

DeKalb History Center

Needle Craft Club

Scope and Content: The Needle Craft Club records include membership lists, correspondence, minute books, a treasurer's book, financial records and newspaper clippings for the Needle Craft Club, also called in records here the Needlecraft Circle. The group began in 1913 and some documents in the collection are dated 1997. Included are two copies of *The Story of the Needlecraft 1913-1983* by member Cora Mae LeVert.

Provenance: Gift of Mary D. Arapian, 2009. Accession # 2009.5.

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citation should be as follows:

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Size: 2 document boxes

Organizational History of the Needle Craft Club: The club met regularly on the first Wednesday of each month beginning January 22, 1913. They met for the first time at the home of Mrs. M.V. Hartwell on Mayson Avenue in Edgewood. The object of the organization, as stated in the by-laws, was "to promote interest and ambition to excel in needlecraft for the purpose of beautifying their homes and making them more interesting and attractive, and further that members may enlarge their capacity for usefulness by the pleasant, social intercourse offered by the meetings and thus lead to a broader interest in their surroundings generally." Members were fined for absences and for tardiness. Members displayed their work and those items were judged. The Needle Craft Club has its own song and held an annual Christmas party. During wartime, the group members knitted sweaters for children overseas, raised money and sent Christmas boxes to Camp Gordon. The group became a participating member of the Needlework Guild in 1934, and furnished clothing to needy families.

Description: The Needle Craft Club records contain two copies of *The Story of the Needlecraft* by Cora Mae LeVert, minute books, some financial records and correspondence. There is a membership card for the Needlework Guild, thank you letters from local organizations and a program for *Poor Married Man*, a play by the Needle Craft Circle, performed on October 24, 1924. The Needlecraft Circle yearbooks contain the club motto, "Loyalty, Efficiency, Reciprocity," the club song lyrics, club officers, by-laws and outstanding events. Loose items from inside minute books, ranging from letters to newspaper clippings and notes, have been removed and refoldered. Additionally, one cardboard notebook was rusting, so all materials have been kept in the Notebook materials folder.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entries: Needle Craft Club
Needlecraft Club
Needlecraft Circle

Subject/Added Entries: Needlecraft
Needlecraft Guild of America

Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Dates
1	1	Bank Records	May 1965-July 1967
	2	Committee Reports, loose in box	
	3	Correspondence	1935-1969
	4	Member Lists and Information	
	5	Minute Book	Jan 1913-Aug 1915
	6	Minute book	Sep 1915-Dec 1919
	7	Minute book items from 1915 book	
	8	Minute book	Feb 1920-Feb 1929
	9	Minute book	Mar 1929-Nov 1935
2	1	Minute book	Dec 1935-Dec 1939
	2	Minute book items from 1935 book	
	3	Minute book	Apr 1948-Aug 1949
	4	Minute book items from 1948 book	
	5	Misc. documents	
	6	Needlecraft Circle Yearbooks	1922-1997
	7	Newspaper clippings	
	8	Notebook materials	
	9	Secretary book	Apr 1956-Apr 1966
	10	Secretary book items	
	11	<i>The Story of the Needlecraft</i> , 2 copies	1983
	12	Treasury book	1955-Sep 1967
	13	Treasury book items	