



Pictured on the stage at Fort Mason are, from left: Adrian Scott Fine, CPF President; Project co-leads, CGLHS members, and landscape architects Alison Terry and Lisa Gimmy; CGLHS past president, board member, and FASLA Kelly Comras; Landscape architectural intern Katie Owens; landscape architect Nicole Volpe; CGLHS past president and *Eden* editor Steven Keylon; photographer Dennis Hill.
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The California Preservation Foundation’s 2023 Design Awards were held at San Francisco’s Fort Mason on April 20th. Several CGLHS members received this year’s award for Cultural Resource Studies, Reports for their work on the Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) for the Virginia Robinson Gardens in Beverly Hills.

About this award, CPF said, “The Virginia Robinson Gardens is a 6.2-acre botanical garden, historic landscape, and residence. The property is owned by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and jointly managed with the Friends of Robinson Gardens. This HALS documentation represents a comprehensive survey of the development of the Virginia Robinson Gardens and includes historical hardscape plans and planting plans, site sections, fountain details, site furnishings, and site analysis. The project also includes an inventory of the site’s existing hardscape, planting, and site amenities. Large-format photographs document important aspects of the site. A written history provides comprehensive scholarly documentation. Professional landscape architects, designers, photographers, historians, and many others contributed thousands of pro bono hours to complete this project.”

Other CGLHS members that contributed to the Virginia Robinson Gardens HALS report are board members Janet Gracyk and Libby Simon; and David Dahlke.

We will feature the history of the Virginia Robinson Gardens and the work that went into the HALS report process in the summer issue of *Eden*.