



TWIN CITY GARDEN CLUB HISTORY

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS 1930-1991

History of
TWIN CITY GARDEN CLUB

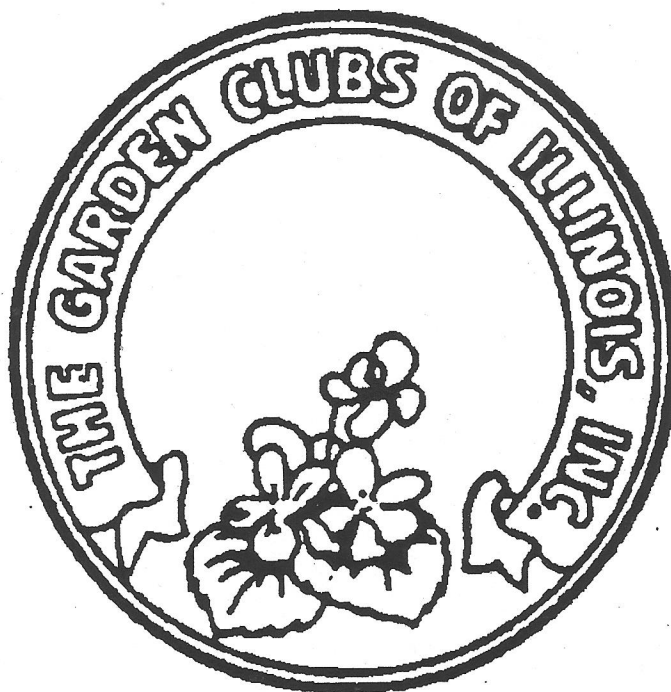
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INTRODUCTION

In 1990, the Twin City Garden Club voted to prepare and print an updated history. The first history was published in 1965 covering the 35 years since the organization was started.

Since 1960, there have been many social changes occurring in the United States. The 1960s were a period of upheaval in many areas, beginning with college campuses and spreading throughout the nation.

In addition, a substantial movement occurred involving the rights of women, both in the home and in opportunities for careers. The result of this period of time affected the activities of women involved in many clubs and social organizations.

The family structure of the nation changed as well, moving from a household where the father worked and the mother stayed home with the children, occupying herself with housekeeping and family concerns, to a two wage earner family. As a consequence, garden club membership declined. At the time of the 35 year history, Twin City Garden Club had 125 members. At the present time, there are barely over fifty.

During these years, the Twin City Garden Club continued to follow the general guidelines that were begun in the 1930s. Members have always been interested in stimulating the love of gardening and in individual advancement.

As might be expected, the club was interested in civic beautification and conservation, protection of native species as well as the artistic side such as flower arrangements, table settings and garden design in general.

Many of the individual members have shown their dedication by participating in the various activities of flower shows and money raising. The financial aspect has been necessary in order to support the various projects the club has endorsed.

As a group, the club has given many volunteer hours to diverse projects such as beautification at the Champaign County Nursing Home, the Lorado Taft statue of Lincoln in Carle Park, and Open Arms Inn, a youth center in Champaign.

Many members have entered the floriculture exhibits at the County Fair and some have served as judges. Horticulture has always been an integral part of the club's activities. Usually there has been one meeting a month of the horticulture group. Some of these programs are given in the homes - others have been field trips to sites of interest such as Allerton, Busey Woods, the Nature Center, etc.

In preparing this history, as in the previous one, the years have been assembled in groups of five, consecutively by year. The subjects covered will be meetings and meeting

places, projects, the system of officers and special chairmen, membership, flower shows, flower show schools, landscape design schools, judges, landscape design critics, junior garden clubs, state board members, and budgets.

It must be mentioned at this point that the secretary's notebooks for the years 1968 to 1982 are not available. It is speculated that they were among the effects of a secretary who unfortunately died while in office and were disposed of by the family members before they could be reclaimed. However, the yearbooks and club scrapbooks have supplied much information about club activities during that period.

In 1965, the club was meeting at the Urbana Community Building. In the mid-1970s the club moved to the new Urbana Civic Center for its meetings. In 1979, the group met at the Anita Purves Nature Center in Urbana. It subsequently met at the Urbana Library Auditorium and various other locations before renting space at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Champaign.

Twin City Garden Club has sponsored four series of Flower Show Schools in the past 25 years. It has sponsored one series of Landscape Design Courses and is currently sharing sponsorship of a series of Gardening Study Courses with other clubs in District IV.

District IV has an active Judges Council and Garden Study Group. In 1990, the club began collaborating with the Champaign County Forest Preserve in conducting Botany Basic field trips in the spring and fall for elementary grade school students within the county.

The club has six active flower show judges and three Emeritus judges. There are 3 student judges.

1930 - 1965

In an earlier history of the Twin City Garden Club, which covered the years from its beginning in 1930 to 1965, it was stated that the garden club movement in the United States had become increasingly popular during the 1920s.

The Twin City Garden Club was organized in 1930 when 26 people met at the home of Mrs. Albert Hill, 501 S. Broadway, Urbana, and Mrs. M.D. Gordon was elected president. Members included couples and single men and women.

The purpose of the organization was "to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to aid in the protection of native growth and to encourage home, civic and state beautification."

Monthly meetings were held in the evenings at various places. Most of the programs were about horticulture, but serious efforts were made to learn how to make nice "bouquets," as they were referred to in the minutes. University of Illinois specialists often attended the meetings and offered their expertise.

The club was very community minded. Trees were planted in the lawn of the Courthouse in Urbana and West Side Park in Champaign to commemorate the George Washington Bicentennial.

Help was given to the Champaign Chamber of Commerce to plant a garden for unemployed persons, and talks were given to school children about flowers. Dried arrangements were furnished for the tuberculosis sanitarium. Table arrangements were made for large dinners given by welfare organizations at the Ice Rink for several years.

The Civic Improvement Committee planted seeds of various hardy annuals near the Urbana Country Club where the removal of trees and shrubs had left an ugly empty area.

Club members sold tickets for the Chicago Flower Show at Navy Pier; they also encouraged attendance at flower shows in St. Louis, Springfield, and the Chicago suburbs. Books were personally purchased to learn botanical names of plants and study all phases of horticulture.

A Junior Garden Club was started and received such fame that the group was invited to contribute a table arrangement for the National Council meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1934. The Juniors were instructed in work on essays, posters, gardens, and plants.

After presenting small flower shows in 1930-1932, the club held a large show at the University of Illinois Ice Skating Rink. There were several hundred entries. Boy Scouts helped with the show and the Junior Garden Clubbers displayed their work.

