



# Smithsonian *Gardens*

## Corliss Knapp Engle slide collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Gardens
<b>Title:</b>	Corliss Knapp Engle slide collection
<b>Date:</b>	1969-2001
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAG.CKE
<b>Creator:</b>	Engle, Corliss Knapp
<b>Extent:</b>	1.5 Cubic feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>The Corliss Knapp Engle slide collection contains 35mm slides of gardens, garden features, flower shows, and flora photographed by Corliss Engle, a self-taught photographer and horticulturalist. Much of the collection is comprised of photographic documentation of numerous private and public gardens that she visited throughout the United States. Of particular note are images of Engle's own garden in Brookline, Massachusetts, spanning three decades; they provide excellent insight into the development and evolution of a garden over time. Portions of the collection highlight Engle's involvement with the Garden Club of America and the GCA's Garden History and Design Committee. The collection also includes various notes, lecture scripts, brochures, programs and articles on garden and plant-related themes generated or compiled by Corliss Knapp Engle.</p>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

A representative of the Chestnut Hill (Mass.) Garden Club donated the collection on the club's behalf to the Archives of American Gardens in May 2013.

### Provenance

Corliss Knapp Engle's collection of garden-related slides was maintained by the Chestnut Hill (Mass.) Garden Club prior to its being donated to the Archives of American Gardens.

### Separated Materials

Slide images of various Garden Club of America meetings and events photographed by Corliss Engle are located at the Garden Club of America in New York, New York.

### Related Materials

Slide images of various plants photographed by Corliss Engle are located at The Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Images of the Arnold Arboretum photographed by Corliss Engle including those featured in a 2006 exhibition, *The Arnold Arboretum Captured in Time: 1982-1987*, are located at the Horticulture Library at the Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

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## Biographical / Historical

Corliss Knapp Engle (1936-2009), born in Flushing, New York, was a passionate horticulturalist who was closely involved with numerous groups and initiatives relating to horticulture and gardens. As a resident of Brookline, Massachusetts, she was actively involved in the Chestnut Hill Garden Club and the Tree Planting Committee of the Town of Brookline. Corliss Engle was also involved, in varying capacities, in the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, and the Garden Club of America (GCA). She was a trustee for both the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and the New England Wild Flower Society. Engle was a recipient of a GCA Achievement Award and four GCA Beattie Medals. The Begonia Society honored her by naming a begonia in her name. As a self-taught photographer she was instrumental in developing a photography program for the Garden Club of America and was particularly involved with the GCA's Garden History and Design Committee which is instrumental in the documentation of gardens for the Garden Club of America Collection at the Archives of American Gardens. Engle's writings and photographs were published in local and national publications including the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts' publication, "Mayflower," and the "White House History" journal.

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## General

Collection has been processed.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Gardens -- California
- Gardens -- Connecticut
- Gardens -- Maryland
- Gardens -- Massachusetts
- Gardens -- New Jersey
- Gardens -- New York
- Gardens -- Pennsylvania
- Gardens -- Rhode Island

Gardens -- United States

Types of Materials:

Brochures  
Ephemera  
Maps  
Notes  
Pamphlets  
Programs  
Slides (photographs)

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Garden images

#### United States of America

##### 1.1: California

CA138: [Arcadia -- Los Angeles State & County Arboretum](#)

CA155: [Berkeley -- University of California Botanical Garden](#)

CA578: [Berkeley -- University of California at Berkeley](#)

CA543: [Bolinás? -- Ewing Garden](#)

CA547: [Encinitas -- Quail Botanical Gardens](#)

CA580: [Glen Ellen -- Benzinger Family Winery](#)

CA581: [Glen Ellen -- Hanford Garden](#)

CA537: [Hillsboro -- Wood Garden](#)

CA147: [La Canada, Flintridge -- Descanso Gardens](#)

CA214: [Malibu -- Getty Museum, J. Paul](#)

CA548: [Menlo Park -- Sunset Garden](#)

