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Guide to Collection

Juneau Garden Club

Juneau Garden Club Yearbooks, 1946 - 2004

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**ACQUISITION:** The materials were donated by the Juneau Garden Club through President, Elfrida Nord, in 2004. (Acc. no. 2004-64). 10 annual albums of the Juneau Garden Club, 1995 through 2004 were donated in 2013 (Acc. No. 2013-026) and in 2016, four boxes were donated: records of the Juneau Garden Club, including meeting minutes, awards, scrap books, and financial records (Acc. No. 2016-038)

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**PROCESSING:** Materials from the last two donations arrived out of order and were re-arranged to blend in with the original chronological order of the original donation of yearbooks. The boxes of new material were arranged in chronological order and by material type. One box contained books which were sent to cataloging. The yearbooks remain as received: three-ring binders and albums. Photos and loose items placed in Mylar as needed. All items are housed in acid-free containers. The summary of the history of the Garden Club written by Doreen Merrell is found in the first volume of *Fifty Years of Juneau Garden Club*, vol. 1.

## HISTORICAL NOTE

The collection documents the history and projects of the Juneau Garden Club, an educational, civic, and social institution focused on gardening in Juneau from 1942 through 2004. Although the club was founded in 1927, no documents from the years before World War II exist.

As stated in the 1953 handbook, the club affiliated with the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs and adopted the following objectives: “to coordinate interest in better and more gardens, to encourage civic planning, to study in all aspects the fine art of gardening, and through association and cooperation to create and promote good fellowship among members of the Association.” The motto of the Juneau Garden Club is “Every Member is a Working Member.”

Projects accomplished over the years touched many areas of Juneau: landscaping and care of the grounds of what is now the City Museum, the triangular plot at Twelfth and Glacier, the hospital, schools, the Federal Building, the ferry terminal, the Wickersham House, hanging baskets in the downtown area, the airport, Pioneer Home and Mountainview, and for Habitat for Humanity. In addition, the club has sponsored or supported the Archibald Menzies Bog Garden near the University, Litter Bug campaigns leading to Adopt A Highway, Friends of the Flowers for summer beautification, Arbor Day tree planting, and scholarships to students in gardening, botany or horticulture. The club also lobbied for a Juneau city gardener in 1982. The members meet at least monthly to share their love of gardening and plan support for projects in Juneau and for their sponsorship of the annual plant sale in the spring to raise money. They have also presented educational programs and classes, such as flower arrangement, tours for the public, and published *Gardening in Southeast Alaska* (1991 and revised in 1994).

(Source: Looking Back—50 Years of Juneau Garden Club Yearbooks – March 13, 1997, by Doreen Merrell)

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The collection includes yearbooks containing handbooks, photographs, member lists, publications, and newspaper clippings relating to Juneau Garden Club activities for the years 1946 through 2004, missing years 1973-1974 and 1981. The History of the Garden Club, written by Doreen Merrell and filed in the first volume of *Fifty Years of Juneau Gardening Club Yearbooks, 1946-1996*, summarizes information documented in the collection. The first 12 boxes house the yearbooks, 1966-2004. Boxes 13-16 are folders of newspaper clippings, legislative reports, photographs, planning papers, invitations, and scrap book pages for flower show competitions, awards and award applications, as well as yearly program schedules labeled “yearbooks.”

## INVENTORY

**Box 1** Fifty Years of Juneau Garden Club Yearbooks, 1946-1996 (2 vols.)  
 Contains most of the handbooks and yearly program schedules  
 and membership lists. Years missing are 1973-1974. 1981 is housed in box 16.

**Box 2** 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 (4 vols.)

**Box 3** 1970 (4 vols.)

**Box 4** 1971, 1972-1973, 1974 (3 vols.)

**Box 5** 1985-1986 (1 vol.)

**Box 6** 1976-1977, 1979-1980, 1988 (3 vols.)

**Box 7** 1988-1989, 1989-1990, (6 vols.)  
 1990-1991, 1991-1992,  
 1993, 1994  
 [WARNING: Box 7 is **HEAVY**: 1 cu. ft. box]

**Box 8** 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001 (4 vols.)

**Box 9** 1997 (1 vol.)

**Box 10** 1998 (1 vol.)

**Box 11** 1999 (2 vols.)

**Box 12** 2002, 2003, 2004 (3 vols.)

**Box 13** (Contents stacked.)

Album 1:

Meeting minutes and treasury reports from 1941-1963.

Photocopy of newspaper page with mention of Garden Club electing its officers.

List of Garden Club accomplishments from 1952-1962, handwritten, not exhaustive.