In 1934, the Twin City Garden Club printed its first yearbook. Another flower show was held at the Ice Skating Rink and the University of Illinois President Willard challenged the members to "get busy and plan to do big things."

In response to the President's challenge, the club purchased a lantern (slide projector). It was such a novelty that requests to rent it came from other community groups.

In the mid 1940s, the club expanded to one general meeting and two study groups. There was an evening meeting once each month to study horticulture. There was an afternoon group which always began with a potluck luncheon; they also studied horticulture.

In the late 1940s, the club had developed three meetings a month: the general meeting in the evening, an evening group, and a potluck luncheon group.

Programs were always state-of-the-art, as well as dealing with the tried and true methods of gardening and design. In January 1940, frozen foods were the program topic, a sign of new developments in processing food.

World War II had its impact on the club. Membership was down and it was more difficult to get officers and show chairmen. The club continued with its usual format of meetings, but new subjects were introduced, indicating the effects of the war on lifestyles. Rationing brought interest in canning and freezing of foods, while fruit and vegetable cultivation was very important. Dried materials became more popular for flower arrangements.

Victory gardens produced food for members; flowers were sent to the Soldiers Hospital at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul; decorations were made for tables where lunches were served in connection with the blood bank; plants were given to USO window boxes; decorating the USO was done by club members and the club donated to the Red Cross.

In 1943, the club instructed the secretary to write to the governor requesting the removal of metal signs from the highways because metal was scarce during the war.

Self advancement dominated the projects of the late 40s and 50s. Speakers were not listed in advance of meetings and contests were conducted to recognize programs of superior quality.

Shrubs were planted at the Champaign County Farm and the Garwood Home. It wasn't until 1950 that the club again considered putting on flower shows.

Up until 1953 it seemed that there was food served at every meeting, but in January it was voted to do that only on special occasions, such as a Spring Tea in March, a June Picnic in Hessel Park, a Chrysanthemum Tea in October, and a Christmas covered dish luncheon.

In December 1954, the club voted to limit its membership to 100; this ruling was rescinded in November 1956, and the membership was again open to anyone interested.

There is no record of when the club joined the Federation, but it was noted that on March 8, 1955 the club voted "to stay in the Federation." The middle 1950s was a period of adjustment for the club. Membership was growing and expenses were climbing. Programs by members became less frequent and consequently worthwhile programs by outside speakers were more costly.

The early 1960s showed a resurgence of the old enthusiasm. In January 1959, the treasurer received so many dues that the exact total was not immediately available, but the amount was close to \$400.

A calling committee was set up for a more personal contact with each member. Club dues were increased in order to maintain Federation membership. It was decided that past presidents should be invited to board meetings.

In order to qualify for membership awards, new membership attendance requirements were set up — regular members and associate members. In June 1962, the club voted to sponsor a series of Flower Show Schools. Flower shows were scheduled for once a year and when the Busey Bank Rose Shows were started, a large fall or winter show was also held.

As a result of the Flower Show Schools, the club acquired seven student judges. These were in addition to the three accredited judges: Mrs. Louis Basala, Mrs. Glenn E. Hansen, and Mrs. Charles H. Nichols.



September 1946. Twin City Garden Club honors Mrs. W.R. Tylor at a tea. From left to right are: Mrs. H.J. Leichner, Mrs. Tylor, Mrs. O.I. Butler, Margaret Nelson, Mrs. F.W. Wiseheart, Mrs. W.V. Jackson, and Mrs. C.S. Bucher.



September 1965. Past presidents of the club were feted at the traditional tea in their honor in the Urbana Community Building. Past presidents attending were: seated from left, Mrs. Grant Brown, Mrs. George M. England and Mrs. Kenneth Wood; and standing from left, Mrs. H.J. Leichner, Mrs. M.D. Gordon, Mrs. Hugh F. Hannah, Mrs. Charles Nichols, Mrs. Orom Butler, Mrs. F.W. Wiseheart, Mrs. Arnold Mileham and Mrs. John Miller.

1966-1991

Research for this period of the club's history has been through yearbooks, flower show schedules, and educational flyers because the minutes for part of this time were inadvertently lost. This history will serve as the historical record for this period.

The history has been divided into four areas: awards, education, membership, and projects. The periods of time have been broken into five or ten years.

1966-1970

AWARDS

The club won the state award for its club history which sold for 25¢ per copy. In 1966, five members attended the state convention in Chicago and received five awards, one of which was the Sears Roebuck Award for Restoration and Renovation Contest for District IV. To win this, the club members restored the Lorado Taft Lincoln Statue in Urbana.

That same year, the members entered the class "Plant Illinois" at the World Flower and Garden Show in Chicago and the club won a silver bowl. The club's Junior Garden Club members were very active during this period.

At the annual banquet of the Champaign County Development Corporation, the club received a special commendation for restoring a storm damaged tree at the Champaign County Nursing Home. In 1968 the club received a Certificate of Merit from the U.S. Forestry Service for its outstanding conservation program with youth.

At the state convention in 1970, the club received the award for the best District IV yearbook. Their holiday flower show "The Bells are Ringing" won State Award No. 3.

EDUCATION

In October 1969, club members took a field trip through the Treasured Tree Trail in Champaign. The trees included dogwood, sycamore, Osage orange, American chestnut, female ginkgo, cucumber magnolia tree, beech, northern hackberry, silver maple, oak, southern hackberry, cut leaf birch and bald cypress.

The 1970, Mary Anne Kesler chaired a Landscape Design Study series. They were held in the fall for four consecutive years. Three landscape critics graduated from the series.

The club has always been active in hosting educational programs as accredited by The National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Course V, Flower Show School, chaired by Mary Anne Kesler, was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Champaign. The club paid half the registration fee for each club member who attended, as was the custom for the previous courses. Student judges were invited to judge at the Champaign County Fair, as well as to enter exhibits.

MEMBERSHIP

Because attendance at horticulture meetings outgrew space provided by individual homes, the board recommended that they be conducted in the Urbana Community Building where the regular meetings were held on the third Tuesday of the month. In 1968, flower show properties which had been stored in various homes were consolidated and stored at Chester O'Byrne Transfer Company.

At this time the club had two levels of membership, regular and associate. It is unclear when this system was initiated. The associate membership originally was for members who moved during a fiscal year. In 1964 there were two such members. In 1966 it was opened to members who did not attend many meetings and the numbers in this category rose dramatically: in 1966, 30; 1967, 34; 1968, 46; 1969, 42; 1970, 33.

