

## Canadian Garden Clubs Collection: Table of Contents

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**Title:**

Canadian Garden Clubs Collection

**Dates:**

1919-2012

**Physical Description:**

58.2 cm of textual records

**History:**

Garden Clubs consist of community members who are interested in gardening.

In Ontario, The Garden Clubs of Ontario encompasses several clubs namely, The Garden Club of Dundas; The Georgian Bay Garden Club; Garden Club of Hamilton; The Garden Club of Kitchener-Waterloo; The Garden Club of London; Milne House Garden Club; The Garden Club of Niagara; The Garden Club of Toronto; The Toronto Japanese Garden Club; and a Council of Accredited Judges of Floral Design and Horticulture. There are also other Ontario garden clubs that do not fall under this umbrella.

In Nova Scotia the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs incorporates several gardening clubs.

Clubs meet on a regular basis. Its members usually listen to or present on topics about gardening. They also set up programming events.

Some clubs are affiliated with the Ontario Horticultural Association, the parent organization of horticultural societies. They changed their name to “garden club” rather than “horticultural society” to be more accessible.

**Scope and Content:**

This collection consists of bulletins; newsletters; yearbooks; correspondence; articles; pamphlets; registries; annual reports; member lists; judge list; officer list; newspaper clippings; constitutions and by-laws; application forms; board of directors documents; and a flower show programme.

**Source of Acquisition:**

This is an artificial collection, meaning that its materials were collected over time by different users, rather than being acquired by a single donor. The records' original order and provenance have been lost.

**Language:**

The material is in English.

**Restrictions:** There are no restrictions on access.

**Inventory:**

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| <b>Series 1</b><br>2017.3.1   | <b>Alpine Garden Club of British Columbia</b> —1982-2012—35 cm of textual records—Series consists of monthly bulletins. These records are in box 1 and 2.   |
| <b>Series 2</b><br>2017.3.2   | <b>Brantford Garden Club</b> —1984-1996—11cm of textual records—Series consists of monthly newsletters. These records are in box 3.   |
| <b>Series 3</b><br>2017.3.3   | <b>Calgary Vacant Lot Garden Club</b> —1919—0.1 cm of textual records—Series consists of a photographed page from the City of Calgary Yearbook. These documents are in box 4.   |
| <b>Series 4</b><br>2017.3.4   | <b>Edmonton Horticultural and Vacant Lots Garden Association</b> —1936—0.2 cm of textual records—Series consists of photocopies from the Alberta Archives. These documents are in box 4.  |
| <b>Series 5</b><br>2017.3.5   | <b>Garden Club of Burlington</b> —n.d.—0.1 cm of textual records—Series consists of pamphlets. These documents are in box 4.  |
| <b>Series 6</b><br>2017.3.6   | <b>Garden Clubs of Canada</b> —1985-1990—0.1 cm of textual records—Series consists of registries. These documents are in box 4.   |
| <b>Series 7</b><br>2017.3.7   | <b>Garden Club of Hamilton</b> —1959-1985—0.5 cm of textual records—Series consists of constitutions and by-laws, membership lists, annual reports, histories, and correspondence. These documents are in box 4.  |
| <b>Series 8</b><br>2017.3.8   | <b>Garden Clubs of Ontario</b> —1967-2005—3 cm of textual records—Series consists of booklets, judge lists, correspondence, officer lists, pamphlets, and the publication <i>Campanula</i> . These documents are in box 4.                              |
| <b>Series 9</b><br>2017.3.9   | <b>Garden Club of Toronto</b> —1975-1991—5.6 cm of textual records—Series consists of publications, correspondence, newspaper clippings, officer lists, club representative lists, and pamphlets. These documents are in box 4.                         |
| <b>Series 10</b><br>2017.3.10 | <b>Grimsby Garden Club</b> —1976—0.1 cm of textual records—Series consists of an annual flower show programme. These documents are in box 4.  |
| <b>Series 11</b><br>2017.3.11 | <b>Highrise Gardeners of Toronto</b> —1972-1973—2 cm of textual records—Series consists of correspondence, meeting minutes, board of directors documents, a newspaper clipping, meeting agendas, and an application form. These documents are in box 4. |
| <b>Series 12</b>              | <b>Montreal Gardeners and Florist Club</b> —1924-1926—0.1 cm of textual records—  |

2017.3.12 Series consists of photocopies of correspondence. These documents are in box 4.

**Series 13 Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs**—1963–0.5 cm of textual records—Series 1017.3.13 consists of a short history book. These documents are in box 4.