Album 2:

Meeting minutes and treasury reports from 1964-1968.

Newspaper clipping: "Arbor Day Celebration to Include Tree Planting."

Question and answer packet from National Council of State Garden Clubs on "Flower Show Committee Workshop."

Album 3:

Includes meeting minutes and treasury reports from 1970-1974. Notes are without binder cover.

**Album 4:**

Meeting minutes and treasury reports from 1975-1985.  
1 pamphlet: "Constitution and By Laws of Alaska State Federation of Garden Clubs"  
inside front pocket of binder.

**Album 5:**

Meeting minutes and treasury reports from 1985-1990.

**Album 6:**

Meeting minutes and treasury reports from 1990-2004.

**Box 13A**

**Folder 1:**

1958-1988: Includes 47 photographs of community member's gardens, hospital beautification project, Juneau-Douglas High School beautification project, award ceremonies, hat show entries, flower show displays, Christmas show decorations, New York State garden club, garden supply sale newspaper clipping, and a thank you note for a picture lent to the National Council of Garden Clubs.

**Folder 2:**

1997: History Juneau Garden Club by Doreen Merrell.  
Includes legislative reports, correspondence, newspaper clippings, announcements, Wikipedia articles on Ernest Gruening and "American Women's Voluntary Services Peggy Garrison's acceptance speech for becoming the Garden Club President, Garden Club convention information for 1989, list of club officers and presidents in Alaska from 1988-1989, "The Week Before The Plant Sale Fable Garden Club newsletters, a page summarizing Juneau Garden Club History, "Looking back, 50 years of Juneau Garden club Yearbooks by Doreen Merrell, and a membership card made out to Marcella Anderson for 1980-1981.

**Folder 3:**

"Newspaper Clippings"  
Many miscellaneous clippings including coverage of Garden Club hat competitions, an editor's note on the importance of Arbor Day, and various beautification projects in Juneau community.

**Folder 4:**

"Assembly of Juneau and Parks"  
1969-1975: Correspondence regarding creation of Riverside Park and "Bus Barn Site Park."  
Project proposal for Riverside Park.  
Newspaper Clippings of park proposal.  
Stapled pages of proposition on the Parks and Recreation Council of Juneau.  
Letter regarding proposition.  
Stapled air pollution control ordinance.

Letter from the Action Committee for the Environment re: "Action Program of 1973-1975."

Folder 5:

End of year report from the president of the Garden Club 1967.

Folder 6:

Legislative reports from 1965-1974, regarding land use and highway pollution.

Folder 7:

Report for 1976, project and club updates, tips for beginning gardeners, and part of a gardening magazine.

**Box 13B**

Album 1:

"Juneau Garden Club 1964-1965"

15 Single sided pages of newspaper clippings on Garden Club from 1964-1965. Includes yearly program schedule, clippings relating to meeting times, poster contests, litterbug drive, Garden Club Tea, seeds sent to South Carolina, library landscaping, various luncheons, and a picnic at Auke Bay. Also included is a club report from 1964 and a newsletter from 1965.

Album 2:

14 pages of clippings regarding information on landscaping and horticulture from a few Alaskan cities, including: Sitka, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Ketchikan. Also included are letters and notes inquiring about the feasibility of acquiring a city gardener to coordinate beautification projects with, as lack of coordination was causing problems.

Album 3:

"News Items from Empire"

Has loose clippings in beginning of album.

22 Double sided pages – Flower shows, club meetings, contests, beautification projects, campaigns.

1 loose page titled: "Publicity in 1958 Garden Club Slide Show" – 3 Newspaper clippings pasted to page that relate to slideshow.

Album 4:

Rolled Ledger: "Financial Record Summary for 1994" concerning expenses and income for book and plant sales. Records up to Jan 2001.

**Box 14 (Folders arranged by year)**

Folder #1

1997: Copy of "Fifty Years of Garden Club Yearbooks" and award application.

Folder #2

1996: Arco Beautification Award #10b, Civic Development Award. Includes 19 photographs of UAS Campus Beautification Project and proclamation.

Folder #3

1996: Publications/Book/Gardening Award

Folder includes table of contents, project description, letters of appreciation, financial report, and 3 photographs of book publicity.

Folder #4

1995: #1 Civic Development Award, First place.

Includes copy of check, congratulatory letter, proclamation, newspaper clippings, and 16 photographs of UAS Campus Beautification Project.

Folder #5

1995: Arco Beautification Award #10d, Environmental Awareness Award.

Copy of "A Walk through Archibald Menzies Bog" attached to inside cover.

