphlets, catalogs and pictures. These were displayed with 100 gardening books the Club had sent to them.

Dr. Zaki Mahdi of University of Cairo, Egypt, invited to this country by Garden Club of New Jersey with the assistance of Rutgers University, for ten months research on carnations.

Gold medal received from the Alexandria Horticulture Society for creating friendship between gardeners and young people of their country and ours.

National Council Awards received for 1959-1960:

An illuminated citation—special award—to Helen S. Hull, Lorena M. Spillers Award in Landscape Design.

White Ribbon Special Achievement Certificate: First All-State All-Junior Show.

May Duff Walters Medal for Church Gardens—The Verona Garden Club.

Flower Show Achievement Purple Ribbon—Grow and Show Garden Club, Allenhurst.

Flower Show Achievement Purple Ribbon—Shackamaxon Garden Club, Scotch Plains.

Red and Green Rosette Christmas Flower Show Award for a Standard Show—Garden Club of Mountain Lakes.

Yearbook Award—Garden Club Yearbook, Pines Lake Garden Club.



Mrs. Sayre presents Blue Star Memorial Highway Memory Book to Governor Robert B. Meyner, for permanent display in State House, Trenton, with Highway Commissioner Dwight G. Palmer, left, and Mrs. Schomp and Mrs. Stillman, center.



Dr. Zaki Mahdi, Associate Professor, University of Cairo, left, recipient of the Garden Club of New Jersey grant for post-doctoral research in carnations at Rutgers, presents carnations to Mrs. Albert Stillman and Mrs. Sayre, fall conference, 1962.

National Council Awards received for 1960-1961:

The White Ribbon Special Achievement Certificate: Blue Star Memorial Highway; State Yearbook Award.

The Flower Show Achievement Purple Ribbon for a Standard Flower Show—South Orange Garden Club.

The Blue Ribbon for Achievement in Home and Garden Shows—Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield.

The Red and Green Rosette Christmas Flower Show Award—Grow and Show Garden Club of Allenhurst.

The Flower Show Achievement Purple Ribbon for a Standard Flower Show staged by one Club—Scotch Plains Garden Club.

State Garden Tours

by Virginia B. Stillman

Through the graciousness of the members of the Morristown Garden Club, a pilgrimage to the superb gardens and homes of that historic area took place on June 12, 1952. This was the first of our State Garden Tours.

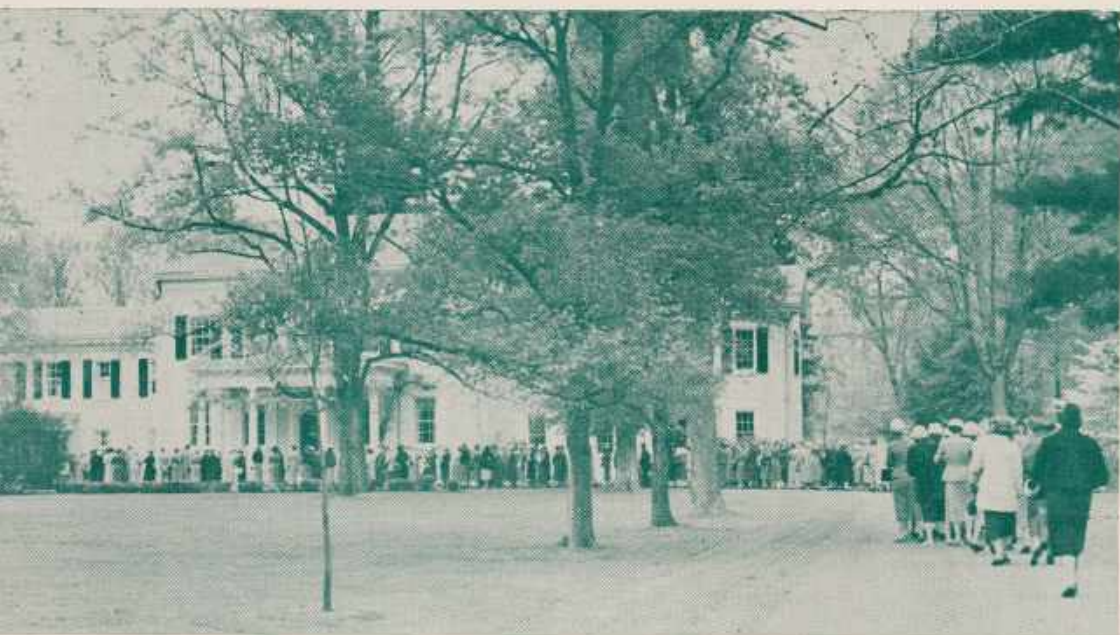
Six years elapsed before May Day in 1958, when nearly 4,000 people from all over the state converged on Princeton, visiting the home of Governor and Mrs. Robert B. Meyner, among others. Morven, the executive mansion of the Governor, replete with lovely flower arrangements, was a great drawing card. Other homes of note that were visited included "Castle Howard," "Hunt Farm," "Guernsey Hall," "Weltvereden," Prospect Garden, Marquand Park, and the exquisite garden of Wyman House all added to the great enjoyment of the day. Proceeds from the tour furthered our Garden Therapy program and other civic projects.

The next tour, held June 2, 1960, extended over four different areas—in Morristown, Mendham, New

Vernon and the Morristown Historical Park. Typical houses and gardens, not only of the 18th and early 19th centuries but of our own 20th century, were on display, showing the various architectural periods. Visitors to the Ford Mansion, Washington's Headquarters in 1777 during the Revolution, were greeted by hostesses in costume. Flower arrangements to suit the style and atmosphere of the surroundings graced nine homes.

"Tally Ho," a tour that was held on May 1 and 2, 1962, and identical on both days, took place in the hunting country of Somerset Hills and environs. About 500 members of garden clubs throughout the state comprised the committee presenting the tour, the standard flower show, the placement show and luncheon. A benefit for Garden Club projects, this affair was outstanding in every respect. Magnificent homes and gardens, the stables of the Equestrian Club and the Essex Fox and Hounds Club, all with appropriate floral exhibits, were eagerly visited by the hundreds, despite rainy weather.

L. to R.—Mrs. Robert B. Meyner, wife of the Governor, Mrs. Clarence Slocum, President, and Mrs. Albert Stillman, Chairman of the "May Day in Princeton" garden tour, in an archway at Morven, 1958.



One of the first public views of Morven, official residence of the Governor drew 4,000 visitors at the club's May Day tour.

The Administration of Mrs. Albert L. Stillman 1961 - 1963

Every president likes to see her aims and hopes translated into progress. Conservation and horticulture were stressed during my regime and it was gratifying that this emphasis resulted in the Club's receiving a National Award in Conservation. This was due in part to over \$8,000 contributed by the member clubs and the Garden Club of New Jersey Board to purchase acreage in the Great Swamp to preserve it as a wildlife refuge.

Moving the Headquarters to The Stage House Inn, August 1961, proved a welcome change, with a room for Sales on the third floor. Plans for Horticulture House have been started. With our Honorary Life President, Mrs. William J. Walters, as Chairman, the fund reached \$25,567.70, with about another \$5,000 in pledges.

In the wake of rising costs it was decided to publish News Leaf five times a year, to issue a "Year Book Edition of News Leaf" in even years, with the Year Book to be published only in alternate years. The by-laws were changed to raise member dues to \$1.25 beginning in 1964. Purchase of a mimeograph machine cut costs in many ways, and helped the chairmen send out needed information. A new Speakers Program list was successfully mimeographed, as well as Flower Show, Conference and Annual Meeting programs.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Almost 100% participation in our Garden Therapy Program helped us win a National Council Award. A total of \$500 was given for Permanent Christmas trees at Lyons.

The Central Atlantic Regional Conference was held in Atlantic City on October 2, 3, 4, 1961, at which New Jersey was host.

"Tally-Ho," the Home and Garden Tour in the hunt country of Somerset Hills, received a National Council Award.

The World Gardening Program sent exhibits, books, pictures and seeds to the Alexandria Horticultural Flower Show in Egypt, for which the Garden Club and Helen Hull received a bronze and a gold medal. Dr. Zaki Mahdi, the Egyptian professor to whom we gave a \$1,000 grant, completed ten months' research in carnations at Rutgers.

The Garden Club activities were well publicized in over sixty newspapers; there was also a thirteen-week radio program entitled "Our Way of Life."

Outstanding work by chairmen won many National Awards in Landscape Design, World Gardening, Junior Gardening, Year Book, the Gotelli Award and many Flower Show Awards.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. grants for Seniors and Juniors encouraged interest in historic sites and many club landscaping projects. A Roadside Survey with judging by the Landscape Appraisers gave Certificates of Merit to nearly 300 owners of buildings in the state for good landscaping.



Mrs. Stillman showing Governor Richard J. Hughes the Certificate of Merit given by the garden club to 117 winners in the New Jersey Tercentenary Green Thumb garden competition, of which she was chairman. The Garden Club of New Jersey Landscape Critics judged the 300 entries from 100 communities.



L. to R.—Mrs. Stillman, Mrs. James McBain, Tour Chairman, and Mrs. William J. Walters; planning the "Tally-Ho" Home and Garden Tour, 1962.

Two Blue Star markers, 12 picnic tables and receptacles have been purchased for two Roadside Rests.

New clubs joined us making a total of 169. Junior Affiliates number 54.

A conference at Cherry Hill, Annual Meetings at Princeton and Atlantic City, three Flower Show Schools, two Landscape Design Schools, Arboretum Day, the first Connoisseurs' Greenhouse Tour, a tour of the Great Swamp and two All State Junior Shows kept members interested and busy.



Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall, receives the Club's gold medal and citation from the President, Mrs. Douglas Valentine, at the dedication of the Great Swamp as a National Wild Life Refuge, 1964.

Conservation Program of the Garden Club of New Jersey

by Joy Archer, Chairman

The Garden Club of New Jersey is proud of its record in the cause of conservation. Americans once felt there was a plethora of woods, mountains, streams and shore lines. It took the efforts of Theodore Roosevelt, Gifford Pinchot and many others to awaken us to the necessity for their preservation and care.

One of the earliest ventures of the Garden Club of New Jersey in conservation was a contribution to the Save-the-Redwoods League. In the early 1930's we encouraged the planting of the proper varieties of trees for municipal use and the preservation of native plants, such as ground pine and holly—which were being cut recklessly at Christmastime.

After World War II we supported the Conservation Workshop at the Trenton State College. This began in 1946 with two ten-day summer sessions; it continued in this pattern for eighteen consecutive years. During this time approximately 400 teachers attended these workshops; almost all of them received scholarships either directly from the Garden Club of New Jersey or from our member clubs. Over the years, the total amount of these scholarships came to some \$13,500, and our support was constant. In appreciation of his initiation and direction of these Conservation Workshops, a Citation was given to Dr. Victor L. Crowell by the Garden Club at the Fall Conference in 1962.

In 1955 the Garden Club aided the Citizens' Committee for the Preservation of Mettler's Woods, a 136-acre tract, 65 of the acres in virgin woodland, which has been owned by the Mettler family since 1703. It has been renamed the William C. Hutcheson Memorial Forest and will continue as a natural area for forest study and research under Rutgers University.

When a proposed jet airport threatened the Great Swamp area in Morris County, we joined a crusade for the preservation of the Swamp. Over 100 clubs donated approximately \$15,000 and many individual members also subscribed. More than 2,700 acres have been acquired and deeded to the United States Department of the Interior for a National Wildlife Sanctuary. Eventually the Great Swamp preserved area may comprise five or six thousand acres.

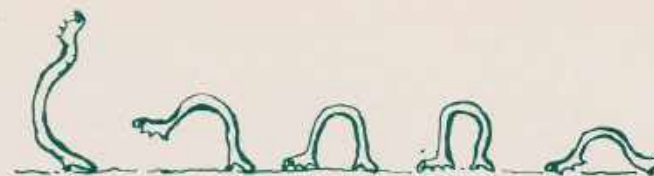
In the broad field of conservation, the Garden Club of New Jersey has been most active. We shared in the forming of the Greenbrook Sanctuary at the Palisades Interstate Park. We were instrumental in calling attention to the necessity of preserving Island Beach as one of the well-vegetated natural barrier beaches remaining along the Atlantic Coast. We supported the State Green Acres project; our President at that time, Mrs. Austin B. Sayre, was appointed a member of the Green Acres Citizens' Committee. Since the foundation of the Audubon Nature Study Camps, the Garden Club has contributed towards the attendance of nearly 500 teachers, that they might be more informed to inspire their pupils' interest in our great resources.

Our present activity is our support of the New Jersey School of Conservation in Stokes Forest. New Jersey is the only state to require all students at State Colleges, as a qualification for their degree, to spend a week studying in this environment. The Garden Club of New Jersey and its member clubs gave total or partial scholarships in 1964 to both advanced students and teachers in the summer sessions. The credits so earned may be applied to either an A.B. or an M.A. degree.



Center: Members of the club-sponsored Conservation Workshop for teachers, Trenton State College, learning "on location".

Above: At the Fire Tower, Lebanon State Park, Conservation class studies forest fire prevention.



New Jersey Pests

by Cynthia Westcott

I am told that the Garden Club of New Jersey owes its existence to the tent caterpillar. Alarmed by roadside ugliness, thirteen garden clubs banded together in 1925 to do something about it. Then, as now, the chief control, was sanitation—removal of egg masses and webby nests.

A more serious problem, the Dutch elm disease, appeared in our state in 1933, with sanitation—prompt removal of dead and dying trees—particularly important. That disease taught us the value of diversified planting.

In 1925 there were few chemical pesticides—mostly lead arsenate and nicotine for insects, sulfur and copper for plant diseases. The introduction of DDT in World War II started an era of synthetic compounds. In 1965 we have more than one hundred basic chemicals dispensed in more than 50,000 formulations and combinations.

When the gypsy moth first invaded New Jersey it took eleven years and cost \$150 an acre to eradicate it by ground spraying with lead arsenate. When the moth returned in 1957 DDT did the job by airplane in two years at \$1 an acre, with no apparent harm to our wildlife. But DDT is persistent, does kill some beneficial insects, may kill fish, has been blamed for some sterility in birds, so that our initial enthusiasm for this wonder chemical is dampened. Now that the gypsy moth has again returned, there is less emphasis on large-scale spraying, more on chemical lures for traps and restricted spraying.

Another Pest The Litter-Bug

The "Don't be a Litter-Bug" campaign gives training to Junior gardeners through displays in flower shows and garden centers. Exhibit in Garden Center of Garden Club of Mountain Lakes. Trash picked up by Junior Gardeners in vacant lots stuff the Litter-Bug. Standing guard are Douglas Reed and Pamela Enes.



Dr. Cynthia Westcott, member of the Garden Club of New Jersey since 1933, receives the Club's gold medal for her contributions to horticulture, especially rose culture, plant disease and pest control.

Our current aim is for integrated programs, using sanitary and biological controls as far as possible, chemicals where these fail. Living insecticides include the bacterial milky disease for Japanese beetle grubs, *Bacillus thuringiensis* as a spray for caterpillars (promising for cankerworms and gypsy moths), and a virus applied by airplane for infection of European pine shoot moths.

All chemical pesticides are dangerous; almost all may be used safely with proper training and precautions. Garden clubs can aid greatly in the safety campaign to "READ THAT LABEL" and in the proper disposal of leftover sprays and empty containers.



Junior Gardening

by Eleanor B. Valentine

Thirty-two years ago the Garden Club of New Jersey formed a Committee on Junior Education to encourage nature study in the schools, thereby pioneering Junior gardening in the United States. Teachers compiled a booklet on successful class projects, which was available to any interested school. For the next three years, Juniors took part in our Club's Exhibit at the New York International Flower Show, winning the Silver Medal of the New York Horticultural Society, and in May, 1937, held their own Junior Show in Newark with twenty schools participating.

Expansion depended on qualified teachers, and as local garden clubs granted scholarships to Conservation Education Workshops and Audubon Camps, the conservation message was brought back to innumerable school children. Juniors gradually shared nearly every phase of the garden club program, often cooperating with Scout and 4-H groups. Today their ages range from 3 to 17, with 6 to 250 members to a club.

Top left: Governor Richard J. Hughes signs proclamation of Junior Gardening Week, May 1, 1964, as (L. to R.) Matthew Moment, Beverly Bevis, Mrs. Paul Clawson, Junior Gardening Chairman (standing) and the President, Mrs. Douglas Valentine, look on.

Upper left: "Gnomes" David and Debra Whitacre take Junior Gardener's nature quiz.

VIOLETS FOR THE PARKWAY

So that the violet, the official state flower since 1913, would not suffer the fate of other disappearing wildflowers, rest areas along the Garden State Parkway in May now have a purple glow from thousands of violets planted under the direction of Horticulture Chairman, Mrs. Edward L. Coffey, with the cooperation of the State Highway Department.

Girl Scouts of Belvidere, guided by the Warren Garden Club, have transplanted the violet wildlings to Tall Oaks Picnic Area, south of the Union interchange of U.S. Route 22 and the Parkway and also opposite the Osceola Presbyterian Church in Clark Township. For two other sections, Madison Hill in Clark and the Glenside Picnic Area in Woodbridge, both junior and senior garden clubs throughout the state are collecting and donating violet plants.

Above left: L. to R.—Buffie Rounds, Mrs. Edward L. Coffey, Chairman; Mr. Frank Clark (Parkway); Ann Berry; Kendy Cliver. Kneeling—Kristie Riddle, Ann Beadle.

Left: Mrs. Coffey and High School Gardeners planting the violets on the Garden State Parkway.



Junior flower shows are showcases for Junior talent. To help leaders, standards of excellence and suggestions for planning and judging were published in 1956. Landscape and Flower Show Schools included Junior work. Large school shows reached thousands of children and parents as Junior sections increased in size and quality, and more Juniors planned their own shows. In 1955, a National Council Award came to the first All State Junior Show. By 1964, this annual show had developed into two area shows held on the same days in Princeton and Parsippany.

Junior activities now range from home gardening to world gardening. Impressive evidence of their gardening skills fills the horticulture sections of their shows. Juniors plan and plant their school gardens—they root cuttings, label nature trails, plant to attract birds, and they have even inspired a teachers' garden! They are active conservationists—identifying and preserving wildflowers, campaigning to protect the bluebird, donating plant sale proceeds to the Great Swamp, destroying tent caterpillars and battling litterbugs. Roadside rests were planted with the New Jersey violet, and acorns from an historic red oak were planted throughout the state to commemorate the Tercentenary. One Junior club sold gilded wishbone corsages for Horticulture House. Their scope became international when seed packets with the address of "Your American Friend" produced Egyptian pen pals.

Lower right: The President congratulates Ricky Garbett and David Whitacre, "Gnomes" of the Beecherest Junior Garden Club, winners of the Junior conservation award and Sears Roebuck Junior grant.

Below: Mrs. Herbert Callfans helps Pines Lake Junior Gardeners plant bloodroot in the woodland sanctuary, established at the school by the Pines Lake Garden Club.



High School Gardeners making dried flower pictures as gifts for Garden Club of New Jersey exhibit in Alexandria, Egypt flower show. L. to R.: Joy Goodwin, Peggy Rieder, Joan Sinatra, Antonia Dul, and Mrs. Paul Clawson, Chairman.



Mrs. Harry T. Maxwell, Chairman of Awards, presenting Certificates of the National Council of State Garden Clubs to Robert Culkia and Linda Canterbury of the Green Growers Junior Garden Club of Kendall Park, for National contest "Keep America Beautiful".





Onward We Go

Mrs. Douglas Valentine
President 1963 - 1965

Our Green Crusade has led us from garden gates to gala dates. Our home gardens have benefited from the comprehensive series of Horticulture Workshops throughout the state. Our community contributions have increased with the inspiration of Landscape Design Schools and the assistance of grants from the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

In our Tercentenary year, our Landscape Design Critics judged the Green Thumb Garden Competition. The Garden Club of New Jersey received a medallion from the state "for outstanding community activities and sharing knowledge with others."

The theme of the 1964 fall conference in Atlantic City was "You, Your Club, and Your State." This get-acquainted theme also applied when we compiled the visiting gardens list, "100 New Jersey Gardens Welcome You," when the Junior Show was held in two new areas, the Flower Show School was moved farther south, and the Happy Birthday Tour encompassed areas north and south new to many of us.

A milestone on our conservation crusade was the dedication of the Great Swamp as a National Wildlife Preserve. Transferring our conservation scholarships to the State School for Conservation at Stokes Forest and working with these dedicated students and teachers has inspired our faith in the preservation of our future.



The President with Mrs. Robert E. McNeill, Jr., Chairman of the Marvel of Flowers gala lecture program holding booklet of Mainau, the castle garden estate of Count Bernadotte in southern Germany.



The candid camera catches the hard working President and Executive Board at a monthly meeting.



The Publications Story

by Dorothy W. Logie

The earliest publication was the 1927 Year Book, reporting the activities of the 31 member clubs. Year Books, first biennials, then annuals from 1932, have won five National Council competitive awards and, in 1954 and 1957, first place in national contests held by *Flower Grower*, *The Home Garden Magazine*.

After the short-lived *New Jersey Gardens*, in 1930, in which we printed monthly articles, there followed, in 1935, a small leaflet, folded with the *Garden Digest Magazine*, which filled our needs for two years. Our own Garden Club Newsletter was published in 1936-37, but was discontinued for lack of subscribers. Enough club support was enlisted to launch its successor in 1940, which has continued without interruption, first with eight issues yearly, now with five. In 1947 the name was

changed to News Leaf in order to take advantage of a postal rate not eligible with the word "letter" in the title.

Other publications include pamphlets on horticultural subjects, including *Violets of New Jersey* by C. H. Connors, lists of speakers, conservation and native plant materials, recommended reading, gardens to visit, lectures and notes of Flower Show Schools, several Blue Star Drive folders, and information describing the State organization. Two souvenir booklets were compiled and edited by Mrs. James A. Logie for the 1951 and 1956 Garden Club of New Jersey State Flower Shows. The 1956 booklet won first place for content and presentation in a national contest of *Flower Grower*, *The Home Garden Magazine*.

23 Authors — 50 Garden Books

by Emma Hodkinson Cyphers

Twenty-three members of the Garden Club of New Jersey, despite their many and varied activities, have produced fifty books in the field of gardening.

These are authoritative books written by recognized specialists in their own particular facets of the gardening world, and issued by the finest publishers in the field.

In the list, given below, one finds books on every aspect of horticulture and gardening, from the art of arranging flowers to the raising of roses, from the treatment of tender wild flowers to the diagnosis of plant diseases, from photographing to growing and showing—and from Christmas decorations to gardening for juniors.

A source of information, an inspiring array of artistic accomplishment, a reference library of guidance in the pursuit of gardening—these are the contributions of our twenty-three authors and their fifty books.

ISABEL T. ACKERMAN, ROSE B. HOUSEKEEPER, EMMA E. THACHER: *Harmony In Flower Design*, Dodd, Mead & Co., 1939.

VERA TODD BAYLES: *Chrysanthemums Indoors*, Hearthside Press, Inc., 1960.

JULIA S. BERRALL: *Flowers & Table Settings*, Studio Publications, Inc., 1951; *A History of Flower Arrangement*, Studio Publications, Inc., 1953; *Flowers In Glass*, Studio-Crowell, 1954.

