

**Collection:** Special Collections

**Title:** Waddell Barnes Botanical Gardens

**Identifier:** Macon Library Archive

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### **Administrative/Biographical Data**

Macon Junior College began in 1967, the 167-acre campus became home to more than 1,600 trees, 2,500 shrubs and 12,000 ground cover plants. Landscape architect Clay Adamson, who retired as plant operations director from the Medical College of Georgia, made the original plant selection. Joseph White Jr., the director of Plant Operations when Macon Junior College opened, supervised the careful planting of the large order, most of which came from a nursery in Dalton, Ga.

Viewing the development 30 years later, Dr. Barnes was inspired by the potential he saw for an expanded horticultural display and approached then-MSU president Dr. Aaron Hyatt on developing the campus into a showcase for native plants and other specimens that have adapted to the region.

### **Scope and Content**

A collection documenting contributions made to the Macon Campus flora by Dr. Waddell Barnes. The Botanical Gardens, a nationally registered garden, consisted of 16 different garden plots throughout the campus marked by plaques with descriptive information. These plots have since changed with some falling to the wayside. Photos of the campus, along with newspaper articles about Dr. Barnes' interactions on campus are within the collection. A list of donated horticulture books and documents of the 2008 Mother's Day tornado are also included. The horticulture special collection is available on the second floor of the Macon Campus Library for patrons to check out at their leisure.

### **Extent**

Linear Feet: [ 1.25 ]

Number of Items or Digital Files: [ 42 ] individual folders in Archives & Special Collections space.

### **Creator**

Dr. Waddell Barnes, MSU marketing, Macon Telegraph, Pat Borck

**Publisher**

Dr. Waddell Barnes, MSC marketing, Macon Telegraph, Pat Borck

**Contributor**

Dr. Waddell Barnes, MSC marketing

**Arrangement Description**

This collection is arranged in a logical order based on past order. When possible, date ranges are used to accurately divide the timeline otherwise, folder and box level arrangement is the best option for access.

**Related Materials**

Horticultural Special Collections second floor of the Macon Campus Library (physical books)

**Tags**

Waddell Barnes Bontanical Gardens, Macon Campus Gardens, horticultural books, native plants, flora, Keeper of the Garden

**Access Statement**

Collection is open and available for use. An appointment must be made for access.

**Rights Statement**

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## Collection Inventory

**Case/Stack:** 5

**Shelf/Box:** 5

- Item: 2005 Crystal Decanter Waddell Barnes Botanical Gardens Award of Excellence. 7in x 4in x 4in
- Item: 2005 Award of Excellence - Framed photograph of members from the Macon State plant operations along with various officials. 2 copies.
- Item: 2007 Blown Glass Spring Garden Symposium Award. 6in x 8in x 4in
- Item: 1545-1612, *The Herball Or Generall Hiftorie of Plantes*. Gerarde, John. QK 41 .G3 1636. 30622000988449
- Item: 1545 Hortus Botanicus Patavius. 6 prints depicting the gardens at the University of Padava in Italy. Includes descriptions by Elsa M. Cappelletti and Giovanni Lugaresi.
- Item: 2013, Keeper of the Gardens, Joan B. Huffman, Ph.D. publication. 3 copies.
- Item: 2009 Feb. 20, VHS, Arbor Day - Fox24
- Item: 2009, Mar. 4, VHS, Economy Panel Discussion
- Item: Date unknown, VHS, ABC Macon interview with David Sims and Waddell Barnes - ABC Macon interview with Dr. David Bell - Macon State Walking Team on the Early Show
- Item: Date unknown, VHS, Botanical Presentation, Dr. Dirr. Director: Dr. Waddell Barnes. 2 copies, 1 master and 1 original.

**Shelf/Box:** 5, 1A Waddell Barnes Botanical Gardens

- Folder: 2001-2009 Bontanical Gardens news articles about awards won, BG login to incorporate the new Macon State logo in 2008.
- Folder: 2001-2009 - Botanical Gardens Lecture Series promotional materials. Dirr, Armitage, Massie, Chance, Glasener, Coder, etc.
- Folder: Waddell Barnes Botanical Gardens Symposium Series - mailers, postcards, newspaper clippings (2004, 2005)
- Folder: Waddell Barnes Botanical Gardens Symposium Series - mailers, postcards and designs (Spr 2011, Fall 2011, Spr 2012, garden guides)
- Folder: 2006-2008, Bontanical Gardens, Coach Vince Dooley visits MSC. Promotional articles and newspapers about his personal gardens
- Folder: Waddell Barnes Botanical Gardens Symposium Series - mailers, postcards, newspaper clippings (2013-2017, missing 2015)
- Folder: Waddell Barnes Botanical Gardens Symposium Series - mailers, postcards, newspaper clippings (2018-2020)

- Folder: Special Collections - Horticultural Book Collection, Donation lists and thank you letters from the Director of Library Services. James Macklin 1997, Pat Borck 2001-2002
- Folder: 2001 Special Collections - Horticulture Book Collection donation from Cherokee Garden Library - mission statement of the collection
- Folder: 1998-1999 Dr. Waddell Barnes fund - book collection recommendations and purchases
- Folder: 2003, 2009 - Botanical Gardens - information on its naming ceremony, expansions, and general descriptions
- Folder: 2012 Warner Robins Campus - Saving the Live Oak - article and some history
- Folder: Events - Tree Campus USA, Arbor Day Foundation - 2008 Mother's Day Tornado cleanup (printed web articles about expansions, cleanup, and next steps. 2008-2012)
- Folder: 2005 Library notes, memos, display creation - 2005 Fall Lecture Evaluation and Comments
- Folder: 2002 Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Committee - Cherry Blossom Festival Awards Committee (participant and award recipient)

**Shelf/Box:**

**5, 1B Waddell Barnes Botanical Gardens**

- Folder: Date unknown, Waddell Barnes Botanical Gardens, highlights/milestones on cardstock. 7 copies.
- Folder: 1999-2001, 2003, 2004, 2006-2010, Garden Harald, Newsletter edited by Dr. Waddell Barnes.
- Binder: Keeper of the Gardens, notes, printouts, copies of articles for the book
- Folder: Photos - Flowers used for publication and/or web content
- Folder: Photos - unknown photo disks (3 disks)
- Folder: 2004 Hay House presents - Macon Gardens, Mansions, and Moonlight
- Folder: WBBG Macon Campus Garden Guide (walking tour map 4 copies)
- Folder: WBBG Tree Plaque example - Japanese Black Pine (*Pinus thunbergiana*)
- Folder: Photos - sleeve of 34 images from the Macon Campus Botanical Garden. Vince Dooley, flowers, the lake, the trees, and animals.
- Disk: CD-R - WBBG Spring Symposium Feb. 24, 2007
- Disk: CD-R - Barnes information compiled by Renee P.
- Disk: CD-R - Dr. Barnes Award, Renee Copy
- Disk: CD-R - Barnes Nomination, Renee Copy
- Disk: April 2006, MSC: Campus in a Garden jpeg files for web and print (1 of 1)

- Disk: April 2006, MSC Campus in a Garden.tif, full res files for publications (1 of 3)
- Disk: April 2006, MSC Campus in a Garden.tif, full res files for publications (2 of 3)
- Disk: April 2006, MSC Campus in a Garden.tif, full res files for publications (3 of 3)