CA545: [Mill Valley -- Smith & Hawken](#)

CA062: [Montecito -- Casa del Herrero](#)

CA048: [Montecito -- Lotusland](#)

CA582: [Napa -- Mustards Grill](#)

CA541: [Occidental -- Western Hills Nursery](#)

CA579: [Palo Alto -- Stanford University](#)

CA211: [San Diego -- Balboa Park](#)

CA096: [San Francisco -- Golden Gate Park](#)

CA276: [San Marino -- Huntington Botanical Gardens](#)

CA542: [San Mateo -- San Mateo Japanese Garden](#)

CA544: [San Mateo County -- Unidentified Garden](#)

CA120: [San Simeon -- Hearst Castle](#)

CA583: [Santa Barbara -- Farmers' Market](#)  
Topic: [Women](#)

CA050: [Santa Barbara -- Santa Barbara Botanic Garden](#)

CA290: [Santa Barbara -- Valentine Garden](#)

CA297: [Santa Rosa -- Luther Burbank Home & Gardens](#)

CA072: [Woodside -- Filoli](#)

CA538: [Woodside -- Gallagher Garden](#)

CA540: [Albion? Mendocino? -- Jaen Treesinger Landscaping](#)  
Image(s): [Albion? Mendocino? -- Treesinger Landscaping, Jaen](#)

CA546: [Unknown -- Manning's Nursery](#)

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### 1.3: Connecticut

CT143: [Canaan \(Falls Village\) -- McCabe Garden](#)

CT284: [Canaan \(Falls Village\) -- Millstream](#)

CT708: [Canaan \(Falls Village\) -- Williams Garden](#)

CT711: [Greenwich -- Green Fingers Garden Club Flower Shows](#)

CT714: [Greenwich -- Hortulus Garden Club Flower Shows](#)

CT710: [Greenwich -- Serrell Garden](#)

CT144: [Kent -- Brook Hill Farm](#)

CT707: [Lakeville -- Lufkin Garden](#)

CT712: [Litchfield -- Litchfield Garden Club Flower Show, 1990](#)

CT713: [Middletown -- Middletown Garden Club Flower Show, 1990](#)

CT166: [Norfolk -- Childs Garden of Alpine Plants](#)

CT706: [Sharon -- Miller Garden](#)

CT196: [Warren -- Marsh-Whitlock Farm](#)

CT168: [Washington -- Hollister House](#)

CT715: [Washington -- Washington Garden Club Flower Show, 1988](#)

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#### 1.4: Delaware

DE002: [Winterthur -- Winterthur Museum](#)

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#### 1.5: District of Columbia

DC046: [Washington -- U.S. National Arboretum](#)

DC065: [Washington -- Dumbarton Oaks](#)

DC015: [Washington -- Washington National Cathedral](#)

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#### 1.6: Florida

FL083: [Miami -- Vizcaya](#)

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#### 1.7: Georgia

GA099: [Atlanta -- Atlanta Botanical Garden](#)

GA227: [Atlanta -- Atlanta Flower Show](#)

GA069: [Athens -- President's House, University of Georgia](#)

GA060: [Atlanta -- Balentine Garden](#)

GA230: [Atlanta -- Carter Library & Museum, Jimmy](#)

GA152: [Savannah -- Battersby-Hartridge House](#)

GA133: [Savannah -- Morton Garden](#)

GA147: [Savannah -- Richardson-Owens-Thomas House](#)

GA168: [Savannah -- Wood Garden](#)



GA224: Savannah -- Unidentified Garden

GA225: Savannah -- Unidentified Garden

GA226: Savannah -- Unidentified Garden

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## 1.8: Illinois

IL161: Barrington -- Hansen Garden

IL162: Barrington -- Horne Garden

IL164: Barrington -- Unidentified Garden

IL165: Barrington -- Unidentified Garden

IL170: Chicago -- Show of Summer Flower Shows (GCA)