Description of Bog Project, Newspaper Clipping, 2 photographs of bog flowers and 1 photograph of Caroline Jensen.

Folder #6

1995: Arco Beautification Award #10e, Garden Therapy Award.

Includes award application, description of project, thank you notes, newspaper clippings, proclamations, and 9 photographs of Juneau Pioneer Home and residents.

Folder #7

1995: Arco Beautification Award #10b, Civic Development Award.

Includes award applications, proclamations, project description, news clippings and 19 photographs of the UAS Campus Beautification Project.

Folder #8

1994: Arco Beautification Award #10e, Garden Therapy Award.

Includes award application, letter from UAS, newspaper clippings, proclamation, and 19 photographs of Juneau Pioneer Home greenhouse and residents.

Folder #9

1994: Arco Beautification Award #10c, Conservation Award.

Includes application, summary, newspaper clippings and 1 photograph.

Folder #10

1993-1994: #5 Scholarship Award.

Includes Award application, information about scholarship, letters regarding applicants, applications, and 2 photographs of Chancellor Lind and Garden Club Treasurer, Audrey Davidson.

Folder #11

1993: #10b Civic Development Award.

Includes proclamation, newspaper clippings and 12 Photographs of beautification project of downtown Juneau.

Folder #12

1993: Includes Scholarship Award Proclamation for Janel May Taylor.

Folder #13

1993: Arco Beautification Award #10e, Garden Therapy Award.

Includes Award application, certificates, newspaper clippings, and 12 photographs of beautification of Juneau Pioneer Home.

Folder #14

1993: Arco Beautification Award #10d, Environmental Awareness Award.

Includes Award application, newspaper clippings, and recycling reports.

Folder #15

1992: #1 Civic Achievement Award.

Includes award application and information on the Archibald Menzies Bog project, with 3 photographs of the bog.

Folder #16

1992: Award for Dedication and Service.

Includes award nomination for Audrey Davidson.

Folder #17

1992: Arco Beautification Award #10e, Garden Therapy Award.

Includes Award application, certificate of appreciation, description of project and 14 photographs of Juneau Pioneer Home project.

Folder #18

1992: Includes information and newspaper clippings about published book:

“Gardening in Southeast Alaska.” It is not an award. 2 photographs of book being presented and sold. Doreen Merrell, Micky Sonnohorn, Caroline Jensen, Nina Brown, Ruth Nelson, and Lee Sandor.

Folder #19

1991: Award for Dedication and Service.

Includes award nomination for Lee Sandor.

Folder #20

1991: Arco Beautification Award #10d Environmental Awareness Award.

Includes award application, Solid Waste Management Report and Plan, newspaper clippings, pamphlet on marine debris and 4 photographs of the Earth Day Celebration at Centennial Hall.

Folder #21

1991: Arco Beautification Award #10e Garden Therapy Award.

Includes award application, project description, statements of appreciation, financial report, and 7 photographs of arranging flowers at the Juneau Pioneer Home.

Folder #22

1991: Award #10a State Arbor Day Award.

Includes award application, information on the founding of Arbor Day, copy of the Harborview Herald, 5 photographs of Juneau Garden Club members planting trees with Harborview School Children.

Folder #23

1991: Award #6 Yearbook and Program Award.

Includes 2 program schedules for 1991.

Folder #24

1990: Award for Dedication and Service.

Includes award nomination for Vivian Chelstad and blue award ribbon labeled "PAGE."

Folder #25

1990: Arco Beautification Award #10d Environmental Awareness Award.

Includes: Report on Solid Waste Management, news clippings, certificate of merit, 4 photographs of Earth Day Celebration at Centennial Hall and a "Litter Free Inc." plastic bag.

Folder #26

1990: Award #6 Yearbook and Program Award.

Includes 2 program schedules for 1991.

Folder #27

1989: Award #6 Yearbook and Program Award.

Includes 2 copies of program schedules for 1991.

Folder #28

1989: Arco Community Beautification Award.

Includes letter to the awards chairman explaining activities for the year, such as the flower sale and beautification projects for Downtown Juneau, the Ferry Terminal, and Wickersham House.

Folder #29

1988: Award #6 Yearbook and Program Award.

Includes 2 program schedules for 1988.



Folder #30

1985-1986: Civic Development and Improvement Award.

Includes list of garden classes for upcoming year, list of gardening books relevant to the Gardening Club's purposes, photocopy of a check for seventy five dollars from Arco Award to the Juneau Garden Club, check stub from Atlantic Richfield Civic Beautification Award to Juneau Garden Club, newspaper clipping, 6 photographs of landscaping for Wickersham House and Ferry Terminal, and a program schedule for 1986.