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IRMA BROWN CHRISMAN, *Christmas Trees, Decorations & Ornaments*, Hearthside Press, Inc., 1956.

ERNESTINE SABRINA COFFEY and DOROTHY FITCH MINTON, *A Leader's Guide to Nature & Garden Fun* (with an edition for Juniors, *Your Own Book Of Nature & Garden Fun*), 1957; *Designs For A Family Christmas*, 1964, both by Hearthside Press, Inc.

KATHERINE N. CUTLER, *The Beginning Gardener*, 1951; *Junior Flower Arranging*, 1954; *Junior Flower Shows*, 1963 M. Barrows & Co.

EMMA HODKINSON CYPHERS: *Pleasures & Problems In Flower Arrangement*, privately printed, 1944; *Flower Arrangement At The Crossroads*, Christopher House, 1953; *Holiday Flower Arrangements*, 1954; *Fruit & Vegetable Arrangements*, 1955, revised 1963; *Foliage Arrangements*, 1956 revised and enlarged 1964; *Giving and Getting Awards For Flower Arrangements*, 1956; *Design & Depth In Flower Arrangement*, 1958; *Modern Art In Flower Arrangement*, 1959; *Nature, Art, and Flower Arrangement*, 1963; *Modern Abstract Flower Arrangements*, 1964, the last eight published by Hearthside Press, Inc.

ALICE L. DUSTAN: *Landscaping Your Own Home*, The Macmillan Co., 1955.

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SOPHIA NAUMBURG: *The Trick Of Growing House Plants In Every Window*, Floral Art, 1949; *The Trick Of Making Your Own Corsages* (a booklet).

MARY ALICE AND JOHN P. ROCHE: *Photographing Your Flowers*, Greenberg, 1954.

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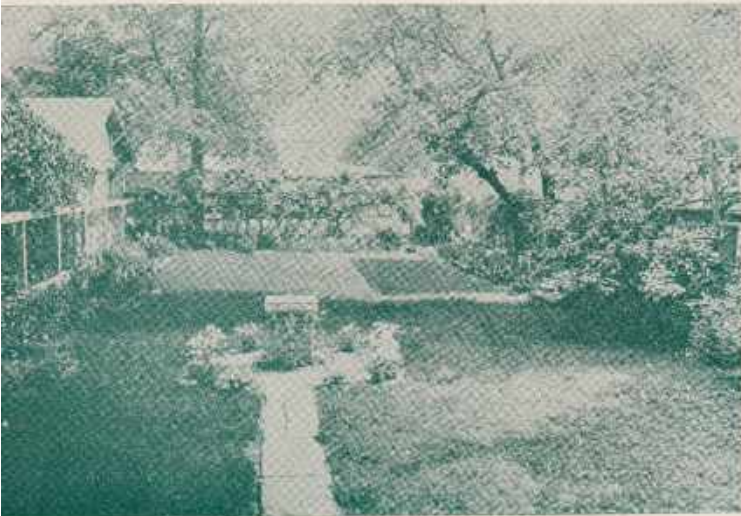
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CYNTHIA WESTCOTT: *The Plant Doctor*, Stokes, 1936 (3rd edition, Lippincott, 1950); *The Gardener's Bug Book*, Doubleday & Co., 1946 (enlarged, 1964); *Plant Disease Handbook*, Van Nostrand, 1950, 1960; *Garden Enemies*, Van Nostrand, 1953; *Pests And Diseases*, 1955, and *Biological Control Of Plant Pests*, 1960, both by Brooklyn Botanic Garden; *Are You Your Garden's Worst Pest?* Doubleday, 1961; *Anyone Can Grow Roses*, Van Nostrand, 1952, 1954, 1960, 1965; *Plant Doctoring Is Fun*, Van Nostrand, 1957.

ADELAIDE B. WILSON: *Flower Arrangement For Churches*, 1952; *Color In Flower Arrangement*, 1954, both published by M. Barrows & Co.

GERTRUDE S. WISTER: *Hardy Garden Bulbs*, E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc., 1964.





Garden Centers

by Janet H. Gearhart

The first Garden Center in the United States was formed in 1929 by the Hackensack Garden Club in an old barn converted into an attractive club house, the gift of Mrs. Frederick T. Fisher. During World War II Garden Centers became a vital part of the Victory Gardening program of the Garden Club of New Jersey and have been continued ever since.

Some of these garden centers are in public libraries and consist of a shelf of gardening books, with garden club members on hand at certain times to answer questions. State flower show exhibits have provided a garden center booth manned with experts. For eight months our "Garden Center of the Air" program gave weekly broadcasts on gardening subjects. In 1952 the Montclair Garden Club opened its permanent garden center in the Social Agencies Building, with a large demonstration garden for the benefit of the public.

A yearly garden center contest is conducted by the Garden Club of New Jersey and a silver trophy awarded to the best display. The State reports nine permanent and eleven seasonal garden centers.

An old lighthouse in Sea Girt houses an active Holly Club Garden Center, landscaped by its members; Northfield Garden Club maintains a permanent garden center in Birch Grove Park, while aiding in maintaining the park as a wildlife refuge. The Nutley Garden Club Center is housed in the oldest restored school building in the area; Green Brook Garden Center, located in the Municipal Building, is a garden clinic for the community.

The Fisher Garden Center Medal, a National Council award established by Mrs. Frederick T. Fisher in 1937, is now supplied to National Council in her memory by the Garden Club of New Jersey.



The garden (upper left) and converted barn (center) formed the nucleus of the Garden Center at Hackensack—first garden center in the United States in 1929.

Left: Montclair Garden Center established 1952. Demonstration garden adjoins the building housing the garden center library and meeting room. In a Wheel-of-Life design, ground covers, vines, flowering shrubs and trees with roses, perennials and annuals provide continuous bloom. Picture shows provisional club members serving their apprenticeship in garden maintenance.



Flower Arrangement

Trends of Forty Years

by Julia S. Berrall

Artistic media, be they painting, sculpture, the arts of the potter, or flower arranging, have seldom in history run regular, undeviating courses, and so, when we survey the varying floral expressions of New Jersey's arrangers since the formation of the State Garden Club, trends, fashions, influences, even flights of fancy, all become apparent.

First of all we were gardeners, and in the early years emphasis was solely upon flowers. When annual flower shows became organized and when we first had a part in the International Flower Show at the Grand Central Palace in New York in 1929, interest in and enthusiasm for flower arranging was at a high level but needed guidance. An application of all the standard art principles was called for. In 1933 Mrs. Walter R. Hine of Short Hills published her book, *The Arranging of Flowers*, in order to review these principles, to share her discriminating taste in the selection of vases and table appointments, to teach the theory of Japanese arranging and describe the beauty of European bouquets as well as to give suggestions for exhibiting.

Design definitely held sway during the 1940's and 1950's. Strongly influenced by the Judging Schools, which later became known as Flower Show Schools, we created crescents, S curves, triangles and circles. It was stressed that arrangements should fit into one of three categories: line, mass, or a combination of both. At the same time we became aware of color theory and some became so entranced with the floral variations of hue that massed color blocks often dominated.

Judging Schools (our first under National Council standards was held in 1946) also helped to broaden the scope of flower show schedules. Now themes became important and arrangements interpreted everything from the seasons and natural phenomena to the arts of music and the dance, while wartime memories and the birth of the United Nations evoked our interest in the plant life and artifacts of other lands. Concurrently, the naturalistic theme of Nature's handiwork was always popular. Stones, moss, bare or forced branches in combination with just a few flowers have always been able to conjure up a time or place in a pleasantly informal manner. Formality has been expressed in the period piece and many with an interest in antiques and restored houses have found it challenging to seek out the historically correct flowers.

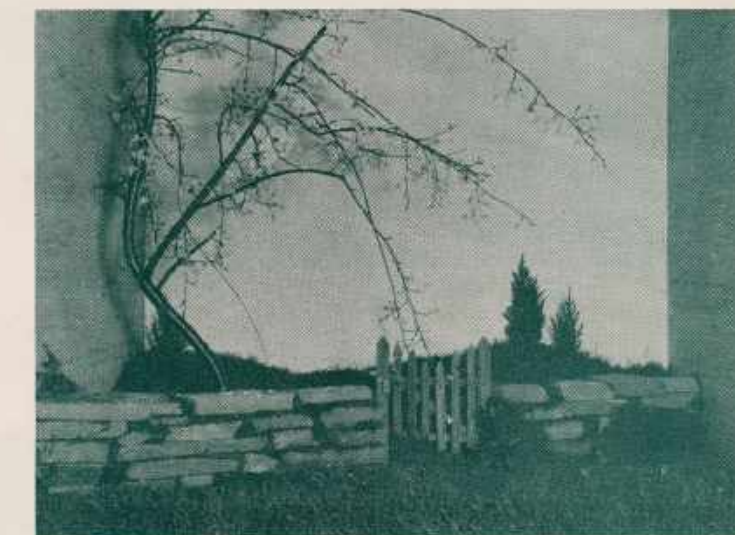
Not too many of us have been able to cope with the challenging discipline of classic Japanese flower arranging, but since the war years there has been much interest in the new Japanese schools of arrangement. It is probably safe to say that Ikebana International has been the influence with the greatest impact during the 1950's.

Is there a trend in the 1960's? Most decidedly "yes"! Flower arrangement, a medium which over the years has made use of the precepts of the fine arts, is still following in the footsteps of today's painters and sculptors. Abstraction is the mode of the moment. Abstract art can challenge the designer but often denies Beauty. Whether this is art, a fad, or merely diversion, only the future can tell.



1933—Mrs. Walter R. Hine

A striking and uncomplicated arrangement of amaryllis brought out all the intrinsic beauty of the flowers placed in a Chinese ginger jar. How well this artist understood the design principles of balance and proportion, and what a stunning silhouette she achieved!



1935—Mrs. Albert Benedict

At the International Flower Show this charming little scene interpreted a poem "Japanese Cherry." Hedwig Benedict was famous for her perfection of detail and imaginative flair. No one who remembers the early flower shows will ever forget her Persian garden, the shop windows filled with flowery hats, nor her dramatic table settings.

"The Cherry 'gainst my mossy wall
Has caught the pearl of April dawn,
And Heavenly Blues, of April sky,
Are drifting o'er my greening lawn.
Beside the path that beckons me
To dreams beneath my cherry tree."

—Mrs. Garret Smith, Plainfield



(1) The first prize for a "Design Based on a Circle" at the International Flower Show in New York. Stand, bowl and floral material were all carefully selected, and the broom, but newly available to flower arrangers, was an original touch.

(2) Demonstrating an easy flowing S curve, the Hogarth Line of Beauty, at the New York Times Symposium and Show. White callas and gardenias, white caladium leaves and gray Rex begonia foliage combined subtly with the pewter container.

(1) 1935—Mrs. Earle S. Rhine



(3) A naturalistic line arrangement breathed the very essence of Spring. Branches of forced blueberry were combined with unopened skunk cabbage and the compact buds of hyacinths.

(4) A full mass arrangement freely based on the old-time European bouquet was fashioned for the International Flower Show. Upward pointing flower tips and curved lines gave it a feeling of rhythm to which the impact of related color was added—lavender, purple and magenta.

(2) 1944—Mrs. Laurance N. Wilson



(5) The class, "See What My Hero Brought Me", inspired a deceptively simple Oriental study. This artist often uses her talents to arrange a minimum of plant material to gain a maximum effect.

(6) A tricolor was awarded this "composition stressing bold rhythmic line." Nature's simplest materials from meadow and woodland were the perfect choice to group with the birds.

(3) 1944—Mrs. Edward L. Wharton



(4) 1946—Mrs. J. Lloyd Berrall



(5) 1946—Mrs. Simeon T. Shields



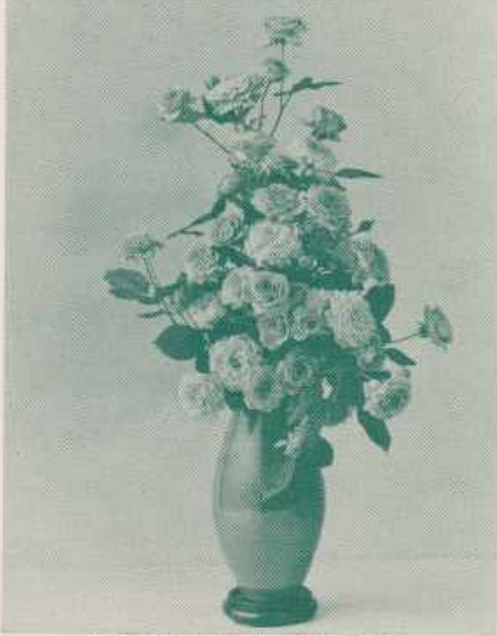
(6) 1947—Mrs. E. A. White



(1) 1947—Mrs. John Knippenberg



(2) 1948—Mrs. William A. Lowndes



(3) 1955—Mrs. Francis Merriam

(1) The flower show class called for an "arrangement made by a primitive culture with plant material geographically suited." This one interpreted "Mexico", using cactus, castor bean leaves and flame colored dahlias to win a blue ribbon.

(2) The golden light and deep brown shadows of a Rembrandt painting were captured in an interpretive class in the third New Jersey Garden State Flower Show. This color study won a blue ribbon.

(3) A contemporary arrangement of roses *en masse* at the Silver Bowl Tournament held by Jackson and Perkins. Betty always achieved beautiful outline and surface interest in her arrangements. She was continuously inspired by the plant world and was always versatile in her styling.

(4) An interpretive arrangement, "Pacific Sunset", was colorful and dramatically styled. A pink background and lavender sea fans evoked the sunset glow. The smooth curved surfaces of the callas seemed shell-like and the flowers with their foliage recalled the green and white of waves.

(5) An interpretive abstraction of the theme "Indecision" is an up-to-the-minute arrangement. Bleached, knotted and painted Japanese wisteria is placed in such a manner that the composition has balance and carefully planned space relationships.

(6) From the hands and mind of one of New Jersey's most versatile designers comes this interpretive abstraction "Spring Breaks the Chains of Winter." In this expressive arrangement the concept was that of "winter's last remnants (crushed bicycle chains) pouring out of Mother Earth (the container) on whose surface are the footprints of Spring." The pussywillow suggests March winds.



(4) 1957—Mrs. Harold L. Brooks



(5) 1964—Mrs. Raymond Russ Stoltz



(6) 1964—Mrs. Raymond Wismer

Horticulture Schools and Workshops

by Florence Green

A great need for more horticulture information was felt in 1955 by the Garden Club of New Jersey. Under the leadership of Mrs. Francis Merriam, President of the Club, the Horticulture Chairman was given permission to promote the establishment of a school dealing only with horticulture.

Accordingly, such a school was set up in the fall of 1955 at the College of Agriculture, Rutgers University, the first of such schools to be held at the University by the Garden Club. This school dealt with phases of the culture of chrysanthemums—propagation, growth, suitable varieties and insects and diseases. Instruction was given in the morning, and after a lunch break, a short examination was taken by those students wishing to do so. Those passing the course were given a card so stating, signed by the President of the Garden Club of New Jersey and the Horticulture Chairman.

Dr. William E. Snyder, Head of the Floriculture-Ornamentals Department, and Professor Donald B. Lacey, Associate Specialist in Home Horticulture, were among the excellent instructors. About one hundred students attended the school, several students coming from Pennsylvania and several from New York.

Demand for another school made possible the following spring a similar one on daffodils. This was held in the auditorium of the Contemporary Club in Trenton through the courtesy of the Garden Department of the Club, which is a member of the Garden Club of New Jersey.

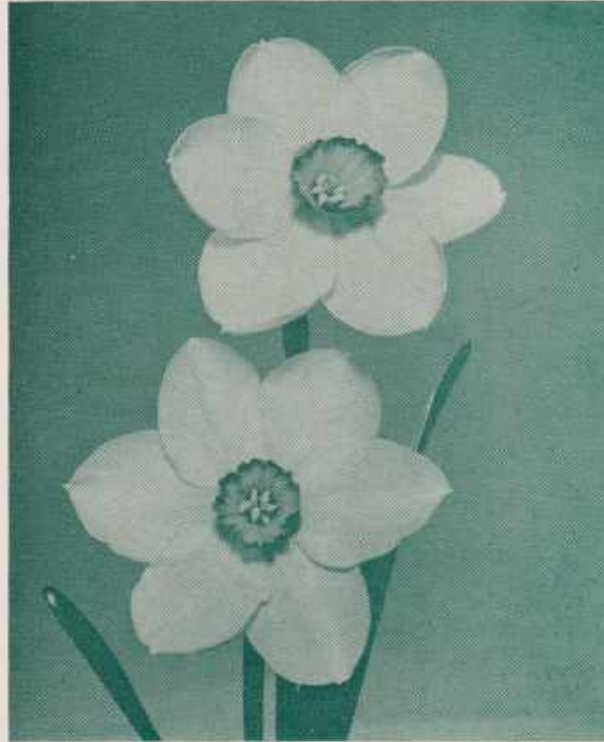
Dr. Carey Quinn, who was then President of the American Daffodil Society, and Miss Gertrude Smith from the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society were two of our teachers, and Mrs. John Capen of the Garden Club of New Jersey stressed identification of varieties. The American Daffodil Society certified the school for its judges, and we again had several out-of-state students among the more than ninety who took the course. A minimum fee of \$5.00, which included lunch, was charged each student.

The entire project was successful in all aspects, with the need for such schools being pointed out. There was a general expression for the continuation of the schools in New Jersey.

During 1963-1965, eight one-day Horticulture Workshops have been held with great success in various parts of the state. With Mrs. Thomas T. Cooke as chairman of the Horticulture Council and noted authorities contributing their services as instructors, over 100 members attended each workshop for the study of basic Horticulture.

Opposite page:

"*Laurelwood*"—gardens of former State Horticulture Chairman, Mrs. John F. Knippenberg of Pines Lake Garden Club includes extensive plantings of azaleas, rhododendrons, shrubs and trees; a rock garden, waterfall and pool, greenhouses for propagation and hybridization. A 30 acre portion of woodland, landscaped and planted as a rhododendron arboretum, has been deeded by Mr. and Mrs. Knippenberg to Wayne Township for a public park after their lifetime. The Knippenbergs garden from sun-up to sun-down to produce this beauty.



Narcissus—Edward Buxton



Chrysanthemum—Lavender Lady



Rhododendron *Windbeam* on slope to Pines Lake upper right.



Rhododendron *Scintillation*

MEMBERS' GARDENS

Rhododendron *Gable* hybrid, *Rose Greeley*.



Mrs. Knippenberg digging parsnips in her model vegetable garden pictured below.





Yellow lady slippers in the wild flower garden of Mrs. Lewis M. Hull, Boonton Township.



Chrysanthemums bloom in the garden room of Mrs. G. L. Boveroux, Essex Fells.



Above: The Lady of the Violets, shown in the garden of Mrs. William J. Walters, New Brunswick, will one day grace the gardens of the permanent headquarters of the Garden Club of New Jersey.

Above right: Looking into the greenhouse garden of Mrs. Harold Brooks, Westfield.

Right: Pink tree peonies bloom with the lilacs in the garden of Mrs. J. Lloyd Berrall, Montclair, near her quiet and secluded patio garden. Lower right.



Top left: Interrupted fern—*Osmunda Claytoniana* in the wild flower garden of Mrs. Edward L. Coffey, Westfield.

Left: The terraced dahlia garden of Mrs. A. E. Nash of Verona, contains many types of this flower.

Top of page: Rock garden of Mrs. Alex Beid, Mountain Lakes. Not shown in the picture are her collections of rhododendron and many flowering trees.

Above left: Mrs. Robert E. McNeill flowers *Camellia japonica* out of doors, a rare achievement for Montclair.

Above right: Formal garden of Mrs. Wilfred Funk, Montclair.

Below: Canada anemone and wild azalea *R. nudiflorum* around the bird bath of Mrs. Vance R. Hood, former president, Boonton Township.



Flower Show Schools

by Florence S. McNeill

Before the federation was organized, a group of clubs held annual flower shows that were known as "The Co-operative Flower Shows of Northern New Jersey." These were judged and prizes given, sometimes by popular vote. But from the beginning of judging it was recognized that uniform scoring was needed.

The first Judging School was held in 1933, with Mrs. Arthur M. Decker, Chairman, and Mrs. Walter R. Hine, Vice-Chairman. Fine speakers were engaged and the four-day course was a success in every way. A sixteen-page booklet containing at least ten questions and answers relating to each lecturer's subject was printed and available to the students at the amazing cost of 20¢.

A second Judging School followed, in January 1934, this time introducing to the garden club world John Taylor Arms as a speaker on design. Other lecturers were Mrs. Walter Adams Johnson, Mrs. William H. Cary and Mrs. Yoneo Arai (on Japanese arrangement). Also, Richardson Wright, Editor of *House and Garden* and President of the New York Horticultural Society, spoke on "Points in Judging."

On the last day, January 18, a flower show was held. Those taking the course judged the show and later compared their points of award with those of the official panel: Mrs. Walter H. Hine, Mrs. Colin McKinney and Mr. Arms.

Later series of lectures and talks on flower show judging were designated as Exhibitors' Courses and no certificates were issued to would-be judges.

Our first Course in Flower Show Judging under the National Council rules was held on January 29, 1946. The chart below shows the chronological order of Chairmen, their dates, and the numbers of their schools. Each of these Chairmen has added her own special quality and ability:

Name	School	Dates
Mrs. Francis F. Merriam	1 - 5	1946-48
Mrs. Victor M. Huyler	6 - 9	1948-50
Mrs. Clifford E. Cyphers	10	1950
Mrs. Joseph R. Michener	11 - 17	1951-55
Mrs. John C. Bayles	18 - 25	1955-59
Mrs. R. E. McNeill, Jr.	26 - 30	1959-62
Mrs. Stanley Swartley	31 - 36	1962-65

To date, we have held thirty-six Flower Show Schools under the National Council. Judges must own the National Council *Handbook for Flower Shows, Staging, Exhibiting and Judging*. They must subscribe to the *National Gardener* magazine, where new National Council Directives become effective on publication.

The Garden Club of New Jersey has 131 certificated Judges, thirty-four Life Judges and eleven Master Judges.

If we compare 1965 with 1933 we find that the increased cost of speakers has limited us to three lecturers for a School instead of eight—with some lecturers speaking on two subjects.

Our standards are high. We meet National Council requirements and uphold our own high ideals, which are a heritage from those wise girls of 1933 and '34 who pleasurably set the pace.

Our Judges' Council

by Gladys McBain

On November 3, 1952, during Flower Show School No. 13, held at New Brunswick, Mrs. J. R. Michener, Chairman of the School, called a meeting of all National Council Accredited Amateur Flower Show Judges to discuss the formation of a Judges' Council.

Mrs. Michener was elected temporary chairman and Mrs. James A. Logie temporary secretary in May 1953. Mrs. William J. Walters reported on National Council rulings concerning Judges' Councils: that they should be committees of the state under the direction of the National Council. Thereupon, a motion was passed that a Judges' Council be formed in the Garden Club of New Jersey. Mrs. Harold Brooks was appointed the first chairman of the New Jersey Judges' Council, the purpose of which was "to maintain among its members the standards of flower shows and flower show judging established by the National Council of State Garden Clubs; to provide opportunities for members to discuss judging problems; to continue the study of

Horticulture and Flower Arrangement, and to assist others in becoming National Council Accredited Amateur Flower Show Judges."