### **Individual Histories**

#### **Alpine Garden Club of British Columbia**

The Alpine Garden Club (AGCBC) has approximately 250 members in 16 countries, half of whom live in British Columbia. The remaining members reside in other parts of North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

#### **Brantford Garden Club**

The Brantford Garden Club was founded in 1852. Its objectives are to encourage an interest in horticulture and to promote the protection of the environment.

#### **The Garden Club of Burlington**

The Garden Club of Burlington was formed in 1952 under the leadership of Mrs. H. C. Thompson. In 1954 the group hosted their first major civic project, “A Garden Party Market.” A board of directors was established in 1955. The first flower show was held in 1960.

#### **Garden Club of Hamilton**

The Garden Club of Hamilton was founded in May of 1951. Together, with the Garden Club of London and the Garden Club of Toronto, they founded Garden Clubs of Ontario in 1954. Some of the Club’s notable projects included the planning and planting of a serenity garden for the Cancer Assistance Program and the planting of a garden at the Charlton Hall’s ‘Live and Learn’ house for young women. It assisted in restoring the gardens at Dundurn Castle. Currently, it supports many community initiatives like, the Royal Botanical Gardens Young Gardener’s Program and sponsoring scholarships for the Floral Design programme at Mohawk College.

#### **Garden Club of Toronto**

The Garden Club of Toronto was founded in 1946. It is a member of several groups including: the Garden Clubs of Ontario, the National Council of State Garden Clubs of the United States, the Garden Clubs of America, and the Flower Arrangement Association of London and Overseas. It made several successful contributions to Toronto’s beautification and horticultural knowledge including, co-founding the Canada Blooms flower and garden festival, founding the Toronto Botanical Gardens, and creating a garden for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, to name a few.

#### **Garden Clubs of Ontario**

The Garden Clubs of Ontario was founded in 1954. It is an association of garden clubs across Ontario, with each member club being self-supporting. It is comprised of ten different garden clubs: The Garden Club of Dundas; The Georgian Bay Garden Club; Garden Club of Hamilton; The Garden Club of Kitchener-Waterloo; The Garden Club of London; Milne House Garden Club; The Garden Club of Niagara; The Garden Club of Toronto; The Toronto Japanese Garden Club; and a Council of Accredited Judges of Floral Design and Horticulture.

### **Grimsby Garden Club**

The Grimsby Garden Club was incorporated on January 1, 1964; however, it originated in 1895 when the Grimsby Horticultural Society was formed. It was organized by Edward A. Cole, the founder of Cole's Florist. As a way of attracting members, a premium of Genista, a 20 cent packet of sweet pea seeds, and a five cent Hydrangea Paniculata was offered. In 1900, the Society registered with the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Then, in 1907 it became affiliated with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA). The Depression and Second World War negatively affected the Society and in 1943 the OHA declared it dormant. The Society was then reinstated in 1964. Some of its projects at this time included: flower shows, bulb planting at the Stone Shop Museum, and the assistance in the development of Centennial Park. In 1969 it changed its name to the Grimsby Garden Club. That year, the Trillium awards and the Junior Garden Club were also organized.

### **Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs**

Established in 1954, the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs (NSASC) is an organization made up of Garden Clubs, Horticultural Societies, and Specialty Plant Societies from across the province. The NSAGC is the coordinating body for these groups. It governs over seven districts, (1) Cape Breton, (2) Eastern, (3) Central, (4) Halifax, (5) Valley, (6) South Shore, and (7) Western. Its main objective is to promote beautification projects throughout the province.

### **Relevant Websites**

Alpine Garden Club of BC

<http://www.agc-bc.ca/>

Bradford Garden Club

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/brantford>

Garden Clubs of Ontario

<http://www.gardenclubsofontario.ca/index.html>

Grimsby Garden Club

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/grimsbygc>

Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs

<http://nsagc.com/>