

75th Anniversary



1940

2015

Who We Are.

Where We've Been.

Where We're Going.

IN THE BEGINNING



Our history begins with Bill Krause. Little did he know what he hath wrought. It was November 14 1939 when Bill left his Flower Shop and gathered a few of his friends together to discuss the possibility of starting a Men's Garden Club.

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN



The Club had its beginning November 14, 1939 in the Sun Dial Room of the Vanderbilt Hotel. Bill Krause had seen an advertisement in The Florist Review magazine for the Mens Garden Clubs of America. He liked the idea of starting a garden club in Asheville and asked for the opinions of those present. Dr. C.N. Brfton, Dr. C.W. Kutscher, Dr, Westbrook Murphy and B. Ordway . All agreed and the Men's Garden Club of Asheville was about

to be born. This was an organization meeting. Bill Krause acting as temporary secretary wrote proposed above the club's name. The first regular meeting took place on January 2, 1940. It was held in the hotel with 23 present. Officers were elected and installed. Dr. G.W. Kutscher was the first president. The Club was chartered with Mens Garden Clubs of America. A proposal was made that would be a major money maker.