In the beginning the Judges' Council met three times a year, but on its tenth anniversary the program was expanded to four or more to include regional meetings and National Council Standard Shows for members.

The Council has grown far beyond the small nucleus that attended the first meeting. It now numbers 131 members and 56 associate members (student judges).

The services of the Judges' Council to the garden clubs include assisting clubs with schedule writing, judging flower shows, providing written comments on the exhibits judged, and writing an evaluation of the flower show.

Following Mrs. Brooks, succeeding chairmen of the Judges' Council have been Mrs. James W. Gearhart, Mrs. J. R. Michener, Mrs. Stanley Swartley, Mrs. Frank G. Ruggles and Mrs. James A. McBain.

Landscape Design Schools

by Margaret Greiner

The first School of Landscape Design was presented on January 13 and 14, 1958, at Headquarters. Professor Hubert B. Owens, Director of Landscape Architecture, University of Georgia, and National Council adviser for Landscape Design Schools, gave the first lecture. After successfully completing the required 44 hours of the series of four schools, 27 students were awarded the National Council Certificate as Appraiser of Landscape Design. We received the National Council "Lorena M. Spillers Award in Landscape Design" in 1960 for being the first state to complete four accredited schools, and to award Appraiser Certificates. We again won this award in 1962 for completing the second series of schools. Mrs. James W. Gearhart was chairman of the first six schools.

The Landscape Design Appraisers' Council (now Critics' Council) was organized in 1960, the first in the National Council, now has 104 members. Graduates of the ten schools have judged areas for awards in Roadside and Tercentenary competitions. The schools develop practical knowledge for homes and for community beautification. We have varied interests, but our common goal is to save the beauty of our land and to replenish it where it has been destroyed.



Fourth Landscape Design School, January, 1960, with Professor Raymond P. Korbobo, Rutgers, on landscape appraisal tour.

Community Beautification Through Grants

by Louise D. Mann

Always dedicated to the promotion of civic projects, garden clubs in New Jersey received a new and very strong impetus toward further effort in beautification through annual grants given to the Garden Club of New Jersey by Sears, Roebuck and Co., starting in 1960, for distribution to individual clubs in competitive programs.

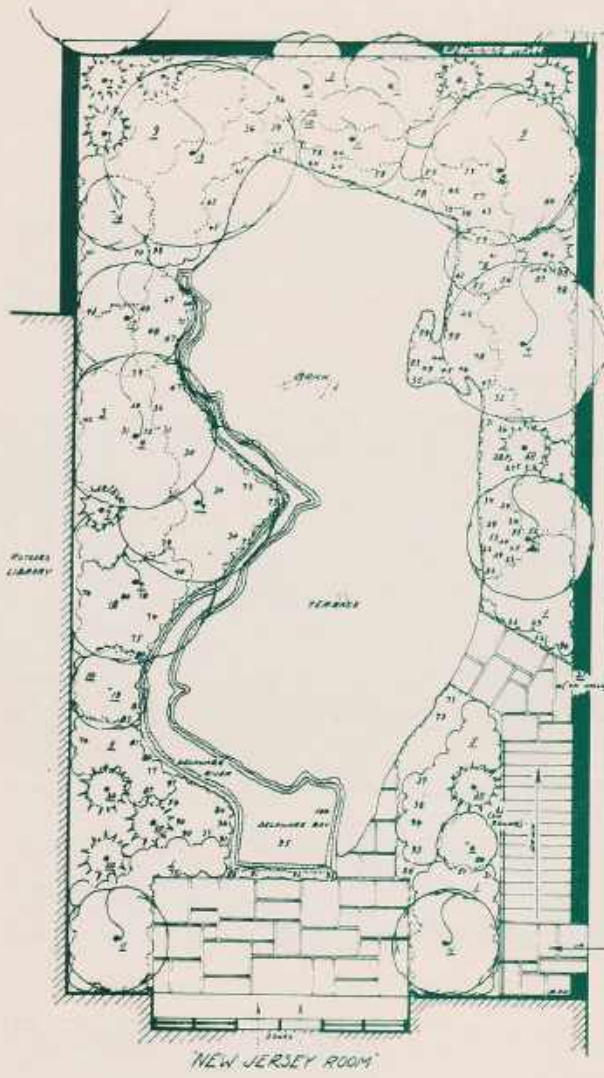
Five programs in five successive years have wrought wonders in many communities. Divided into amounts of either \$100 or \$200, the grants were offered as "seed money" on local projects, and in almost every instance furnished stimulation to town governments, civic and Scout groups to add money, time and effort to the project of beautification.

The first project, in the spring of 1960, gave grants to eight worthy projects in a wide variety of categories. Directing attention to landscaping churches was the purpose of the second project, in 1961, in which five grants were given to five clubs. Ten other grants went to diversified community projects. In 1962, ten garden clubs received grants for stimulating town-wide clean-up campaigns, street tree planting and clearing of woods for town parks. In 1963 five grants were given for landscaping historic buildings, and to ten projects of general interest. In 1964 grants were given to five more historic sites and to ten civic projects.

Realizing that the young people of today are our gardeners and conservationists of tomorrow, the Garden Club of New Jersey inaugurated a series of \$25 awards to Junior Garden Clubs through the help of an additional grant from Sears, Roebuck and Co. For each of the past three years, Junior Garden Clubs have planted shrubs, bulbs, rock and herb gardens, creating new beauty for their fellow townsmen and becoming better citizens by so doing.

The Paramus Club won a Sears Roebuck Grant and a national award for their Japanese Garden called the "Outdoor Reading Room" at the new library. State officials planting a Red Oak. Mrs. Douglas Valentine, President, left; Mrs. Frederick Greiner, Chairman of Landscape Design, right.





The Garden of Native Plants

The New Jersey Native Plant Garden at Rutgers University, started in 1957, was designed by Raymond P. Korbobo, specialist in ornamental horticulture, New Jersey College of Agriculture, and is a scale model of the map of the state. Mrs. Edward L. Coffey, State Horticulture Chairman, was appointed to plan and plant the garden. Many Garden Club members have contributed plants to the Garden, which contains the following:

NATIVE PLANTS of New Jersey

Actaea alba, White baneberry
Anemone quinquefolia, Wood anemone
Anemone thalictroides, Rue anemone
Aquilegia canadensis, Columbine
Arctostaphylos uvaursi, Bearberry
Arisaema triphyllum, Jack-in-the-pulpit
Asarum canadense, Wild ginger
Asclepias tuberosa, Butterfly weed
Asplenium platyneuron, Ebony spleenwort
Campanula rotundifolia, Harebell
Castalia odorata, Water-lily
Chimaphila maculata, Spotted wintergreen
Cimicifuga racemosa, Black snake root
Claytonia virginica, Spring beauty
Corydalis aurea, Golden corydalis
Corydalis sempervirens, Pale corydalis
Cypripedium acaule, Pink lady's slipper
Dennstedtia punctilobula, Hay-scented fern
Dentaria laciniata, Cut-leaf toothwort
Dicentra cucullaria, Dutchman's breeches
Drosera filiformis, Thread-leaved sundew
Drosera longifolia, Long-leaved sundew
Drosera rotundifolia, Round-leaved sundew
Epigaea repens, Trailing arbutus
Gaultheria procumbens, Wintergreen
Geranium maculatum, Cranesbill
Hepatica triloba, Liverwort
Houstonia cocerulea, Bluet
Hypoxis hirsuta, Yellow star grass
Iris species
Leiophyllum buxifolium, Sand-myrtle
Lobelia cardinalis, Cardinal flower

NATIVE SHRUBS AND TREES

Amelanchier canadensis, Shadbush
Benzoin aestivale, Spicebush
Betula populifolia, Gray birch
Celastrus scandens, Bittersweet
Chamaecyparis thyoides, White cedar
Cornus florida, Flowering dogwood
Hamamelis virginiana, Witch-hazel
Ilex glabra, Inkberry
Ilex opaca, American holly
Ilex verticillata, Winterberry
Juniperus virginiana, Red cedar
Kalmia latifolia, Mountain laurel
Magnolia glauca, Swamp magnolia
Myrica carolinensis, Bayberry
Rhododendron maximum, Rosebay
Rhododendron viscosum, Swamp azalea
Sassafras varifolium, Sassafras
Tsuga canadensis, Canada hemlock
Vaccinium corymbosum, Highbush blueberry
Vaccinium pennsylvanicum, Lowbush blueberry
Viburnum prunifolium, Blackhaw

Maianthemum canadense, Canada May flower
Mertensia virginica, Virginia bluebell
Mitchella repens, Partridgeberry
Mitella diphylla, Bishop's cap
Opuntia humifusa, Prickly pear
Osmunda regalis, Royal fern
Polygonatum biflorum, Smooth Solomon's seal
Polystichum acrostichoides, Christmas fern
Sanguinaria canadensis, Bloodroot
Sarracenia purpurea, Pitcherplant
Sedum ternatum, Stonecrop
Sisyrinchium angustifolium, Blue-eyed grass
Smilacina racemosa, Solomon's plume
Thalictrum dioicum, Early meadow rue
Thalictrum polygamum, Tall meadow rue
Thelypteris hexagonoptera, Winged beech fern
Tiarella cordifolia, Foamflower
Trillium erectum, Wake-robin
Uvularia perfoliata, Bellwort
Viola blanda, Sweet white violet
V. canadensis, Canada violet
V. conspersa, Dog violet
V. cucullata, Blue marsh violet
V. eriocarpa, Smooth yellow violet
V. lanceolata, Lance-leaved violet
V. pallens, Wild white violet
V. palmata, Palm-leaved violet
V. papilionacea, Common blue violet
V. pedata, Bird's foot violet
V. primulifolia, Primrose-leaved violet
V. pubescens, Downy yellow violet
V. rostrata, Long-spurred violet
V. rotundifolia, Round-leaved yellow violet
V. sagittata, Arrow-leaved violet
V. sororia, Woolly violet
V. striata, Pale violet

Garden Therapy — Garden Club of New Jersey

by Marguerite Mulligan, Chairman

In accordance with a request of the Commanding Officer at Camp Kilmer, Garden Therapy service was inaugurated by the Garden Club of New Jersey in 1944. Three dedicated women, Mrs. Stephen Van Hoesen, Mrs. H. C. Hunter and Mrs. B. L. Glaser, worked five mornings a week with convalescent soldiers in Victory Gardens. Later, as a morale builder, cut flowers were provided weekly for the wards by our garden clubs. At Christmas hospital wards were decorated. Subsequently, our activities (War Services) were extended to Camp Dix and Fort Monmouth. In 1946 the Veterans Administration Hospital at Lyons (neuro-psychiatric hospital, 2,000 beds) was added to the list.

Since then the scope of our activities in all hospitals has been widened. Service, meanwhile, has been initiated at Menlo Park (old soldiers' home).

A Green Thumb Corps was established at Lyons in 1950, some thirty volunteers rendering five-day-a-week service in gardens and greenhouse, working directly with patients. A flower show is held annually (twelve shows to date). Patients compete with garden-club members.

The V. A. Hospital (900 beds) in East Orange was dedicated in 1952. Under the leadership of Mrs. H. T. Maxwell, The Garden Club of New Jersey initiated a weekly flower service, with trained garden-club supervisors. Each Monday, one of the clubs refurbishes flowers placed the preceding Friday. A year later, in 1953, a Green Thumb Corps was formed there; but later discontinued for lack of professional advisory personnel.

In 1956 an arboretum was established at Lyons, supported by The Garden Club of New Jersey. Dogwoods were planted in memory of loved ones. At Christmas, clubs have decorated hospitals, with the assistance of the State Club.

Flower Delivery Corps service was inaugurated in 1958 at the request of the hospital at Lyons. This enabled our volunteers to deliver flowers on the wards, thus establishing contact with patients and raising morale.

In the Therapy Clinic at Lyons in 1959 patients from restricted wards began to make bouquets for their own dayrooms under the direction of our volunteers. Ceramic containers were made in the Clinic for the bouquets.

Walson Army Hospital (500 beds) at Fort Dix was dedicated in 1959. The Garden Club provided plants for entrances, the dining hall, recreation rooms, library and chapel. Easter and Christmas decor was supplied by area clubs and the State Club.

The V. A. Garden Club of Lyons was founded in 1959, its membership consisting of volunteers and patients working at the greenhouse. A Green Thumb Corps was formed in 1959 for the Marlboro State Hospital (neuro-psychiatric, 2,900 beds). Thirty volunteers from six clubs work in the greenhouse with men and women patients; the latter are encouraged to make bouquets for the wards.

At the 1962 convention of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, the Garden Club of New Jersey received the national award of the year for therapy—the Garden Therapy Certificate of Merit—"In recognition of distinguished service."

Our record for 1963 was an impressive one: 159 federated clubs reported having worked in seventy-eight institutions, embracing a variety of services. Work involved a 95% club participation in garden therapy.

We have currently under consideration a request from the Neuro-Psychiatric Institute at Princeton, asking for our services. We anticipate engaging in garden therapy activities there with children and adults.



Green Thumb Corps founded at Lyons Veterans Hospital, 1950, has continued for 15 years gardening service with psychiatric patients, outdoors and in the greenhouses.

Seated, center front: Mrs. Alan W. Parkes, Captain Green Thumb Corps and Mrs. Olav Tweit, Chairman Garden Therapy, both Garden Club of Mountain Lakes. (For all names see page 81.)

Hospital Service Exhibit, 29th annual meeting, May, 1954. (Flowers grown by Veterans).





Washington Valley Garden Club carries on a Junior garden club at Walter Matheny School for Cerebral Palsy Children, Peapack, N. J. L.: Mrs. Russel McCarty; R.: Mrs. Linton Fluck.



Left above: Mrs. R. W. Kirkmen, Navesink Garden Club, Chairman of the Green Thumb Corps, conducting Greenhouse gardening with patients at Marlboro State Hospital.

Above: Patient making plaque of dried flowers for the annual flower show, Lyons Veterans Hospital.



Left: Flower Service activities in the tubercular ward, East Orange Veterans Hospital.

Lower left: Green Thumb Corps and patients plant a flower garden on the grounds of Lyons Veterans Hospital.

Below right: Mrs. Mary Robinson, until her death a devoted member of the original Green Thumb Corps working with a patient at Lyons.



Above: The Chapel at East Orange Veterans Hospital is decorated by Mrs. Roy C. Collins, South Orange Garden Club.



Above right: Getting ready for Christmas at Lyons Veterans Hospital, 1962. Center: Mrs. Vincent T. Mulligan, Chairman of Garden Therapy, assisted by Mrs. Floyd Van Etten (left), and Mrs. Gwynne Proser, members of the Home Garden Club of Morristown.

Right: Mrs. Paul E. Kirchartz, distributing flowers to patients, East Orange Veterans Hospital. In 1964 Mrs. Kirchartz received the Certificate of Merit for 9 years of Hospital Services in Garden Therapy.



Garden Club of New Jersey Awards

by Thyra S. Maxwell



Awards Received

- 1932—First award received by the Garden Club of New Jersey, won at the Atlantic City Flower Show: a cup for "Advancing the Cause of Gardening" and \$50 in gold.
- 1935—Exhibit of nature work of New Jersey school children at the International Flower Show: National Council Badge of Merit.
- 1935—Exhibit of the life cycle of the fern and African plants, staged by Mrs. Michael J. FitzPatrick, State Chairman of Horticulture, at the International Flower Show: Bronze Medal of The Horticultural Society of New York and the Gold Medal of the Garden Club of America.
- Many medals and awards were won through participation in the International Flower Shows and in the 1939-40 New York World's Fair in "Gardens on Parade."
- 1945—Citation to the garden clubs for their work in Army areas throughout the state, signed by Major General T. Q. Terry for the Second Service Army Command.
- 1959—Scrolls of appreciation for work in World Gardening from the city of Seoul, Korea, and from Niigata, Japan.
- 1962, 1963—"American Pavilion" exhibit, Alexandria, Egypt, Flower Show: Gold Medals from Alexandria Horticultural Society. Individual medals were also received by Mrs. Lewis M. Hull (1962, 1963, 1964) and by Mrs. Austin B. Sayre (1964). For work in World Gardening: National Council Bronze Seal.
- Three National Council awards for Blue Star Memorial Highway: Kellogg Medal for Civic Achievement, 1946; Frank Edward Neal Tenth Anniversary Award, 1957; White Ribbon "New Horizons" program, 1961.
- Other major National Council awards: Best State Flower Show, Gold Ribbon, 1957; \$500 Scholarship to Jerome B. Wright of Haddonfield for advanced study at the University of Pennsylvania; White Ribbon for All-State All-Junior Flower Show, 1960; Lorena M. Spillers Award in Landscape Design, 1960 and 1963; Green Ribbon for Conservation, 1962; White Ribbon Special Achievement Certificate for "Tally Ho" tour, 1963; Bronze Seal for World Gardening, 1963; State Year Book Awards in 1953, 1959, 1961, 1962 and 1964.

Awards Given

Gold, silver and bronze medals, five perpetual silver trophies, certificates of merit, citations and the Holton Hybridization award are given to clubs and individuals for special achievement.

- 1932—The first state medallion designed by Mrs. Garret Smith was given to Mrs. John S. Anderegg, for a bird conservation exhibit at the Atlantic City Flower Show.
- 1936—The first Bronze Achievement Plaque to Mrs. Michael V. FitzPatrick for horticulture exhibit, International Flower Show, African plants and life cycle of the fern.
- 1947—Citations to thirty-eight member clubs and thirty-two individuals for their War Services.
- 1964—\$1,000 post-doctoral grant to Dr. Zaki Mahdi of the University of Cairo for research in carnations at Rutgers University.



The Garden Club of New Jersey achievement medal, actual size, may be awarded in gold, silver or bronze.



Club winners of National Council Flower Show competitive awards, 1961: L-R: Mrs. Robert Connolly, Grow & Show Garden Club of Allenhurst; Mrs. B. Mikulas, Scotch Plains; Mrs. Elwood Snyder, South Orange; Mrs. Frank Dugan, Rahe & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield.



Mrs. Harry T. Maxwell, Chairman of Awards, with winners of the Junior Achievement silver bowl—Brianna Welling (l.), President and Michelle Plock (r.) Past President of the Junior Garden Club of Mountain Lakes.



Dr. Mason W. Gross, President of Rutgers University, advocate of civic beauty receives the gold medal, 1943. Mrs. Stillman, President, left; Mrs. William J. Walters, right.



Winners of the silver trophies for 1992: ((l. to r.))—Mrs. John J. Holahan, Miss Dorothy Schiek, Mrs. Richard K. Madison, Mrs. George P. Barton, Club Presidents.



Dr. Victor L. Crowell, Trenton State College, receives illuminated citation for cooperation of 16 years in Conservation Workshops for teachers. Mrs. Thomas T. Cooke, left, Conservation Chairman, Mrs. Albert L. Stillman, President, right, 1962.



Mrs. Stillman receives from Mrs. Charles Nettleton, President, the National Council awards for clubs, projects and individuals at the National Council Convention, Los Angeles, California, 1962.



Members come laden with Horticulture specimens for the flower show.

CONFERENCES . .

From the very beginning of the garden clubs there have been conferences and annual meetings, first one-day affairs held in various parts of the state with one club acting as hostess for the day. When the number of clubs outgrew the facilities in the towns, the conferences were held in Princeton at the Inn, at the Berkeley Carteret, in Asbury Park or at Chalfont Haddon Hall in Atlantic City. During the war years when gasoline was rationed meetings were held in New York at the Pennsylvania Hotel



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Everybody arrives at once to register for the Conference.



which could be reached by train. As an experiment one annual meeting was held at Buck Hill Falls in Pennsylvania.

We seem rarely to have designated these meetings as "conventions". A planned program of guest speakers, "workshops" with the state chairmen in charge, the business of the organization attended to, usually a garden tour or flower show to add an interesting fillip to the program. Always there are luncheons and banquets, best clothes, good comradeship and new friends.



In the evening there is the banquet—a time for giving or receiving special awards and for listening to distinguished speakers.



At luncheon, flower arrangers whip up designs from a box of surprise material. l. to r.—Mrs. Bernard F. Murphy, Mrs. Albert L. Stillman, Mrs. James W. Gearhart.

Workshops, and more workshops instruct the delegates in the serious business of garden club work.





Curtain Call—Asbury Park, 1936. In a skit written by Mrs. Holton who appeared as a fairy in a wig of gold curls, other characters were flowers representing months of the year and garden pests including a tent caterpillar who was driven off the stage. Members of the Essex Fells Garden Club, L to R: Mrs. John Westerfield, Mrs. Willis Carrier, Mrs. George P. Bartholomew, Mrs. Charlee Holton, Mrs. Martin Tiernan, Mrs. Elliott Fox, Mrs. Thorburn Reid, Mrs. Mullin Wayne, Mrs. Lawrence Soule, Mrs. Oscar Bato, Mrs. Harry McMillan.



Atlantic City Convention, 1951. Mrs. Chester Schomp, left center and Mrs. Francis Archibald, President, center.



Delegates from the Garden Club of New Jersey to the National Council Convention, Miami, Florida, April, 1956. Front Row: Mr. Karl Brackmann, Mrs. Henry Staub, Mrs. Austin B. Sayre, Mrs. Charles Speer, Mrs. Vincent T. Mulligan, Mrs. L. Vandermeer, Mrs. Douglas Valentino, Mrs. Philip Brueckner, Mrs. Kent Dixon. Back Row: Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Hobart M. Van Dusen, Mrs. Robert E. McNeill, Jr., Mrs. Chester D. Schomp, Mrs. John C. Bayles, Mrs. Karl Brackmann, Mrs. Clarence W. Slocum, Mrs. Karl M. Mann, Mrs. William J. Walters, Mrs. Francis F. Merriam, President, Mrs. James W. Gearhart, Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Von Erdberg, Mrs. J. J. Tremper, Jr., Mrs. Fred Roeber.

