

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

1. Name of Property

historic name Reynolds, Kenyon & Patricia (Pfitzer) Garden

other names/site number Kencott



2. Location

street & number 901 S. San Rafael Avenue

not for publication

city or town Pasadena

vicinity

state California code CA county Los Angeles code 37 zip code 91105

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this ___ nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide ___ local

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official

Date

Title

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

___ entered in the National Register

___ determined eligible for the National Register

___ determined not eligible for the National Register

___ removed from the National Register

___ other (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Category of Property
(Check only **one** box.)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

<input type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	2	buildings
1		sites
	1	structures
		objects
3	3	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic Designed Gardens in Pasadena

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

LANDSCAPE/Garden

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7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

N/A

foundation: N/A

walls: N/A

roof: N/A

other: _____

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The Kenyon & Patricia Reynolds Garden is a private residential designed garden built in 1928 to a design Katherine Bashford. It is located on South San Rafael Avenue in the southwestern portion of the City of Pasadena. The property is a triangular-shaped lot within a single-family residential neighborhood and is 0.78 acres in size. There are two gardens on the property, a front yard garden and a much larger rear yard garden. The gardens are asymmetrical in plan and designed as English gardens to correspond to the Tudor Revival architecture of the house. The front yard garden is flat and consists of a large area of lawn with hedges, flowering shrubs and mature trees; stacked stone walls, brick and stone paving and a fountain. The rear yard garden has much of the same materials but is significantly larger and dramatically sloped downward from the house. The descending slopes are supported by extensive stacked stone retaining walls and a swimming pool sits at the base of the gorge. The rear garden also has a pond and stream, a potting shed and a lath house that were built during the period of significance.

The Reynolds House and garage/guest house buildings are non-contributing to this nomination of the garden; however, they may be eligible for listing under a different context.

Narrative Description

The Kenyon & Patricia Reynolds Garden is a private residential designed garden built in 1928 to a design by Katherine Bashford, whose name is indicated as architect and contractor on a 1930 building permit for garden walls. It is located south of the "X"-shaped intersection of South San Rafael Avenue and Hillside Terrace in the southwestern portion of the City of Pasadena, west of the Arroyo Seco. The triangular-shaped property is within a hilly single-family residential neighborhood of large lots, most of which are over an acre in size. There are two buildings on the lot: the main house at the north-central portion of the property and a garage/guest house along the easterly street frontage. There are two separate garden spaces on the property: one in the front yard, north of the house and the other in the rear yard, south of the house and west of the garage/guest house building.

The flat front yard garden consists of a large lawn area with bordering hedges, flowering shrubs and mature trees. A brick pathway extends from South San Rafael Avenue to a brick-and-concrete terrace, at the center of which is a newer freestanding concrete fountain with a scalloped basin and a sculpture of two children holding an umbrella. A stacked stone wall forms the westerly border of the terrace. Extending from the terrace is a flagstone pathway to the front door of the house.

The rear yard garden is significantly larger than the front yard garden and slopes downward dramatically from the house to a depth of approximately 60 feet, forming a deep ravine. Brick and flagstone terraces, defined by a concrete balustrade, extend from the level of the house leading to an extensive network of descending narrower terraces formed along the steep slopes by stacked stone retaining walls. The terraces have decomposed granite, brick and flagstone pathways and steps with extensive plantings alongside them. At the base of the slope is a pool deck, installed in 1956, below which is a small lawn and an original pond and stream fed by a natural spring. In various locations throughout the rear garden are statuary, stone seating built into retaining walls and small fountains. Two small associated buildings contribute to the listing: a potting shed and a lath house, both of which are south of the garage/guest house building. The potting shed was built in 1935 and is a simple structure, square in plan, with a gabled roof and wood clapboard siding with a brick foundation. The lath house was built in 1929, is also roughly square in plan and is an open-air structure made of wood lath strips over wood framing with an open framed entry. A vine grows over the roof of the building.

