

History of the Garden

Nellie Hollister Jack created this garden in the late 1870s. In it, she grew trees and plants from around the world. The garden produced oranges, pummelos, lemons, tangerines, avocados, and bay leaves for the Jack family kitchen.

Family members celebrated holidays like May Day in the garden. One hundred years later, weeds and overgrowth had claimed Nellie's garden. Community members, including Cal Poly Professor Wes Conner and Recreation Director Jim Stockton, re-imagined Nellie's Victorian garden as a community park.

With careful regard for Nellie's established specimens, City leaders added to the grounds with a gazebo, kitchen/restroom, pathways, and flagstone naming the Jack House donors.

Today visitors can enjoy peaceful strolls as well as public and private events in the Jack House garden. City Parks and Recreation Department staff cares for Nellie's historic trees as well as modern plantings, improvements and memorials.

Rent the garden for your event at
www.slocity.org/JackHouse

Be a part of the Historic Jack House & Gardens

Become a volunteer docent for the Jack House. Trained Volunteer Docents co-lead regular public tours, preserve historical artifacts, and celebrate holidays with community members in fun and unique ways.



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1 Flagstone

inscribed with Jack House donor names

2 Coral Bark Japanese Maple

(Acer palmatum 'Sango-kaku')

3 Pecan Tree*

(Carya illinoensis)

4 Olive *

(Olea europea)

5 Avocado*

(Persea americana)

6 Japanese Maple

(Acer palmatum 'Bloodgood')

7 White Dove Tree

(Bauhinia forficata)

Flagstone marker in remembrance of Ken and Martha Schwartz

8 Fruiting Quince

(Cydonia oblonga)

9 California White Oak*

(Quercus lobata)

10 White Mulberry

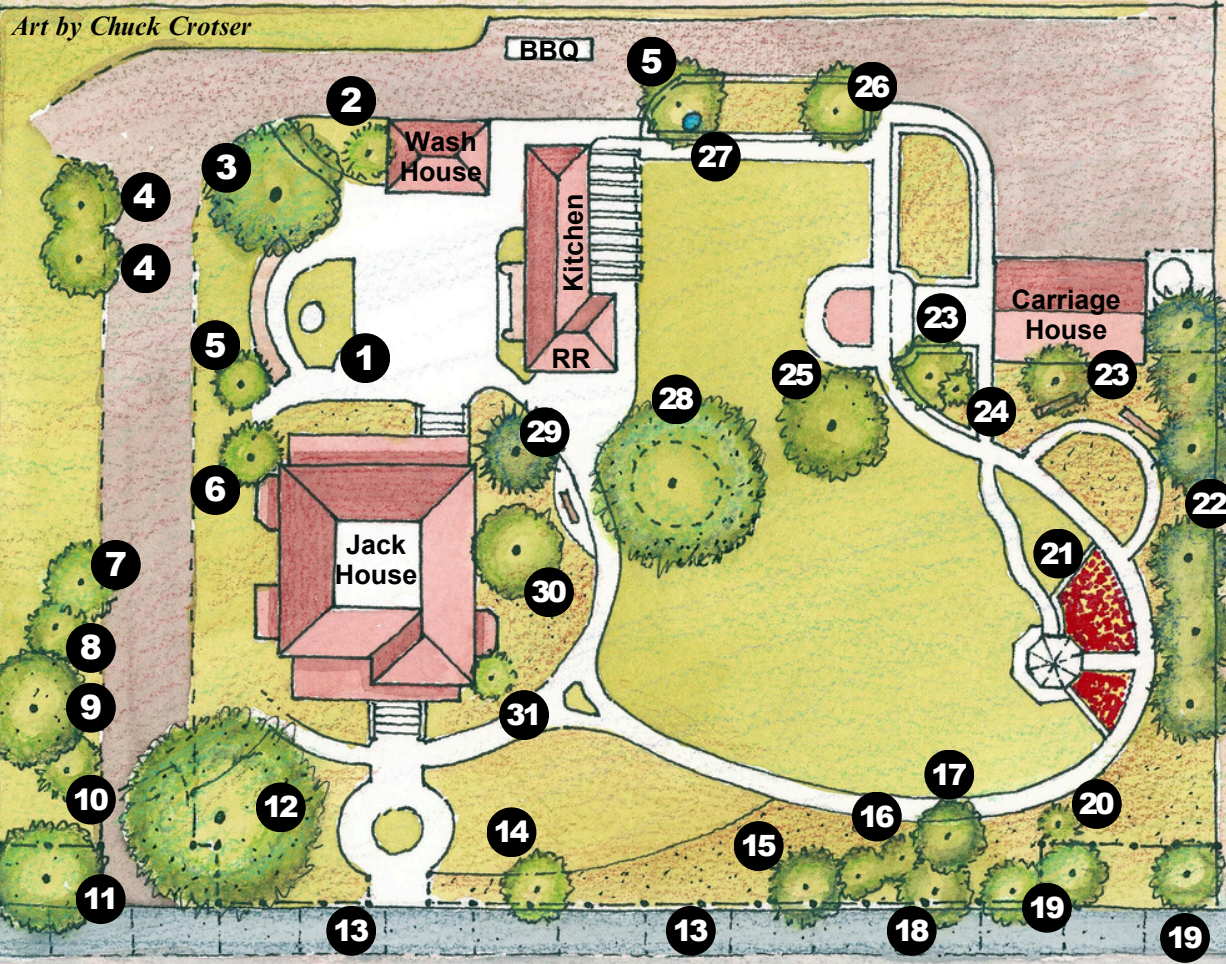
(Morus alba)

11 Horse Chestnut*

(Aesculus hippocastanum)

12 Southern Magnolia *

(Magnolia grandiflora)



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GARDEN FEATURES AND TREES

31 Vulcan Magnolia

(Magnolia liliiflora)

30 Pummelo* or Shaddock

(Citrus maxima)

29 Port Orford Cedar *

(Chamaecyparis lawsoniana)

28 Japanese Maple *

(Acer palmatum)

27 Pedestal Fountain

Dedicated to Martha Schwartz

26 Crepe Myrtle

Dedicated to Jim Stockton

25 Saucer Magnolia

(Magnolia soulangeana)

24 Lemon Verbena *

(Aloysia triphylla)

23 Pineapple Guava*

(Feijoa sellowiana)

22 Coast Redwood (6)*

(Sequoia sempervirens)

21 Rose Garden

Dedicated to Jack House donor, Margaret E. Kaetzel

20 Maidenhair Tree

(Ginkgo biloba 'Fairmont')

19 Crepe Myrtle

(Lagerstroemia indica)

13 Picket Fence

Dedicated to Wes Connor (long-time volunteer)

15 Red Cestrum

(Cestrum elegans)

17 Grapefruit

(Citrus x paradisi 'Marsh')

14 Jacaranda

(Jacaranda mimosifolia)

16 Strawberry Guava

(Psidium cattleianum)

18 Blue Potato Bush

(Solanum rantonnetii)

* Trees or shrubs planted prior to 1974 when the City received this property