

# MARBLEHEAD



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## MARBLEHEAD GARDEN CLUB

### ARCHIVES, 1926-Present

<b>Volume:</b>	23 boxes 2 binders 12.0 linear feet And 1 drawer	<b>Processed by:</b>	Stacy D. Sullivan August 9, 2018
<b>Provenance:</b>	This collection was donated by members of the Marblehead Garden Club over the years (including accession #s: 2005.211, 2005.212, 2007.220, 2007.221, 2007.238.01-03, 2007.245, 2007.246, 2007.247.01, 2007.248.01, 2017.026.01, 2017.026.02).		
<b>Location:</b>	Series I – Series VIII located in Room 508, Archives Storage Wall, Marblehead Garden Club. Series IX located in Room 507, Archives Work Room, Map Case, Drawer #6.		

### OVERVIEW

The Marblehead Garden Club, organized in 1926 and founded in 1927, is the oldest garden club in Marblehead. The Club, a volunteer organization, is united by a passion for gardening, history, education, and community service. Since 1936, at the request of the Marblehead Historical Society (now known as the Marblehead Museum), the Club has cared for and cultivated the gardens surrounding the 1768 Lee Mansion. Since no information about Lee's actual gardens has ever been discovered, the Club has completed extensive research to produce gardens suitable for a prominent ship owner and town official such as Jeremiah Lee. The Club continues to study 18<sup>th</sup>-century gardens throughout New England and also researches periodicals, letters, books, and diaries from the period to provide historical accuracy in terms of the garden's design and the types of plants selected. Club members volunteer countless hours in the garden and hold fundraisers such as annual plant sales, special garden tours, and holiday wreath sales to support the Lee Mansion Gardens. Over the years, the Club has also supported a wide variety of civic and community service projects, which include eradicating Ragweed in the 1930s and 1940s and re-treesing Abbot Hall in the 1970s.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The archives of the Marblehead Garden Club consist of documents, artifacts, slides, and photographs of the Club's board records, programs, events, and community service projects. The board records include club history, by-laws, agenda, meeting minutes, annual reports, and membership records. The records of the Club's programs, events, and community service projects include publications, publicity, news clippings, program booklets, and invitations related to its plant sales, garden tours, wreath sales, and other programs. The collection also includes garden maintenance records for the Garden Implementation Committee and the Garden Advisory Committee. The garden design plans include those by Paul R. Frost, Shurcliff, Shurcliff & Merrill, Isadore Smith - aka Ann Leighton, Diane Kostial-McGuire, and Patricia Pratt. The collection also include material from the colonial study group and about the plant selections and landscape history at the Lee Mansion.

**SERIES LIST**

<b>SERIES I.</b>	<b>Artifacts and Objects</b> Aprons, T-shirt, box	<b>1 Box</b>
<b>SERIES II.</b>	<b>Club History, By-Laws, Membership</b> History by Year and by Decade Constitution and By-Laws Booklet and Amendments Membership Proposals Change in Membership Status Memorials "In Remembrance"	<b>2 Boxes</b>
<b>SERIES III.</b>	<b>Board Records</b> Agenda, Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports (4 boxes) Treasurer Reports (2 boxes) MMHS Liaison (1 box)	<b>7 Boxes Total</b>
<b>SERIES IV.</b>	<b>Programs, Events, Community Service</b> Annual Program Booklets (1 Box) Wreath Sale by Year, Flower Shows, MGC 50th, 60th, 75th Luncheons, Garden Tours, Invitations, Ragweed Removal, Re-Treeing Abbot Hall (4 boxes)	<b>5 Boxes Total</b>
<b>SERIES V.</b>	<b>Plant Sale</b> Annual Planning Records, Publicity, Photos, Table Reports	<b>3 Boxes</b>
<b>SERIES VI.</b>	<b>Garden Advisory</b> Lee Mansion Garden Maintenance Reports Projects: Perennial Garden, Sundial/Sunken Garden, Herb Garden, Lower Garden, Birdbath Garden, Lower Garden Fence Project Design Planning: Paul R. Frost, Shurcliff, Shurcliff & Merrill, Isadore Smith - aka Ann Leighton, Diane Kostial-McGuire, and Patricia Pratt	<b>2 Boxes</b>

<b>SERIES VII.</b>	<b>Communications</b> Publications Publicity News Clippings Garden Brochures Newsletters MGC Website Correspondence from Members Correspondence from Non-Members MGC Stationery	<b>1 Box</b>
<b>SERIES VIII.</b>	<b>Photographs and Slides</b>	<b>2 Boxes</b> <b>2 Binders</b>
<b>SERIES IX.</b>	<b>Garden Plans</b>	<b>1 Drawer</b>

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<b><u>Drawer</u></b>	<b><u>Folder</u></b>	<b><u>Contents</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
#6	1	Paul Frost, Herb Garden	November 1942
	2	Isadore Smith, Shurcliff, Shurcliff & Merrill Dooryard Garden	October 1957
	3	Shurcliff, Shurcliff & Merrill, Dooryard Garden	October 1957
	4	Shurcliff, Shurcliff & Merrill, Dooryard Garden	5 December 1957
	5	N.F. Brisson, Upper Garden Proposed Gazebo	22 October 1966
	6	N.F. Brisson, Upper Garden (Sundial/Sunken)	22 October 1966
	7	Diane Kostial McGuire, The Existing Garden 1969, (2005.211)	June 1969
	8	Diane Kostial McGuire, Proposed Garden Plan, (2005.212)	16 December 1969
	8a	Diane Kostial McGuire, possible addendum to Proposed Garden Plan, with Detail of Lee Mansion Granite Steps, 2 pages text with sketches	(presumed 16 December 1969)
	9	Diane Kostial McGuire, 3 Garden Plan Packet - Restoration Plan - The Herb Garden, sheet 2 - Perennial Border, sheet 3, Isadore L.L. Smith as consultant (2017.026.02)	October 1970 16 December 1969 16 December 1969
	10	Bill Houghton, Upper Garden	April 1977
	11	Bill Houghton, Lower Garden	August 1977

12	Patricia R. Pratt, Dooryard Garden Existing Conditions	20 January 1984
13	Patricia R. Pratt, Dooryard Garden Restoration/Improvements	25 March 1984
14	Patricia R. Pratt, Dooryard Garden Restoration/Improvements	Spring 1984
15	Patricia R. Pratt, Dooryard Garden Restoration/Improvements, 3 storyboards	(presumed Spring 1984)
16	Owen (O. J.) McKenna, Lee Mansion Gardens	3 April 1987 (revised 9 December 1987)
17	Peter L. Hornbeck, A Period Garden Master Plan, New Plants, (2017.026.01)	1 April 1988
18	Peter L. Hornbeck, A Period Garden Master Plan, New Plants L-1	11 May 1988
19	Peter L. Hornbeck, A Period Garden, Layout and Demolition Plan L-3	11 May 1988
20	Peter L. Hornbeck, A Period Garden, Plant Relocation Plan L-4	11 May 1988
21	Peter L. Hornbeck, A Period Garden Master Plan	4 June 1988
22	Peter L. Hornbeck, A Period Garden Master Plan, With color	15 June 1988
23	Peter L. Hornbeck, A Period Garden Master Plan, Sundial Detail, With color	(presumed 15 June 1988)
24	Owen (O. J.) McKenna, Garden Plan Existing Topography, predominantly Upper Garden	8 April 1990

25 Jody Howard, Cross Section of Sundial  
Garden, drawing, presumably companion to  
Owen McKenna plan in Folder #24, see Jody's (presumed on or  
handwritten note to Owen around April 1990)