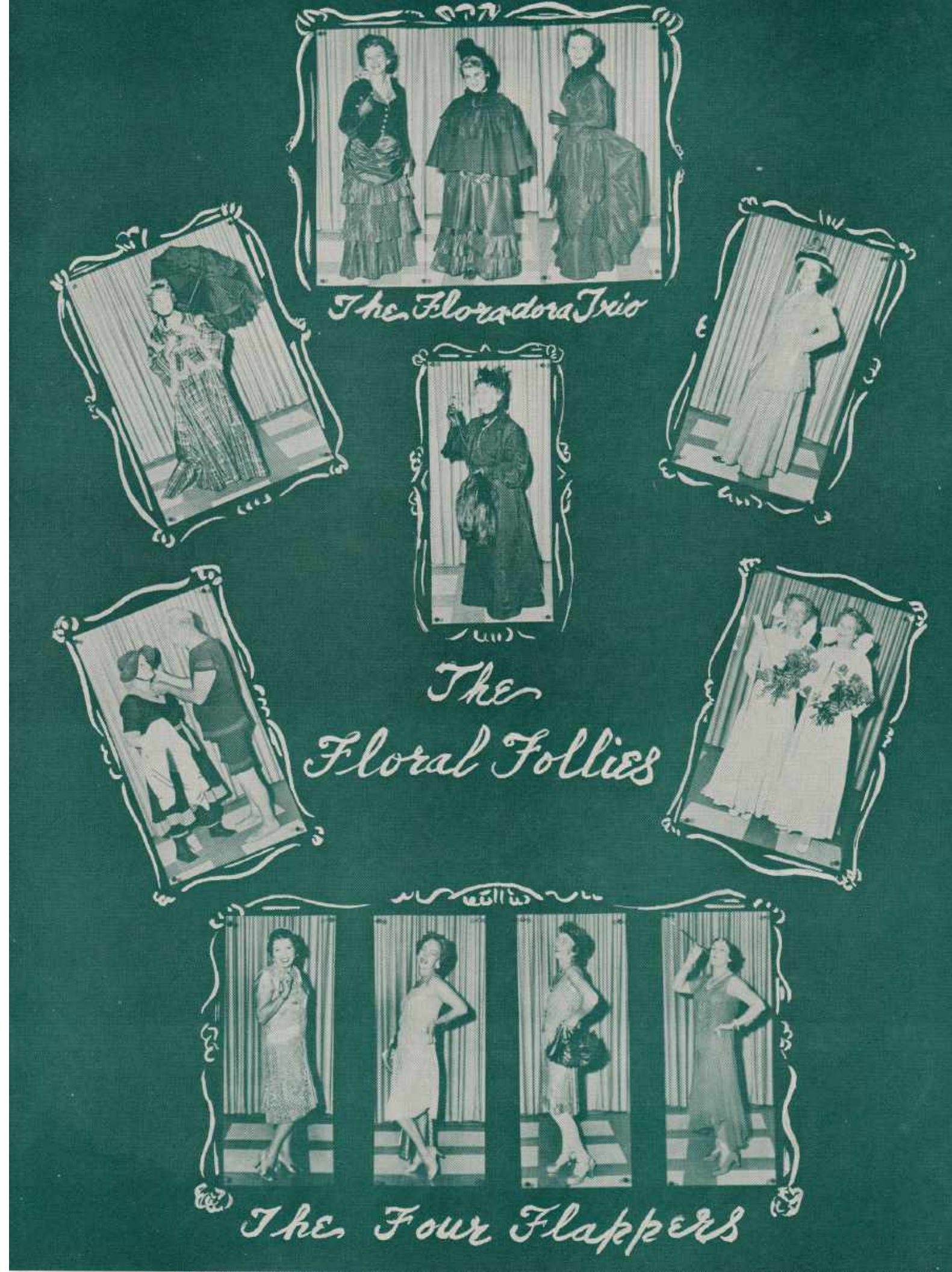


Conference, Atlantic City, 1952, showing three presidents. L to R: Mrs. Vance R. Hood, Mrs. Laurance N. Wilson, Mrs. Lewis M. Hull.



Left: Fall Conference at Cherry Hill, 1962. L to R: Mrs. Albert L. Stillman, President; Mrs. Clarence W. Slocum, Past President; Mrs. Lloyd Oneal, Historian; Mrs. William J. Walters, Honorary President, Past National Council President; Mrs. Chester Schomp, Past President and National Council Regional Director.

Facing page: Floral Follies, Asbury Park, 1956. For the lighter hours at conferences, amusement is almost always of the members' own making with little or no expense. Top, L to R, then clockwise: Mrs. Albert L. Stillman, Chairman of the event; Mrs. Philip Brueckner, Livingston Garden Club; Mrs. Ronald Simons; Mrs. William Legg, Fairhaven Garden Club; Mrs. Walter Slocum, L., Ridgewood Garden Club; and Mrs. Alan W. Parkes, R., Mountain Lakes Garden Club; Mrs. Lester A. Clausen, Bedminster; Mrs. Karl M. Mann, Montclair Garden Club; Mrs. William C. Bagley, Franklin Park Garden Club; Mrs. A. Newton Harris, Garden Department, The Woman's Club of Tenafly; Mr. and Mrs. Knud S. Bay, Sussex County Garden Club; Mrs. Austin B. Sayre, Essex Fells Garden Club. Center: Emcee, Mrs. Lewis M. Hull, Rockaway Valley Garden Club.



The Floradora Trio

The Floral Follies

The Four Flappers



High School Gardeners of New Jersey honoring our National President, Mrs. J. Gordon Gose at the National Convention in New York City, 1964. She was crowned Queen of Teen Angels in the Merry Month of May by five girls who presented her with a nosegay and tiara of violets. L. to R.: Sue Thompson, Pat Smith, Linda Conable, Diane Fineran, Charlotte Baines, Mrs. Gose, Mrs. Valentine and Mrs. Charles Blanchard, National Chairman, High School Gardeners.



Challenge! 1964 Fall Conference, Asbury Park. Arrangers demonstrate their originality. Boxes of identical surprise plant material to be arranged in identical containers in twenty minutes challenge the skill and originality of six arrangers.

L. to R.—Mrs. Robert E. McNeill, Jr., Mrs. A. P. Mustard, Mrs. Raymond P. Wismer, Mrs. Harold E. Pletcher, Mrs. Stanley Swartley, Mrs. Lawrence P. Galt, Jr., Mrs. James W. Gearhart, Chairman, Mrs. Bernard F. Murphy, who made the ceramic containers.

Below: National Council Convention, New York City, May, 1964—L. to R.—Top row—Mrs. Chester Shangle, Mrs. William C. Bowden, Mrs. Vincent Mulligan, Mrs. John Moment. Center row—Mrs. Henry J. Ahlers, Mrs. Antonio Petruccelli, Mrs. Kent Dixon, Mrs. Lloyd Oneal, Mrs. Edwin Becker. Front row—Mrs. Stanley Swartley, Mrs. Chester Schomp, Mrs. Douglas Valentine, Mrs. Elwood Snyder, Mrs. Austin Sayre, Mrs. Paul Clawson.



Atlantic City, October, 1964. Sisters L.—Mrs. Edward L. Coffey, Westfield, High School Gardeners Chairman, R.—Mrs. W. Brooks Evert, Riverton, the Conference Chairman.

Below: Fall Conference, Atlantic City, October, 1964—L. to R.—Mrs. L. M. Hull, Past State and Past National Council President, Mrs. Alan W. Parkes, Past National Council Treasurer, Mrs. James W. Gearhart, National Council Garden Centers Chairman, ready for the banquet.



MRS. FREDERIC R. KELLOGG
President, National Council, 1930-1933
Mrs. Frederic R. Kellogg, second President of National Council, elected Honorary President in 1933.



MRS. LEWIS M. HULL
President, National Council, 1947-1949
Dedicates the Redwood Grove, Eureka, California, the National Council's 20th Anniversary gift to the nation, May 21, 1949.

Our National Council Three by Gene Oneal

MRS. FREDERIC R. KELLOGG of Morristown, the spirit of the founding of National Council, was elected president at its second annual meeting. In one year after the founding in 1929, between 500 and 600 garden clubs had joined.

"One of the principal purposes of the Council is to obtain national action on projects of interest to the whole country, such as billboard elimination, roadside planting, conservation of all kinds—birds, trees, plants and flowers.

"The Council is asking President Hoover to appoint a non-partisan committee to study the quarantine restrictions on bulbs and plants. It is also calling attention to the work that 25,000 women of the federated garden clubs are doing toward the preservation of historic spots and the establishment of a park along both banks of the Potomac River from Mt. Vernon to the falls below Washington.

"Mrs. Kellogg is a graduate of Bryn Mawr. She grew up in a gardening atmosphere and first became interested in garden organizations in 1914, when she joined the Morristown Garden Club. Mrs. Kellogg was elected Honorary President of National Council in 1933 at the end of her administration."

MRS. LEWIS M. HULL, tenth president of the Garden Club of New Jersey and tenth president of the National Council from 1947-1949, carried her interest in conservation and "one world through gardening" to the National Council. She initiated the "Seeds of Peace" program wherein National Council sent 17 tons (780,000 packages) of vegetable and flower seeds to the then starving countries being helped by the Marshall Plan, to aid their recovery from the devastation of World War II. She instigated the purchase of a 40-acre Redwood Grove in Humboldt County, California, as the National Council's 20th anniversary gift to the nation. This project was over-subscribed to the extent that a second 40 acres was also saved in the name of the National Council. Mrs. Hull is a native of Pennsylvania, a graduate of Vassar College and all her married life has lived in New Jersey.

MRS. WILLIAM J. WALTERS
President, National Council, 1953-1955

Cutting the ribbon, dedication of National Council Headquarters, St. Louis, Missouri, May 10, 1959. L. to R.—Governor of Missouri, James G. Blair, and National Council Presidents—Mrs. G. C. Spillers, Mrs. Joseph H. Brewer, Mrs. William J. Walters, (left center) Mrs. Daniel J. Mooney, Mrs. William H. Champlin, Mrs. Lewis M. Hull, Mrs. Frederick A. Wallis.

MRS. WILLIAM J. WALTERS, the thirteenth president of National Council, was never president of her state federation, but recognizing her contributions to the state, she was made Honorary President in 1961. While president of the National Council from 1953 to 1955, she made the establishment of a permanent National Council headquarters her goal. This became a reality in May, 1959, in St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Walters, born in Illinois, grew up in Missouri, but has spent much of her married life in New Jersey.





MRS. WILLIAM J. WALTERS
Honorary Life President
Garden Club of New Jersey

We Salute Our Presidents

by May Duff Walters

Two thousand years ago shepherds in the field gave us the example of following a star. Not any star, but a special star, a friendly star, a star which would guide them to a leader. The instinct to seek leadership is inherent in mankind. As we look backward over the past four decades, we are convinced a wise Providence has guided us in the selection of our distinguished Presidents. No two fit into the same mold, yet always the *needed* has been there to meet the *need*. Each of our Presidents, in her day and in her unique way, has made a priceless contribution to our growth. Each has added a piece to the mosaic we call The Garden Club of New Jersey.

As each President in her turn accepted our gavel she gave us a pledge—a pledge to invest her time in our behalf, a pledge to spend her talents wisely so that we might be assured a place in the vanguard of State Federations. No one of them, in her role

of Horticultural Steward, was content to make the blueprint for our activities alone. Each has taken from the melting pot something of the little dreams, something of the big plans, conceived by Presidents of member clubs, by Chairmen on the State and local level, by individual gardeners. Each has been a wise reaper, harvesting only the best of the ideas and ideals that flowered from seed sown by fellow gardeners who claim the Garden State as home. Each has cherished the awareness that no other small state has been blessed with so diversified a terrain, from green mountains to long stretches of sandy beach.

Since our world is the world of gardening, since we work hand-in-hand with Nature, we have chosen our leaders from those who have shown a deep concern for the grass roots; and this is good. Yet we have a profound sense of thankfulness for those who paused to remind us that if we would stand straight and tall we must sometimes take the Long View—we must fix our gaze on the far-flung horizon. In the moment of time each President was allotted to serve us, she has held our torch high, she has kept the flame burning bright. This is evidenced by the national recognition, expressed in the form of National Awards, we have merited year after year.

We welcome this opportunity to voice our indebtedness publicly to those honored Presidents who are still with us, still encouraging us, still counseling us, and to those who now walk through Elysian Fields—those whose names are inscribed forever in our Book of Remembrance, and in our hearts.

A Collect For Gardeners

by The Rev. Cornelius P. Trowbridge, Rector
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Morristown, N. J.

(Accepted at our annual meeting, May 3, 1951)

Oh Thou who bade men consider the lilies of the field, and Who for our sakes suffered in a garden—and there found, again, the Peace of God: grant that in our gardens we may draw near to Thee.

As we prepare the good earth which God has given us, so may we prepare the soil of our souls.

Plant Thy seed in our hearts, that we may bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

We ask it in Thy name. Amen.

THE MEMBER CLUBS

Miracles to Order

by Dorothy Harris

Beauty on request is produced by the members of the Garden Club of New Jersey; their fantastic accomplishments border on the unbelievable. With unflagging enthusiasm they have introduced and supported magnificent efforts throughout the Garden State, the United States, and internationally. To include each of these projects in each club report would be repetitious, for all contribute toward these miracles.

There have been thousands of flower shows; one club alone lists 70. Who can say how much beauty has been added to homes, inside and outside, through these? How generous arrangers are, with flowers in libraries and churches, frequently adding glamor to town meetings and assorted special events!

Countless Garden Centers have helped teach the way to obtain the handsome results seen at flower shows. During the years of World War II these fountains of information were invaluable, making possible Victory Gardens planted and successfully harvested by inexperienced patriots who sowed their first seeds then. Organizing Garden Centers has continued to be rewarding all through the years, a service graciously offered and gratefully enjoyed.

The Garden Club of New Jersey initiated the first Garden Therapy with psychiatric patients; response was and is magnificent. Growth from one military post to 135 hospitals and institutions is testimonial to the great need answered, and to the thousands of hours devoted to this effort by faithful volunteers. Many clubs have adopted local nursing homes or similar places in need of their talents.

The miracle of the nation-wide Blue Star Highway started in New Jersey. Now there are seven such highways running north to south, and one running east to west—marked, planted, and often provided with rest areas.

From the Garden Club of New Jersey's gift of flowering dogwood trees to Japan and 120 rose bushes to Korea has developed the inspired World Friendship Through Gardening program, now a national and international miracle.

How can miracles be counted? Scholarships, Garden Centers, Garden Therapy, World Gardening—each would be a generous gift alone. But in addition, the miracle of beauty has been spread through New Jersey with well-designed plantings, making formerly neglected grounds lovely, particularly at public buildings. Maintenance and campaigns for cleanliness and order have helped these garden spots retain their loveliness. Establishing bird sanctuaries has preserved the bright flutter of color in the beauty of our countryside.

The shining armor of these crusaders has been melted and re-formed into pin holders, trowels and watering cans . . . and the shiniest into halos, one for every contributor to garden club miracles.

Representatives of the Founding Clubs, Fall Conference, Asbury Park, 1956: Mrs. Mortimer H. Hait, Garden Club of Madison; Mrs. Malcolm McAlpin, Garden Club of Morristown; Mrs. Leonard M. Matthews, Passaic Valley Garden Club; Mrs. Frederick Veile, Women Gardeners of Ridgewood; Mrs. B. D. Edgar, Basking Ridge Garden Club; Mrs. John W. Thompson, Garden Club of Trenton; Mrs. Edward Thomas Curry, Haddonfield Garden Club; Mrs. Charles W. Holton, Essex Fells Garden Club; Mrs. Guy Young, Verona Garden Club; Mrs. James Coddington, Garden Club of Englewood.



The Miracle Makers



Community Beautification: All clubs report community beautification projects. One of the oldest is this Cornus Arboretum in Cedar Brook Park started in 1931 by the Plainfield Garden Club with 85 flowering dogwood and 110 more trees were given in 1940. Now at maturity the planting is a bower of white blossoms in spring and crimson in fall.

✧ Indicates a Founding Club

Allenhurst

GROW AND SHOW GARDEN CLUB OF ALLENHURST, Joined: 1955 23 Members

Their annual Greens Show has become a tradition for the area and a real public service and their efforts have been rewarded by several NCSGC and GCNJ awards. This group also published an award-winning Year Book. They have been active in the Green Thumb Corps and have supplied seeds for the Child Treatment Center.

Allentown

GARDEN CLUB OF ALLENTOWN, Founded: 1928 35 Members

Here is a club active in therapy throughout the year; they often supply the Watson Hospital with bedside, table and chapel arrangements, in addition to Christmas-time decorations. A second interest is the improving of town appearances by plantings in flower boxes and displays for store windows.

Atlantic Highlands

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1947 40 Members

Sponsors of five Garden Centers to date, their efforts won the Elizabeth Hood trophy in 1959 with exhibits in store windows. Their plantings include those at the Harbor, Highway #36, Police Station, Fire House, Presbyterian Church and Firemen's Field. Nine ceremonies for burning Christmas trees have been popular.

Audubon

TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDENERS OF AUDUBON, Joined: 1957 60 Members

Making flower arrangements several times a year for the Fort Dix Hospital has made the club aware of their therapeutic value. Members are continually alerted to save our native plants from the expanding building program in their area.

Basking Ridge

✧ **BASKING RIDGE GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1923 60 Members**

From the first contest for the destruction of tent caterpillars in 1925 (which has been repeated whenever warranted) through such constructive action as the organization of two Junior Clubs, this group has been outstanding in its endeavors. Encouraged by the success of the planting at the station parking area, which members weed and otherwise maintain, their current enthusiasm is for the completion of landscaping at the new Southard Park. In April 1964 they financed and saw planted two white spruce, four Austrian pine, four white pine, two Douglas fir and three Norway spruce trees. Their Junior Clubs are developing woodland and swamp gardens in this park.

Basking Ridge

COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB OF SOMERSET COUNTY, Founded: 1958 45 Members

Recipients of a 1963 Sears Grant, these funds the club devoted to plantings at their Liberty Corner School. Yews and ilex were added to the existing maple trees; members propagated and planted pachysandra as ground cover. Volunteers take care of maintenance.

Beach Haven

GARDEN CLUB OF LONG BEACH ISLAND, Joined: 1961 80 Members

Through Bazaars and Card Parties this group has been able to raise funds for its civic projects—primarily landscaping at the new Library, Ship Bottom. In 1961 an Arbor Day Contest for the public was held with a Euonymus shrub planted in the winner's garden.

Belvidere

WARREN GARDEN CLUB, Joined: 1959 33 Members

An indoor area has been planted at the Belvidere and Hackettstown High Schools. Members have given Flower Show instruction to 4H Clubs, Brownie and Girl Scout Troops. The Warren Hospital and Warren Haven (County Home) are decorated every Christmas.

Berkeley Heights

BERKELEY HEIGHTS FOUR SEASONS GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1962 17 Members

Since their recent organization they have cooperated in donating a red oak tree and in purchasing, planting and maintaining flower beds at the local hospital.

Berkeley Heights

GARDEN DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, Joined: 1960 27 Members

A Garden Information Center was held in April 1961 on trees, shrubs and ground covers. Every phase of gardening was covered in an effort to help new homeowners and stimulate established homeowners to renew their plantings. Landscaping the new school is a continuing project.

Bernardsville

BERNARDSVILLE GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1930 56 Members

Since the original seven members founded this organization it has grown in size and good deeds for which they have received several citations and were once named Garden Club of the Year. One tremendous accomplishment was raising over \$5,000 to landscape Borough Hall Park, a project in which they continue their interest. Present enthusiasm is for an area near the railroad station in need of improvement.

Bloomfield

GARDEN DEPARTMENT, BROOKDALE WOMAN'S CLUB, Founded: 1949 21 Members

This informal group is dedicated to the promotion of flower arrangement and garden beauty. Their arranging talents won them a silver cup for the best flower show of 1953, and their interest in town appearances is reflected in their support of local projects.

Boonton Township

ROCKAWAY VALLEY GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1955 61 Members

This Boonton Township organization has been responsible for hospital, Valley School and Wild Flower Trail plantings. Among other awards, their Garden Center won the Elizabeth Hood Silver Trophy. But all these efforts are topped by their continuing project, now eight years old, which centers on the Diamond Spring Vacation Lodge for Blind Women. The grounds have been enhanced with thirty flowering, scented trees and bushes; large vegetable and flower gardens are planted and maintained each year. Everything—luncheon meetings, varied programs, gifts—stresses touch, sound and fragrance. A \$100 Sears Grant furthered this work.

Bound Brook

BOUND BROOK GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1924 75 Members

They are proud of members gifted as executives as well as gardeners for they are represented at state and national levels and have had a President of the National Council of State Garden Clubs chosen from their midst. They were among the eight clubs who founded the National home in Saint Louis, and are founders of our own projected Horticulture House.

Bound Brook-Middlesex

HOME GARDENERS OF BOUND BROOK, Joined: 1940 30 Members

In trying to interest Juniors in gardening, they have worked with Girl Scout Troops. Their services have been offered to any Girl Scout Leader in the area. Annually before Memorial Day plantings are placed at the Lincoln Memorial in Middlesex.

Brielle

BAYBERRY CLUB OF BRIELLE, Founded: 1959 28 Members

They are proud to be permanent possessors of the Rumson Cup, having accumulated the highest scores for five consecutive years in the Monmouth-Elberon Horticultural Society Shows. Efforts to further beautify their town include plantings at the Post Office and Borough Hall, but their greatest satisfaction is in an island on the main street made attractive with azaleas, cotton-asters and junipers.

Butler

BUTLER GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1938 43 Members

There are three projects they consider noteworthy. When the club was founded members dedicated themselves to make their community a more beautiful place in which to live. This has been accomplished by the placing of permanent plantings in the Borough Park. To bring beauty into the homes of shut-ins every Christmas approximately 70 plants or arrangements are made. The patients at East Orange Veterans' Hospital are the recipients of 150 boutonnieres at Christmas.

Flower Show Exhibit: In the 1956 state show, "Open House", this entry "Corner of a Kitchen" of Traditional New Jersey won a blue ribbon.





World Gardening: High school and junior gardeners made these posters of their "American Garden in New Jersey" for their Egyptian friends to hang in the American Corner of the spring flowers show of the Alexandria Horticulture Society, Egypt.

Chatham

TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF CHATHAM, Founded: 1952 26 Members

The Juniors have been a very active club having received the highest number of points in the second State Junior Show and the Junior Achievement Award for the Great Swamp Exhibit. The Sears Grant has helped the club landscape the Red Brick School House, now Chatham Township Hall. Trees were presented to the High School. They received a Certificate of Merit with Gold Seal for the 1962 Flower Show.

Cherry Hill

BARCLAY GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1960 28 Members

"Learning" is the theme for this club. Frequent classes in horticulture are featured, plus experiments in other fields of garden club interest. To learn, and to share the knowledge gained with others, is their goal. They are involved in a three-year planting plan.

Clark

SEEDS AND WEEDS GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1956 42 Members

A triangle of land at a busy intersection is kept colorful with tulips in the spring and annuals through the summer; two Libraries are cheered with flowers weekly. They grew their own herbs for the Clark Pageant and were rewarded with first prize.

Clifton

CLIFTON GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1950 36 Members

Their flower show awards include the George Cup in 1955 and 1959 and National Council's Purple Ribbon in 1958. 1961 was a winning year, for they received the Elizabeth Hood Trophy for their Garden Center and were awarded the coveted Garden Club of the Year title. Their encouragement to Juniors has been outstanding; they received the Certificate of Merit and four awards were won by their Juniors.

Closter

GARDEN CLUB OF CLOSTER, Founded: 1951 48 Members

Planning and planting an attractive area as a "Welcome to Closter" has been one project. Another was adding to their contributions to Pascaek Valley Hospital by enhancing the landscape with dogwood trees.

Cranford

CRANE'S FORD GARDENERS, Founded: 1949 25 Members

Improvement in the appearance of the grounds at the Cerebral Palsy Center was the ambition of this club and the plans they presented won a \$100 Sears Grant. Donations from other sources made it possible to complete this project, reported to be most successful.