Folder #31

1985-1986: Dedication and Service Award.

Includes award application, copy of Garden Club by laws from 1983, letter about acquisition of City gardener, nomination for Gewn Stetson, certificate of achievement, 5 photographs of Garden Club members carrying about various improvement projects around Juneau, and application for Scrapbook Award #4.

Folder #32

1985: Yearbook Award.

Includes 2 copies of program schedule for 1985.

Folder #33

1984-1985: Garden Club of the Year Award.

Includes award application, information on beautification activities, litterbug campaigns, newspaper clippings, letters, statements of appreciation, program schedule for 1985, and 11 photographs of various Garden Club activities.

Folder #34

1984: Yearbook Award.

Includes award application, 2 copies of program schedule for 1984 and manila envelope containing Citizen's Choice Beautification Award for Jamie Parsons, and 2 photographs (William A. Egan signing, and Jamie Parsons Accepting).

Folder #35

1983-1984: Garden Club of the Year Award.

Includes award application, end of year report from Helen McLaughlin, wayside beautification, flyer for a gardening class, newspaper clippings and information on Arbor Day, and 19 photographs of plant sales and various Garden Club projects through the year.

Folder #36

1983: The Francis Hickey Award.

Includes award application, information on basic gardening classes, program schedule from 1982, letters of appreciation from Community Schools and Juneau Empire.

Folder #37

1983: Garden Club of the year Award.

Includes information on basic gardening classes, program schedule from 1982, letters of appreciation from Community Schools and Juneau Empire.

Folder #38

1983: Award #1 Kellog Medal for Civic Achievement.

Includes award application, correspondence between the Juneau Garden Club and Fred Meyer, newspaper clippings, letters of appreciation, Garden Club program schedule for 1983, and 33 photographs showing some of the 5,000 Sitka Spruce Seedlings saved from the Fred Meyer building site and their new homes. Also included is a panoramic photograph of Egan Highway before Fred Meyers was built and the seedlings in need of homes.

Folder #39

1982-1983: Garden Club of the Year Award.

Includes information on litterbug campaign, and other Garden Club activities for the year, pamphlet for basic gardening class, and 10 photographs of Garden Club Annual Plant Sale. Also included is a Volunteer Service Award presented to the Juneau Garden Club.

Folder #40

1982: Flower Show Award. Litter to Loveliness Contest.

Includes award application, contest rules sheet, handwritten page of flower show ideas, letter to the editor, letter of appreciation from the Juneau-Douglas High School, and newspaper clipping celebrating the release of a commemorative stamp released with Willow Ptarmigan and Forget-Me-Not flowers. Clipping is labeled 4-12-82.

Folder #41

1982: Roadside Beautification Award #7.

Includes award application for the Marie Drake Junior High School Student Sculpture Garden, newspaper clipping with photo of the sculpture garden being constructed, and 12 photographs of students working on the project.

Folder #42

1973-1981: Environmental Improvement Award.

Includes 1974-1975 award application for landscaping done at the Capital Grade School, newspaper clipping, certificate of commendation, and Garden Club correspondence regarding various projects from 1973-1981.

Folder #43

1969: Litterbug Award.

Includes Litterbug Report, 10 photographs of clean-up projects, and several newspaper clippings about litter control. Projects include clean-up at the subport for the Alaska National Guard and litter control poster contest for Juneau students. Brownies, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts mentioned in clean-up projects.

Folder #44

1968-1969: Yearbook Award.

Includes yearbook program schedule for 1968-69

Folder #45

1966: Richfield Civic Beautification Award.

Includes award application, information on beautification of Juneau-Douglas High School court yard project, 10 photographs, and plans for landscaping.

Folder #46

1981-1989: Miscellaneous Proclamation Folder.

Includes letter of appreciation from 1987, Executive Proclamation by Governor Jay Hammond for Garden Week 1981, Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Sheffield for Garden Week 1986, 1988 National Council of State Garden Clubs Membership Extension Certificate for Alaska, 1989 Certificate of Commendation to Alaska Federation of Garden Clubs for Youth Activities. Certificate of Commendation for Alaska Federation of Garden Clubs for Individual Workshops in Environmental Education Staged by Each Club.

**Box 14A**

Item #1

Folder containing two purple and gold flower show award ribbons, one has no date, the other is dated 1974.

Item #2

Brown framed proclamation for Garden Week, 1987.

Item #3

Black framed proclamation for Garden Week, 1986.

