

WGC at Waltham Public Library



Waltham Garden Club

Archived since: Apr, 2022

Description: The Waltham Garden Club was founded in 1941 to promote and educate the citizens of Subject: Gardening, Gardening-Societies, etc.

In December 2021, the Waltham Public Library Archives became the home of Waltham Garden Club's history. The club transferred about six cubic feet of material, including yearbooks, issues of "The Grapevine" newsletter, awards, meeting minutes, financial reports, and event programs. Perhaps most exciting was the inclusion of three large scrapbooks that document the founding and early history of the club through news clippings and photographs. The materials were arranged and placed into archival boxes, and a Finding Aid (a list of the collection's contents along with descriptions of the club and collection) was published in ArchivesSpace, the WPL Archives' public collection database.

This donation from the Waltham Garden Club also created the WPL Archives' first "hybrid collection," which includes digital material in addition to the physical. PDF versions of "The Grapevine" and yearbooks are listed alongside their "analog" partners in ArchivesSpace and can be viewed anywhere with an internet connection. The final piece of this hybrid collection is a monthly web archive of the Waltham Garden Club's website since April 2022. Here is how to access and use our archives:

Webpage for Waltham Garden Club archive records at Waltham Public Library



Click on the link above. Then clicking on the Print symbol in the upper right will download a "Guide to the Records of the Waltham Garden Club," which is the Finding Aid in PDF format.

Collection Overview Collection Organization Container Inventory

- Browse and/or search the collection's finding aid through the printed PDF or though the WPL WGC archive records main page (https://waltham.libraryhost.com/repositories/2/resources/26). Clicking Collection Organization in the red menu near the top of the page will bring up a list of all physical materials archived, which may be viewed by appointment with the WPL Archivist. The list on the right can be expanded by grabbing the left margin and moving it left. (The full list on the right-hand side of the page may be expanded by dragging the scroll-bar until you can see all the items in the full list.)
- To view PDF versions of more recent yearbooks or "The Grapevine," look for the items in the Collection Organization list that have little black arrows (>) in front of them. By clicking on the arrow or the text next to the arrow, an indented list of items with "(PDF)" at the end will drop down. Click on the one you would like to see, and a page for that item will load. Click on the red-outlined box with a document icon and the item's title, and the PDF will open in a new window.
- To see the WGC's web archive, find a non-underlined link under "Scope and Contents" in the PDF Finding Aid, or scroll to the bottom of the WPL WGC archive records main page and click on the link under External Documents, or go directly to https://archive-it.org/collections/19167.