The dual membership permitted the club to achieve a high percentage of attendance when applying for a state membership award. The system was discontinued in 1971 and the club has maintained a regular membership status of approximately 50 to 55 members since that time.

The members voted to budget \$25 for attendance at the state convention. In 1983 this amount was raised to \$50 for the president's expenses at the convention.

PROJECTS

In January 1967, the Champaign County Development Corporation (CCDC) invited two club members to attend their meeting concerning beautifying Champaign-Urbana. The CCDC opened an office on Walnut Street in Champaign for three months to get the University Avenue project started. Volunteers from the club manned the telephones.

The club voted to buy 500 seedlings of white birch in the spring of 1967 and sell them to the public. The Arbor Day sale of trees was successful and it was decided to reserve the profits for a contribution to a civic center.

At the Champaign County Nursing Home, members volunteered to give horticulture therapy programs. These included making corsages for Mother's Day with the residents.

The club funded two students to attend the Conservation School in July at a cost of \$40 to \$50. One was chosen from each of the Champaign and Urbana high schools.

The club librarian reported that members were not returning books on time; a two week limit was imposed and the books were stored at the Community Building. Monthly workshops were held on flower arranging, including arrangements for table settings.

Members concentrated on conservation work, restoring storm damaged trees and planting new ones. In 1969, the members planted greenery and flowers at the entrance of the Open Arms Inn, a recreation center for teenagers. The annual tree sale took place at Robeson's Department Store in Champaign and the Eisner Food Store on Philo Road in Urbana.

1971-1980

AWARDS

Between 1971 and 1976 the club held two flower shows a year: one rose show in the spring and a standard flower show in the fall. Members won ribbons and student judges gained credit toward becoming accredited flower show judges at these shows.

EDUCATION

From 1975 to 1977 the club sponsored a second series of Flower Show Schools, under the direction of Hazel Bradle. Six student judges from the series became accredited flower show judges. The Landscape Design Study Courses continued until 1973.

MEMBERSHIP

Junior Garden Club members had several education programs through the 1970s. Toward the end of the decade, the Junior Garden Club disbanded due to lack of interest from upcoming high school students.

At this time the club's membership changed, until it stabilized around the 50 member mark. However, the club's activities have continued to focus on education, conservation and outreach to nursing homes and youth.

PROJECTS

In order to raise funds for Flower Show Schools, the club voted to participate in the Jewel Food Stores Good Neighbor Days. The club earned \$123.61 for the first school and participated every time Good Neighbor Days were conducted during the series.

Twin City Garden Club cooperated with the Champaign County Bicentennial Commission in celebrating the 200th anniversary of our nation. Three program themes were observed: Heritage '76, Festival U.S.A., and Horizons '76.

1980-1985

AWARDS

"Arrangements, Music and Flowers" was the title of a District IV Standard Flower Show held at The Early American Museum, Lake of the Woods, Mahomet, in June 1981. Several members entered and won ribbons.

In June of 1982 the club co-sponsored a standard flower show with the Urbana Park District at Lincoln Square Mall, Urbana. The theme was "Once Upon a Time." This show was very well received by the public and several members won ribbons for their exhibits.

In June 1985, in collaboration with the American Peony Society, the club sponsored a mini flower show at Lake of the Woods Museum entitled "Learning, Landmarks and Leisure." Members received ribbons from the Peony Society as awards.

EDUCATION

In 1981, club members took garden walks in the area, including visiting the Jacques House herb garden, the University of Illinois rose garden, the President's House, Japan House, and the Grape Arbor, home of Betty Kempton.

In 1983, District IV presented a series of Flower Show Schools under the chairmanship of Mary Ann Espeseth, member of Twin City Garden Club. For Course I, 27 participated and 7 took the test. All passed. Twin City Garden Club hosted Course II and V. Five student judges from this series are still active and becoming Life Judges. The series was completed in 1985.

MEMBERSHIP

On September 9, 1980, the club celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with a membership tea at the home of President and Mrs. Ikenberry, the official home of the President of the University of Illinois.

The first floor of the residence was decorated with flower arrangements designed by club members. Tickets and invitations were sent to community officials, district and state garden club members, and local newspapers. Approximately 175 people attended, including 54 of the 80 members of the club.

The years 1980 to 1985 were a period of transition for club meeting places. The various sites included churches, civic centers, and the Anita Purves Nature Center. An evening group was formed in 1982 and met in the Champaign Public Library or a member's home. This group disbanded after one year.

Flower show properties were being stored in a member's barn, and it was decided to consolidate them and move them to another member's home. The properties, stored free of charge, have been brought up to date and are available when needed.

The Twin City Garden Club is a member of District IV, along with Rantoul, Danville, and Roselawn Garden Clubs. Over the years the club has hosted both the annual and semi-annual district meetings. Members have served in all the executive positions and supported the district activities in many ways.

The District IV Judges Council, with its club membership, has participated in district events. The judges have provided designs and horticulture specimens for flower show schools. They have acted as judges for flower shows and made designs for state conventions for the district.

By 1985 the membership had begun to be less active and they were not readily replaced by new members. However, the club is sustaining a membership of over 50, with 50% of the members active in club activities.

PROJECTS

In the 1980s, Marinell Lamkin, Garden Therapy Chairman, instituted a garden therapy program at the Round Barn Manor Apartments. This group met once a month in the activity room. Marinell would repot plants, diagnose problems and generally help the residents to care for their house plants. In 1988, the club won a state award for this project. Marinell moved from the area in 1989 and no one has picked up this activity.

During the holiday season of 1982, the club members decorated a Christmas tree for an open house at the Carriage House Furniture Store and also at Wilbur Mansion, home of the Champaign County Historical Society. Members made natural ornaments of fresh and dried material.

In the fall of 1983, President Beverly Brownfield contacted schools in Champaign and Urbana to offer teachers help in teaching plant growth and care. As a result of her offer, a garden therapy program was set up for Robeson, Carrie Busey, Kenwood, and Westview elementary schools for classes of disabled children. Members helped students with projects and served cookies and Kool-aid. An "Apartment Living" program for young adults was given potted plants for their enjoyment. This program continued for three years before it was disbanded due to lack of manpower.

1985-1991

AWARDS

During this period, the club president has represented the club at state conventions. Members have budgeted \$50 toward her expenses. Members have accompanied the president on these occasions. Each year the club earned a Membership Extension Certificate for keeping its membership stable and a 150 Club Achievement Ribbon.