Cranford

DIG AND DELVE GARDEN CLUB, Joined: 1957 25 Members

As their civic project they have planted ivy along the wall at the railroad station. Club programs have been varied in subject matter, but all have been educational and covered some phase of garden club activity.

Cranford

FLORAPHILE GARDEN CLUB OF CRANFORD, Founded: 1950 25 Members

Since landscaping the grounds at the First Aid Squad Building, a regular program of spraying, pruning, weeding and all maintenance has been provided by members for eight years. They look forward to a new challenge: cooperating in the beautification of a proposed recreation area.

Cranford

FOUR SEASONS GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1954 20 Members

Concentration here is on conservation. Members feel their greatest service is in the preservation of land and its resources for now and for all time.

Cranford

GARDEN CLUB OF CRANFORD, Founded: 1928 72 Members

Since organization by 12 enthusiasts, growth in membership has been paralleled by increasingly ambitious undertakings. Most noteworthy are their greens shows for which preparations are made all year. Profits from the show's gift shop help finance civic projects: Union Junior College and Historical House are receiving special attention now.

Cranford

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB OF CRANFORD, Founded: 1952 15 Members

The greatest satisfaction has been beautifying the town with plantings along the streets and at school and azaleas along the river bank (received a Sears Grant for this) and providing arrangements for civic affairs and the Library. They sponsor a Junior Club and have sent seeds to Warsaw University, Poland, for the People to People Program since 1959.

Cranford

THE RED OAKS GARDEN CLUB, Joined: 1964 22 Members

Since their recent organization they have strived to take an interest in all fields of garden club work.

Cranford

THE SPADENHOE GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1952 25 Members

Work at the Veterans' Hospital, plantings at schools, donations to Lyons and Union Junior College of memorial dogwood trees for departed members and planting the War Memorial have been the club's concern. For its contribution at the Watchung Display Gardens a rhododendron was planted in honor of the club.

World Gardening: Projects of the East Brunswick Garden Club included a series of two-week displays in the South River Trust Company. Left: A Rutgers student from Ethiopia tells Mrs. Charles Sofman, President, he is amazed at the knowledge shown of his country's plants and culture.



Cranford

SUNNY ACRES GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1947 22 Members

Many contributions by the club have been donated toward conservation; and over the years members have worked for bird protection bills. The club is proud to be a Memorial Founder of the Watchung Display Gardens. They are the recipients of the Elizabeth Hood Trophy for an outstanding Garden Center in 1957.

Cranford

TROWEL AND TRELIS GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1955 11 Members

Although a small club, two worthwhile plans were conceived and undertaken: planting a road triangle in the area and landscaping the grounds of Roosevelt School. Here the major foundation planting has been completed.

Demarest

THE DEMAREST GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1930 115 Members

Conservation and horticulture have been stressed by the club. They have cleared, planted and maintained a historic Revolutionary Cemetery; red oaks were planted on the town square. Lessons on flower arranging have been held in the schools.

Dunellen

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB OF DUNELLEN, Founded: 1946 25 Members

A continuing project of planting the railroad embankment has been going on for nine years and a Sears Grant was won for it. For ten years this group has given a gift of stationery to Roosevelt Hospital and they are proud to have been successful in getting a Litterbug Law passed in Dunellen.

East Brunswick

EAST BRUNSWICK GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1960 48 Members

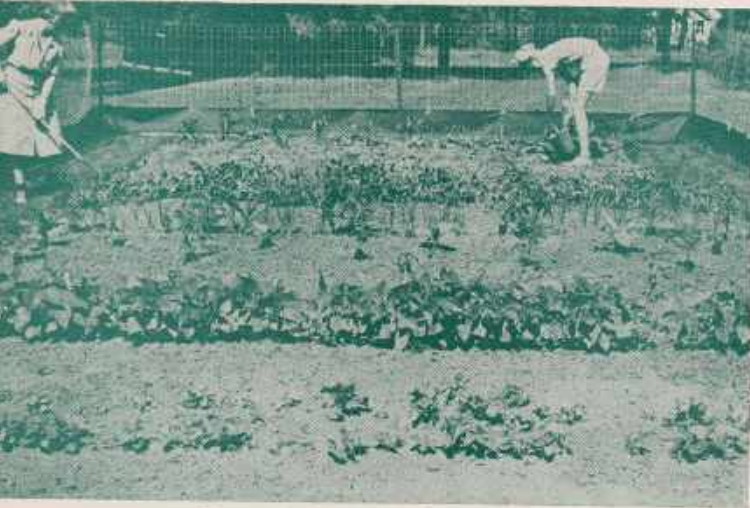
They started with the landscaping of three churches, then added three more, winning \$100 Sears Grants in 1963 and 1964. Among other benevolences, some of their garden therapy effort goes to the Middlesex Juvenile Detention Home. This club has a group of Juniors who hold six meetings a year and participate in flower shows and other activities, supplying Litterbug posters through a contest sponsored by the parent club.

Below: Norway's Horticulture, Agriculture and Resources was the subject of the club's second exhibit. Rondi Stord in Norwegian costume shows a poster.





Flower Service every Monday to the East Orange Veterans Hospital was begun in 1953 by the Essex Fells Garden Club and continued to this day with over 1,000 hours yearly by volunteers. This project has won the State's Gold Medal.



Victory Garden, Essex Fells, 1945.



Mrs. Austin B. Sayre, member of the Essex Fells Garden Club and later State President, working in their Victory Garden in 1945.

Elizabeth

ELIZABETH GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1924 **57 Members**

They started with a street sale of shrubs and a small garden contest in 1926 and have had a hand in advancing garden club principles since. Of special note is the establishment of a three-acre bird sanctuary and plantings at two historic buildings: the 1664 First Presbyterian Church and Boxwood Hall. They are proud of the total of 33 awards from the State and from National Council.

Elizabeth

GARDEN LOVERS' CLUB OF ELIZABETH,
Founded: 1928 **23 Members**

Since its founding this group has participated in many GCNJ activities. They provided the foundation planting of the Library and landscaped the park at the corner of Westfield and Elmora Avenues.

Elizabeth

META SHIRREFS GARDEN CLUB,
Joined: 1933 **84 Members**

Thousands have viewed the Herb Garden at Trailside Museum, Watchung Reservation, begun in the 1950's. All plants are labeled and the garden is maintained by the horticulture chairman. The club's outstanding achievement was the beautification of the Post Office grounds—new shrubs and trees were planted, lawn seeded, hedges trimmed and replaced where needed.

Englewood

GARDEN CLUB OF ENGLEWOOD,
Founded: 1921 **95 Members**

Always interested in civic and educational work, this club has contributed time and funds as well as knowledge. They have aided in establishing plantings at Englewood Hospital, at various schools, at the Library and at Red Cross Headquarters. They have been a sponsor of the Palisades Nature Association since 1946 and have helped in the establishment of the Clark Museum at Greenbrook Sanctuary, where they supplied markers to identify plants. A 1958 Sears Grant aided them in laying out a Nature Trail at Quarles School. Their Ericaceous Garden, a flower show first prize winner, will be duplicated in the inner court at the Hospital when it is replanted.

Essex Fells

GARDEN CLUB OF ESSEX FELLS,
Founded: 1919 **94 Members**

Early effort went into the development of a sanctuary for birds and wild flowers in the heart of town. Their Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony celebrated its 40th year. Window boxes and a bulb garden at the Post Office have had continuous maintenance; to these a Garden Corner is being added. Planting and pruning at school and borough properties continues to enhance appearances there. In 1953 they began the gigantic task of refreshing flower vases at the East Orange Veterans' Hospital every Monday, and have done so since, devoting more than \$500 and over 1,000 volunteer hours to this work each year. For this they received the Gold Medal and the Continuing Project Award, with many other citations, ribbons and medals given to the club and to individual members.

Fair Haven

GARDEN CLUB OF FAIR HAVEN,
Founded: 1951 **39 Members**

Maintenance of a Bird Sanctuary, plantings at schools, a park and shopping area preceded the complete landscaping of the new Borough Hall grounds, a project for which they had to raise \$500. Now a Library Garden Center has been promoted with monthly "Tip Sheets" available on good garden practices.

Fanwood

FANWOOD GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1924 **39 Members**

No obstacle has proven too great, from taking part in the tent caterpillar extermination program to winning "Blues" at the International Flower Show. This group exhibited at the 1939 N. Y. World's Fair and did its share during the war years by putting up hundreds of cans of food. They are the proud pioneers of the Union County Rose Show.

Flemington

COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB OF HUNTERDON COUNTY,
Founded: 1932 **74 Members**

In 1950 this club undertook an unusual project: organizing a Garden Club at the Reformatory for Women at Clinton. This has been a truly helpful service and a highly successful one, for which the Continuing Project Award was given. Other winners have been their 1951 Flower Show, Purple Ribbon and Blue Star Highway Special Award. This club boasts members active on state and national levels.

Florham Park

AFTON GARDENERS OF FLORHAM PARK,
Founded: 1954 **33 Members**

Their flower shows have always been held in conjunction with the PTA Festival in June at Riverdale School with an unusually large attendance. Members feel this has helped in educating the public in all fields of gardening. They are proud of sponsoring a Junior Nature Club of 275 members.

Florham Park-Madison

BEECHCREST GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1949 **36 Members**

The Gnomes, this club's Junior group, grew from an organization of six to 250, now known as Briarwood School Nature Club. It is hoped that eventually the entire elementary school system will be included. Junior Garden Club of the Year in 1961, the Gnomes won the Junior Conservation Award and a \$25 Sears Grant for a planting to attract birds. The parent club received many awards and these Grants: \$200 in 1961 to landscape Brooklake Chapel and \$100 in 1964 for the school nature trail.

Franklin Lakes

URBAN FARMS GARDEN CLUB,
Joined: 1963 **35 Members**

Though a young club, they have striven to take an interest in all fields of garden club work.



Teaching the juniors the wonders of seed pods: Mrs. Lawrence Kersta, Community Garden Club of Hunterdon County.



The Garden Club for Inmates at the State Reformatory for Women at Clinton receiving instructions for their annual flower show from Mrs. A. J. Tremper of the Community Garden Club of Hunterdon County.

Below: Robert Buzbee of Sears, Roebuck & Co. congratulates the G.N.O.M.E.S. for winning a grant of \$25 for their bird sanctuary.





"Living with Wood and Flowers" was the theme of the 1950 flower show of the Hanover Garden Club. Left: Mrs. Frederick Case carving birds from wood for club sales. Center: Judges Maxwell, Berrall, Swartley and Shields, with Mrs. Lowndes, relax after the ribbon awarding. Right: Mrs. Ralph Hetterly tells a guest, "Admission is free".

Franklin Park

CERES GARDEN CLUB,
Joined: 1961 **64 Members**

Their first year as a Provisional Club was an exciting one—with the help of local merchants they sponsored a Christmas Home Decorating Contest. In the spring they sold azalea plants to residents of the town and held their first flower show in June.

Green Brook

GREEN BROOK GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1955 **50 Members**

Recipients of Sears Grant, NCSGC Red and Green Rosette, GCNJ Silver Bowl and Certificate of Merit with Gold Seal for placing second as Garden Club of the Year. Garden Clinics have been held and a member appointed to the Town Landscape Advisory Committee. The most important project was planting the main street with red oak trees.

Green Brook

ROCKVIEW TERRACE GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1958 **13 Members**

This small group has undertaken landscaping for the new section of their school. With assistance from a Sears Grant they have completed one section, and will plant another in the spring of 1965. Through other endeavors, such as planting and caring for the Pump House grounds and running an annual Christmas Decoration Contest, these 13 prove this to be a lucky number for Green Brook.

Haddonfield

HADDONFIELD GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1906 **70 Members**

This club was formed by 12 friends who met informally to discuss ways of developing local gardens and saving old trees and other plantings. Now they limit themselves to 70 members, plus those who were previously active and who may still attend programs. For many years they have had at least eight meetings each season, with additional sessions for flower arranging instructions. Original interests have grown to include arrangements at flower shows and support of civic activities, planting and contributing funds toward planting, and other traditional garden club good deeds.

Hanover

HANOVER GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1936 **30 Members**

The members believe passing on their experience and enthusiasm has been a rewarding project for their own club, the clubs to which they have given a helping hand and the federation. In spite of its small membership the club has three accredited judges, six members who give lectures and two members on the state board.

Hazlet

WOODLAND PARK GARDEN CLUB,
Joined: 1964 **36 Members**

This club became an active member November 30, 1964. The individual members, however, have long been active in many fields of garden club work.

Workshop Projects interpreted by the Northfield Garden Club Livingston, provided the club's entry in the State flower show, 1956.



High Bridge

HUNTERDON HILLS GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1942 **62 Members**

Their most noteworthy project is the slowly progressing arboretum at Voorhees State Park, with plans drawn up for planting around the pool and labeling trees. Since 1947 Fort Dix has received Christmas wreaths and bouquets from this energetic group. Among nine GCNJ and other awards, they received 2nd place, Garden Club of the Year, 1955-56.

Hopewell

HOPEWELL VALLEY GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1949 **48 Members**

They have provided education and inspiration to many by landscaping the Museum, Legion Hall, Methodist Church and school. Over a 5-year period 250 dogwood trees have been donated to area residents. For their endeavors they have received a Sears Grant and several GCNJ Awards of Merit.

Irvington

IRVINGTON GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1929 **57 Members**

This club has provided plantings around the American Legion Club House, Odd Fellows Temple and trees and bulbs to various churches and schools. Also, arrangements for churches have been supplied. Twenty-five years of service have been given to Camp Dix, Kilmer, Lyons and East Orange Veterans' Hospitals.

Jersey City

GARDEN CLUB OF JERSEY CITY,
Joined: 1940 **30 Members**

A Yard and Garden Contest in 1956 aroused much public interest and through the years enthusiasm for garden club activities has flourished. The annual flower show is always well attended as well as the spring plant sale with members donating all the plants.

Kenilworth

KENILWORTH GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1948 **17 Members**

Their own gardens often are the scene of instructions to 75 Girl Scouts. The girls have been faithful in attendance, have exhibited in flower shows and have planted herbs and flowers at Scout House. Among their award winning activities, members recall their first Garden Center in 1949 (they have had four since); their first big flower show in 1952; four Greens shows; more recently a \$200 Sears Grant for planting at the new Borough Hall.

Kinnelon

KINNELON GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1946 **46 Members**

The most important service has been providing an annual flower show for 16 years, open to all, to instill good horticultural practices and interest in flower arranging in the community. Other projects include: plantings at schools and fire house, work with Scouts, adult education, arrangements and displays for hospitals and judging home landscaping.

Kinnelon

SMOKE RISE GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1957 **85 Members**

Though there have been many worthwhile projects such as planting cherry trees, planting at Smoke Rise Tower and Home Tours, the most appreciated civic project has been the Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest for all residents. The astonishing thing is the percentage participating—95%—thus making Smoke Rise a thing of beauty during the holiday season.

Lawrenceville

LAWRENCEVILLE GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1927 **70 Members**

Many tours were made of the Lawrenceville School for Boys' area to identify trees on its beautiful campus—shade, evergreen and flowering. This inspired members to have labels made and attached, a great service to the students and to all visitors.

Lincoln Park

LINCOLN PARK GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1958 **18 Members**

They take particular pride in plantings of tulips and summer flowers around the flagpole at the Municipal Building and for arrangements placed in various town buildings. The club has planted at the Library and made favors for the Veterans' Hospital each year.

Little Silver

LITTLE SILVER GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1957 **40 Members**

Financial contributions and service to Riverview Hospital, Montgomery Medical Home, Monmouth Workshop for the Handicapped and Green Thumb at Marlboro represent the most noteworthy projects. Members serve on the Planning Board and Shade Tree Commission. Awards received are the Certificate of Merit for Program and one for the Junior Show in 1961.

Little Silver

GARDEN DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF LITTLE SILVER, **Joined: 1963** **44 Members**

Members have beautified the clubhouse with plantings. Arrangements are made at Christmas for the Nursing Homes and Health Center, and each patient also receives a small gift. Birds are another interest of the Department.

Livingston

NORTHFIELD GARDEN CLUB OF LIVINGSTON,
Joined: 1928 **29 Members**

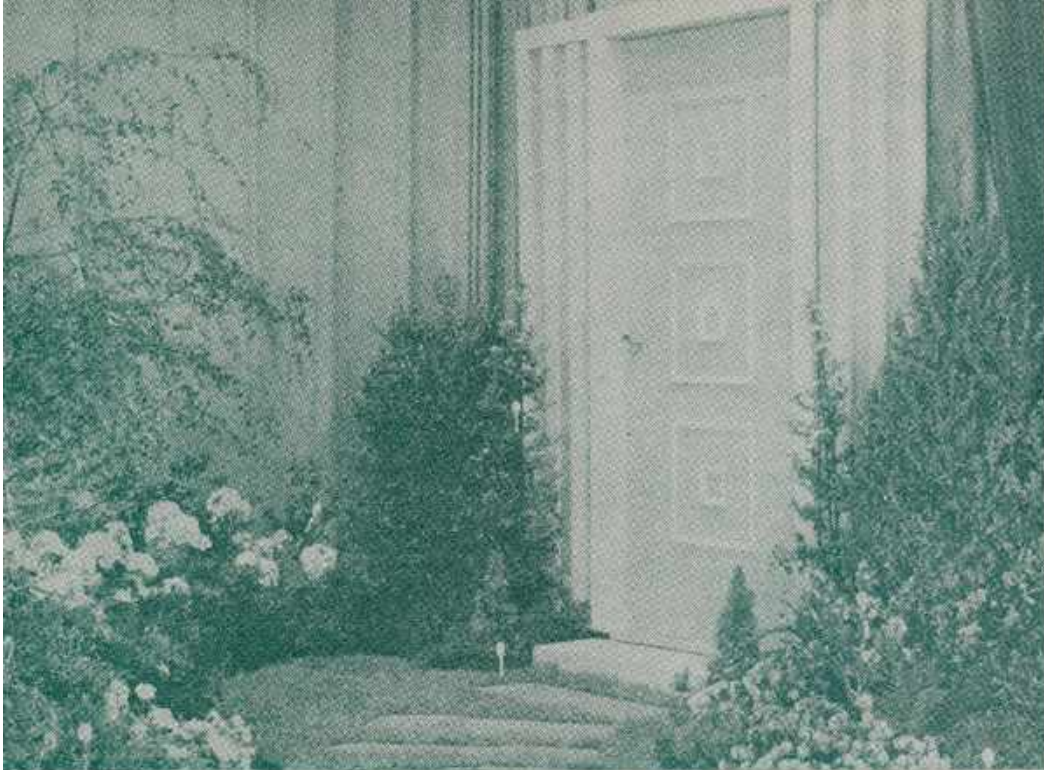
Continued veterans' service includes supplying flowers, favors, donations, arrangements, Christmas wreaths and every year ten veterans are sent to the International Flower Show. In 1959 the club started a Junior Club. Through their continued interest and help the Juniors were awarded the Altman Silver Tray and Junior Garden Club of the Year Silver Bowl in 1961.

Grooming horticultural entries.



Educational exhibit of tree products enthalls the juniors.





Horticultural Excellence won the Helen Hull silver bowl for the Maplewood Garden Club in this exhibit of a doorway garden, Garden State Flower Show, 1956.

Long Branch
GARDEN CLUB OF LONG BRANCH,
 Joined: 1931 **12 Members**
 Among its list of varied accomplishments the club has planted bulbs at the Church of the Presidents in Elberon and the Garden Therapy group has been active at Marlboro State Hospital. At Christmas bedside arrangements are made for the local hospitals.

Lyons
V.A. GARDEN CLUB OF LYONS,
 Joined: 1960 **25 Members**
 The membership is comprised of women from other Garden Clubs who work with the patients at the hospital. A fall flower show open to the public has been held annually since 1952.

Madison
GARDEN CLUB OF MADISON,
 Founded: 1922 **50 Members**
 With club history up-to-date, such a record of glory is available that comparatively few highlights may be listed here. Some are: 1927, Drew Mansion and First Flower Show; fine work on mosquito control; 1931, feeding station for birds at Natural History Building; 1945, first Audubon Camp Scholarship (followed by twenty-some more); 1948, second Rose Festival won National Council Special Award; 1950, start of the Nature Lecture Series for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students, still popular; 1951, award for the original approach of their flower show, which was staged in shop windows; 1954, library planting with spraying, feeding and maintenance since; 1956, initiated the work of preserving 20 acres of unspoiled land in Drew Forest, an award winner in 1958. Much effort has gone into The Preserve since a bulletin board was installed giving its history. Trees have been labeled and water provided by a man-made brook. A Sears Grant and cooperation from other organizations provided some help, but a large part of the money needed has been from the club. The Garden Club of New Jersey's first President came from the Garden Club of Madison.

Madison
SUBURBANITE GARDEN CLUB OF MADISON-FLORHAM PARK,
 Founded: 1955 **26 Members**
 Two services of the club have proven very worthwhile. The work at Lyons and the "Easter Seals Project." Time and effort given to both affords great satisfaction. Beautifying the Library each week with a flower arrangement brings joy to all.

Maplewood
THE MAPLEWOOD GARDEN CLUB,
 Founded: 1927 **143 Members**
 Garden Centers held at the Post Office and the construction and maintenance of the Municipal Greenhouse are among high spots of the club's work. The annual plant sale during the month of May helps to finance many fine projects, and because of its great inspiration to the public it is perhaps the most noteworthy service to the community.

Mendham
MENDHAM GARDEN CLUB,
 Founded: 1933 **66 Members**
 Continuing care and improvement of the Phoenix House Garden, which the club started in 1938, has been the most outstanding project. Shrubs at the Youth Center in Mendham were planted. Among awards won: Certificate of Merit for dogwood trees for the Blue Star Highway in 1944 and a Sears Grant in 1960.

Metuchen
METUCHEN GARDEN CLUB,
 Founded: 1925 **60 Members**
 Of all the work done by the club since its founding the civic plantings at the Borough Hall, Library, schools and the railroad embankment have provided the greatest inspiration to the town. A Sears Grant was won for the work at the new High School and among other awards have been five for Garden Centers and the Elizabeth Hood Garden Center Trophy in 1963. In 1958 the Helen Hull Trophy was won for an outstanding horticulture exhibit.

Metuchen-Edison
TERRA NOVA GARDEN CLUB,
 Founded: 1951 **15 Members**
 Plantings at Oak Tree School and at two entrances of Stephenville Parkway have been undertaken. With urging from the club the township also planted trees to complete the two sections of the entrances. Wreaths are made each year for the Menlo Park Veterans' Hospital and therapy service at Lyons. A fertilizer sale for the past three years has resulted in a real community service answering garden questions.

Metuchen-Edison
VINEYARD VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB,
 Joined: 1962 **(no figure for members)**
 An effort has been made to present a varied program in the many aspects of gardening.

Middletown
GARDEN CLUB, R.F.D. HOLMDEL,
 Founded: 1941 **75 Members**
 In 1952 their tour of homes won a National Council award. They were honored again in 1955 when their flower show won the National Council Purple Ribbon. They have been busy with plantings at Atlantic Township School, Fellowship Hall and hospitals, but their pet is the little Red Schoolhouse, built in 1842, which became their clubhouse in 1955. The yard is bordered with perennials and bulbs and a recent Sears Grant is financing the planting of dogwood and rhododendron. The little Red Schoolhouse has been declared an historical site.

