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**Inventory of the Byrnes Downs
Garden Club Scrapbook, 1948-1953**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Byrnes Downs Garden Club scrapbook
Date(s)	1948-1953
Creator:	Byrnes Downs Garden Club (Charleston, S.C.)
Abstract:	This collection consists of a scrapbook documenting the history, projects, and activities of the Byrnes Downs Garden Club (Charleston, S.C.) from 1948 to 1953.
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Historical Note

On Jan. 15, 1948, fifteen women assembled to form the Byrnes Downs Garden Club. According to the Club's constitution, their mission was to: "improve and beautify our community, to coordinate and stimulate interest in gardening, [and] to aid in the protection of our wild flowers and birds." They started by installing street signs and lights, selling and planting trees, and clearing a vacant lot. In December 1953, the Byrnes Downs Garden Club became the West Ashley Garden Club.

Collection Overview

This scrapbook documents the history, projects, and activities of the Byrnes Downs Garden Club from 1948 to 1953. It contains photographs, newspaper clippings, typed histories and explanatory notes, year books including the organization's constitution and membership lists (1948-1953), programs and awards from special events, and one map of metropolitan Charleston from 1945 that details neighborhoods. It also includes ink drawings on some pages and paintings on the front and back covers.

Collection Arrangement

The scrapbook is arranged chronologically in its original order.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Search Terms

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Names

Byrnes Downs Garden Club (Charleston, S.C.)--History

Subjects

Women--South Carolina--Charleston--Societies and clubs
Gardening--South Carolina--Charleston

Places

Byrnes Downs (Charleston, S.C.)--History
Byrnes Downs (Charleston, S.C.)--Social life and customs
Charleston (S.C.)--History
Charleston (S.C.)--Social life and customs

Types of Material

Scrapbooks
Clippings
Photographs
Typescripts
Yearbooks
Programs
Membership lists
Constitutions
Freehand drawings (drawings)
Awards
Maps
Paintings (visual works)

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

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Alternate Form of Materials

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Inventory

Box 1

Scrapbook, 1948-1953