The year 1989 was a banner year for wards. The club received the Best District Yearbook rosette; a Garden Club of Illinois, Inc. award for Individual Excellence in Horticulture; a Citation from The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. for hosting the summer meeting; a Service Appreciation to Miriam Davies, Club President; and The Mabel M.A. Fitzsimmons Home Garden Design Monetary Award.

In 1990, the club won best yearbook award for the district; a National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Certificate of Merit for 60 years of continuous membership; a Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. Certification of Appreciation for its contribution to the Friendship Garden Fund in Washington, D.C.; and a Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. Flower Show Distinction Ward.

In 1991, the club received The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. Award No. 48 for the Standard Flower Show "Salute to Amanda;" The Gold Seal Award for Horticulture; the Champaign County Cooperative Extension Service Citation for continued interest and support (monetary); The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. citation to Miriam Davies for setting up Central Region Gardening Consultants Chapter and one for State Publicity as Third Vice President; and a Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. to Hazel Bradle as Legislation Chairman.

EDUCATION

On September 27, 1986, the members participated in a District IV Judges Council mini flower show which was held at Clark-Lindsey Village, Urbana. The title was "Life Loves Laughter, Life Needs Laughter."

On May 16-17, 1987, the club presented a Standard flower show entitled "Prairie Frolics" at the Early American Museum, Mahomet. This was in collaboration with the local Iris Society.

The Springfield Civic Garden Club held a series of Gardening Study Courses between 1987 and 1989. Donna Wagner and Miriam Davies graduated as Gardening

Consultants from this series. In 1990 District IV sponsored Series IX. Miriam Davies is the local chairman. The club will host the 4th course in 1993.

On July 30, 1988, the club presented a standard flower show entitled "Step in Through our Garden Gate" at the Early American Museum, Mahomet. Members entered exhibits at the show and acted as hostesses for the public.

From 1989 to 1991, the club sponsored a series of Flower Show Schools and again Mary Ann Espeseth chaired the series. These were especially noteworthy because they attracted several garden club members from District VI and VII in the southern part of Illinois. Eleven student judges completed the series.

In June 1990, a flower show entitled "Salute to Amanda" was presented at the First Presbyterian Church, Champaign, to celebrate the club's diamond anniversary of 60 years. Amanda Gordon, first president of the club, was present to greet visitors from the community, many of whom were her contemporaries.

MEMBERSHIP

On March 20, 1986, the club hosted the District IV annual meeting at the Round Barn Center. Susan Herricks was installed as District Vice President.

In May 1986, the National Convention of The National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. was held in Chicago. Following the convention, a downstate tour was conducted. An overnight stop in Champaign was enlivened with a bus tour of the University of Illinois and a reception at Levis Faculty Center hosted by the club and the University of Illinois Agriculture Department.

In 1987, the club voted to reorganize the committees in order to streamline the duties of the officers. Five committees were set up, incorporating the duties of the former ones. These committees were: Finance, Membership Services, Program, Projects, and Publications. These chairmen automatically serve on the Executive Board with the elected officers. Job descriptions were rewritten and included in the yearbook.

At the Past Presidents' Tea on September 15, 1987, Amanda Gordon, the club's first president, was honored by entering her name in the National Book of Honor of The National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

By 1988, it was determined that the club library was no longer being used by members and the selections were offered at a silent auction. Those books which were unsold were donated to local libraries.

In 1989, Miriam Davies and Donna Wagner organized the Central Region Chapter of Gardening Consultants. It has a membership drawn from Districts III, IV, and V. This

effort has been greatly appreciated by Gardening Consultants in this area. They are working on projects to help upgrade gardening and working with school children.

The 1989 summer meeting of The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. was hosted by District IV at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts in Urbana. Hazel Bradle and Miriam Davies acted as co-chairmen. LaVerne Laycock, State President, presided at the business meeting. Following a delicious lunch in the foyer area, Dianne Noland and Dr. Walker Kirby of the University of Illinois lectured on perennials and plant diseases, respectively. There were 103 state club members in attendance. The day long meetings ended with tours of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and Klehm's Peony Farm in northwest Champaign. District IV met its financial commitments for this meeting.

PROJECTS

In 1986, the club participated in beautifying the gardens at Heritage House, a nursing home in Champaign. Bulbs and annuals were planted in the atrium. Shrubs were pruned and the club members helped the active residents enjoy their garden. This activity covered two seasons and was discontinued due to lack of manpower.

In September 1987, the club members planted spring bulbs around the welcome signs at two entrances to Champaign-Urbana.

The club members participated in the state flower show at the Field museum in Chicago. They entered designs and horticulture and served as clerks and hostesses.

Club member Miriam Davies has volunteered at the Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods, Mahomet, since 1985. She serves as a Gardening Consultant on perennials. In October 1990, a Botany Basics Course was co-sponsored with the Early American Museum of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District. The course was presented to fourth and fifth graders from Champaign County schools. That fall, 274 students took the course, coming by bus from their classrooms. It was continued in the spring and fall of 1991 during which time 426 students attended. These field trips were so popular that an additional program was prepared for first through third grade students. Garden club members prepared cuttings for the students to pot and take home with them; members assisted Miriam Davies when she conducted the classes.

Since 1989, Miriam Davies and Donna Wagner have served on the Garden Renovation Committee of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District.

Over the year, club members Kazuko Sasamori and Setsuko Taira from Japan have entertained the club and initiated members into the oriental flower arranging art forms. In March of 1991 they and two of their Japanese friends presented a program involving oriental flower arranging and a ritual of dolls. One guest showed us mechanical ways with plant material to hold designs in place.

STATISTICS

September 1965 to May 1970

Meetings Three per month: 1st Tuesday, Horticulture; 3rd Tuesday, General Meeting; 4th Tuesday, Flower Arranging and Tables

Projects Flower Show School, Courses IV and V
Junior Garden Club
Christmas Flower Show
Lincoln Memorial Garden
Landscaping Lincoln Statue, Urbana
Illinois Nature Conservancy
Flower Arrangements for Urbana Library
Petunia Plantings, Downtown Champaign and Urbana
Mother's Day Corsages, Champaign County Nursing Home
Upkeep of Champaign County Nursing Home Gardens
Champaign County Development Council

Budgets 1965, \$1,651; 1966, \$1,320; 1967, \$1,326; 1968-1970, \$1,295

Membership

Year	Regular	Associate	Honorary
1966	84	29	5
1967	66	34	7
1968	60	37	3
1969	48	42	3

Flower Shows

Fall and Spring, 1965 through 1970

State Board Member

Mrs. Glenn E. Hansen, Plant Illinois Chairman

September 1970 to May 1975

Meetings Two meetings per month: 1st Tuesday, Horticulture; 3rd Tuesday, General Meeting