Montclair
GARDEN CLUB OF MONTCLAIR,
 Founded: 1926 **264 Members**
 They have offered to members and the community pleasure and information. A permanent Garden Center was started (1952) with extensive display gardens used by the public at all times and regularly staffed for consultation, as is the meeting room's well-stocked library. In 1927 they helped launch the Presby Iris Gardens, to which time and funds are contributed annually. A tree-planting program in the commercial area was initiated in 1964, which is to be extended with town, county and citizen cooperation. Among State, National, and other awards, totaling over 30: Garden Club of the Year (1957), NCSGC Fisher Garden Center medal (1955).

Landscaping the High School (below), other schools and the library, and beautification of the Pennsylvania Railroad embankment, have inspired the railroad and other town groups to join with the Metuchen Garden Club in turning blight into beauty.



Montville
LAKE VALHALLA GARDEN CLUB,
 Founded: 1945 **59 Members**
 The most noteworthy accomplishment of this group over the years has been work for the Morris View County Home, where an annual contribution is given and help in other ways, such as collecting items for occupational therapy. For civic beauty they have done plantings around several public buildings.

Moorestown
MOORESTOWN GARDEN CLUB,
 Founded: 1954 **86 Members**
 There have been 12 House Tours given to bolster a Civic Project Fund, which finances additions to their Garden Reference section in the Library. It helps with the cost of new plants and maintenance at Community House and at the Stokes Woods Bird Sanctuary, which won a \$200 Sears Grant. Another award was given to assist with their new project, landscaping at the new High School.

Morris Plains
ALL SEASONS GARDEN CLUB,
 Founded: 1962 **10 Members**
 This group inaugurated "Project Beauty," which is a continuing effort to help with plantings around Morris Plains schools. Their first big ceremony was the planting of two oak trees on Arbor Day 1964.

Morris Plains
MORRIS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB,
 Founded: 1954 **34 Members**
 A most rewarding project is the planting program at Community Park, where a memorial tree for one of the originators of the park (husband of a member) was planted. Future plans include a Wildflower Trail. For landscaping the Presbyterian Church a Sears Grant was won and the Juniors received a grant for planting bulbs at Mountain Way School.

Morris Plains
WATNONG GARDEN CLUB OF MORRIS PLAINS,
 Joined: 1950 **61 Members**
 A substantial donation was made to the Morris Plains Library for planting and beautification of the grounds. Money was raised by means of a plant sale. Members maintain a Rock Garden at the Borough Hall. The club's favorite project is raising money through plant sales for the Morris Junior Museum in Morristown.

Project Beauty—Arbor Day, 1964, the All Seasons Garden Club of Morris Plains planted two oak trees in memory of President Kennedy, with the children of the third grade of Morris Plains School taking part.





Smokey Bear in the conservation exhibit at the Garden Center, Nature Fair, of the Garden Club of Mountain Lakes, reminds all of the need to protect the woods from fire.

Morristown

GARDEN CLUB OF MORRISTOWN,

Founded: 1913 79 Members

In 1924 a tremendous drive was started to eliminate tent caterpillars from roadsides. Speeches were made in 26 public schools urging children to start in early March to gather the egg clusters in paper bags. Teachers helped with the count; each child received ten cents for every 100 nests. Records show that at the end of five years the school children had destroyed over 200,000 egg clusters. All of the Garden State is grateful for this service.

Morristown

GARDEN DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MORRISTOWN, Founded: 1952 18 Members

Conservation has been stressed through the years. Money was raised for the Great Swamp and support given to the Roadside Council. The club has supplied financial aid to the clubhouse for beautification of the grounds. Boutonnieres are supplied to East Orange Veterans' Hospital.

Morristown

HOME GARDEN CLUB OF MORRISTOWN, Founded: 1925 67 Members

For 14 years they have sponsored the Audubon Screen Tours, using the proceeds to send teachers to Audubon Camp. The members have been active at Lyons for 23 years and at Greystone for 10 years. This group is the proud recipient of 17 GCNJ awards, including Special Award for War Service (1946), Bronze Medal for Conservation, Garden Club of the Year Trophy, Helen Hull Silver Bowl, Mrs. David L. George Silver Cup, and have won four NCSGC awards including the Purple Ribbon twice.

Mountain Lakes

THE GARDEN CLUB OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, Founded: 1936 60 Members

Some 29 members have attended Flower Show Schools and Landscape Design Schools; the knowledge they acquired has been utilized in a beautification program of High School, Library and hospital grounds and in an annual Garden Information Day for the community. Outstanding projects over the years: planting 200 laurel seedlings at Sanctuary, initiation of Mid-Morris Council, Garden Center at Library, NCSGC award for Junior Program, Garden Club of the Year (1955), three top awards for Greens Show (1959), among numerous show awards.

Mountainside

BLUE STAR GARDEN CLUB OF MOUNTAIN SIDES, Joined: 1947 7 Members

A permanent Garden Center was established in 1960 in the Library, with exhibits changed monthly. Every Christmas the group decorates and hangs Christmas wreaths in civic buildings, including schools, churches and the Library.

Mountainside

MOUNTAIN SIDES GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1932 44 Members

In 1958 with the beginning of landscaping and improving the grounds of the Westfield Community Center a most rewarding project was undertaken. In 1961 with the Sears Grant the plans moved forward to completion. Among other outstanding projects: participation in Garden Therapy at Fort Dix, contributions to the Great Swamp and a founder of the Rhododendron Display Gardens in Watchung.

Mountainside

MOUNTAIN TRAIL GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1955 15 Members

Because the club won a Sears Grant in 1960 and 1961 the project of landscaping the Rescue Squad Building on the Blue Star Highway was completed in only two years. Besides this important work the planting of two local churches has won for the club a Certificate of Merit with Gold Seal for civic projects.

Mount Tabor

GARDEN CLUB OF MOUNT TABOR, Founded: 1953 50 Members

"Forever" project for which the club received three Sears Grants is a continuing plan for landscaping in the area. It began in 1953 with beautifying the grounds of the Camp Meeting Association—now with two other clubs they are landscaping nine Par-Troy schools. Members also decorate the Community Church every week. They have received four Certificates of Merit.

Navasink

NAVASINK GARDEN CLUB, Joined: 1948 55 Members

With its interest in landscaping in 1960 the club established an annual \$100 Scholarship to be awarded to the outstanding student in Landscape Design at Rutgers. This was increased to \$150 a year later. Workshops on horticulture and flower arranging play an important part in the club's program. A Sears Grant has aided in the landscaping of the Hartshorne Health Center.

Neshanic

NESHANIC GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1929 42 Members

Credit for bringing the people of Neshanic together at Christmas to sing carols must be given to the club's effort and each year since 1931 the planting and decorating of a community Christmas tree. The beautification work includes planting shrubs around the Fire House, Rescue Squad grounds, all school grounds and now landscaping at the Municipal Building.

Newark

NEWARK GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1926 52 Members

The club feels its greatest accomplishment has been the garden at North End Branch Library, which is "a quiet, restful haven in a busy city." A Sears Grant was received for this work. Their Garden Center won the club a National and State Certificate for continuance of a Permanent Garden Center (1959).

New Brunswick

LINNAEUS GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1951 25 Members

Most rewarding projects have been the work for Lyons and Menlo Park Veterans' Hospitals. They have landscaped at the Library and YWCA. A Garden Center was held in 1955 for which a GCNJ award was received; the same year they also received a Junior Gardening award.

New Brunswick

THE TROWEL CLUB OF NEW BRUNSWICK, Founded: 1934 40 Members

Johnson Park conservation project has been very successful. This ground was designated for the club by the County Board of Freeholders for the purpose of perpetuating wildflowers, plants and birds indigenous to New Jersey. All trees and plants are labeled. Besides a flower arrangement course given to the public, decorations have been provided for many important local events. In 1964 the Garden Club of the Year Trophy was received.

New Providence

NEW PROVIDENCE GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1936 32 Members

The objectives of the club have been upheld by the War Memorial planting, therapy at the Veterans' Hospital, promoting the use of the crab apple tree in town, working with Juniors, holding Garden Centers and Shows and donating books to the Library, thus developing an interest in gardening and encouraging civic beauty.

New Providence

RECREATION GARDEN CLUB OF NEW PROVIDENCE, Founded: 1960 30 Members

This young group has planted an area around the flagpole at the Allan W. Roberts School for young and old to enjoy. At Christmas wreaths are made for East Orange Veterans' Hospital.

New Shrewsbury

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW SHREWSBURY, Founded: 1958 33 Members

The planting around a memorial honoring the war dead at Sycamore School is the work of this club. It is also helping to landscape Colonial Green, a newly acquired town plot. Therapy at Marlboro, fall plant sales and a Junior Club also keeps the club busy.

North Caldwell

NORTH CALDWELL GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1952 49 Members

To put into effect the purpose of the club as to town beautification the three traffic triangles of the main roads were turned into attractive areas of shrubs and flowers, instead of hazards of overgrown weeds and trash. All maintenance is by club members. In appreciation the Town Council and individuals have given financial aid.

Northfield

NORTHFIELD GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1961 50 Members

Special pride can be taken for the Garden Center in Birch Grove Park where a worthless shack has been turned into an attractive meeting place with a large library and where programs are given each Wednesday for the public. The interest of members, two of whom have large rose gardens, has led to an Annual Rose Day.

Nutley

HOME GARDEN CLUB OF NUTLEY, Founded: 1950 101 Members

The most noteworthy project has been the establishment of a U.N. Garden, containing trees representing the United Nations countries, for which a Sears Grant was received. This active group has also planted and maintained the Colonial Gardens at the Museum and donated decorations for the Tercentenary Celebration.

Oakland

THE GARDEN CLUB OF OAKLAND, Founded: 1949 37 Members

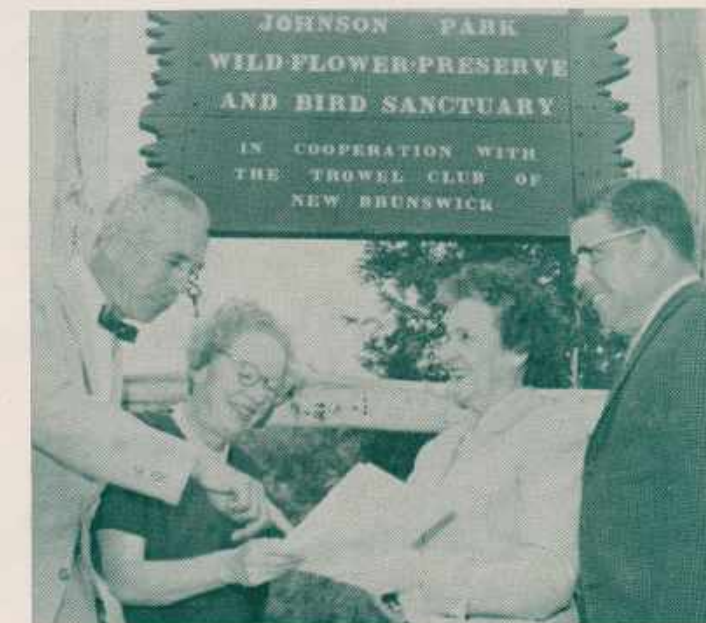
The "Keep Oakland Beautiful" campaign has been the most prominent service. Its aim to get businessmen and property owners to improve the appearance of the community was spurred by a contest for the best-looking place of business; and the installation of rail fencing, rose banks and a circle garden at the Post Office Plaza, which won them a Sears Grant. The club was instrumental in getting the Council to organize a Shade Tree Commission and support it by planting Arbor Day trees.

Paramus

PARAMUS GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1953 35 Members

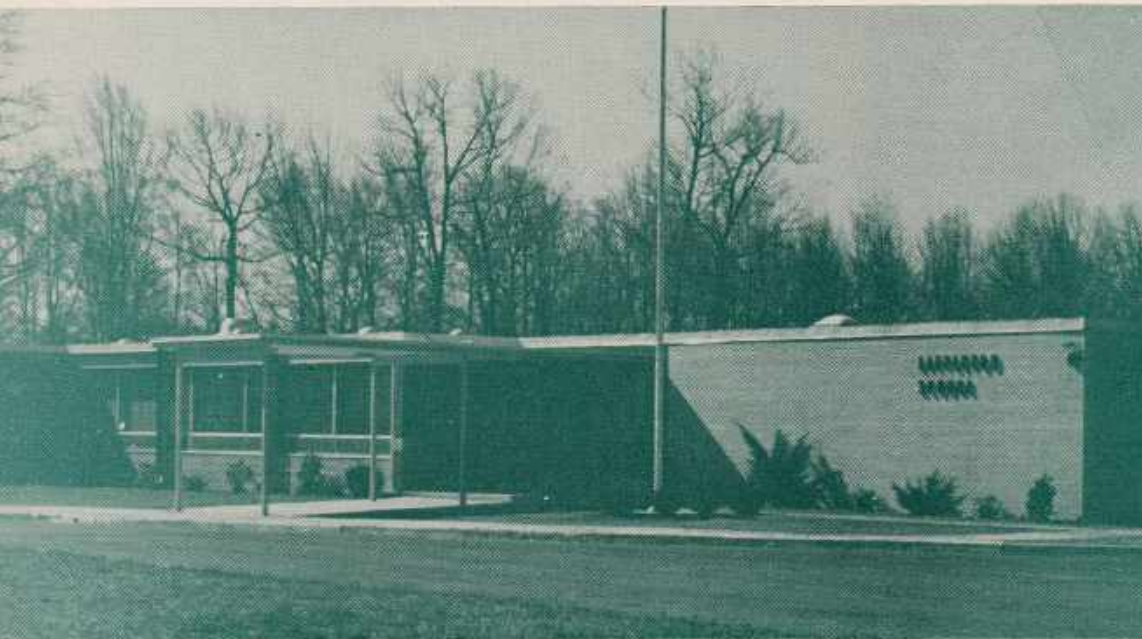
All residents have become aware of their "Keep Paramus Beautiful" motto. Distribution of "Tidy Tim" anti-litter flyers to school children; annual sale of trees, shrubs and flowers to homeowners; ten awards each year to the most attractive places of business; promotion of flowering crab apple as official town tree—all these have kept the public aware of their efforts. Their own plantings can be seen throughout the town.

Wildflower Preserve and Bird Sanctuary in Johnson Park by the Trowel Club of New Brunswick is a success. Plans are being admired by Raymond Korbobo of Rutgers and Mrs. Charles Stephens, Left, and Mrs. W. T. Campbell, Right, of the club and George Burton, Freeholder.



Wild Life and Garden Center in Birch Grove Park dedicated by the Northfield Garden Club in April, 1964, where a shack in the 300 acre park has been made into an attractive meeting place and library for members and the public. Mrs. W. B. Grubb making the presentation.





Forever Project of three garden clubs, Mount Tabor, Glacier Hills and Par-Troy—includes planning and landscaping the grounds of the nine schools of the township. Three Sears grants have aided this project.

Parsippany-Troy Hills

GLACIER HILLS GARDEN CLUB, 25 Members
Founded: 1955

They have participated in the Morris County Fair and Mid-Morris and GCNJ Junior Flower Shows. The most noteworthy work of this club has been carried on with the Par-Troy and Mt. Tabor Garden Clubs—"Forever" project, which is planning and landscaping schools in the area. A Sears Grant has been used for some of the shrubbery.

Parsippany-Troy Hills

PAR-TROY GARDEN CLUB, 20 Members
Founded: 1952

The "Forever" project is a fitting name for their ambition to perfect landscaping at the township's schools. So gigantic is this undertaking, they have combined with two other clubs to hasten progress. Three Sears grants have given assistance. Their devotion to Garden Therapy is represented by many volunteer hours, and three times a chairman has been appointed from among their members.

Passaic

PASSAIC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB, 19 Members
Founded: 1925

A Bird Sanctuary was established at Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson, in 1956 and each year additional plantings have been included. Always interested in civic and veterans' work, this club has contributed time and funds as well as knowledge. Shrubs have been planted at Paterson General Hospital; a roof garden planted in the Solarium of Passaic General Hospital. Annually a Christmas work day is held to make wreaths for the Veterans' Hospital and wrap gifts for the old ladies at Rose Mont Home.

Passaic

GARDEN CLUB OF PASSAIC, 30 Members
Founded: 1956

Designing and planting an herb garden at the Dey Mansion in Preakness was an award winner, followed by a \$200 Sears Grant to help with costs. Members take turns in weeding and keeping the garden trim. A sun dial has been added, and three bee skeps from Holland. In Passaic, six boxes and three large tubs of evergreens and flowers beautify the parking mall.

Pine Brook

TRIMMERS GARDEN CLUB, 18 Members
Founded: 1949

To perpetuate the growth of pines in the area 100 white pine seedlings were distributed in the neighborhood. Members feel the beautification of the Route 46 triangle (as it was called) between 1950 and 1958, gave them experience in planting and maintenance. Girl Scouts have been instructed in preparation for their flower shows. Flower arrangements are made for local churches, municipal building and P.T.A. meetings.

Plainfield

CHERRY DELL GARDEN CLUB OF THE PLAIN-FIELDS, 33 Members
Founded: 1950

Interest in Girl Scouts keeps members busy encouraging and instructing these potential garden clubbers. They still find time for successful flower shows and the grounds of many buildings have been improved through their efforts. Through the years they have donated a dogwood tree, a Norway maple, ten dozen tulips, ground cover plants, evergreens, shrubs, flowers and gifts of money.

Plainfield

GARDEN DEPARTMENT OF MONDAY AFTER-NOON CLUB OF PLAINFIELD, 62 Members
Joined: 1952

Much work was done at Kilmer, Lyons and Fort Dix during the years of World War II. This service was a satisfaction to club members. The Department has provided plantings to the Woman's Club and takes great pride in having received the 1963 NCSGC Purple Ribbon for its Shakespearean Flower Show.

Plainfield

THE PLAINFIELD GARDEN CLUB, 50 Members
Founded: 1915

Two members have served as President of the State Garden Club. The club is noted for the three gardens (Shakespeare Garden, Cornus Collection and Iris Garden) open to the public as an educational demonstration in Cedarbrook Park. Members studied and planned them with professional help, then planted and have maintained them over a period of 37 years. During the depression they sponsored beautification of the city parks, utilizing the unemployed. This became a nationwide federal project.

Plainfield

SPADE AND TROWEL GARDEN CLUB, 35 Members
Founded: 1931

Over three years and at a cost of \$835, the beautification of the grounds of The Neighborhood House in Plainfield was completed. There was no professional help, but devoted members cared for the plantings during the establishment period. National awards won were a special award for work at Camp Kilmer and the Purple Ribbon for the 1957 Greens Show. Juniors are prize winners too with a Conservation Achievement Award and a Sears Grant.

Point Pleasant

GARDEN DEPARTMENT WOMAN'S CLUB OF POINT PLEASANT, 14 Members
Joined: 1946

Emphasis has been placed on civic projects. They have beautified the grounds of Borough Hall, cooperated with Zone 10 in planning the Eatontown Shopping Center, also planned and executed the landscaping for their new clubhouse. Conservation programs have been held for the entire Woman's Club.

Princeton

DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB OF PRINCETON, 28 Members
Joined: 1959

This group is proud of its continued participation at the annual plant sale held at the N. J. Neuro Psychiatric Institute. Another ambitious undertaking is planting a trail in Herrontown Wood Arboretum.

Princeton

GARDEN CLUB OF PRINCETON, 48 Members
Joined: 1944

For the benefit of local institutions, national conservation and horticulture, weekly French Markets are held every spring and fall. A map of rare trees in Marquand Park was made as an educational project.

Princeton

STONY BROOK GARDEN CLUB, 37 Members
Founded: 1929

Among projects undertaken by the club have been planting at the hospital and the Officers Club, Garden Tent at Hospital Fete, an Interclub Plant Exchange, flowers provided for Fort Dix, a scholarship given for Audubon Camp and establishment of a community humus pile. The May Market at which unusual plants are offered to the public at a slight increase over wholesale prices has been rewarding horticulturally.

Rahway

RAHWAY MANOR GARDEN CLUB, 16 Members
Founded: 1951

The year they organized they held their first flower show in the homes of four members; more recently they have needed and used a church or school. They are known for their "Holly Breakfasts" which help finance some of their projects. One was the planting of tulips, with the cooperation of Juniors, at Scout House, but top enthusiasm goes to flowers for therapy. In 1961 they received a citation for their work at Lyons Hospital.

Ridgewood

THE WOMEN GARDENERS OF RIDGEWOOD, 35 Members
Founded: 1925

The Cerebral Palsy Center, Woman's Club, Valley Hospital, Paramus Historical Society and Greenbrook Sanctuary have been beautified by plantings done by this club. Conservation has also been important. Their lovely flower shows have received recognition—in 1957 they received the trophy for the finest standard and judged flower show of the year in the state; and were the recipients of a National Council Award in 1963. The members feel their most satisfying service is wrapping glamorous gifts at Christmas for shut-ins, some of whom receive no other remembrance.



Official of Merck & Company, Dr. William H. McLean, President of Chemical Division receives a Certificate of Merit for landscaping of their plant in Rahway from Mrs. James F. Burns, Chairman, with Mrs. Richard Fisher and Mrs. Charles Paulik of the Rahway Manor Garden Club.



Members of Zone 9 enjoy a breather in the sunshine at their meeting held in the Friends Meeting House at Crosswick, 1963.

Riverton

PORCH CLUB OF RIVERTON, GARDEN DEPARTMENT, Founded: 1890 25 Members

This is the oldest club recorded in the Garden Club of New Jersey's membership. Interested in all flower shows, they particularly favor those they have sponsored for Juniors through the Palmyra and Riverton schools. Beautification of their clubhouse grounds has been important, but they consider planting and maintaining a Wild Flower Trail in Community Park a greater service. A Sears Grant was of aid in this.

Roselle

CLIO CLUB OF ROSELLE-ROSELLE PARK GARDEN DEPARTMENT, Founded: 1922 65 Members

Since its founding this club has focused its activities on Garden Therapy at Lyons Veterans' Hospital. One member served as State Chairman and two are active in the Green Thumb Corps, with one lady receiving an award for 1,100 hours of service. Every year tickets for the International Flower Show are given to veterans at Lyons. A Sears Grant was received for landscaping a garden for the use of the club and Senior Citizens Group. The Library arranged a section for the club and over 100 books are available in the Horticultural section.

Rumson

RUMSON GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1914 100 Members

Members have been frequent winners in flower arrangement and horticulture classes both locally and in out-of-town shows. Their many plantings have been made at schools, hospitals, the Library, the Post Office, historical sites—and they have contributed substantially to efforts outside their immediate area.

Saddle River

SADDLE RIVER GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1939 52 Members

The activities of this group have focused on keeping Saddle River beautiful. Almost 1,000 pink dogwoods, the town's official tree, have been planted. They encouraged the Borough in proclaiming a Bird Sanctuary, and a section of the Borough Field has been preserved as a Nature Trail. Members have encouraged Junior gardening with summer garden contests and an expansion of the Junior section at flower shows.