The Reynolds House and the garage/guest house building are non-contributing to this nomination of the garden; however, they may be eligible for listing under a different context. In addition, the swimming pool area was installed in 1956 and is also non-contributing to the nomination.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Landscape architecture

Period of Significance

1922-1942

Significant Dates

1928

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Katherine Bashford

Period of Significance (justification)

The property was purchased by Kenyon & Patricia Reynolds in 1922. Kenyon Reynolds' autobiography indicates a span of 20-year work on the garden before it was completed, hence the 1942 end year.

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Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

N/A

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

Built between 1922 and 1942, the Kenyon & Patricia Reynolds garden is a locally significant example of the "Period Revival Estate" property type under the context "Residential Garden Design in Pasadena: 1905-1968" documented in the Multiple Property Documentation Form "Historic Designed Gardens in Pasadena." It is also an example of the work of master landscape architect Katherine Bashford. It meets National Register criterion C by embodying the distinctive characteristics of the property type and meets registration requirements listed in the Multiple Property Documentation Form.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Kenyon & Patricia Reynolds Garden is locally significant under Criterion C. Under this criterion, the garden is a notable example of a designed residential garden of the Period Revival Estate property type and the work of master landscape architect Katherine Bashford. The garden exhibits the defining characteristics of the property type including terraces and grade changes, garden rooms that create distinct environments (front and rear yard gardens and terraces), stone walls, water features, Classical statuary, thickly planted flower beds, and low-clipped shrubs. The garden retains integrity through its location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling and continues to retain essential character-defining features and distinctive characteristics of its period and method of construction. Over time, the garden became overgrown and the extensive network of retaining walls had suffered damage and was covered by soil. Recent rehabilitation work involved uncovering and repairing the walls and pruning and replacing landscaping. Following the rehabilitation work that was completed, the garden clearly exhibits evidence of techniques employed in residential garden design in the 1920's and 1930's in Pasadena and clearly expresses the historic sense of this time period.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

N/A – Historic context documented in Multiple Property Documentation Form "Historic Designed Gardens in Pasadena."

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Permit research materials, assessor's records and historic designation reports in files, Planning Department, City of Pasadena (referenced in August 2012).

Reynolds, Bede (ne: Kenyon L. Reynolds). *A Rebel from Riches: The Autobiography of an Unpremeditated Monk*. Milford, OH: The Riehle Foundation, 1975. Print.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: _____

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Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.90
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing	3	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing
2	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing	4	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property is a triangular lot bound by South San Rafael Avenue on the east, Hillside Terrace on the west and the boundaries of 901 S. San Rafael Avenue on the south. The Los Angeles County Assessor's Parcel number for the property is 5718-005-002 and 5718-005-030.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries were selected because they encompass the extent of features associated with the Kenyon & Patricia Reynolds Garden. The original extent of the property continued south of the existing boundaries; however, the physical separation of those lots and the later changes that have occurred on them have resulted in a loss of integrity beyond the boundaries selected.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

The following is the same for all photographs:

Name of Property: Kenyon & Patricia Reynolds Garden
City: Pasadena
County: Los Angeles
State: California
Name of Photographer: Kevin Johnson
Date Photographed: October 5, 2012
Location of Original Digital Files: 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

1. Front yard garden – looking south from corner of South San Rafael Avenue & Hillside Terrace
2. Front yard access path – looking west from South San Rafael Avenue
3. Front yard brick terrace & fountain – looking southwest from front yard access path
4. Front yard entry terrace – looking southwest from brick terrace
5. Rear terrace – looking west
6. Rear garden/pool overview – looking southwest from rear terrace
7. Typical rear garden retaining wall treatment
8. Typical rear brick pathway/terrace treatment
9. Rear yard fountain, statue & wall – looking northeast from east end of rear terrace
10. Rear yard typical flagstone path treatment; built-in bench
11. Rear yard garden area – looking north from rear property line
12. Rear yard garden stream & pathway detail
13. Rear yard garden lawn, retaining wall, steps, & statue detail
14. West elevation of potting shed & lath house – looking east

Property Owner:

