

WELCOME TO THE  
**Elizabeth Lawrence House & Garden**

This is the gate of my garden.

I invite you to enter in, not only into my garden, but into the world of gardens - a world as old as the history of man and as new as the latest contribution of science; a world of mystery, adventure and romance; a world of poetry and philosophy; a world of beauty; and a world of work.



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HAVEN**  
*Gardens that inspire*



## A Dynamic Historic Southern Garden

Once the home and garden of the internationally celebrated horticulturist, landscape architect and garden writer who quite literally wrote the books on gardening in the South, the **Elizabeth Lawrence House & Garden** boasts an ever-changing, diverse plant palette with something in bloom in every season. Come see over 2,000 different plants, many still original to Elizabeth Lawrence, on this small urban lot—testament to her expert skill as a designer, gardener and plantswoman, and of the stewardship of her living legacy.



Masterful mixes of flowering trees, broadleaf evergreens, pleasing perennials and beautiful bulbs create this unique four-season garden. See all sorts of botanical treasures—rare, unusual and heirloom—from native flora to exotic beauties.

*Pictured: Narcissus 'Beryl'*



Elizabeth Lawrence used her entire property as a testing ground for an enormous variety of plants to learn what grows well in the Middle South. This post-World War II era garden retains its historic reputation of being “experimental,” as new plants are continuously tested.



See original design elements—the stone bench above the pool, the bird bath, the concrete bench below the studio window, and the sun dial on permanent loan from Elizabeth Lawrence’s family.



Today, the Elizabeth Lawrence House & Garden is open to the public as a horticultural and historic resource, and is passionately cultivated in Elizabeth Lawrence’s spirit—as a vibrant, dynamic—and always inspiring—living laboratory. *Pictured: Crocus pulchellus*

The **ELIZABETH LAWRENCE HOUSE & GARDEN** is owned and operated by the Wing Haven Foundation and is a partner of the Garden Conservancy. It is on the National Register of Historic Places, is included in the Smithsonian Institute’s Archives of American Gardens, and is a designated historic landmark by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission. Learn more at [winghavengardens.org](http://winghavengardens.org).

