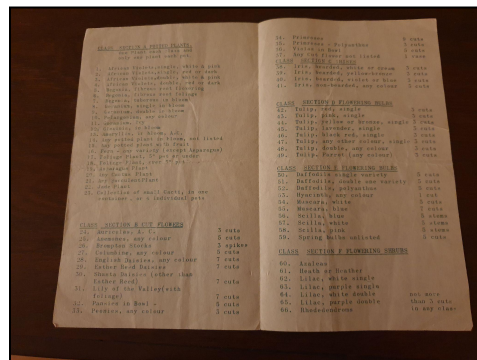
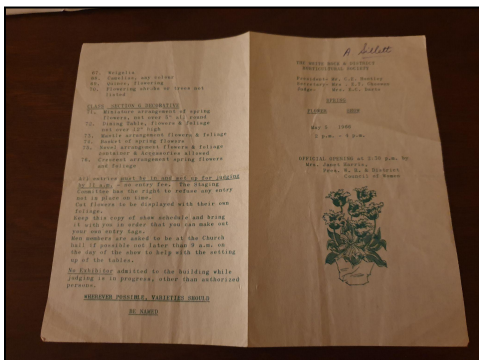


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The White Rock and District Garden Club was formed in 1947 as the Horticultural Society. The purpose was “The advancement of horticulture in all its branches, and particularly the beautification of our homes and surroundings.” The Club met for many years in the United Church Hall on Buena Vista, in White Rock. It then met at the Seaview Fellowship Hall at 14633 16th Avenue, Surrey, and later moved to Cranley Hall in Surrey, BC.

- 1948 - 1st Public Show in Liberal Hall  
1st Chrysanthemum Show
- 1951 - Mrs Lashley Hall presenting a silver bowl trophy to the Society in memory of Rev Lashley Hall, expressing her gratification by the members in interesting others in the cultivation of beautiful flowers  
Reduced Membership Fee to \$1.50
- 1953 - 123 entries in Show
- 1954 - Society was asked by Hospital to provide plants for the foyer,  
Hospital allowed committee to only spend \$25 for the 1st planting
- 1955 - Club has 65 Members
- 1957 - Flower Show opened by MB George Hahn, judged by Surrey Park Administrator R. Nicholson
- 1966 - 1st Spring Flower Show in May
- 1969 - More than 400 entries at the the Summer Show
- 1970 - 1st year Pirie Trophy was given to highest points achieved for the year
- 1971 - Starting of BC Floral Art Club now BC Floral Art Society



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The aims of the Club were then, as now, the beautification of our homes and surroundings through horticulture. This was taken very seriously by the members, who made many horticultural contributions to the City. For example: a rose bed was planted at City Hall, flowering crabapple trees planted at the Cenotaph, and commemorative trees at many locations. A beautiful tropical plant display was installed at the old hospital and was cared for by club members. Window boxes were planted and maintained at the old station house (museum) and later taken over by the City. In 1987, forty hanging baskets were planted and hung on Johnston Road in White Rock, with the assistance of the Kiwanis Club. These were also later taken over by the City. School gardens were a focus when, with the assistance of the teacher and pupils, flower gardens were started at Hall's Prairie School, and Elgin Elementary School.

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VOLUNTEERS from the White Rock Garden Club are just about all done and the hanging baskets will soon be in place around the city, primarily along Johnson Road. In photo are Myrtle McCallum and Michael Heat. PUBLICITY: HELENE ADAMS



ADAMS: A bit of color in the long winter in White Rock is still. Garden Club. The 44 hanging flower baskets are a joint project of the White Rock Garden Club and the Kiwanis Club of White Rock to beautify the city during Spring. Unloading of the first two baskets last week were Kiwanis Club president George Hubbs (second from left) and Garden Club president Myrtle McCallum (second from right). Also hanging are two baskets and Kiwanis workers Neil Bond (left) and Neil Colman (right).  
Garden Club - Kiwanis Hanging Baskets 1966  
Photo Lloyd Little

## Garden Club, Kiwanis project

### Hanging baskets soon in place around city

The Hilltop area of White Rock will again sport hanging baskets from the lamp-posts during the 1967 tourist season. Members of the White Rock Garden Club and the Kiwanis gathered at Art Knapp's Nursery May 9 to plant baskets under the supervision of Mickey Decker.

Art McCalligan mixed the soil and was here put to help up with enthusiastic volunteers who stuffed moss-lined baskets with nasturtiums, verbena, lobelia, geranium and more.

By noon, 44 baskets were filled and ready to be stored in the Knapp greenhouse until ready to be hung in White Rock city.

The White Rock Parks Board has agreed to place the baskets on the light-poles and to water and fertilize them regularly.

