



Sharlot Hall Museum Library and Archives
415 West Gurley Street
Prescott, AZ 86301
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Title: Alta Vista Garden Club Records

Creator: Alta Vista Garden Club Officers and Members

Dates: 1963-2009

Quantity: 1 linear foot (2 Boxes)

System of Arrangement:

Series 1: History & Scrapbooks

Series 2: Docent Project & Botanical Information

Abstract: Alta Vista Garden Club was organized and became a Federated Garden Club starting in 1951. The Club was initially started in order to stimulate interest in and knowledge of the different forms of gardening, to aid in the protection of native trees, plants and wildlife and to promote general civic improvements in the City of Prescott. This collection consists of organization history, copies of news clippings regarding the Alta Vista Garden Club, a club docent's project notebook, local garden center flyers or handouts and scrapbooks of the Club from 1963-1971 and 1980-1981.

Identification: SHM MS-36

Language and Scripts of the Materials: English

Biographical History

Alta Vista Garden Club was organized and became a Federated Garden Club starting in 1951. The Club was initially started in order to stimulate interest in and knowledge of the different forms of gardening - predominantly regarding private gardens and general improvement of home grounds - to aid in the protection of native trees, plants and wildlife and to promote general civic improvements in the City of Prescott. The Club limits its membership to thirty-five members, who over the years have contributed thousands of dollars and hours towards projects to enhance and beautify Prescott. Some of these projects include the Sharlot Hall Museum Rose Garden, landscaping at Love Field, Acker Park, Miller Valley School, Yavapai County complex at the rodeo grounds, the pond of the Yavapai Regional Medical Center, Yavapai Guidance Center, Prescott Fine Arts Association Gardens, Yavapai College Sculpture Gardens, Heritage Park Zoo and the YMCA building. Also, the Club has planted trees at every public school in the



Prescott area as well as the Salvation Army Worship Center, the VA Hospital, Memorial Park, and the Pioneer Home. Moreover, the Club has planted specimen trees along Haisley Road to promote the use of Sunburst Locust, have provided plants and gardening advice to new Habitat for Humanity homeowners and have donated books about gardening, horticulture and flower arranging to the Prescott community. In addition, club member Mildred Lee initiated *Operation Wildflower*, Lady Bird Johnson's national roadway beautification program, in Arizona and the club continued their donations of wildflower seeds to the Arizona Department of Transportation for many years. Furthermore, in the past the Club has sponsored Prescott Home Garden Tours. All these projects are made possible by the fundraising activities sponsored by the Alta Vista Garden Club.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of organization history, copies of news clippings regarding the Alta Vista Garden Club, Genny Ingram's 1996 Docent Project – Botanical Identification and Personal Plant Notebook, Garden Talk flyers from Watter's Garden Center Morimer's Nursery correspondence and club' participation notes and scrapbooks of the Club from 1963-1971 and 1980-1981. The scrapbooks include, club documents, correspondence, news clippings about club meetings and events, photographs of the club officers and members, brochures or pamphlets regarding national garden conventions or conferences and awards and ribbons.

Restrictions

None

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Administrative Information

Accession Numbers – **2000.053**
2014.046

Custodial History

The collection of three scrapbooks was donated to Sharlot Hall Museum in 2000 by the Alta Vista Garden Club member Agnes Daniels and Frances Martinez. The scrapbooks were processed and placed into a non-standardized arrangement and organization scheme and were originally cataloged in Document Box 467. Apparently, no finding aid was created for this document box. The collection was re-processed using a DACS compliant finding aid and was re-assigned a new manuscript number MS-36 in March 2014.

Accruals: Frances Martinez, a past Club member, donated an accrual on April 4, 2014 (Accession #2014.046). This club is still active and there may be accruals by former or current club members in the future.

Description Control

This collection was processed by Brenda Taylor using *Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACS)* in 2014.



Container List

Title: Alta Vista Garden Club / MS-36

Dates: 1963-1966, 1968-1969, 1970-1971 & 1980-1981

Series Scope: This series consists of history and club scrapbooks

Series 1: History & Scrapbooks		
Box/Folder	File/Item Description	Date(s)
1.1	Organizational History	
1.2	Alta Vista Garden Club Scrapbook 1 [1 of 2]	1963-1964
1.3	Alta Vista Garden Club Scrapbook 1 [2 of 2]	1963-1964
1.4	Alta Vista Garden Club Scrapbook 2	1965-1966
1.5	Alta Vista Garden Club Scrapbook 3	1968-1969
1.6	Alta Vista Garden Club Scrapbook 4	1970-1971
1.7	Alta Vista Garden Club Scrapbook 5	1980-1981

Title: Alta Vista Garden Club / MS-36

Dates: 1996

Series Scope: This series consists of Genny Ingram's Docent Project Notebook, which includes botanical information and actual plants samples, botanical identification sheets and flyers or handouts from other gardening centers.

Series 2: Docent Project & Botanical Information		
Box/Folder	File/Item Description	Date(s)
2.1	Genny Ingram's Docent Project Notebook – Wildflowers [1 of 2]	1996
2.2	Genny Ingram's Docent Project Notebook – Wildflowers [2 of 2]	1996
2.3	Genny Ingram's Docent Project Notebook – Grasses, Trees, Shrubs and Miscellaneous	1996
2.4	Prescott National Forest Botanical Information Sheet	1996
2.5	<i>Dichotomous Key to Common Plants</i> booklet from the Community Nature Center by Richard & Margaret Hurd	No Date
2.6	Watter's Garden Talk Flyers	No Date
2.7	Mortimer's Nursery Information	2007-2009
2.8	Other Gardening Newsletters & Handouts	1996