Projects Junior Garden Club
Christmas Flower Show
Rose Show
Champaign County Fair Flower Show
Lincoln Memorial Garden
Illinois Nature Conservancy
Flower Arrangements for Urbana Library
Mother's Day Corsages, Champaign County Nursing Home
Upkeep of Champaign County Nursing Home Gardens
Champaign County Development Council
Local Conservation and Beautification
Blue Star Memorial Highway
Arbor Day Planting
Landscape Design Study Courses, 1970-1973

Budgets 1970, \$1,490; 1971, \$1,195; 1972, \$1,680; 1973, \$3,672; 1974, \$3,850

Membership

Year	Regular	Associate	Honorary
1970	72	29	3
1971	93	0	3
1972	109	0	3
1973	100	0	3
1974	109	0	3

Flower Shows

2 each year, Rose Show and Fall Show

Flower Show Judges

7 Nationally Accredited, all 5 years

Landscape Design Critics

3 in 1974

State Board Member

Mrs. Glenn E. Hansen, Plant Illinois Chairman

September 1975 to May 1980

Meetings same as above

Projects Junior Garden Club
Rose Show
Champaign County Fair Flower Show
Lincoln Memorial Garden
Illinois Nature Conservancy
Flower Arrangements for Twin City Libraries
Mother's Day Corsages for Champaign County Nursing Home
Christmas Decoration of Champaign County Nursing Home
Champaign County Historical Museum
Participation in Earth Week
Study of Salt Fork Project

Budgets 1975, \$3,582; 1976, \$2,944; 1977, \$1,974; 1978, \$1,090; 1979, \$945

Membership

Year	Regular	Associate	Honorary
1975	114	0	1
1976	106	0	0
1977	105	0	0
1978	102	0	0
1979	80	0	0

Flower Shows

2 each in 1975 and 1976; none in 1977; 1 in 1978; participated in the State Flower Show in 1979.

Flower Show Schools

2 each in 1975 and 1976; one in 1977

Flower Show Judges

1975, 7; 1976, 6; 1977, 6; 1978, 9; 1979, 9

Landscape Design Consultants

1975, 3; 1976, 2; 1977, 2; 1978, 2; 1979, 2

State Board Member

Mrs. Glenn E. Hansen, Plant Illinois Chairman

September 1980 to May 1985

Meetings same as above

Projects State Flower Show
Lincoln Memorial Garden
Flower Arrangements at Champaign County Historical Museum
Flower Arrangements at Anita Purves Nature Center
Our Boneyard
GCI Scholarship Fund
World Gardening Fund
American Land Trust
Arboreal Trail Project
"Plant Gold"

Budgets 1980, \$1,320; 1981, \$1,707; 1982, \$1,602; 1983, \$2,204; 1984, \$2,113

Membership

Year	Regular
1980	86
1981	92
1982	76
1983	79
1984	66

Flower Shows

1980, supported State Show; 1 each in 1981, 1982 and 1983; none in 1984

Flower Show Schools

1982 to 1984

Flower Show Judges

1980, 10; 1981, 10; 1982, ?; 1983, 12; 1984, 11

Flower Show Student Judges

1980, 0; 1981, 1; 1982, ?; 1983, 0; 1984, 11

Landscape Design Student Judges

1980, 1; 1981, 1; none thereafter

State Board Member

Mrs. R.D. Bradle, Horticulture and World Gardening

September 1985 to May 1991

Meetings same as above, except 3 per month in 1986-87

Projects Lincoln Memorial Garden
Illinois Scholarship Fund
World Gardening
Operation Wildflower
Heritage House Beautification
Garden Therapy for Round Barn Center Residents
Garden Therapy for Persons with Special Needs
Ronald MacDonald House Project
Host Club for Tour by National Convention Guests, 1986
Host State Summer Meeting with District IV, 1989
Botany Basics, 1990-1991
District IV Gardening Study Courses

Budgets 1985, \$1,889; 1986, \$1,638; 1988, \$1,828; 1989, \$2,050; 1990, \$1,888
1991, \$1,888

Membership

Year	Regular	Honorary
1985	63	0
1986	53	0
1987	49	0
1988	49	0
1989	51	0
1990	51	0
1991	54	1

Flower Shows

1 each year, except 1991

Flower Show Schools

Courses I through V, 1989-1991

Flower Show Judges

1985, 11; 1986, 9; 1987-1989, 9; 1990, 7; Emeritus, 2; 1991, 6; Emeritus, 3

Flower Show Student Judges

1986, 3; 1987-1989, 1; 1990, 1; 1991, 3

Gardening Consultants

1989, 2; 1990, 2; 1991, 2

State Board Members

Mrs. R.D. Bradle, Legislation Chairman
Miriam Davies, Third Vice President
Mrs. W.C. Wagner, District IV Director

OFFICERS

1930-31
 President Mrs. M.D. Gordon
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Program Chair Mrs. W.R. Tyler

1932-33
 President Mrs. A.P. Kratz
 Vice President Mrs. C.S. Bucher
 Secretary Miss Esther Anell
 Treasurer Mrs. Flint
 Program Chair Mrs. W.R. Tyler

1934
 President Mrs. I.M. Woodruff
 Vice President Mrs. Brentlinger
 Secretary Mrs. C.S. Bucher
 Treasurer Mrs. W.H. Severns
 Program Chair Miss Esther Anell
 Flower Show Chair Mrs. W.R. Tyler

1935
 President Mr. W.K. Galeener
 Vice President Mrs. F.A. Jorgenson
 Secretary Mrs. C.S. Bucher
 Treasurer Mrs. W.H. Severns
 Program Chair Miss Audrey Sexton
 Flower Show Chair Mrs. Mayme Innis

1936
 President Mr. W.K. Galeener
 No records

1937
 President Mr. J.H. Morgan
 Vice President Mrs. H.R. Thomas
 Recording Secretary Miss Grace Slocum
 Corresponding Secretary Mrs. B.L. Jefferson
 Treasurer Mrs. Mayme Everman
 Program Chair Mrs. I.M. Woodruff

1938
 President Mrs. H.R. Thomas
 Vice President Mrs. Bernard Jefferson
 Recording Secretary Mrs. Orom Butler
 Corresponding Secretary Mrs. C.H. Puterbaugh
 Treasurer Mrs. M.H. Smith
 Program Chair Mrs. Shriner

