

A Brief History of
THE WORTHINGTON GARDEN CLUB

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A group of 13 women met May 9, 1929 at the home of Mrs. George Harding and discussed the possibility of organizing a Garden Club. They met again May 16, 1929 and decided they need a Constitution, that the dues would be \$1.00 per year and that seven members would constitute a quorum.

The members were: Chairman Mrs. Claude Longnencker, Mrs. Alden Groves, Mrs. George Harding, Mrs. Robert King, Mrs. Frank Dunbar, Mrs. George Shepard, Mrs. Stella Nelson, Mrs. Lawrence Turton, Mrs. Homer Hockett and Mrs. Howard Gilkey.

The group met frequently until late 1929 and then decided to meet monthly. They premitted men to be Honorary Members. In 1938 the husbands were listed in the yearbook and Fabert Fisher was elected president.

Harry O'Brian and Howard Potter were very helpful with the program, Mr. Potter with money and Mr. O'Brian with program. Trees and shrubs were donated by members to plant on the school grounds and park. Mr. Potter wanted the pink petunia to be the village flower. Mr. Insley and Mr. Potter formed a committee to promote lawns and gardens.

In 1938 a Poeny Festival Committee was named. In 1939 the Club Year was changed from January to January to July to July. In 1941 36 redbud trees were planted.

Flower Shows were held with the Village Green Thumb and other Clubs.

Plant sales were held every spring. In some instances plants were grown by members and offered for sale but this was not looked upon with favor by the Ohio Department of Agriculture because of the danger of diseases.

Since 1970 the Front Yard and Business Beautification Contest has been sponsored. The city was divided up into quadrants and the best three in each quadrant were given Certificates and Awards.

A major door was donated for the new library with work being done by Jim McLaughlin.

Planting on the boulevard in downtown Worthington was initiated. The beds were prepared and planted. Among those who participated were Doug Buford, Charles Dambach, Chester Hutchison, Armin Koring, Roland Leeper, Robert McBurney, Jim Mollica and Warren Weiler.

Interest has always been to make and keep Worthington beautiful and maintain fellowship with those interested in this.

