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**MS 1423  
Desert Garden Club Collection  
1940 - 2005****DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of the records and scrapbooks of the Desert Garden Club of Tucson, Arizona. The collection is divided into two series. The first series covers Club Records ranging from 1940-2005, and include: the constitution and bylaws, club meeting minutes, correspondence, the Club's "Annual Announcements", annual reports, histories written by club members, articles and talks, a guestbook, certificates and letters of recognition for club activities, award applications, photographs, and articles and images regarding the Sonora Desert Museum Demonstration Garden. The second series includes 14 scrapbooks covering the years of 1959-2003. Each scrapbook includes pamphlets, newspaper articles, awards, correspondence, and photos of various Club activities.

19 boxes, 18 linear ft.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Desert Garden Club of Tucson, Arizona, was founded in 1940 by Lilly "Jetty" Starkweather. The Club is affiliated with the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs and the National Council of State Garden Clubs. Dedicated to the conservation and appreciation of desert plant life, the Club is active within the Tucson community in order to study desert horticulture and botany and encourage its use in personal and civic landscaping projects.

The organization's work within the community during this period included speaking out on desert conservation issues within the media, sponsorship of various landscaping projects including the Demonstration Garden in the Sonora Desert Museum, and arguing against the excessive use of billboards along Arizona's roadways. In 1954 the Club paid for several teachers to attend a conservation class at the University of Arizona. The Desert Garden Club also began the "Desert Garden Club Scholarship" at the University of Arizona in landscape architecture. Additionally, the Club was active during World War II in sponsoring aluminum drives and selling war bonds.

**RELATED NOTE**

See also MS 1035 Merritt H. and Lilly E. Starkweather Papers and PC 130 Starkweather Photograph Collection.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by Ann Volz on March 2008 and Barbara G. Boyle in 2010 both on behalf of the Desert Garden Club.

**ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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## **PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Nicole Stocking in May 2008. Additions to the collection were processed by Christine Seliga in November 2010.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LISTING**

### **Series 1: Club Records, 1940-1982**

#### **Box 1**

Folder 1	Constitution and Bylaws	1941, cir. 1952
f.2	Officers and Board of Directors List	1949-1950
f. 3-5	Membership Lists	1943-2003
f.6-10	Club Meeting Minutes	1940-1966

#### **Box 2**

f.11-18	Club Meeting Minutes	1967-1995
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#### **Box 3**

f.19-22	Club Meeting Minutes	1994-2005
f.23-27	President's Book	1993-2005

#### **Box 4**

f.28-29	President's Book	2005-2006
f.30	Club Financial Records	1966-1980
f.31	Club Donations	1990-1996
f.32	Correspondence	1954-1957
f.33-38	Annual Announcements	1942-2008
f.39-42	Annual Reports	1940-2010

#### **Box 5**

f.43-46	Club Histories	1948-1998
f.47	Club Articles and Talks	1942-1957, N.D.
f.48	Desert Garden Club Guestbook	1946-1968
f.49-51	Club Certificates and Recognition	1941-2002
f.52-54	Award Applications	1994-2000
f.55	Programs And Invitations	1996-2005
f.56	Flower Show	1996-1998
f.57-58	Horticulture Show	2001-2006

#### **Box 6**

f.59	Project – Sonora Desert Museum Demonstration Garden	N.D.
f.60	Project – Sonora Desert Museum Demonstration Garden – Photos	cir.1960-1962, N.D.

f.61	Project – Sonora Desert Museum Misc. Photos	N.D.
f.62	Project – Patio for the Tucson Foundation for the Blind – Photos	1975
f.63	Project – Landscaping at St. Luke’s Home	1980-2008
f.64-65	Project – Landscaping and Beautification at the Haven	1994-1998
f.66	Club Social Event Photographs	1996-2001
f.67	Club Social Event Photographs	N.D.
<b>Box 7</b>		
	Album of Photographs with Members and Events	N.D.
<b>Series 2: Club Scrapbooks, 1959-1980</b>		
<b>Box 8</b>		
f.1-2	Scrapbook “A”, p. 1-54	1959-1971
<b>Box 9</b>		
f.1-3	Scrapbook “A”, p. 55-140	1959-1971
<b>Box 10</b>		
	Scrapbook “B”	1971-1976
<b>Box 11</b>		
f.1	Scrapbook “C”	1976-1977
f.2	Scrapbook “D”	1977-1978
f.3	Scrapbook “E”	1978-1979
f.4	Scrapbook “F”	1979-1980
<b>Box 12</b>		
	Scrapbook “G”	1980-1981
<b>Box 13</b>		
	Scrapbook “H”	1981-1982
<b>Box 14</b>		
	Scrapbook “I”	1982-1985
<b>Box 15</b>		
	Scrapbook “J”	1985-1989
<b>Box 16</b>		
	Scrapbook “K”	1990-1991
<b>Box 17</b>		
	Scrapbook “L”	1991-1995
<b>Box 18</b>		
	Scrapbook “M”	1995-1998
<b>Box 19</b>		
	Scrapbook “N”	2002-2003