

# THE GARDEN CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA

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## The Santa Barbara Garden Club Biennial Flower Show comes to El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

*Featuring floral interpretations of some of Santa Barbara's signature events*



Admission is free.

The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park will host the **Garden Club of Santa Barbara's biennial flower show from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM on April 22 and 23, 2010**. The historic site, located at 123 East Canon Perdido Street, provides an ideal venue for **this year's theme, "SANTA BARBARA CELEBRATES,"** inspired by the city's rich history, art, landscape and culture.

The floral designs and horticulture entries will be judged by certified Garden Club of America judges from throughout the United States. The show will include four divisions: **Flower Arrangements, Horticulture, Photography, and Botanical Jewelry and Embellishments**. Some of the



highly anticipated entry challenges include **underwater arrangements, floral interpretations of Fiesta, Summer Solstice parades, and a cascade bouquet for a wedding celebration to be exhibited in the Presidio Chapel**. Other entries will feature plant material obtained from local Farmers Market's and living walls, vertical arrangements of plants that naturally removes toxins and unhealthy contaminants from the air, innovative aspects of sustainable living and gardening.

Photography will feature architecture of Santa Barbara, city celebrations, and Garden Club projects including the new fountain at the Santa Barbara Zoo and a school garden at Peabody Charter School. Special exhibits will offer information on native plants and the Santa Barbara Garden Club's current restoration project at Gaviota State Park in collaboration with California State Parks.



**About the Garden Club** – Founded in April 1916, The Garden Club of Santa Barbara is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to stimulating the knowledge and enjoyment of gardening, the art of flower arranging, the conservation and protection of our environment and native plants, the beautification of our community and the education of the horticultural richness and diversity of our region. The Club has been associated with garden projects that have enriched and enhanced the community. For 94 years the Club has raised funds to support school gardens and plant education, contributed to scholarship funds related to botanical studies, planted street trees throughout Santa Barbara. It has provided landscaping for institutions including the Santa Barbara Zoo, the Santa Barbara Mission Gardens, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, the Natural History Museum, the Music Academy of the West, the Family Service Agency, Girls Inc., Casa del Herrero, Santa Barbara County Veterans Memorials, and Lotusland.

**About the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation** – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) works to protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara's 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks and recently purchased the neighboring building that housed Jimmy's Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara's Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra and his family—the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. Recently, SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County's distinct history. Learn more at [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org).