1939
 President Dr. T.S. Hamilton
 Vice President Mrs. Julian Fellows
 Recording Secretary Mrs. Orom Butler
 Corresponding Secretary Mrs. C.H. Puterbaugh
 Treasurer Mrs. Martha H. Smith
 Program Chair Mrs. Hackett Wilder

1940
 President Dr. C.H. Puterbaugh
 Vice President Miss Margaret Nelson
 Recording Secretary Mrs. Orom Butler
 Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Wilber Smith
 Treasurer Mrs. Martha H. Smith
 Program Chair Mrs. E.K. Vandermark

1941
 President Mrs. E.K. Vandermark
 Vice President Miss Margaret Nelson
 Recording Secretary Mrs. C.C. Burford
 Corresponding Secretary Mrs. M.D. Gordon
 Treasurer Mrs. Harry Potter
 Program Chair Mrs. Orom Butler

1942
 President Mrs. E.K. Vandermark
 Vice President Mr. J.H. Morgan
 Recording Secretary Mrs. C.C. Burford
 Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Findley Wiseheart
 Treasurer Mrs. Harry Potter
 Program Chair Mrs. W.R. Tyler

1943
 President Mrs. W.L. Schwalbe
 Vice President Miss Esther Anell
 Secretary Mrs. Findley Wiseheart
 Treasurer Mrs. Orom Butler

1944
 President Mrs. Wilbur Smith
 Vice President Miss Esther Anell
 Secretary Dr. C.H. Puterbaugh
 Treasurer Mrs. Raymond Turner
 Program Chair Dr. T.S. Hamilton

1945
 President Mrs. Orom Butler
 Vice President Mrs. Findley Wiseheart
 Secretary Miss Esther Anell
 Treasurer Mrs. Wilbur Smith
 Program Chair Miss Margaret Nelson

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair	1946	Mrs. Orom Butler Mrs. Findley Wiseheart Mrs. Esther Towner Mrs. Wilbur Smith Miss Margaret Nelson	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair	1958	Mrs. Grant Brown Mrs. Robert Denomy Miss Lola McClurg Mrs. Wayne W. Geiling Mrs. C.T. Henson and Mrs. T.G. Scott
President Vice President Secretary Treasurer	1947-48	Mrs. H.J. Leichner Mrs. Irwin Chase Mrs. Laura Wendt Mrs. Frank Terry	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair Rose Show Chair	1959	Mrs. Grant Brown Mrs. C.H. Wilborn Mrs. Harold Congleton Miss Lola McClurg Mrs. C.T. Henson Mrs. C.H. Nichols
President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair	1949-50	Mrs. Findley Wiseheart Mrs. Frank Terry Mrs. Arnold Mileham Mrs. Roy Hamrick Mrs. Wilbur Smith and Mrs. Irwin Chase	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair	1960-61	Mrs. Charles Nichols Mrs. George Anderson Mrs. M.M. Hickman Mrs. Wayne Geiling Mrs. George Anderson
President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair	1951-52	Mrs. John Miller Mrs. O.L. Curl Mrs. W.C. Noel Mrs. L.C. Auby, Mrs. C.N. Beetle Mrs. R.H. Michalek, 1951 Mrs. H.F. Hannah, 1952 Mrs. T.G. Scott, 1952	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair Flower Show Chair Rose Show Chair	1961-62	Mrs. Findley Wiseheart Mrs. Wayne Geiling Miss Ethelyn Kirk Mrs. Kenneth Wood Mrs. W.B. Corray " Mrs. Wayne Geiling
President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair	1953-54	Mrs. Arnold Mileham Mrs. C.T. Henson Mrs. T.G. Scott, 1953 Mrs. A. Kinzer, 1954 Mrs. E.N. DeAtley Mrs. W.L. Schwalbe, 1953 Mrs. Findley Wiseheart, 1953-54 Mrs. Walter Reymer, 1954	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair Rose Show Chair	1962-63	Mrs. Grant Brown Mrs. George England Miss Ethelyn Kirk Mrs. Kenneth Wood Mrs. Clyde Kesler Mrs. Charles Nichols
President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair	1955-56	Mrs. H.F. Hannah Mrs. E.N. DeAtley Mrs. Vera Winklepleck, 1955 Miss Lola McClurg, 1956 Mrs. Arnold Mileham Mrs. M.M. LeBaugh, 1955 Mrs. Irwin Chase, 1955-56 Mrs. R.M. Kosanke, 1956	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair Flower Show Chair Rose Show Chair	1963-64	Mrs. George England Mrs. M.M. Hickman Mrs. Reginald Eggleton Mrs. Gilbert Winklepleck Mrs. Donald Smith Mrs. Kenneth Wood Mrs. Grant Brown
President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair	1957	Mrs. Robert M. Kosanke Mrs. Findley Wiseheart Miss Lola McClurg Mrs. F.H. Congleton Mrs. Glenn E. Hansen	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Program Chair Flower Show Chair Rose Show Chair	1964-65	Mrs. Kenneth Wood Mrs. George P. Anderson Mrs. John Theodore Miss Opal Cunningham Mrs. M.M. Hickman Mrs. Grant Brown Mrs. Floyd Huff

1965-66

President	Mrs. George P. Anderson
Vice President	Mrs. B.G. Ricketts
Secretary	Mrs. Paul Lawrence
Treasurer	Miss Opal Cunningham
Program Chair	Mrs. George England
Fall Show Chair	Mrs. Grant Brown
Rose Show Chair	Miss Joan Beetle

1966-67

President	Mrs. Glenn E. Hansen
Vice President	Mrs. W.E. Carskadon
Secretary	Mrs. A.R. Hale
Treasurer	Mrs. P.G. Jones
Flower Show Chair	Mrs. M.M. Hickman
Rose Show Chair	Miss Joan Beetle and Mrs. H.A. Bretzlaff

1967-68

President	Mrs. N.L. Rice
Vice President	Mrs. R.D. Bradle
Secretary	Mrs. B.G. Ricketts
Treasurer	Mrs. T.S. Torgersen
Flower Show Chair	Mrs. H.A. Bretzlaff
Rose Show Chair	Mrs. D.A. Mosher

1968-69

President	Mrs. R.D. Bradle
Vice President	Mrs. C.E. Bevis
Secretary	Mrs. H.M. Hook
Treasurer	Mrs. T.S. Torgersen
Flower Show Chair	Mrs. G.E. Hansen
Rose Show Chair	Mrs. H.A. Bretzlaff