Item #4

Large wooden award plaque for "Flowers by Air" 1950.

**Box 15**

Folder #1

1973-1974: Purple binder. Includes 10 flower show photographs and information for 1970's "Sea Fantasy" flower show.

Newspaper clippings from 1973

Event program for 1973-1974 "Operation Landscape."

63 Photographs of Garden Club members and events from 1973.

1973 Haines State Fair pamphlet.

Pacific Regional Convention program schedule for 1974 Pacific Regional Garden Club Convention. Theme: "Alaska Calls."

## Folder #2

1974: "Annual City Beautification Program," 4 photographs of Downtown Juneau Ferry Terminal and 1 Alaska Marine Highway postcard. Folder also includes 1974 Awards Banquet program.

## Folder #3

1973: "Bartlett Hospital Landscaping." Includes folder insert with 56 photographs of Bartlett Hospital Landscaping and 7 indoor photographs with a certificate of commendation for environmental improvement from the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

## Folder #4

1969: "Civic Beautification Contest" sponsored by Sears, Roebuck and Co. Beautification of Juneau-Douglas High School. Includes project description, finance report, blueprints, and 14 before and after photographs.

## Folder #5

1967: "Project Pride." Beautification of area around the "Old Witch" totem pole outside the Juneau Memorial Library. Includes project description, financial report, blueprints, "The Old Witch Pole" pamphlet, and 8 photographs, including before and after photographs of the site.

## Folder #6

1962-1966: "Hat Luncheons." Folder includes secretarial reports, newspaper clippings, blueprints, notecards from entries, and 12 photographs of hat contestants.

## Folder #7

1964-1966: "67 Flower Show." Folder includes information on how to arrange flower shows, blank applications, and Award pamphlet from Alaska State Federation of Garden Clubs, which outlines types of awards and contestant requirements, memorandum from the State Awards Chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Christensen, regarding an award sponsored by the Richfield oil Corporation, Award pamphlet from Alaska State Federation of Garden Clubs for 1965-1966, information on Garden Club Committees dated 1967, letters from the Awards Chairman to the Juneau Garden Club regarding various awards, "Description of Awards" packet dated 1967 from the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.,

## Folder #8

1966: Juneau Memorial Library Landscaping. Part of "Project Pride." Includes project description, financial report, blueprints, "The Old Witch Pole" pamphlet, and 7 photographs.

## Folder #9

1965-1966: "Horticulture Project, Juneau-Douglas High school." Report for continuing project. Includes blueprints, newspaper clippings, areas in need of improvement, and 20 water damaged photographs.

**Folder #10**

1964: "Second Annual Basic Gardener Class." Includes flyer and newspaper clippings.

**Folder #11**

1956-1959: "Old Christmas" Newspaper clippings and reports from the Garden Club's Christmas Tea.

**Folder #12**

1974: "Make Mine Alaska Style" themed flower show. Folder includes newspaper clippings, plans for flower show, and 12 photographs.

**Folder #13**

1974: "Make Mine Alaska Style" folder #2. Includes correspondence, display information, show program, floor plan, award information, and 8 photographs of Flower Club and flower arrangements.

**Folder #14**

1972: Holiday flower show. Folder includes newspaper clipping and 10 photographs of flower club displays.

**Folder #15**

1967: "Reflections" themed flower show. Folder includes show program, show report, newspaper clippings, and 10 photographs of flower arrangements.

**Folder #16**

1967: "Fashions in Flowers" fall flower show. Folder includes show program, newspaper clippings, floor plan, show report, and 12 photographs of flower arrangements.

**Folder #17**

1954-1972: Folder includes two blank certificates of recognition, newspaper clippings showing information for the 1964, 1965, and 1967 flower shows, as well as 30 photographs of various flower arrangements. Folder also includes show programs for 1954, 1961, 1963-1967, and 1972.

**Folder #18**

1948: Fall Flower show. Folder includes newspaper clippings and flower show notes from 1948, 1953, 1954, 1957, and 1958. Also includes program schedule for 1942.

**Box 16****Folder #1**

Yearly program schedules for 1965-1966, 1966-1967, 1967-1968, 1975-1976, and 1969-1970.

Folder#2

Yearly program schedules for 1981-1982, 1990, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998.

Folder #3

Yearly program schedules from 1999-2004.

Folder #4

Yearly program schedules from 2005-2009, and 2012-2014.

Folder #5

Copy of *A Walk through Archibald Menzies Bog* by the Juneau Garden Club.  
Published in 1994.

Items #6, 7, and 8

3 copies of *Gardening in Southeast Alaska* revised second edition.