Scotch Plains

CRESTWOOD GARDEN CLUB OF SCOTCH PLAINS, Founded: 1944 24 Members

Beautification of the local War Memorial Island and maintenance of window boxes at the Library are accomplishments of the club. Over the years a Junior program has been conducted in the High School.

Scotch Plains

SCOTCH PLAINS GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1952 20 Members

They completed a five-year landscaping program at Evergreen School, cared for the property adjacent to the War Memorial, and aided in planting at the new Park Avenue Post Office. Their awards include the Mrs. David L. George Silver Cup and the National Council Purple Ribbon for flower show excellence.

Scotch Plains

SHACKAMAXON GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1953 27 Members

Among awards for home tours and flower and greens shows, the National Council Purple Ribbon is most prized. Decorations or plantings, or donations have been given to schools, hospitals, the Scotch Plains YMCA and Fire House. A breakfast with a sale of gift items made possible a substantial contribution to Conservation.

Sea Girt

HOLLY CLUB OF SEA GIRT, Founded: 1955 50 Members

This civic-minded group founded the "Town Beautification Committee" which includes representatives from all organizations in town. To keep the Christmas spirit they have revived Christmas decorations competition and Community Sings. They started a morning division made up mostly of their daughters and this group formed a Junior Club of their granddaughters.

Short Hills

GARDEN STUDY CLUB OF SHORT HILLS, Founded: 1920 35 Members

This club has been active in civic projects including the planting of the Short Hills R. R. Station, circle and banks and plantings around the Millburn Library. Time has been spent planning, planting and caring for a plot in front of the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum.

Short Hills

ROLLING HILLS GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1956 83 Members

Both flowers and volunteers have gone to Lyons every year, plus Courier Service since 1960. It was with this organization that the uniform originated. Plantings have been made at the hospital, at the Short Hills business section, and in the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum where a woodland path is weeded and maintained. Juniors, organized in 1962, won the "Beauty Unlimited" award that year. Later, they were cited for therapy work.

Short Hills

SHORT HILLS GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1906 50 Members

After years of diversified activities, attention is concentrated on the Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary named for a member, Cora Hartshorn. She bequeathed this property to the Township of Millburn and the Short Hills Garden Club instigated the creation of the present organization which presents splendid youth programs as well as those for adults.

Short Hills

SHORT HILLS HOME GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1956 50 Members

Club members assisted in planning the planting of 200 tubs now improving appearances in the business section. Their main interest is planting and maintaining trails at the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum.

Shrewsbury

SHREWSBURY GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1957 20 Members

In 1962/3 the state widened Route 35 in Shrewsbury, creating unsightly "jug handles" at each end of the borough. This garden club has landscaped these areas with trees, shrubs and ground covers. In 1963 a Sears Grant aided in this fine work.

Somers Point

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB OF SOMERS POINT, Joined: 1957 40 Members

Over the years the club has donated plants on holidays to the War Memorial at City Hall. Being good samaritans, every Christmas members fix holiday boxes containing fruits and homemade cookies for shut-ins.

Somerset County

WASHINGTON VALLEY GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1946 44 Members

For three years members worked at the Matheny School for Cerebral Palsy Children in Far Hills. A Junior Club was formed and to the membership of children in the hospital 15 children of members were added so the handicapped would have a feeling of acceptance with the unhandicapped. In May 1955 the first "Garden Club of the Year" award was conferred for work at the Matheny School and for participating fully in garden club objectives.

Somerset Hills Area

GARDEN CLUB OF SOMERSET HILLS, Joined: 1929 100 Members

This group has continued to be conscious of its obligation toward Conservation and Education. The Upper Raritan Watershed Assoc., a citizens group, was organized as a direct result of the Conservation Committee's intensive educational program. This committee actively cooperated with the local Shade Tree and Zoning Commissions in an effort to better the landscaping and conservation practices of the new "developers" in the area. As a result three neighboring towns formed Shade Tree Commissions.

Somerville

SOMERVILLE CIVIC LEAGUE, GARDEN DEPARTMENT, Joined: 1954 40 Members

In 1956 members held their first Garden Center for which they received a GCNJ award. Flower shows are planned almost every year because the club feels they serve to stimulate better gardening in the community.

Somerville-Belle Mead

ROYCEFIELD VALLEY GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1952 19 Members

Somerville is fortunate to have this group stage a flower or greens show every year—sometimes both. They still had time to beautify the area of the Belle Mead Post Office, doing much of the work themselves. They have cared for the plantings since, adding to them each season.

South Orange

ESSEX COUNTY GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1954 97 Members

This group has brought sunshine into the lives of those less fortunate at Ivy Haven—the Poor House. They redecorated the dining room and painted a mural on the wall. Time is also devoted to the plantings at the Orange Orthopedic Hospital, the Veterans' Hospital and Kessler Institute.

Original Members of the Green Thumb Corps (Picture p. 53)

Front row (Left to right): Mrs. Grant Parry, Mountain Lakes, Mrs. Alan Parkes Boonton (Captain of the Green Thumb Corps); Mrs. Olav Tweit, Mountain Lakes (Chairman of Gardening Therapy); Mrs. Eric Williamson, Rumson.

Middle row: Mrs. Oscar Nielson, Roselle Park; Mrs. J. F. Halsted, Somerville; Mrs. C. A. Robinson, Westfield; Mrs. Walter Fulmer, Basking Ridge; Mrs. Harvey Traband, Pines Lake; Mrs. G. Ehrlich, Westfield; Mrs. Walter Knorr, Cranford; Mrs. William Loundes, Chester.

Top row: Mrs. Harry Smith, Plainfield; Mrs. Arthur Dean, Bound Brook; Mrs. Eugene Coyle, Neshanic; Mrs. Charles Swanson, Bedminter; Mrs. V. D. Key, Livingston; Mrs. Graham Ashmead, Locust; Mrs. John Terrault, Hopewell; Miss Marie Bellis, Hopewell; Mrs. Maurice Neill, Bernardsville.

Not present when picture was taken: Mrs. Walter Boash, Rumson; Mrs. John L. Capen, Boonton; Miss Jean Clifford, Holmdel; Mrs. John Dawe, Fanwood; Mrs. Donald Harper, Califon; Mrs. Anna Jones, Paterson; Mrs. Lester Levergood, Flemington; Mrs. B. Pedrick, Flemington; Mrs. Orha Wain, Fanwood.



W. Albert Manda Memorial: In Meadowland Park, given by the garden clubs of South Orange, East Orange, and Oranges in 1939 to honor a beloved horticulturist who interested children in the wonders of plant life, especially cactus and other succulents.



Depression Gardens sponsored by the South Orange Garden Club in Olympic Park in 1934 grew prize vegetables.

South Orange

THE SOUTH ORANGE GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1931 **203 Members**

Accomplishments over the year would fill pages but here are some unusual ones: Erected memorial to Albert Manda, horticulturist; supplied flowers to shut-ins for 33 years; headed movement to make the town a vista of dogwoods; established relief vegetable gardens during the depression; presented \$500 worth of rare wild flower prints to the Library. Over a two-year period members undertook to finance and execute a garden at the General Hospital, Haddon Hall, England, for which they received an award.

Sparta

GARDEN DEPARTMENT OF THE SPARTA WOMAN'S CLUB, Founded: 1960 **29 Members**

The greatest effort went into the Tercentenary Green Thumb Competition. The club engaged nurserymen and suggested the beautiful planting at the Municipal Building, which won an award. They were instrumental in getting the Woman's Club to donate a red oak and a pine which grace the Municipal Building property.

Sparta

SUSSEX COUNTY GARDEN CLUB,
Joined: 1940 **38 Members**

This group planned and assisted its County Planning Board with plantings at the base of the County signs at road entries. Continued donations to the Memorial Garden Book Shelf at Newton are made. In 1959 the County Park was presented with a living Christmas tree and another one stands on the "green" in Newton.

Summit

SUMMIT GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1916 **39 Members**

A Litterbug Campaign, work with school children's gardens, work on Conservation projects, Horticulture Workshops, hospital therapy, many flower shows and civic projects designed to beautify Summit have been undertaken through the years. Outstanding has been the sending of one or two teachers every year to the Audubon Camp in Maine.

Sussex

SUSSEX GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1936 **60 Members**

Therapy work at Lyons and contributions to the County Home for the Aged have been included in the club's projects. Memorial trees have been planted in the area. The principal work of the club is the landscape planting and maintenance of ornamentals at the Alexander Linn Hospital.

Tenafly

NORTHERN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1957 **37 Members**

The club feels that its Tercentenary Rose Beds for which they plan perpetual care is its most lasting contribution to the area. However, the public feels their 1963 Christmas Decorations Demonstration Show with eight hours of continuous instruction was so helpful and inspiring, it should be repeated every year.

Tenafly

TENAFLY WOMAN'S CLUB GARDEN DEPARTMENT, Founded: 1927 **20-40 Members**

Garden contests, Rose Days, Borough plantings, shows and a ragweed campaign have received the attention of this busy department. The most outstanding community project has been the transformation of one-half mile of municipal property along the Erie Railroad from a swamp to a parkway. The planting was done over a period of ten years at a cost of \$9000. The GCNJ award for Civic Achievement was given for this in 1957.

Toms River

THE GARDEN CLUB OF TOMS RIVER,
Founded: 1948 **44 Members**

Dover Township has been the recipient of a long-time project of beautification. Roadside areas have been planted and a small park landscaped. A significant climax was reached when a 20-foot holly tree was transplanted. Two Sears Grants were won by the club for this work. Among other awards have been the Junior Achievement award, a Tercentenary Medallion from Dover Township and a special award for the Pine Barrens Exhibit at the Tally-Ho House and Garden Tour.

Trenton

GARDEN CLUB OF TRENTON,
Founded: 1912 **35 Members**

Over 50 years of achievements would fill a brochure! Following are the most noteworthy: The first State Annual Meeting was held at a member's home, May 1926; exhibits at State Fair, Flower Shows at the State Museum (each one attended by 5000 persons); war work over two wars — emergency food gardens including one of five acres at Fort Dix, donations of tools and seeds to Europe; gifts and donations for Tilton Hospital as well as 500 community families supplied with vegetable seeds. There have been plantings for historical buildings and institutions, and a beautification campaign for factories. The cause of conservation has been helped by scholarships to 30 teachers since 1933. More than 300 children have been taken on a farm tour. The focal point of 25 years' interest has been the care of the garden at Trent House.

Trenton

GARDEN DEPARTMENT OF THE CONTEMPORARY CLUB, Joined: 1957 **75 Members**

The front of the clubhouse has been enhanced with holly and pachysandra planted by members. Every year corsages are made for the graduating class of the State Reformatory for Girls at Clinton.

Trenton

WEST TRENTON GARDEN CLUB,
Founded: 1953 **60 Members**

Fisk School grounds have been beautified through the efforts of the club. Members undertook to remove many of the old shrubs, prune and fertilize others, plant new evergreens and flowering shrubs. A Biology Award was established at Ewing High School and is awarded annually to the outstanding biology student. Other achievements are: cherry trees planted at all Township churches and public buildings; Christmas wreaths and bedside arrangements for Fort Dix; Veteran's marker decorated on holidays annually; Junior club organized.



Mrs. Herbert Carnes, Tenally, appeals to all to trim a tree for the birds at Christmas time.

Below: Landscaping Exhibit. Trenton Garden Club in their flower show, State Museum, 1939.



BIBLE GARDEN PLANTS

Verona Garden Club

Ivy	<i>Hedera helix.</i> 11 Maccabees 6:7
Flax	<i>Linum usitatissimum.</i> Proverbs 31:13
Lavender	<i>Lavandula vera.</i> Romans 14:2
Wormwood	<i>Artemisia absinthium.</i> Jeremiah 35:15
Garlic	<i>Allium sativum.</i> Numbers 11:5
Thyme	<i>Thymus serpyllum.</i> Proverbs 15:17
Rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis.</i> Job 38:27
Rue	<i>Ruta graveolens.</i> Luke 11:42
Aloes	<i>Aloe succotrina.</i> John 19:39
Heath	<i>Juniperus sabina.</i> Jeremiah 17:6
Bulrushes	<i>Cyperus papyrus.</i> Exodus 2:3
Mint	<i>Mentha arvensis.</i> Matthew 23:23
Horehound	<i>Marrubium vulgare.</i> Psalms 37:2
Saffron	<i>Crocus sativus.</i> Song of Solomon 4:14
Jonquil	<i>Narcissus jonquilla.</i> Isaiah 35:1
Meadow Saffron	<i>Colchicum autumnale.</i> Matthew 13:32
Lilies of the Field	<i>Anemone coronaria.</i> Matthew 6:28
Fitches	<i>Nigella sativa.</i> (fennel flower) Isaiah 28:27
Gourd	<i>Ricinus communis.</i> (castor bean) Jonah 4:6
Bedstraw	<i>Galium verum.</i> Exodus 5:7
Lilies	<i>Lilium candidum.</i> Song of Solomon 6:2
Rose	<i>Narcissus tazetta</i> (poetaz). Isaiah 35:1
Dove's Dung	<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum.</i> 11 Kings 6:25 (Star of Bethlehem)
Myrtle	<i>Myrtus communis.</i> Zechariah 1:8
Palm	<i>Phoenix dactylifera.</i> 11 Chronicles 28:15 (date palm)
Pomegranate	<i>Punica granatum.</i> Song of Solomon 4:13
Green Bay Tree	<i>Laurus nobilis.</i> Psalms 37:35
Cedar of Lebanon	<i>Cedrus libanitica.</i> Psalms 92:12
Fir	<i>Pinus halepensis.</i> Isaiah 37:24 (aleppo pine)
Fig	<i>Ficus carica.</i> Proverbs 27:18
Rose of Sharon	<i>Tulip species.</i> Song of Solomon 2:1
Gall	<i>Papaver species.</i> Matthew 27:34

Verona

VERONA GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1922

29 Members

Through the years since its founding, club members have continued to be active in all phases of garden club work. It has faithfully supported the State Garden Club in its efforts. However, the club is extremely proud of the Memorial Bible Garden which was conceived in the summer of 1958 by two members who did a vast amount of research. The garden was located on the grounds of the Calvary Lutheran Church and the public was invited to a formal dedication on June 28, 1959. A scrapbook was compiled with all pertinent data and the project received a Certificate of Merit. More publicity and pictures were added and the scrapbook was entered for the May Duff Walters Medal competition for church gardens—a National Council award. With great pride the club was awarded this much-coveted bronze medal in 1960, see left below.

Watchung Reservation

TRAILSIDE GARDEN CLUB OF UNION COUNTY, Founded: 1958

27 Members

In sponsoring a flower show each year, literally thousands of people are able to enjoy flower arrangements and the horticulture display at the Trailside Museum. Annually with the cooperation of the garden clubs in Union County, the show has grown in beauty and importance to the surrounding communities.

Watchung

GARDEN CLUB OF WATCHUNG, Founded: 1957

44 Members

The creation and display of hanging baskets in honor of the Tercentenary was the club's most noteworthy project. The town was invited to participate and members had many orders from neighbors and friends to make these colorful baskets. Juniors created and presented theirs to borough officials for public buildings. Plans are being made to landscape the new Watchung Rescue Squad Building.

Wayne

PACKANACK LAKE GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1951

39 Members

This lake is man-made and has been the object of most of the club's attention. Maturing of willows at the lake edge, dogwood trees and flowering shrubs, has been watched with delight and gratification. Work continues, with more beauty in sight as reward. Other planting has been done at the lake dam, the elementary school, the Bird Sanctuary, and on West Lake Drive.

Wayne

PINES LAKE GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1937

70 Members

Their awards tell a story of accomplishments. Among many others, they have been recognized for these: terrariums to hospitals, Community Garden tree markers, Garden Centers, planting of window boxes, Year Book and flower shows. In 1958 the National Council Purple Ribbon was received for their Christmas Show; their Greens Show in 1959 won the Spade and Trowel Bowl. In 1964 they won the Helen Hull Silver Bowl for their outstanding horticulture exhibit. Their winner of the Continuing Project Award, the Woodland Garden, set a new high for Juniors and Seniors cooperating and has been an inspiration throughout the state.

Wayne

RIVERVIEW GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1958

29 Members

Their records include the restoration of the flower garden at the historic Van Riper-Hopper Homes in their township, planting at the elementary school and donations of trees and shrubs to improve other areas, particularly the four entrances to their community. Above all these they place what they call the "Face Lifting" given to a local parkway when poison ivy and other tangled vines were obliterated and only existing pine trees preserved. The addition of soil, fertilizer and grass seed changed this into a beauty spot.

Westfield

GARDEN CIRCLE OF WESTFIELD, Joined: 1957

40 Members

An annual bulb sale is held. Altar flowers and other decorations for major holidays are provided at the Jewish Chapel of Lyons Hospital. They have also contributed additional shrubs at Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, which members planted themselves.

Westfield

THE GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD, Founded: 1922

69 Members

After World War II the club had a special table made for a designated space in the Library—a memorial to their war heroes. Every week a member places an arrangement on the table and another one in the Children's section. Thousands of folks enjoy and appreciate these colorful spots. A concentrated drive was made to plant dogwood trees throughout the town; and evergreens and a rock garden were planted at the Children's Home for Specialized Diseases. Thirty-six flower shows have been held and in 1960 the club received a National Council award for its Home and Garden Tour.

Westfield

GARDEN DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WESTFIELD, Founded: 1933

40 Members

For 14 years a Greens Show has been held. The first one was a civic project to show the public how to make Christmas decorations. Through the years the show has become more popular. Members have landscaped the Woman's Club grounds and they work at Lyons Hospital and Fort Dix.

Westfield

RAKE AND HOE CLUB OF WESTFIELD, Founded: 1952

72 Members

In 1956 they received the first Elizabeth Hood Silver Trophy for their Garden Center. Sponsored by the YWCA, one of their first projects was to start a planting program there. In 1960 their Christmas Open Homes Show won the National Council award and was such a financial success they were able to donate \$1000 to their sponsors' building fund. In 1963 this coveted award was won again. They are proud to be cited by the state for exceptional work with Juniors.

West Orange

MOUNTAIN GARDEN CLUB OF WEST ORANGE, Founded: 1959

26 Members

While their projects have been varied, all have been equally important. They supervised the planting of the West Orange Library Rock Garden, flower arrangements are made for the patients at East Orange Veterans' Hospital and the Children's Orthopedic Hospital. Several successful plant and bulb sales have been held as well as flower shows.



The Woodland Garden Sanctuary of the Pines Lake Garden Club enlists cooperation of both junior and senior clubs in an outstanding project of 10 years.



Victory Gardens, 1942, fostered by the Pines Lake Club reveal the gardening skill of the members.

West Orange

THE GARDEN CLUB OF THE ORANGES, Founded: 1918

84 Members

A Wild Flower Garden was established at Kessler Institute. It was planned around dogwoods with paths wide enough for a wheelchair. After this start the club did plantings at the Orthopedic Hospital in Orange with other clubs. The club has been the recipient of many awards for its various achievements. Other interests include: sponsoring Audubon Movies, Plant Sales and making arrangements for shut-ins.

Wharton

WHARTON GARDEN CLUB, Founded: 1961

32 Members

Although a young club, members are enthusiastic and proud of their many accomplishments. The Town Hall has been decorated with hanging baskets and Wharton Park enhanced with flowering plants. Marie V. Duffey School is gradually being landscaped through club efforts. Members were delighted with their first flower show in May 1964 and the fine arrangements entered by the school children.



The Bible Garden of the Verona Garden Club won the National Council's May Duff Walters Church Garden award in 1960.



Shakespeare Garden, Cedar Brook Park, started in 1927 by the Plainfield Garden Club, contains plants mentioned in the plays and sonnets of Shakespeare, is maintained by a committee of the club with aid from the Union County Park Commission.

I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,
Where ox-lips, and the nodding violet grows;
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,
With sweet musk-roses, and with eglantine.

— A Midsummer Night's Dream.

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Following up the work carried on for the past two years by the Short Hills Garden Club, the Federation sent letters to sixty Garden Clubs in New Jersey asking their cooperation in the campaign against the tent caterpillar.

The responses show activity in every direction. Efforts have been made to interest every property owner in the care of his own trees, spreading information about this destructive pest through the newspapers.

The school children have been the largest collectors of egg masses. Their interest was aroused by local Garden Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs and in one county by the County Agent of Agriculture. The teachers have been very helpful in giving instruction in the classroom on the life history of the caterpillar and compositions written by the children in one school showed a thorough knowledge of the subject. The records of the number of nests collected have been kept by the school authorities. The prizes offered by different organizations include money, books and roller skates. The pupil holding the record collected over 12,000 nests. The Englewood Garden Club reported 45,000 nests collected by Englewood schools in April. Bound Brook Garden Club reported each Boy Scout in town collected 2,000 egg masses during the year.

The Westfield Garden Club conducted a competition against the tent caterpillar. Ten cents per hundred was paid to school children for egg masses and a \$2.50 gold coin in a velvet-lined gilt box was given to the pupil in each school who collected the greatest number. The total number collected in the Westfield schools was 26,977.

In all, more than 1,000,000 egg masses were collected and destroyed in the first season and the campaign continued unabated for six years.



Treasures of New Jersey (1927)

What can we boast about and feel pride in possessing? Many natural and artificial features of the State of New Jersey of which, perhaps, some of the members of the Garden Clubs may be pleased to be reminded. Among the most important of our natural features underlying all development since the advent of the white man is the geology of the State, with the Delaware River forming its western boundary which gives the State its peculiar conformation and shape. Various geological formations of ancient and modern times are represented; the most ancient are the crystalline rocks of the Kittatinny range in the northwest with a large band of Triassic red sandstones and shales forming the upper northeastern half through which the volcanic or trap rocks of the Palisades and first and second mountains, have been pushed up as intrusives. It is noticeable in studying the map of the State that north of a line running northeast to southwest from South Amboy to Trenton, most of the rivers and hence many of the main roads, run parallel in these directions and the longer axis of Greenwood and Lake Hopatcong take the same direction due to the trend of the mountain ranges and valleys. The Passaic River which meanders through the northern portion of the State seems to have been influenced by the glacial period and the terminal moraine also forms an irregular line through this portion of the State. It is these features which render this northern portion so attractive for residence.

The southern portion of the State is much more modern in its geology and less rocky; the soils are composed of sand, clays, marls and yellow gravel, and includes much of the rich farm-land of the State. Dr. John W. Harshberger of the University of Pennsylvania has written a book on the Flora of the Pine-barrens, one of the very interesting features of this southern portion.

Of cultivated plants the most interesting are the mammoth blueberries grown at Whitesbog, New Jersey, roses and orchids. Private estates and small gardens abound and all have features of special excellence. Some of the public parks too are notable for unusual beauty or interest. The most valuable and precious of these is the Harriman Interstate Park, which is a joy to countless people and a wonderful recreation place for both New York and New Jersey at all seasons of the year. The last cause for pride is the awakened interest in garden clubs throughout the state and the recent federation of these clubs, which is sure to promote gardening and make its members expert in this fine and delightful art.