1969-70

President	Mrs. R.D. Bradle
Vice President	Mrs. C.E. Kesler
Secretary	Mrs. H.M. Hook
Treasurer	Mrs. C.E. Bevis
Flower Show Chair	Mrs. H.A. Bretzlaff
Rose Show Chair	Miss Joan Beetle

1970-71

President	Miss Joan Beetle
Vice President	Mrs. C.E. Kesler
Secretary	Mrs. D.E. Davis
Treasurer	Mrs. C.E. Bevis
Flower Show Chair	Mrs. W.H. Thomas
Rose Show Chair	Mrs. D.A. Mosher

1971-72

President	Miss Joan Beetle
Vice President	Mrs. Don Mosher
Secretary	Mrs. D.E. Davis
Treasurer	Mrs. G.S. DeHart

1972-73

President	Mrs. Kurt Schmidt
Vice President	Mrs. Don Mosher
Secretary	Mrs. C.E. Kesler
Treasurer	Mrs. G.S. DeHart

1973-74

President	Mrs. Kurt Schmidt
Vice President	Mrs. W.H. Thomas
Secretary	Mrs. D.E. Davis
Treasurer	Mrs. C.W. Hott

1974-75

President	Mrs. D. Brieland
Vice President	Mrs. R. Holbert
Secretary	Mrs. D.E. Davis
Treasurer	Mrs. E.H. Winegarner

1975-76

President	Mrs. D. Brieland
Vice President	Mrs. R. Holbert
Secretary	Mrs. D.E. Davis
Treasurer	Mrs. G.S. DeHart

1976-77

President	Committee
Vice President	Committee
Secretary	Mrs. Richard Kiser
Treasurer	Mrs. G.S. DeHart

1977-78

President	Mrs. R.E. Espeseth
Vice President	Mrs. Arnold Moeller
Secretary	Mrs. Richard Kiser
Treasurer	Mrs. J.A. Jackobs

1978-79

President	Mrs. R.E. Espeseth
Vice President	Mrs. Arnold Moeller
Secretary	Mrs. S.B. Balbach, Jr.
Treasurer	Mrs. J.A. Jackobs

1979-80

President	Mrs. Clyde Kesler
Vice President	Mrs. T.S. Torgersen
Secretary	Mrs. S.B. Balbach, Jr.
Treasurer	Mrs. Hans P. Selin

1980-81

President	Mrs. Clyde Kesler
Vice President	Mrs. T.S. Torgersen
Secretary	Mrs. Arnold Moeller
Treasurer	Mrs. Hans P. Selin

1981-82
 President Mrs. Wallis Hoyle
 Vice President Mrs. S.B. Balbach, Jr.
 Secretary Mrs. Arnold Moeller
 Treasurer Mrs. Sam Brownfield

1982-83
 President Mrs. Wallis Hoyle
 Vice President Mrs. Wm. L. Trimyer
 Secretary Mrs. L.G. Hernecheck
 Treasurer Mrs. Sam K. Brownfield

1983-84
 President Mrs. Sam Brownfield
 Vice President Mrs. William Trimyer
 Secretary Mrs. L.D.M. O'Neal
 Treasurer Mrs. Arnold Moeller

1984-85
 President Mrs. Sam Brownfield
 Vice President Miss Joan Beetle
 Secretary Mrs. L.D.M. O'Neal
 Treasurer Mrs. Arnold Moeller

1985-86
 President Mrs. John Bargon
 Vice President Miss Joan Beetle
 Secretary Mrs. John Lamkin
 Treasurer Miss Miriam Davies

1986-87
 President Mrs. W.C. Wagner
 Vice President Mrs. Edwin Herricks
 Secretary Mrs. John Lamkin
 Treasurer Miss Miriam Davies

1987-88
 President Mrs. W.C. Wagner
 Vice President Mrs. Edwin Herricks
 Secretary Mrs. G.F. Mohn
 Treasurer Mrs. W.A. Garrett

1988-89
 President Miss Miriam Davies
 Vice President Miss Joan Beetle
 Secretary Mrs. Arnold Moeller
 Treasurer Mrs. W.A. Garrett

1989-90
 President Miss Miriam Davies
 Vice President Mrs. Walker Kirby
 Secretary Mrs. Arnold Moeller
 Treasurer Mrs. Daniel Corkery

1990-91
 President Mrs. R.D. Bradle
 Vice President Mrs. J.A. Jackobs
 Secretary Miss Deane Hill
 Treasurer Mrs. Daniel Corkery

1991-92
 President Mrs. R.D. Bradle
 Vice President Mrs. Daniel Corkery
 Secretary Miss Deane Hill
 Treasurer Mrs. Paul Hughes

SUMMARY

During this period the membership slipped to approximately fifty members in the early 1980s. Since that time it has remained steady with an active core of working members.

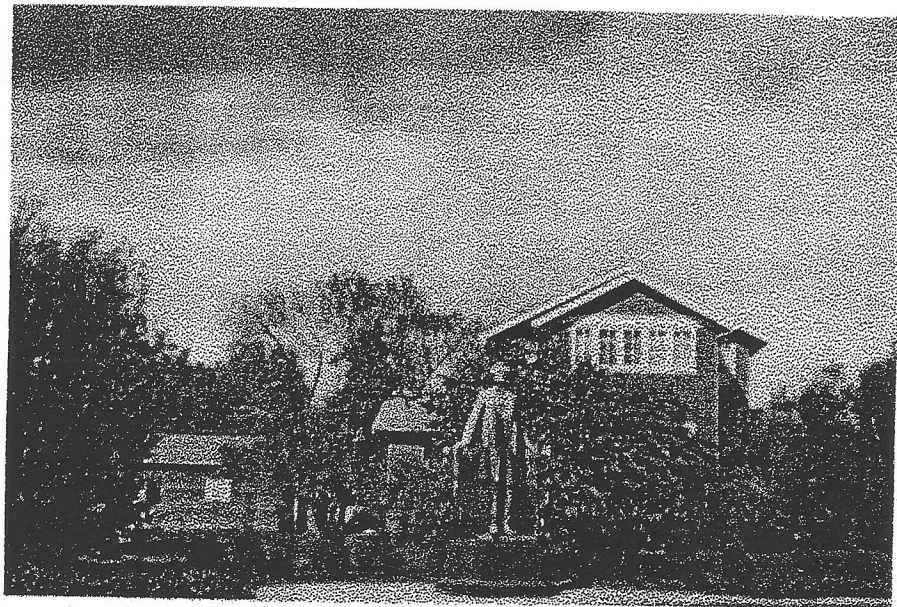
The club's monthly programs focus on educational programs and conservation. It has supported a Flower Show School series and a Garden Study Course series with the other clubs in District IV and our club has conducted two Flower Show School series independently in the last 25 years.

