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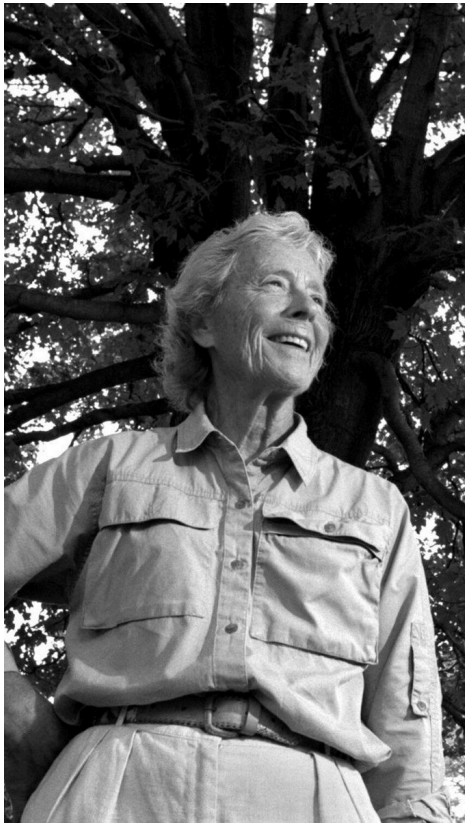


## A Garden is a Grand Teacher...

“A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all, it teaches entire trust.”

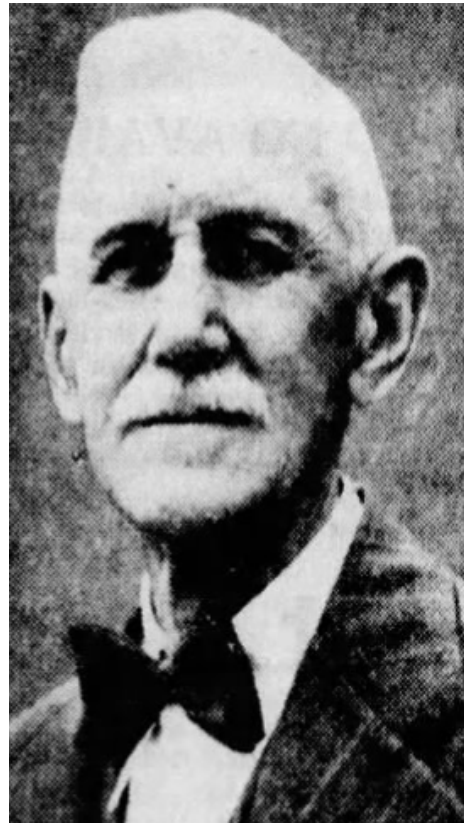
-Gertrude Jekyll

As gardening season gets underway, let's take a moment to remember some truly influential gardeners of Dayton's history. Click on each name below to learn more!



Jean V. Woodhull

In 1962, Jean Woodhull & Jean Mahoney, both Dayton Garden Club members, convinced James Cox Jr. to donate his farm south of town for what is now Cox Arboretum. Woodhull also served as the Cox Arboretum Foundation's board president from 1979 to 1984.



Samuel D. Zehring

Mr. Zehring received his degree in Landscape Architecture from the Harvard School of Design. When he moved to Dayton in 1921, Zehring & Ray McKechnie established San Rae Gardens, a floral, nursery & landscape business which operated for 50 years.



Peter D. Kossoudji

Pete Kossoudji's greatest love was his wife, Shirley, followed closely by the city of Dayton itself. It is fitting that he & Shirley opened North Dayton Garden Center in 1963. It brought Pete joy to know that he was best known for his vegetables, flowers, and a happy radio jingle.

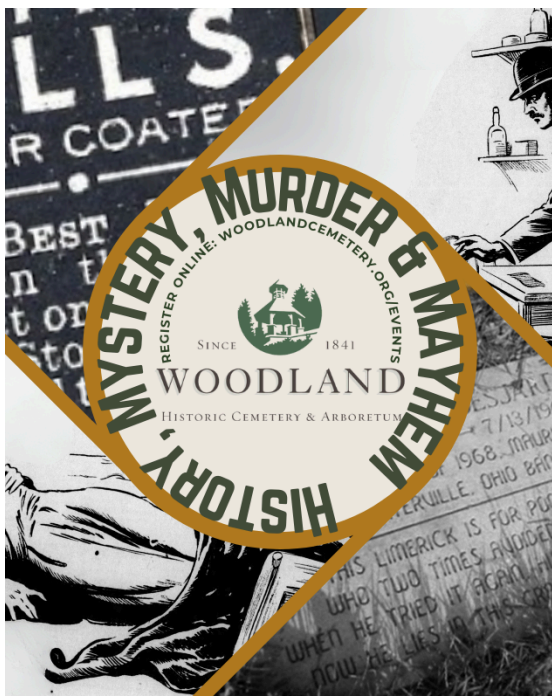


Ethel Long Rike

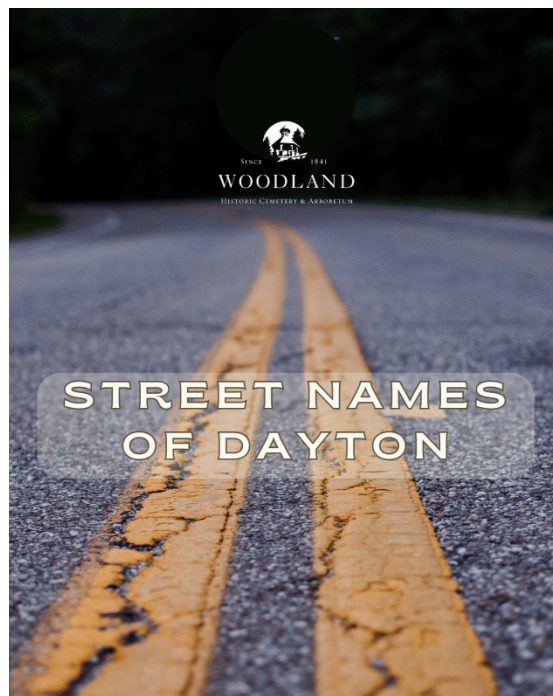
Ethel Rike had a passion for flowers. A former director of the Garden Club of America, Mrs. Rike was a founding member of the Garden Club of Dayton and twice served as its president.



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