

Casa del Herrero Receives Herb Garden Restoration Grant from the Garden Club of Santa Barbara



Casa del Herrero is pleased to announce that it has received a grant from the Garden Club of Santa Barbara. The funding provides for Herb Garden restoration including new herb plantings, new fruit trees, and orchard maintenance.

The Herb Garden was first envisioned in a drawing done by George Fox Steedman in 1932. While vegetables were grown on the property before this time, George wanted herbs and plants that would be suitable to a kitchen garden.

“When visitors tour the estate, their favorite spot is often the kitchen Herb Garden,” said Casa Board President Susan Jackson. “The courtyard, with its thoughtful tile and brick details, creates a garden room full of bountiful herbs useful in recipes. The fruit tree orchard is so fun for children because they often pick fruit from the trees.”

Casa del Herrero shares a long history with the Garden Club of Santa Barbara. Carrie Steedman joined the Garden Club of Santa Barbara in 1926, and served as its president from 1932-34.

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During her time with the club, Carrie made the Casa available for meetings and worked on various committees such as serving as the chair of the club’s Conservation Committee.

In many ways, Casa del Herrero’s mission aligns with that of the Garden Club of Santa Barbara in that both organizations encourage knowledge and enjoyment of gardening, the art of floral design, and the preservation of the community’s historic and horticultural richness. The Casa is grateful for the funding received as it allowed for important stewardship of key garden spaces.

“I believe Carrie Steedman would be delighted to know that her gardens have received financial support from her beloved club,” added Susan.

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and effort.

