

The Worthington Garden Club
1929-1940's

Our club came into being 1929.

Our "Golden Anniversary" reminds me "Gold Finch", "Wedding Anniversary", "Gold Eye" - a fish and others.

A dictionary uses "Golden" 60 times under Golden.

The first 50 years has included regular meetings, special meetings, Programs, tours, fellowship, Gardening with flowers, fruit and Vegetables. We have strived through the years to improve our environment, home, lawn, Community and persons whom we meet.

Our success during the past 50 years comes as we work with ~~people as~~ individuals, on Committees and organizations.

Why has the Worthington Garden Club remained in existence for the past 50 years, meeting 10-12 times annually?

2.

A successful person is usually interested in people, activities, his community and helping others.

A small group of women met on May 9, 1929 to explore ~~the~~ starting a club that would help them improve Worthington.

The group of 13 women again met on May 16 at the home of Mrs. G.T. Harding Jr., elected officers:

Mrs. Alden Groves - President

Robert King - V.

Stella Nelson - Secretary, Treas.

after electing good officers the proceeded to write a Constitution:

- 7 members constitute a quorum at a meeting.

- $\frac{2}{3}$ of members may ammend.

The Constitution

- \$1.00 dues per year payable at the first meeting of the year.

- Names of prospective members presented in writing. no Walk-ins.

- members ~~are~~ ^{were} voted by executive comm. before a vote from members.

3.

May 30, 1929

"The first meeting after organization was held at Harry O'Brien home and Nursery." He talked on Rock Garden

June 7, 1929

Planned a flower show and contest Mrs Patter would be responsible for the leadership of Junior H.S. Girls Divided responsibilities The minutes show they divided the responsibilities.

"Mrs Groves provided the fish for a tank provided by Mrs Dunbar.

Mr Harry O'Brien - advertised in local paper that he would give 5 perennials flowers to any Junior or Senior H.S. Pupil who would enter the contest

This was an inexpensive show costing \$12.00 for prizes, ^{5.55} other expenses = 17.50

Feb 14, 1930

Mr Patter gave \$50.00 to club to help make Worthington a more attractive place to live. The fund could be used at discretion of garden club.

Feb 6, 1931 - A big step when they voted to permit men to become associate members. -
Change to Honorary membership - at next meeting

4.)

July 6, 1931. Annual Picnic of Garden Club.

January 5, 1932.

Mrs. Haering donated 2 American Elm Trees to be planted on H.S. grounds. 2 Fitzer Juniper shrubs purchased by club for \$2.00 planted ~~in~~ park as companion for the one already there. Mrs. Kungery then donated a few Barberry roots for protection to a large tree - as it showed evidence of mistreatment.

Jan 3, 1933.

W.G. Club invited by Cal. Landscaping Association and Cal Hort. Society to enter the annual yard and garden contest.

The Fitz's, 58 West South and Watsonsons, E Granville were winners.

Oct. 1933 -

The Records show that Mrs Hazel Fisher became a member of W.G.C. She has been an active member since.

Hazel will you stand or wave your arm so we all can see the person who has been a member the longest - (46 years)

January 9, 1934.

Mayor Insley - Emphasized that the Garden Club promote beautification of Worthington
Mrs. Insley joined Club.

"Pink Petunias adopted by W. G. Club
as the "Village" flower

May 1, 1934

Howard Patter and Mayor Insley form a
Committee to promote interest in
Improvement of Lawns + Gardening.
H. Patter Donated \$25.00

October 2, '34

Mr. Fabert Fisher was made an
Honorary member ~~and on November 1934~~
on Dec. 14 '34 elected
President for 1935.

Nov. 1935 - Mrs. Hazel Fisher was appointed
Chairman of Worthington Activities at
Garden Center to be held in Galleries
of fine arts.

1936 - The Club continued to encourage
an interest in good Gardening;
beautification; Promoted Junior Garden
Club; Replace trees removed; Planting
of flowering trees in park; Improve
appearance of entrance to "Village"
Promote Flower shows; Tour of
gardens; Frequent discussion
of timely topics

1935-36 No report available of activities

1937 - Projects Undertaken. (Proposed by members.

1. More earnestly to raise good gardens
2. Beautify school grounds.
3. Explose organization of Junior garden Club.
4. Replace trees removed by Village
5. Choose a "flower" for planting.
6. Again Consider improvement of entrances to village. - "Now unsightly"
7. Conduct Flower show
8. Introduce flower Magazine - Library
9. Plan Joint meetings with other garden clubs.

1938-39 - Howard Pathe gave ^{\$}15⁰⁰ for best garden in Worthington.

- "Petunias must be a part of garden"
- Planted 35 Red Bud trees on school grounds & on lawns of club members

1940 - membership of W.G.C. set at 50 members

- 3 doz. Red Bud Trees sold this year

- Worthington Business Men gave ^{\$}5⁰⁰ for first Prize + ^{\$}2⁰⁰ second Prize for best decorated doors.