

THE GARDEN CLUBS OF RED HOOK, NEW YORK

REPOSITORY

Historic Red Hook
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Red Hook, NY 12571

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TITLE

The Garden Clubs of Red Hook, New York

EXTENT

Two boxes containing file folders and volumes

DATES OF CONTENTS

Circa 1920's-present

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

No restrictions

SCOPE AND CONTENT

BOX 1:

History of Red Hook Garden Clubs- by Nancy Bendiner, "Growing Places: the History Of The Garden Clubs of Red Hook, New York," April 2, 2022, Historic Red Hook (HRH) Newsletter and Blog

Gardening Throughout the Year, compiled by Nancy Bendiner- a monthly reminder of gardening needs/activities throughout the year

Awards received by the Red Hook Garden Club

Events and Projects, includes programs from events such as flower shows starting in the 1960's, menus and flyers from events such as luncheons, tea

parties and the annual plant sale; assorted photos

Meetings and speakers. Some handouts and information on speakers; meeting agendas.

Garden clubs- early history and people involved

News articles

Correspondence and other communications.

BOX 2

ODVGC yearbooks, 1960's through 2022. Most years included. Additional years may be added in the future.

Volumes of hand written secretarial notes from meetings

Some Historical Club booklets and yearbooks 1940's-1990; garden club was spin-off from the Historical club, with overlapping membership

HISTORICAL NOTE

This collection was compiled by Nancy Bendiner in 2021 and revised in 2024 to reflect the history of Red Hook garden clubs from their earliest appearance in the 1940's as the Red Hook Garden Club, followed by the Old Dutch Village Garden Club in the 1950's. Originally, the Monday Club at St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook was created as an educational club for female church members, then grew into the Historical Club. A number of members of the Historical Club decided to form a club about gardening in the 1940's. Eventually, some members and others formed the two garden clubs of Red Hook. The Old Dutch Village Garden Club is the only one currently active.

Especially in the earlier years, the garden clubs collaborated with Red Hook institutions and other area garden clubs to for example, raise funds and provide education to the public.

There is a substantial online collection of newspaper articles about the garden clubs in local newspapers, which can be accessed at fultonhistory.org and also through the HRH online site (especially see the Red Hook Advertiser).

PROVENANCE

This collection is collected and donated from the Archives of The Old Dutch Village Garden Club. Nancy Bendiner also collected a number of the enclosed items during her membership in the club and as Co-President, Vice President, Recording Secretary from 2018-2022 as well as historian and publicity co-chairman 2022-2025.

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The plan is to add to this collection over time.