

**Sturgis Library Archives
Town and Local History Collection**

Garden Grubs of Barnstable Records

MS. 78

Extent: 2 boxes

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of meeting minutes, membership records, financial records, journal/calendar, and articles & clippings from 1949 to 2005.

Historical and Biographical Information: The Garden Grubs were a group of women from Barnstable Village, West Barnstable, and Cummaquid, who established the organization in 1949 for the purpose of furthering the knowledge of gardening in all its phases, and to aid and support the Sturgis Library. They generally met once a month in order to discuss gardening and gardening books, and often invited guest speakers. Individual members wrote and presented papers on the growing and raising of various flowers and other plants. They often worked on charitable projects for local organizations, and donated plants and books to the Sturgis Library. They regularly decorated the library for the holidays. Charter members included Mrs. Louise Connor, Mrs. Doris Crosby, Mrs. Constance Cummings, Mrs. Claire Everett, Mrs. Valjean Lovell, Mrs. Neila Lyon, Mrs. Louise Nelson, Mrs. Alice Nickerson, Mrs. Elsie Owen, Mrs. Gladys Swift, Mrs. Doris Travers, Mrs. Annabel Trayser, and Mrs. Beatrice Vallis.

In 2007 the Garden Grubs voted to cease regular meetings, and would no longer be decorating the library for the holidays. They donated their holiday decorations to the Friends of the Library. As of October 2007, they continue to meet and make donations of plants to the library with money remaining in the treasury.

Access: Unrestricted. Credit Sturgis Library archives for publication.

Acquisition: Voted to transfer Grubs record to the Sturgis Library archives in January of 2007.

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Contents:

Box 1

Folder 1	Letters, Clippings 1979-1985
Folder 2	Meeting Minutes 1949-1957
Folder 3	Meeting Minutes 1958-1963
Folder 4	Meeting Minutes 1964-1970
Folder 5	Meeting Minutes 1968-1975
Folder 6	Meeting Minutes 1975-1986

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Box 2

Folder 1 Membership/Program Guide 2004-2005
Folder 2 Financial Records 1985-2003
Folder 3 Journal/Calendar 1951-1968
Folder 4 Garden Grubs Stationery
Folder 5 Grubs Cookbook / 50th Anniversary

Box 3

Binder 1 History of the Grubs Garden Club, articles, photographs of
(black) members, correspondence, certificates, etc.
Binder 2 Secretary's Minutes 10/2007 –
(green)