IL166: Chicago -- Unidentified Garden

IL167: Chicago -- Unidentified Garden

IL168: Chicago -- Unidentified Garden

IL169: Chicago -- Unidentified Garden

IL076: Glencoe -- Chicago Botanic Garden

IL163: Arlington Heights -- Arlington Park

IL095: Lisle -- Morton Arboretum, The

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## 1.9: Louisiana

LA029: New Orleans -- Longue Vue Gardens

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## 1.10: Maine

ME048: Bar Harbor -- Farm House, The

ME180: Bar Harbor -- Frazier Garden

ME178: Bar Harbor -- Little Orchard

ME177: Bar Harbor -- Stockton Garden

ME116: [Northeast Harbor -- Asticou Azalea Garden](#)

ME179: [Northeast Harbor -- Coleman Garden](#)

ME118: [Northeast Harbor -- Driftwood Garden, The](#)

ME057: [Northeast Harbor -- Landfall](#)

ME175: [Northeast Harbor -- Overcliff](#)

ME076: [Northeast Harbor -- Thuya Garden](#)

ME137: [Salisbury Cove -- Spruce Wind](#)

ME181: [Seal Harbor -- La Folie](#)

ME182: [Somesville, Mount Desert -- Blake Garden](#)

ME121: [Somesville, Mount Desert -- Somes Meadow](#)

ME176: [Unknown -- Unidentified Gardens](#)

ME086: [York -- Braveboat Harbor Farm](#)

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## 1.11: Maryland

MD361: [Baltimore -- Symington Garden](#)

MD196: [Wheaton -- Brookside Gardens](#)

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## 1.12: Massachusetts

MA075: [Beverly \(Prides Crossing\) -- Eagle Rock](#)

MA168: [Beverly -- Long Hill](#)

MA056: [Boston -- Boston Public Garden](#)

MA411: [Boston -- Kirk Garden](#)

MA394: [Boston -- Miscellaneous Flower Shows & Exhibits](#)

MA412: [Boston -- Unidentified Garden](#)

MA413: [Boston -- Unidentified Garden](#)

MA414: Boston -- Unidentified Rooftop Garden

MA588: Boylston -- Tower Hill Botanic Garden

MA596: Brookline -- Baker Garden

MA410: Brookline -- Engle Garden, Corliss Knapp

MA602: Brookline -- Hurwitz Garden

MA415: Brookline -- John Garden

MA598: Brookline -- Klausen Garden

MA432: Brookline -- Longyear Estate

MA143: Brookline -- Lower Faulkner

MA597: Brookline -- Rizika Garden

MA153: Brookline -- St. Goar Garden

MA435: Brookline -- Storrow Garden

MA595: Brookline -- Unidentified Gardens

MA451: Cambridge -- Aiello Garden

MA455: Cambridge -- Avon Hill Garden

MA453: Cambridge -- Deknatel Garden

MA449: Cambridge -- Henderson Garden

MA446: Cambridge -- LeMessurier/Truslow Gardens

MA067: Cambridge -- Longfellow House

MA322: Cambridge -- Mount Auburn Cemetery

MA452: Cambridge -- Onesti Garden

MA447: Cambridge -- Pullman Garden

MA456: Cambridge -- Sunderland Garden

MA457: Cambridge -- Vagts Garden

MA448: [Cambridge -- Webb Garden](#)

MA450: [Cambridge -- Unidentified Gardens](#)

MA423: [Chestnut Hill -- McKey Garden](#)

MA182: [Dedham -- Estabrook Garden](#)

MA437: [Dedham -- Haviland Garden](#)

MA417: [Dedham -- Hill Garden](#)

MA438: [Dedham -- Pierce Garden](#)

MA416: [Dover -- Cairn Croft Sculpture Garden](#)

MA439: [Dover -- The Samuel and Beverly Ryburn Wildflower Garden](#)

Notes: The folder includes a worksheet and a copy of an article.