The club has participated in State, District and local projects. The local park districts are well funded and handle civic projects. Horticulture therapy for both young and old has been carried out and will continue, depending upon the manpower available.

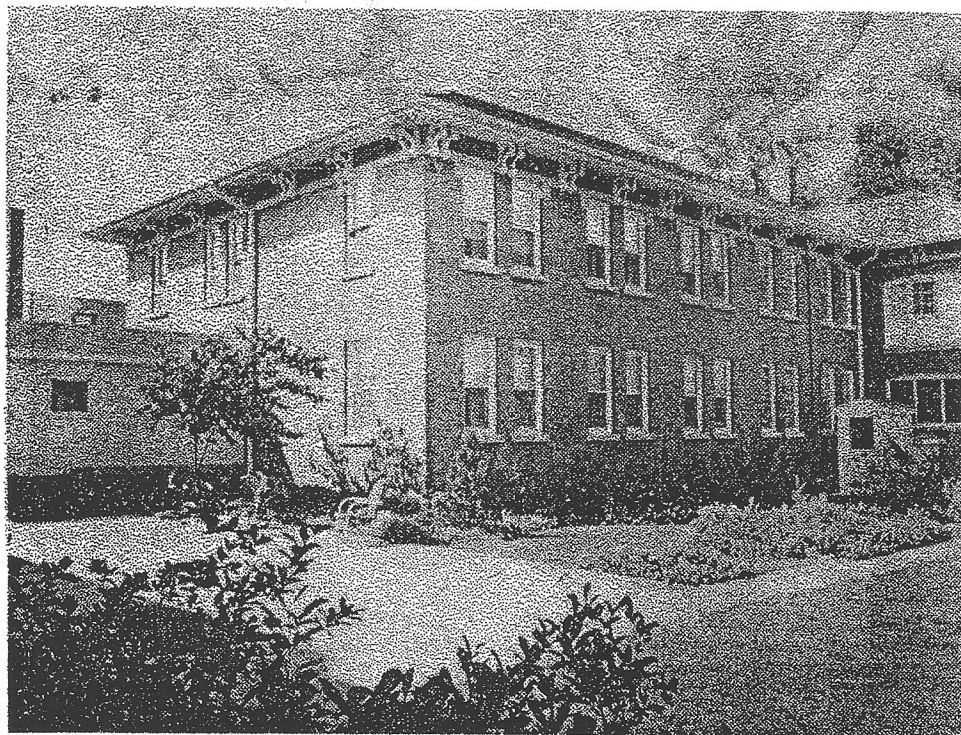
The club has consistently applied for state and national awards and has received many during this time. It has continued to operate within its budget, mainly supported by dues which have been raised from \$2 in 1960 to \$10 in 1991. Donations were made on an annual basis to statewide projects. Outside speakers receive a minimum fee of \$25. There has been no annual fund raiser but ways and means events are conducted to augment the member dues.

There are other garden and herb societies in the area which vie for members and appeal to certain individuals. It is largely due to the strength of this club that it is holding its own.

Champaign-Urbana is particularly blessed by having the University of Illinois and its educational faculty as a resource for study and advice.



Spring 1966. Twin City Garden Club won the Sears Roebuck Award for Restoration and Renovation for their restoration work on the Lorado Taft Lincoln Statue in Urbana.



November 7, 1967. Twin City Garden Club plantings at Champaign County Nursing Home. The club received a special commendation from the CCDC Foundation for its efforts.



Fall, 1969. Twin City Garden Club, in cooperation with the Champaign Park District, landscaped Open Arms Inn, a downtown youth center.



September 9, 1980. Twin City Garden Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a tea at the home of President and Mrs. Stanley Ikenberry of the University of Illinois. Present were Mrs. Stanley Ikenberry and Mrs. Robert Espeseth, immediate past president of the club, seated; standing are Mrs. Joseph Koenen, GCI Treasurer; Mrs. Charles Rissman, GCI Scholarship Chairman; and Mrs. William Mraz, GCI First Vice President.



April 1981. Tree planting at the corner of University and Mattis Avenues, Champaign. Shown are Mary Anne Kesler, past president; Jane Hoyle, President; and Dick Larson, Champaign Public Works Director.



June 1981. Twin City Garden Club members Frances Hodson and Anna McFarland participating in plantings at the Vintage Champaign Mall.



June 13-14, 1981. Twin City Garden Club, in conjunction with District IV clubs and the Early American Museum in Mahomet, presented a mini flower show, "Arrangements: Music and Flowers."



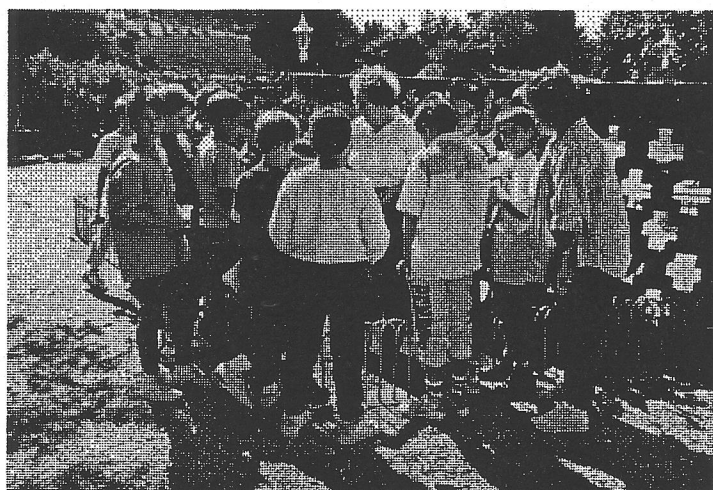
May 8-9, 1990. Twin City Garden Club presented a flower show "Salute to Amanda" honoring Amanda Gordon, first president of the club.



September 17, 1991. Twin City Garden Club honored past presidents at a tea. From left to right: Hazel Bradle, 1989-91, 1968-70; Donna Wagner, 1986-88; Mary Anne Kesler, 1979-81; Miriam Davies, 1989-90; Mary Ann Espeseth, 1977-79; Joan Beetle, 1970-72; Rilla Brown, 1962-63, 1958-59; Barbara Schmidt, 1972-74.



March 1991. Program on flower arranging by Japanese club members.



October 1991. Twin City Garden Club, in conjunction with the Champaign County Forest Preserve, conducted Botany Basics, an introduction to botany for 4th and 5th grade students in Champaign County.