When searching for material on gardens and local horticulture, it is helpful to look at books and articles on architecture, landscape architecture and design, and local history, as well as garden directories, city directories, architectural drawings, photograph collections, and nursery and seed catalogs. The Santa Barbara region has a wealth of gardens, both public and private, some world-famous and some virtually unknown. The list of resources below covers only a small portion of the works that have been written in the 20th century and is not meant to be comprehensive. It is, however, meant to be a starting-off point that will lead to further treasures.

**General Sources on Gardens in Santa Barbara**

**Magazines**
(All titles listed are located in SBBG Library—consult Serials List for individual issues.)

- Eden: Journal of the California Garden and Landscape History Society
- Garden Design
- Garden Literature, 1992—current. Index to articles in hundreds of magazines.
- Horticulture
- Landscape Architecture. SBBG has index.
- Montecito Magazine. Regularly features articles on historic estates and gardens.
- Pacific Horticulture. SBBG has index.
- Santa Barbara Gardener. Written and edited by Lockwood and Elizabeth de Forest from 1926-1942. SBBG has index.
- Santa Barbara Magazine. Regularly features local houses and gardens. SBBG has index.
- Sunset Magazine

Also check the wide variety of shelter magazines such as House Beautiful, House and Garden, California Southland, etc. found in many local libraries. **For help in requesting magazine articles and books not in the SBBG library, see the librarian.**

**Books and Articles**


E.O. Orpet; Samarkand; Santa Maria Inn (Frank McCoy); Las Tejas (Helen Thorne); Arcady; El Mirador (Armour/Mitchell estate), Santa Barbara Botanic Garden; Anne Stow-Fithian's garden


De Forest, Lockwood and Elizabeth de Forest, editor. Santa Barbara Gardener. Santa Barbara: 1925-1942. Includes index.


“In Their Lovely Gardens These Women Take Delight.” The Western Woman 7 no. 1 (1931): 16-19. Mentions most of the members of the Garden Club of America, Santa Barbara Branch with photos of Las Tejas (Thorne), Casa Santa Cruz (Hoffmann), Il Brolino (Stewart), and El Mirador (Mitchell).


List of Gardens of the Members of the Garden Club of America Open to Visit by Members. 1921, 1922, 1925, 1952. Special Collections SB403 Z5 G2 1922.


De Forest Garden; Dickenson Garden; Tremaine Garden

Twinney, Marc M. “Scenes Through the South and Along the West Coast,” *Gardeners Chronicle* (June 1926): 170-171. Mentions many SB gardens with photos of El Mirador, Eucalyptus Hill (Cowles), and Samarkand.


Yoch, James J. *Landscaping the American Dream: the Gardens and Film Sets of Florence Yoch: 1890-1972.* New York: Abrams, Sagapress, 1989. SB470 Y66 Y663. Il Brolino (Mary Stewart garden); Casa Santa Cruz (Bernhard Hoffmann); Rancho San Carlos (C.H. Jackson); Mira Flores (J.P. Jefferson); William Slater; Mrs. G. Watson French; Mrs. George E. Coleman; Harold Gladwin; Mrs. David E. Park; Sherman Asche

Sources on Individual Gardens


“In a California Garden: Paul Thiene, Landscape Architect.” *House and Garden* 42 (1922): 50. Mira Flores (Music Academy of the West)


Rowe, E.D. *Trees, Shrubs and Plants at Esquina D Oro*. 1912. Special Collections SB466 U63 T7


Arcady


Knapp, George Owen. *Arcady*. Santa Barbara: 1926. Publication produced for the annual Garden Club of America meeting in Santa Barbara in 1926; provides plants lists for individual gardens on the estate with photographs.

*Casa del Herrero*


*Lotusland*

- [http://www.lotusland.org/](http://www.lotusland.org/)


Val Verde
http://www.austinvalverdefoundation.com/


Public Gardens, Parks and Open Spaces


Doremus, A.B. Santa Barbara Parks. 1908. Special Collections SB483 S3 D6. List of plants found in Alameda Park, Plaza del Mar, Plaza Vera Cruz., and Oak Park.