A nearly 40-foot wide, 10 to 18 foot high rock ledge on an abandoned 12-acre farm was developed into a wildflower garden during the 1980s after the owners discovered how to make use of this natural feature, aided by their study of Japanese garden design. An initial attempt to smooth over the rock's contours with hundreds of wheelbarrows of soil dug and brought uphill from their woods was unattractive, and the soil was removed. By basing their design on a Japanese rock garden format they used the natural depressions in the rock for pocket gardens. Four larger depressions were deepened and concreted to make pools that were connected to a submerged recycling water pump. Dwarf varieties of cypress, spruce, weeping larch, Japanese cut leaf maple, and rhododendron were planted in other pockets deep enough for small trees and shrubs. Creeping juniper, partridgeberry, pipsissewa, wintergreen, and native small shrubs grew to form mats and screens. Native wildflowers took root wherever there was soil or cracks in the rock. Twenty species and varieties of ferns adapted to shady spots. The rock garden was a feature of the larger, more conventional gardens and terraces on the property. The Japanese design theme was repeated in an arched wooden bridge, wood-slab benches, a stone lantern, and a bronze Japanese crane. Other hardscape elements were retrieved from the woods and repurposed: flat stones from an old wall were used as stepping stones and lichen-covered boulders were placed to counterbalance the heft of the wildflower rock garden.

The Chestnut Hill Garden Club facilitated the submission of this garden's documentation.

The Samuel and Beverly Ryburn Wildflower Garden related holdings consist of 2 folders (15 film transparencies; 2 35mm slides (photographs))

Ken Druse garden photography collection, 1978-2005.

Garden has been featured in "Gardening; Team Effort Results in Showy Rock Garden" by John A. Lynch, published in The New York Times, May 3, 1987.

Topic: Gardens -- Massachusetts -- Dover.  
Place: The Samuel and Beverly Ryburn Wildflower Garden (Dover, Massachusetts).  
United States of America -- Massachusetts -- Norfolk County -- Dover

MA424: [Groveland -- Richards Garden](#)

MA197: [Lenox -- Mount, The](#)

MA431: [Nantucket -- Appley Garden](#)

MA576: [Nantucket -- Garden Club of America Flower Show, 1991](#)

MA428: [Nantucket -- Unidentified Garden](#)

MA429: [Nantucket -- Unidentified Garden](#)

MA430: [Nantucket -- Unidentified Garden](#)

MA442: [Nantucket -- Unidentified Garden](#)

MA426: [Nantucket -- Viewpoint](#)

MA421: [Natick -- Magullion Garden](#)

MA575: [New Bedford -- Garden Club of America Zone I Flower Show, 1987](#)

MA441: [Newton -- Unidentified Japanese Garden](#)

MA433: [North Andover -- Stevens-Coolidge Place, The](#)

MA496: [Pittsfield -- Garden Club of America Zone I Flower Show, 1990](#)

MA425: [Sandisfield -- Charlesworth-Singer Garden](#)

MA232: [Stockbridge -- Berkshire Garden Center](#)

MA603: [Unknown \(along Massachusetts Turnpike\) -- Unidentified Garden](#)

MA443: [Unknown -- Starkey Garden](#)

MA420: [Wayland -- Laurenzi Garden](#)

MA440: [Wenham -- Johnson Garden](#)

MA419: [Weston -- Dumaine Garden](#)

MA368: [Westport -- Armknecht Garden](#)

MA422: [Westwood -- McFarland Garden](#)

MA316: [Westwood -- Perkins Garden](#)

MA577: [Worcester -- Christmas Flower Show, 1980](#)

MA244: [Worcester -- Stoddard Garden](#)

MA434: [\[North Shore\] -- Baldini Garden](#)

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### 1.13: Michigan

MI090: [Bay City -- Kantzler Memorial Arboretum](#)

MI089: [Bay City -- Martin Garden](#)

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### 1.14: New Hampshire

NH085: [Center Harbor -- Hillcrest Farm, 1996](#)

NH087: [Dublin -- Daffodil Flower Show, 1986](#)

NH028: [North Hampton -- Fuller Gardens](#)

