

## **Dig into Reading this Summer!**

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This summer is all about “digging into reading” at the Greenwich Library. The Oral



**Flowers at McArdle's on Arch Street**

History Project invites you to “dig” into our collection, particularly into the interviews we are recommending this summer about the gardeners, gardens, and estates of Greenwich, from years past to the present.

We have interviews about the earliest days of the McArdle Florist and Garden Center and about the beginnings of the Sam Bridge Nursery and Greenhouses, both revered Greenwich institutions with fascinating histories.



**Featured Peony at Sam Bridge Nursery**

Among the most enlightening are interviews about the Westchester Fairfield Horticultural Society, narrated by Samuel Bridge, Jr., Mary Jo Bridge Palmer, Alexander Gospodinoff, and Lucy Ramsey Gospodinoff. Within these pages are anecdotes as colorful as the gardens they describe. There are telling tales about the days when the

estate superintendent was “God” and when women had to compete mightily in order to dig and plant alongside the male horticulturists who dominated.

There’s an interview narrated by Anthony M. Marzullo, the master of giant dahlias, another by Jane Duff about the beginnings of the Greenwich Garden Center, and one by George B. Bennett who was in charge of the Topping Estate, one of the most renowned Greenwich properties. These are but a few of the interviews that allow us to dig deep into our town’s roots.

We’ll begin by highlighting the Westchester Fairfield Horticultural Society...