— Elizabeth G. Britten

Preserving Natural Beauty (1927)

America cannot have the palaces, castles and historic fields of Europe. She must find her charm largely in natural beauty. Suppose we place in every county a large-sized park where the characteristic fauna and flora of the locality will be protected, and connect this vast system of parks by a series of parkways and roads. Is there anything that could add more to the attractiveness of America?

What has been done in your county? What can be done?

Highways and Byways (1929)

Only six counties have taken advantage of the authority to organize shade tree commissions. In five counties there are county park commissions who no doubt interest themselves more or less in roadside trees. In the greater part of the state, no provision whatever is being made to plant trees that would make our roads as renowned for their beauty and comfort as they will be for being efficient means of transportation. There has been a petition circulated for a landscape architect to assist in the planting.

Outdoor Good Manners (1932)

To leave the woods and parks as beautiful as you find them; this is outdoor good manners.

Help preserve the wild flowers and trees.

Always leave a clean camp and a dead fire.

Help to keep our country "America the beautiful".

A Message from Dr. Van Dyke (1932)

The New Jersey Audubon Society is campaigning for better bird protection in our beautiful State. It is a good cause which deserves the aid of all wise and public-spirited citizens, male and female, young and old. It is worthy of gifts—and more! It is worthy of personal effort and assistance in every possible way. The elimination of homeless and marauding cats; the reduction of songless, hostile and aggressive foreign birds, like the European sparrow; the provision of food and drink, in severe seasons, for our native songsters who stay with us in the winter waiting for the spring; in these and other ways bird-lovers can give aid and comfort to our cheerful, songful friends—our little brothers of the air.

If you will do some of this good work, neighbor, it will incline you to make a generous gift to the New Jersey Audubon Society. We don't want to lose the meadowlark from our fields, the thrushes from our woods, the robins from our gardens, the orioles from our orchards, or the blue birds from our blue sky.

My Garden (1932)

I had a little garden
In the corner of my yard.
I weeded it; I watered it;
I worked there very hard.

I tackled all the problems
Of drainage and of soil,
Of mulching and insecticides,
And never thought it toil.

My color schemes were rather good,
And even passers-by
Seemed to enjoy my garden
Almost as much as I,

Till I heard a garden lecture
Which left me sad indeed,
For in spite of all my flowers,
And not a single weed,

I found I'd made a grave mistake,
Which nobody could pardon:
Since it hadn't any axis,
I hadn't any garden.

— Margaret W. Farrand

"It Can't Be Done" (1932)

Everyone said, "It can't be done," but one Garden Club combined civic beautification with unemployment relief, and proved it could. First, the Plainfield Civic Beautification Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was formed. It included the president of the Plainfield Garden Club, its Conservation Chairman, the president of the Monday Afternoon Club, representatives of the Plainfield Courier-News, the Plainfield Public Library, and the Plainfield Art Association.

Then, following a survey, two places were selected for improvement—two vacant lots which had been used as rubbish dumps right in downtown Plainfield. One lay near the main station of the Jersey Central Railroad, the other along the banks of Green Brook, in full view of the main Business streets.

There were difficulties, of course. The Civic Beautification Committee had no funds. Could unemployment money be used on private property, even if the owners would consent? Garden Club representatives believed in the idea, and \$275 was voted to pay the workers. Nothing would be spent on materials.

The land was privately owned. Owners, when called upon, were cordial though convinced, "You can't make anything out of those dumps." But we secured a "loan" of the two lots.

We had no tools, no trucks, no good earth, no plants. The city engineers promised us trucks and tools, some topsoil, and even the city sprinkling tank for watering plants. Men from the Park Department brought young trees and helped in their planting.

For the project near its station, the Jersey Central sent its landscape architect to advise, and donated over 200 vines. Articles in the local paper brought much plant material from nurserymen and individuals. School pupils contributed a penny to a nickel each for rambling roses. Manure was donated by milk companies. The resulting "Cottage Garden", with its lovely planting, benches, sandbox and swing, offered beauty as well as rest and recreation in what had been an unkempt alley.

The Green Brook site was on a knoll covered with enormous rocks, weeds, old autos, other debris, and several tons of coal—the supply for a nearby building. But there was a willow tree beside the brook, a lovely bit of old wall on the edge of the ravine, and a view of the Watchung Hills in the background.

After tearing out and burning weeds and rubbish and persuading its owner to remove the coal, we brought in a tractor. One auto was buried as the hill was contoured. Another was carried off with a huge truckload of castoff metal. The large rocks were pushed to a border line to keep out autos. A barberry hedge was planted.

Seats were made of flagstones from the city yard, placed on stone posts from the abandoned sewage-disposal plant. Columbine, forget-me-nots and iris grow near them now. In the two projects, the 51 trees, 89 roses and about 750 other plants and shrubs were all donated. Most of the labor was also freely given.

One day, as work was going on, a belligerent man pointed at watching boys and prophesied, "That gang is just waiting to ruin the whole place." Next day the same boys helped the writer hunt and dig violets down by the creek, then plant on the project site.

Later, it was both gratifying and significant to see the opposite bank in North Plainfield cleaned up by their unemployed, and planted with ramblers by the property owner. Now even the original skeptics are loud in their praise. Money has been provided by the Unemployment Relief Committee to finance the continuance of the work begun by the Garden Club, and a letter written to the Garden Club by the Lion's Club of Plainfield says, "We consider this one of the finest pieces of civic service which has been rendered to Plainfield." (Condensed)

A Message from our National President (1932)

Dear Fellow Members of Our New Jersey Federation:
I am so grateful to our president for this chance to speak to you all. As you probably know, the President of the United States has just been holding a conference on Home Building and Ownership. At this I represented you on the Planning and Planting of Home Grounds Committee, and there I found that the feeling was universal, that the Garden Clubs of the country had an opportunity that was also a duty—the kind of duty that is always laid on the shoulders of the enlightened members of a community—that of showing the way, of making known our Garden Club ideals.

I was proud to say that New Jersey has been a pioneer in establishing Garden Centers. But now I ask you to carry on and enlarge this fine beginning. If a regular Garden Center seems beyond its means, cannot each Garden Club set out in some accessible place, such as a library, a table with reference books, Federal and State Agricultural and other bulletins, with a committee in charge at regular stated hours? This could raise the level of taste of the whole community: it would emphasize the necessity of planning BEFORE planting, it would harmonize the appearance of whole sections of its municipality and create therein a spirit of friendly rivalry in ways of beauty, it would lend its knowledge, its experience, its ideals, for the good of its neighborhood.

It is only by offering to our communities what we have in knowledge and leadership that we can make them beautiful, that we can hasten the time when even the casual traveller may recognize by its well-kept and beautiful grounds, both public and private, each town in which exists a Garden Club.

— Cornelia V. W. Kellogg

For Every Town (1932)

Urge every town to adopt an official flower, and use it to beautify gardens and roadsides. Sponsor a move to locate, protect and preserve all historic and old trees in your community.



The Violet (1932)

The violet is one of the best known and best loved flowers of our State. When the Indians were the only native Americans, the violet was at home in our woods and in the grasslands. It is an original dweller of our State. The violet, as well as other native wild flowers, should be considered a sacred heritage of our native land. (The violet became the State flower by act of the Legislature in 1913.)

George Washington Bi-centennial (1932)

On Arbor Day in April, garden clubs journeyed to Washington Crossing State Park to plant a Washington Oak and nine American elm. (Throughout the state more than 12,000 trees were planted by garden clubs in honor of the George Washington Bi-Centennial.)

No Minor Influence (1932)

The organized garden interest of the state has been no minor influence on the Highway Budget for 1932 which carries an item of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars "for tree planting and highway beautification". The civic influence of the Federated Garden Clubs of the state is assured.

As the Twig is Bent (1933)

On May 10, 1932, the newly appointed Committee on Education mailed a questionnaire to one hundred and two public school systems in the State. Its purpose was to ascertain what the schools are doing in nature study and what the Federation can do to help.

Replies were received from seventy-eight systems, sixty-eight of which are doing work of some merit. Only four of the cities reporting, employ supervisors who give their entire time to nature instruction. Six other cities employ science teachers who include some supervisory nature work in their courses. In all other schools, the study of nature is carried on by class room teachers without much supervision.

In October, pamphlets dealing with the seasonable project, Conservation of Christmas Greens, were mailed to the seventy-eight superintendents who had expressed a willingness to cooperate in this State-wide program. The units of work contained in this booklet were prepared by elementary teachers and proved to be practical and highly successful in a suburban community of New Jersey. The course of study was offered as suggested material to be used in any way they saw fit.

At once there was established a splendid feeling of complete cooperation. The school authorities, sensing that the Federation had no desire nor intention of dictating or hampering the procedure, went into the work whole-heartedly.

The reports show the subject matter in every instance was taught over a period of weeks in the classroom as part of the regular school course and was correlated with reading, writing, language, spelling, music, art and physical education. Delightful dramatizations written, staged and costumed by the children have been received. As the chairman reads the reports from every section of the State she feels the Federation was justified in carrying out its vision of an educational program for the purpose of teaching the proper use and protection of Christmas greens.

Hundreds of teachers and thousands of pupils enjoyed the study and found it of educational value and were spurred on in every instance to make a worthwhile contribution to a State-wide effort. Our object was to work through the children to reach the homes and parents where the responsibility of conservation really rests.

— Blanche P. Durgin

Christmas Wreath Contest (1933)

The second annual State Christmas Wreath Contest held at the Newark Art Club to encourage conservation of laurel, ground pine and holly, brought double the number of wreaths for hanging than did the first contest among 25 clubs the previous year, proving that the educational campaign had developed interest. Nearly 100 wreaths were hung, these being prize winners in preliminary competitions of Garden Clubs. (More than 50,000 people viewed these "conservation" wreaths.)



He Who Knows Not (1933)

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is stupid.

Shun him.

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is simple.

Teach him.

He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is sleeping.

Rouse him.

He who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise.

Follow him.

It is the great public which knows not and knows not that it knows not, which is our responsibility, and if we would save the beauty of our country to hand down as a heritage to our children, we must deal with this ignorance. We who know the dangers of deforestation must teach our thoughtless neighbors to be careful about putting out their picnic fires. We must teach the need of wildflower and bird protection, and must take the lead in conserving our native holly, ground-pine, and laurel. We, who know the recreative power of gardening, must tell to a world in the throes of readjustment, the joys of working with the soil, must demonstrate the possibility of gardening in small spaces, and arouse more interest in the appearance of our cities.

Highway Beautification (1933)

The Rumson Garden Club has undertaken the beautification of a highway just opened between Keyport and Atlantic Highlands. It passes through rural districts similar to those bordering the highway between the Amboys and the shore. Hoping to forestall the hideousness that disgraces that route, a committee from the garden club called on every property-owner on the road with the result that they have themselves formed a "Bayside Boulevard Improvement Association", have had an illustrated lecture by the landscaping member of the State Highway Commission, have, with the Garden Club, sent a joint delegation to Trenton and secured a promise from that commission to plant trees along the road, have obtained plans of model roadside stands and are now endeavoring to get some zoning ordinances passed in the townships affected. The Rumson Garden Club has offered prizes for the best-kept private property on the road, the best flower garden, the best roadside stand and the least objectionable gasoline station.



Depression Gardens (1933)

... These days of depression are a challenge to the garden clubs, to use their knowledge and experience in helping those who need employment to help themselves by raising their own vegetables. It is not enough to give out seeds; some fertilizer should be included, and there must be instruction and some supervision. We urge every club to make a supreme effort in this cause. These gardens are not just to raise potatoes and beans. They may raise hope and courage. Do not stress the economic side too much, in this work. If a man wants to raise a lily, for the good of his soul, let him.

— Mary Wilson Vail



Emergency Gardens (1935)

The Newark Garden Club has continued its interest in the Emergency Gardens which were inaugurated in Newark by our club and which have grown from 465 in 1933 to 2,332 in 1935. Flower seeds were donated for ornamental borders to the Emergency Gardens, and through the cooperation of the Essex County Park Commission several hundred young plants were distributed to the public school playgrounds.

Parkways for New Jersey (1946)

Nineteen hundred and forty-five marked the successful culmination of many years effort—passage of a Parkway Bill for New Jersey. While this is only enabling legislation, it provides the framework on which to plan our program. Mrs. Reginald A. Saunders, while president, renewed Garden Club interest in roadside development. Each successive president has fostered our participation in this highly important field.

Parkways and freeways as a solution to New Jersey's roadside problem was endorsed from the first. With an admirable singleness of purpose, and in close cooperation with the New Jersey Roadside Council, the State Chamber of Commerce, Regional Plan Association and other agencies, The Garden Club of New Jersey has helped to secure one of the best parkway laws to be found in the United States.

Nineteen hundred and forty-six should see our parkway system started, if the citizens of New Jersey will get behind the State Highway Department's program. It is a five year plan to construct an arterial freeway (1) from the George Washington Bridge to the Raritan River at, or west of Perth Amboy, and an arterial parkway (2) from the New Jersey border of the Interstate Park with Cape May as one terminus and Trenton as the second. Plans have been perfected for both projects. The former would relieve the traffic congestion which now cripples Route 25. The latter would separate passenger from commercial traffic and provide a direct route for the 2¼ million persons living in the metropolitan district of New Jersey to the recreational areas. The finest landscape architects and engineers have been employed. The funds, supplemented by the federal aid program, are available if our legislators see fit to release the necessary amount.

Since the proverbial opposition to any positive action has already started among the ill-informed, a Citizens Committee for the relief of traffic congestion has been formed under the auspices of the Highway Committee of the State Chamber of Commerce. Garden Club members from all over the state have been asked to join this group that public sentiment may be quickly aroused. This is our first chance to have controlled roadsides in New Jersey. Shall we who have fought for this principle let it slip through our fingers at the moment it is within our grasp?

How the Red Oak Became Our State Tree (1948)

The following is an outline of the steps taken since The Garden Club of New Jersey was asked by our State Forester, Mr. Charles Wilber, to designate an official state tree for New Jersey. Said Mr. Wilber: "It would seem to me that the Garden Club people are the most appropriate group to take some active interest in this matter. Our only interest here is to avoid legislation which will be either inappropriate or ridiculous in this connection, but we shall be very glad to cooperate in any way if the Garden Club is interested in taking up the matter."

When approving the red oak, which The Garden Club of New Jersey and others have designated for years as the tree most favored for official sanction, Mr. Wilber wrote: "Of the oaks, the red oak is one of the best species; it is a vigorous grower, naturally takes an attractive and impressive form, constitutes one of our best timber trees and up to the present time, it has shown an almost immunity to insect and disease."

Early in 1948 Miss Grace Freeman, Assemblyman, was asked to present a tree bill, this time one prepared and sponsored by The Garden Club of New Jersey. This legislation was passed naming the red oak (*Quercus borealis maxima*) our state tree.



Godspeed In The Good Work Of Conservation (1944)

by Louis Bromfield

(Mr. Bromfield addressed the Fall Conference, November 1944)

THERE IS A REVOLUTION in progress in America, a revolution over natural resources. It has come about none too soon and its results are being felt from one end of the nation to the other, from Maine to California and Oregon to Florida.

Until very recently Americans have gone forward wrecking and destroying our forests, our soil and our water supplies, recklessly since there seemed to be no limit to the great virgin wealth of this country in the beginning. Today there is no more virgin well-watered agricultural land. Our forests supply less and less timber for pulp and plastics and building materials each year. The time is not far ahead when, unless comprehensive measures are taken quickly, there will be few forests left outside of government park areas. In the past we have polluted our streams and wasted our precious supply of water by permitting it to run off the surface of the whole nation, carrying with it precious topsoil, into the oceans where there was no need for it.

One quarter of our good agricultural land has already been destroyed beyond hope of reclamation, save by replanting it in forest. Another quarter is on the way out. No nation in history has ever had so destructive a record with regard to its natural wealth as our own. America has great need of a new race of pioneers to preserve and restore her forests, her soil and her water supply. The great trinity of soil, forests and water is the very foundation of our health and economic prosperity just as agriculture is and must always be our fundamental industry.

These new pioneers are appearing from every walk of life—farmers, professors, government employees, business men, lumbermen, engineers, garden club members and school teachers. It is not too late to check the vast damage already done by greed and ignorance. It is not too late to make of this nation the economic and natural paradise which it could have been from the beginning with proper laws, proper planning and vigilance. *No force in this new pioneer movement can be more potent than women and especially those women who as garden club members have always had the interests of soil and nature close to their hearts. There is a big job to be done in propaganda, in education, in demanding proper and protective legislation.*

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Thou workest not alone,
For he whose plot is next to thine
Will see and mend his own.

THE GREEN CRUSADE GOES ON

ON FEBRUARY 8, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson presented to Congress a message on "Natural Beauty of Our Country." For the first time, the President of the United States has made public policy of the aims and objectives of garden clubs since their inception. We applaud the President's determination to preserve the natural beauty of our country; to engage in programs of "creative conservation" of our natural resources; to end despoliation of our countryside by ugliness and blight; to recognize that "ugliness can demean the people who live among it."

Vindication of our aims is sweet, and days of fulfillment lie ahead. We who are prepared to lead will raise our banners high and with renewed determination and ingenuity join the new GREEN CRUSADE.



The First Lady of Gardening, 1965

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson planting pansies in the Capital to spur a beautification program throughout the nation "in residential and public housing areas, in schools, in parks, along highways."

OUR PLEDGE RENEWED

OUR FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY observance is a milestone, a time to review our accomplishments and pay tribute to those whose foresight made them possible. It is a time to reaffirm our conviction of the importance of garden club work. We are forever indebted to those early garden club members; their standards were high, their courage admirable, and their objectives noble.

In one sense, this is our family album, our record of events large and small, solemn and gay. Each picture tells the story of a goal achieved and a task well done. This is a story of warm friendship, friendship welded by working together.

The creation of beauty is its own justification. Perpetuation of beauty is our responsibility. This account is our acknowledgement to the past and our pledge to the future.

Eleanor B. Valentine
President

CHAIRMEN OF THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOUR

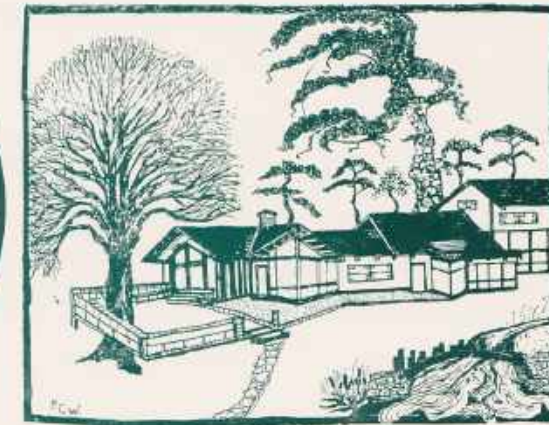
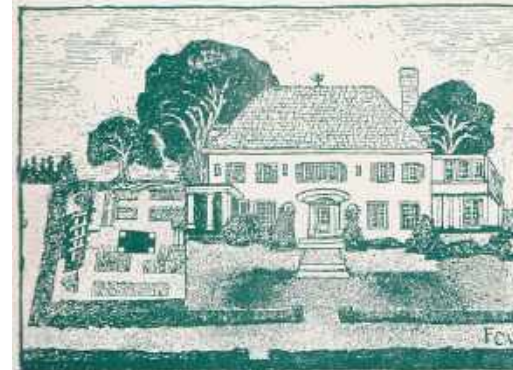
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Double Dates at Garden Gates

Rumson Area May 5 - 6

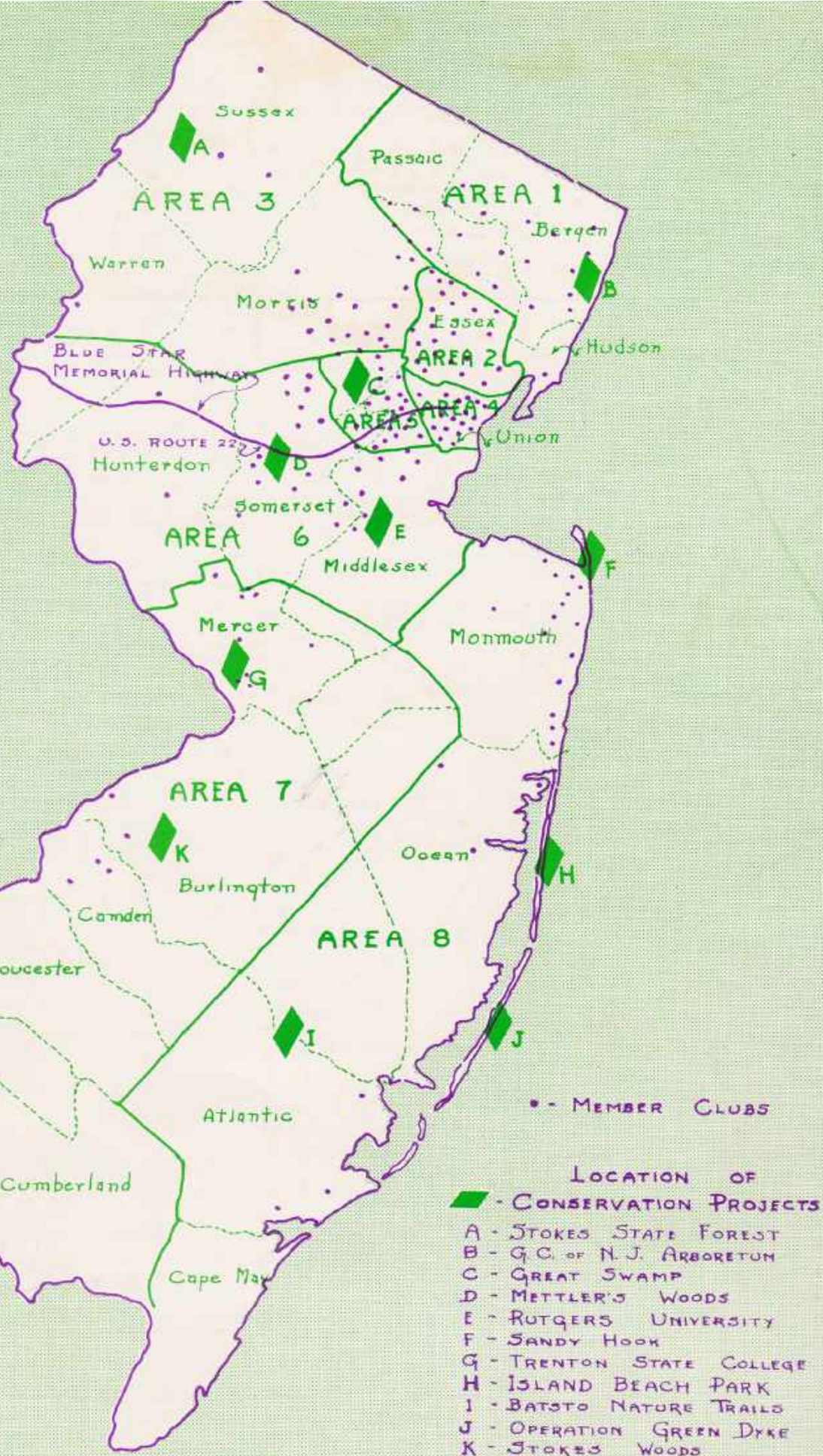
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Let us remember the words of American's famous conservationist poet,
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