Santa Barbara Department of Parks, Santa Barbara, California. [1945?] Report by Park Superintendent Finlay MacKenzie paints a picture of the city’s parks during WWII with suggestions for post-war improvements. SB483 S3 S3.

Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden

Alameda Plazas & Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden Self-Guided Tour. City Parks & Recreation Dept., 1996. History of the parks and numbered tree lists with maps.


Santa Barbara Botanic Garden


Biographical Information
Catalog of Landscape Records at Wave Hill http://www.wavehill.org/Landscape_Research/landscape_research.html Database of records from nationwide repositories including: maps,
planting plans, nursery catalogs, personal or business archives, photographs, postcards, aerial photographs, real estate brochures, deeds, and biographical “bits and pieces.”


**Local Horticulturists, Landscape Architects, Nurserymen**


**Lockwood de Forest, Jr. 1896-1949 and Elizabeth de Forest 1898-1984**


———. Index of commissions of Lockwood de Forest, Jr.. Typed manuscript. Special Collections.


**A. Boyd Doremus 1842-1937**


**Beatrix Farrand 1872-1959**


**Francesco Franceschi (E.O. Fenzi) 1843-1924**


———. “The Life of Dr. Francesco Franceschi and His Park.” *Pacific Horticulture* 63 no. 3 (July/Aug./Sept. 2002): 4-12.


*The Capital, Newsletter of the Pearl Chase Society.* Many issues on Franceschi Park.


**Isabelle Greene**

Isabelle Greene’s work can be found in many contemporary books on garden design. See also:


**Edward O. Orpet 1863-1956**


**Peter Riedel 1873-1954**


Peter Riedel Papers. Special Collections, SBBG Library. 1 box. Plant lists for Santa Barbara gardeners from the 1920s and class notes for a course he taught. See also Southern California Acclimatizing Assn. catalogs.
Joseph Sexton


Kinton Stevens 1849-1895 and Ralph Stevens 1883-1958


Stevens, Ralph. “Kinton B. Stevens.” No date. Copy of typed article [compiled by Ednah Wickson Kelly?] in Garden Club of Santa Barbara papers.


Ralph Stevens Papers. Special Collections, SBBG Library. Unpublished collection of papers on various subjects relating to SB horticulture. 1 box.

Images of Gardens and Landscapes

Search collections on landscape architecture to find images and landscaping plans of several Santa Barbara estates, and the mission.


Local Libraries and Archives

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
In addition to those described on the Library Collections web page, other related materials include: Garden Club of America (Santa Barbara and Montecito chapter) directories and listings for various years, papers of Garden Club member Ednah Wickson Kelly, and clippings files on many SB gardens.


Montecito History Committee, Montecito Library
Folders on individual estates that include photographs and clippings.

Santa Barbara Mission Archives
Agricultural history of the mission period and the gardens at the Santa Barbara Mission.

UCSB Library Special Collections http://www.library.ucsb.edu/speccoll/
Community Development and Conservation Collection (Pearl Chase Collection).
UCSB Architectural Drawing Collection  http://www.uam.ucsb.edu/Pages/adc.html Useful for finding landscape plans and photographs associated with architectural drawings.

Goleta Valley Historical Society  http://www.goletahistory.org/
Material on Stow House and the Sexton Family, agriculture, citrus.

University of California, Berkeley, Environmental Design Archive Finding Aids http://www.oac.cdlib.org/dynaweb/ead/ead/berkeley
Searchable database of records created by California architects and landscape architects including drawings, blueprints, photographs, and personal records with an emphasis on the Bay Area. Relevant collections to Santa Barbara include Lockwood de Forest, Beatrix Farrand, Bernard Maybeck, and Paul Thiene.

Organizations to Contact for More Information
California Garden and Landscape History Society  http://www.cglhs.org
Garden Conservancy  http://www.gardenconservancy.org/
Pearl Chase Society  http://homepage.mac.com/pearlchase/Education.html

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