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Kent & Nicole Sokolow
street & number 901 S. San Rafael Avenue telephone _____
city or town Pasadena state CA zip code 91105

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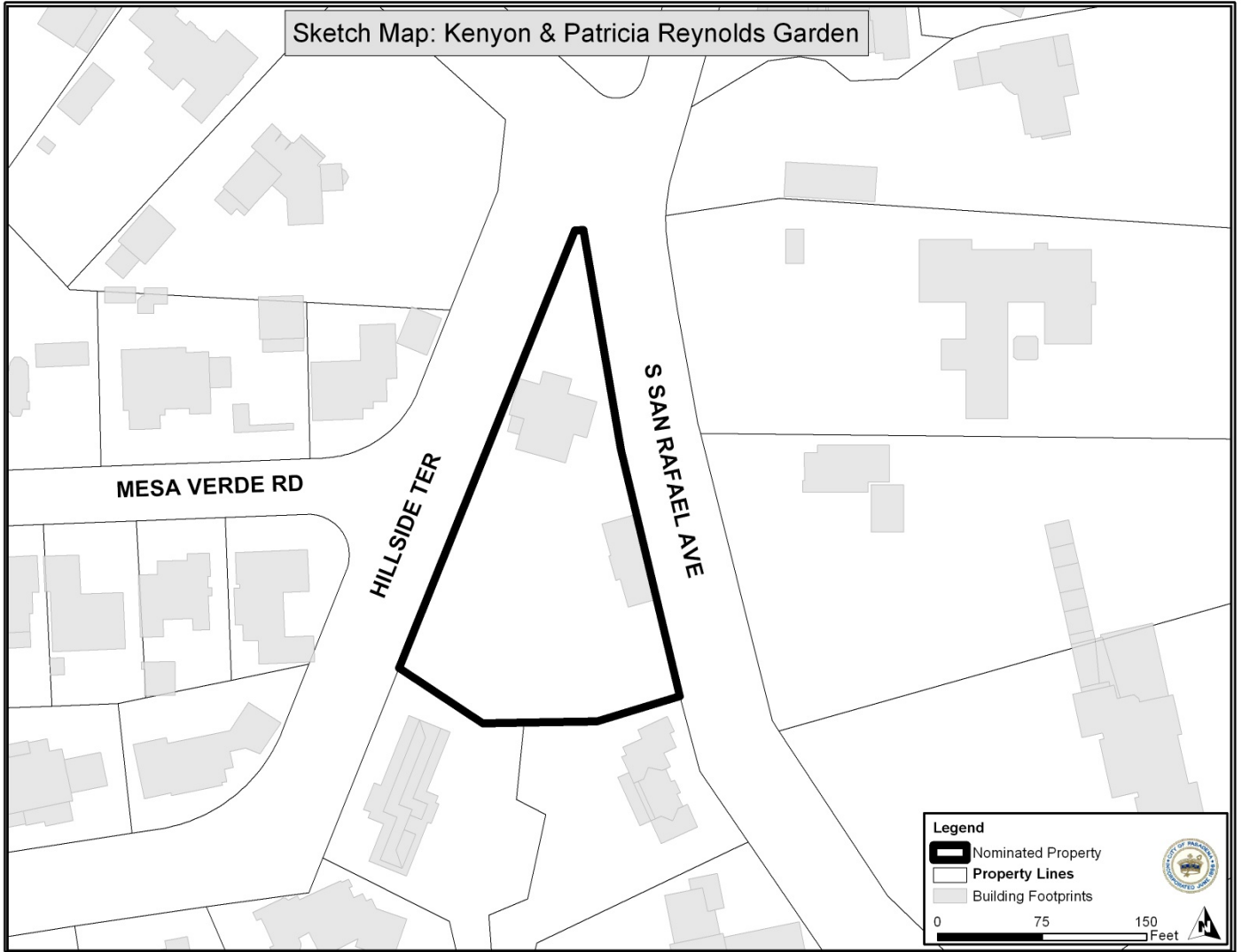
Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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SKETCH MAP



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AERIAL MAP