At the May meeting of the White Rock Garden Club, president Alice Davlin reported that the plants were growing well and that 1967's hanging baskets promise to be more beautiful than ever.



At City Hall, where the health unit now stands, a memorial garden was established to honor members who had passed on. This garden later had to be moved. The Rotary Club generously gave the Club space in their garden situated at Best and Roper Streets. It was dedicated by Mayor Hogg. A memorial plaque has been placed there.

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— Jane Seale photo

AMONG VISITORS and dignitaries at the memorial garden dedication on Saturday were (from left) Alice Devlin, garden club president; Dr. Alan Hogg, former owner of dedicated land and mayor's father; Mayor Gordon Hogg; Lillian Branston, garden co-ordinator; Jack Branston; Dan Hulyd, representing parks and recreation.

## Memorial garden dedicated

On a sunny Saturday afternoon, May 23, Mayor Gordon Hogg dedicated a memorial garden in Rotary Park to the memory of loved ones of the White Rock and District Garden Club.

Rotary Park was previously the site of Mr. and Mrs. Al Hogg's residence, and the garden so dedicated was once a rocky area in the Hogg's backyard.

Memories of childhood came to mind as the mayor recalled the happy hours he had spent as a youngster playing on the lawn while his parents weeded the very garden he was now dedicating.

Accordingly, Mayor Hogg was pleased the garden was to be preserved in memory of departed members of the White Rock and District Garden Club.

Dan Hewlett of the Parks Board had worked all day Friday getting the garden in shape and planting it temporarily with begonias to be replaced in the fall with rhododendrons.

The Rotary Club Park, on Roper Street between Best and Finlay and descending through to Buena Vista, features a well-tended rose garden of named varieties which will be a blaze of color in another week and really worth a visit to view.

Al Hogg, the mayor's father, represented the Rotary Club at the dedication.

Lillian Branston, chairman of the Memorial Garden Committee of the White Rock Garden Club and Margaret Karasowsky, Chris Fulton, Gowan Hay and Emily Mayhew were to be congratulated for their efforts in planning the renewal of this garden. Paul Johnson of Ocean Park Nurseries acted as consultant.

Mayor Hogg, on behalf of the White Rock Council, thanked the Rotary Club, the White Rock Garden Club and various volunteers for donating this garden to the City of White Rock.

In the past, members supplied corsages, boutonnieres and arrangements for various organizations for special occasions. Classes in flower arranging and corsage making were made available to those interested.

A floral float was entered in the Sea Festival Parade and later, a flower filled decorated car in another parade. Exhibitions of flowers and plants were contributed to U.B.C. and the P.N.E. in conjunction with the B.C. Council of Garden Clubs, of which the club is a member.

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The club was and still is, a non-profit organization. Its main source of income has always been the sale of plants at the Spring Show, now our annual Plant and Bake Sale. Many people came to the show expressly to take advantage of the variety of plants offered at a very reasonable price. For many years, the club had a table at the Star of the Sea Flea market in May, where not only plants, but baking and white elephant items were sold.

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The Spring and Summer shows were huge affairs in earlier years, with as many as 27 show tables as well as the stage being used for flowering baskets. Some of the members, Jean Wilde, Jean Berberick, Chris Fulton and Gretta Campbell, brought as many as 40 floral entries along with fruits and vegetables. In all there were probably 300 entries on display, together with two long tables of plants for sale. It is no wonder hundreds of gardeners came from far and near to buy choice plants from the Club. Newspaper reports of the day mention as many as 300 people coming to the shows. Tea was always served and no one ever went away hungry from those tea tables. All refreshments were donated by club members, who were good cooks as well as gardeners.



The Club's motto, "Show what you grow, Share what you know" was evident at regular club meetings which featured a judged Parlour Show displaying members' floral arrangements and exhibits from their gardens. Well known flower judge Mrs. Asgerd Lien, was a parlour show judge for almost 21 years

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(into her 92nd year). As well as judging, Mrs. Lien offered classes to teach the members how to make arrangements, etc. Mrs. Lien was quite critical, but it was instructional criticism, when commenting on the exhibits, she would say “we should always say the good things first and then tell what was wrong”.

Members of the Club aspired to win a number of trophies for floral art and specimens from their gardens. Some of the trophies, still in use today, were donated by community clubs and White Rock organizations including Rotary, Board of Trade, Kiwanis and Peace Arch District Hospital, many donated in memory of deceased members. They include the Lashely Hall Bowl, The Pirie Memorial Plaque, the Jean Wilde Memorial Plaque, the Iris Hayes Memorial Plaque, the Brackman Kerr Bowl, Mottershead Trophies, and the Alexander F. and Gowan B. Hay Memorial Plaque.