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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Gardens
<b>Title:</b>	Georgia S. Vance slides
<b>Date:</b>	1950-1995
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAG.GCA.VAN
<b>Creator:</b>	Vance, Georgia S., 1908-2002 (Photographer)
<b>Source:</b>	The Augusta Garden Club (Provenance)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.12 Cubic feet ((430) color 35mm slides)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The slides were donated on behalf of the Augusta Garden Club of Staunton, Virginia to the Archives of American Gardens in September 2013.

### Provenance

The slides in this collection were in the possession of an associate of Georgia Vance who worked in her garden and assisted her with dried flower workshops at Short Glade Farm. They were subsequently passed along to a member of the Augusta Garden Club of Staunton, Virginia who donated them on the club's behalf to the Archives of American Gardens in September 2013.

### Related Materials

Documentation on Short Glade Farm, Vance's garden in Mount Solon, Virginia, is included in The Garden Club of America Collection at the Archives of American Gardens (AAG Garden #VA259).

### Preferred Citation

Smithsonian Institution, Archives of American Gardens, The Garden Club of America collection, Georgia S. Vance slides.

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## Biographical / Historical

Georgia Shank Vance (July 29, 1908 - November 17, 2002) was noted for her talent of preserving and arranging dried flowers. A native of Harrisonburg, Virginia, she married James Davis Vance, Sr., an Army Colonel, in 1935. Georgia Vance was a graduate of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, and in the 1960s began a career in floral design. For more than 35 years, her flower arrangements decorated the Diplomatic Reception Rooms at the U.S. Department of State as well as the White House and other historic homes. Her book, *The Decorative Art of Dried Flower Arrangement*, published in 1972, received the Helen S. Hull Award for Literary Horticultural Interest from the National Council of State Garden Clubs. She lectured nationally and conducted flower arrangement workshops at her home, Short Glade Farm, which she and her husband purchased in 1973 in Mount Solon, Virginia. Georgia Vance was a member of the Garden Club of America, the Garden Club of Virginia, the Garden Club of Alexandria (Virginia), and the Officer's Wives Garden Club of Fort Belvoir (Virginia). The Georgia S. Vance Award for Most Creative Arrangement, presented annually by the Garden Club of Virginia, was named in her honor.

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## Content Description

Approximately (430) 35mm slides documenting flower arrangements made by Georgia S. Vance as well as various public and private American and European gardens visited by Vance, a member of The Garden Club of America. The slides date from the 1950s to the 1990s with the bulk of them dating from the 1950s to the 1970s. Images showing flower arrangements represent both personal and professional arrangements by Vance; several appear in her book, *The Decorative Art of Dried Flower Arrangement*. The collection also includes images of Vance's own garden in Alexandria, Virginia.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Dried flower arrangement
- Flower arrangement
- Gardens -- Australia
- Gardens -- Austria
- Gardens -- England
- Gardens -- Florida
- Gardens -- France
- Gardens -- Germany
- Gardens -- Virginia

Types of Materials:

- Photographic slides

Names:

- The Augusta Garden Club

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## Container Listing

### Flower Arrangements

Images used for *The Decorative Art of Dried Flower Arrangement* by Georgia S. Vance, circa 1967-1970

*45 Slides*

*Box 1*

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Flower Arrangements (presumably by Georgia S. Vance), circa 1962-1993

*53 Slides*

*Box 1*

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Images of flower arrangements in art

*11 Slides*

*Box 1*

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Chelsea Flower Show, London, England, 1968

*25 Slides*

*Box 1*

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## United States Gardens and Sites

### Florida

Box 1                      Miscellaneous tropical sites in Florida, circa 1955-1965  
11 Slides

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### Virginia

Box 1                      VA444: Alexandria -- Georgia S. & James D. Vance Garden, 1963-1969  
26 Slides

Box 1                      VA003: Mason Neck -- Gunston Hall, circa 1950-1965  
3 Slides

Box 1                      VA259: Mount Solon -- Short Glade Farm (from Southern Living), circa  
1985-1991  
1 Slide

Box 1                      VA050: Surry -- Bacon's Castle, 1986  
1 Slide

Box 2                      Miscellaneous sites in Virginia (Williamsburg?), circa 1955-1960  
19 Slides

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### Puerto Rico

Box 2                      Miscellaneous Sites, circa 1980-1985  
2 Slides

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### Unidentified Location

Box 2                      Unidentified Sites (Virginia?), circa 1955-1960  
10 Slides

Box 2                      Unidentified Sites, circa 1955-1971  
27 Slides

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## Foreign Gardens and Sites

Australia, circa 1960-1971

*6 Slides*

*Box 2*

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Austria, circa 1950-1960

*7 Slides*

*Box 2*

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England, circa 1960-1968

*66 Slides*

*Box 2*

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France, circa 1955-1968

*12 Slides*

*Box 2*

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Europe, circa 1955-1968

*5 Slides*

*Box 2*

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