

FOUNDERS MEMORIAL GARDEN

COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENT AND DESIGN

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA | NORTH CAMPUS





WELCOME

The UGA College of Environment and Design welcomes you to this special garden, which has been a place of respite, inspiration, and education since 1939.

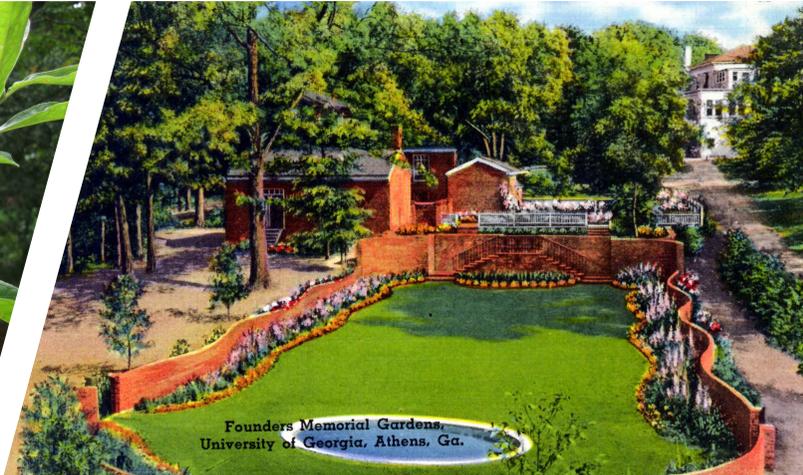
This garden commemorates the first garden club in the U.S., the Ladies Garden Club, and is also dedicated as a memorial garden to those who have served in the US Armed Forces. Both the house and garden are on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1999, the garden was recognized by the American Society of Landscape Architects as one of the top 100 “Landscapes of Significance” in the United States.

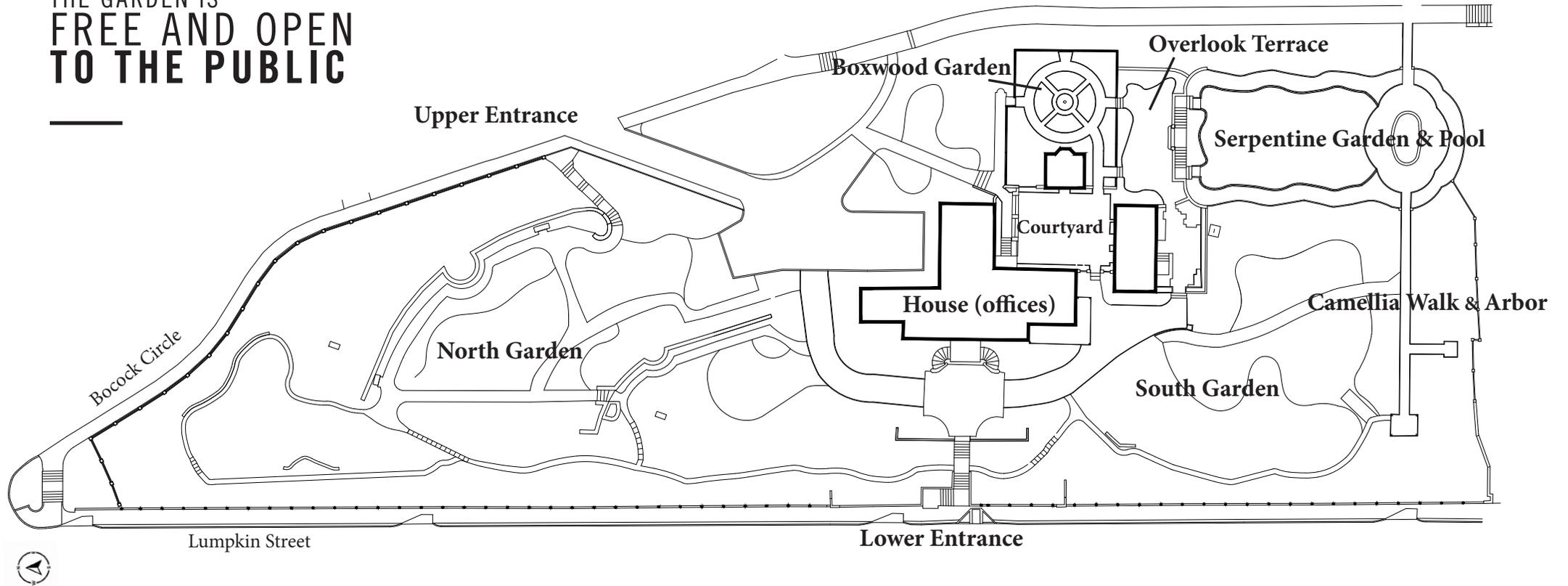
A QUIET SETTING ON CAMPUS

Responding to the evolving nature of gardens, the Founders Memorial Garden has matured from a simple house site on Lumpkin Street before the Civil War to today, a treasured site for visitors to enjoy nature in a quiet setting, and for new generations to study plants and planting design. The house and grounds remain under the care of the UGA College of Environment and Design (CED), providing opportunities for classes and other gatherings of students, faculty, and staff. The garden remains free and open to the public.





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HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

1891

The Ladies Garden Club founded in Athens, is the first garden club in the United States. These are the “founders” for which the garden is named.

1939

The Founders Memorial Garden was officially opened under the direction of Hubert Bond Owens, with support from the Garden Club of Georgia and numerous donors.

1945

The Garden Club of Georgia proposes a living memorial and arboretum for the veterans of WWII.

1972

The house and garden are placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

1999

The American Society of Landscape Architects recognizes the Founders Memorial Garden as one of the top 100 “Places of Significance” in the United States.



Hubert Bond Owens conceived, designed, and oversaw installation of the Founders Memorial Garden, which was supported from its inception by garden club members. Owens, the founding dean of the School of Environmental Design at UGA, began teaching landscape architecture here in 1928.

COMMIT TO THE GARDEN



Together, we can preserve
this national treasure.
Thank you!



The UGA Foundation has created the **Founders Memorial Support Fund (account #9024700)** to provide annual funds for upkeep and restoration of the buildings, original plantings, and hardscape materials.

Please consider making a gift to see that this crucial endowment is fulfilled. We need and appreciate your support. **Make a gift or contact CED's Director of Development, Jennifer Messer**, at (706)542-4727 or JLMESSER@uga.edu <https://t.uga.edu/40Q>

A PERFECT PLACE FOR YOUR EVENT

The Founders Memorial Garden can be rented to celebrate special events.

For more information about the garden, or if you would like to support the care of the facilities, contact Professor Cari Goetcheus at 706-542-0061, or via e-mail at cgoetch@uga.edu





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