NH086: [Unknown -- Dublin/Monadnock Garden Clubs' Flower Shows](#)

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### 1.15: New York

NY211: [Bronx -- New York Botanical Garden](#)

NY326: [Bronx -- Wave Hill](#)

NY341: [Brooklyn -- Brooklyn Botanic Garden](#)

NY1021: [Cutchogue -- Cross Garden](#)

NY808: [Cutchogue -- Environmentals, Inc.](#)

NY975: [East Hampton -- Bruckmann Garden](#)

NY973: [East Hampton -- Bullock Garden](#)

NY974: East Hampton -- East Hampton Library

NY972: East Hampton -- Furland Garden

NY971: East Hampton -- LongHouse

NY976: East Hampton -- Magill Garden

NY362: Hudson -- Olana

NY366: Ithaca -- President's House at Cornell University

NY970: Matinecock -- Cohen Garden

NY796: Millbrook -- Far A-Field

NY977: Millbrook -- Kaye Garden

NY404: New Paltz -- Mohonk Mountain House

NY980: New York -- Autumn in the Atrium Flower Show (GCA - 1987), 1987

NY148: Annandale-on-Hudson -- Montgomery Place

NY147: New York -- Central Park

NY979: New York -- New York Flower Show, The

NY433: Old Westbury -- Old Westbury Gardens

NY279: Oyster Bay -- Planting Fields Arboretum

NY437: Purchase -- PepsiCo Sculpture Gardens

NY439: Sagaponack -- Madoo Conservancy, The

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## 1.16: Oregon

OR002: Portland -- Elk Rock

OR016: Portland -- Platt Garden, The Jane Kerr

OR042: Portland -- Portland International Rose Test Garden

OR052: Portland -- Berry Botanic Garden

OR051: Unknown -- Windy Ridge Nursery

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## 1.17: Pennsylvania

PA011: Kennett Square -- Longwood Gardens

PA610: Philadelphia -- Philadelphia Flower Shows

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## 1.18: Rhode Island

RI179: Little Compton -- Unidentified Garden

RI181: Little Compton -- Unidentified Garden

RI182: Little Compton -- Unidentified Garden

RI183: Little Compton -- Unidentified Garden

RI076: Newport -- Breakers, The

RI165: Little Compton -- Atwater Garden, The

RI036: Newport -- Elms, The

RI188: Newport -- Newport Garden Club Flower Show, 1987

RI186: Newport -- Unidentified Garden

RI187: Newport -- Unidentified Garden

RI185: Unknown -- Unidentified Garden

RI184: Unknown -- Unidentified Roof Gardens

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## 1.19: Tennessee

TN013: Memphis -- Martin Garden, Bonny and David

TN031: Memphis -- McDonnell Garden, Bickie

TN084: Memphis -- Memphis Flower Show (GCA - 1990), 1990

TN036: Memphis -- Untitled Garden

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## 1.20: Texas

TX005: Houston -- Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens



TX106: [Houston -- McMurrey Garden](#)

TX109: [Houston -- Thornton Garden](#)

TX110: [Houston -- Unidentified Gardens](#)

TX107: [Houston -- Unidentified Roof Garden](#)

TX108: [Houston -- Unidentified Shade Garden](#)

TX025: [Houston -- Untitled Garden](#)

TX118: [San Antonio -- Miscellaneous Sites in San Antonio](#)

TX049: [San Antonio -- San Antonio Botanical Garden](#)

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### 1.21: Vermont

VT015: [Readsboro -- North Hill](#)

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### 1.22: Virginia

VA032: [Richmond \(Vinita\) -- Tuckahoe Plantation](#)

VA294: [Richmond -- Virginia House](#)

VA199: [Norfolk -- Norfolk Botanical Gardens](#)

VA021: [Williamsburg -- Governor's Palace](#)

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### 1.23: Washington

WA013: [Seattle -- Miller Garden](#)

WA040: [Seattle -- Nordstrom Garden](#)

WA037: [Seattle -- Unidentified Garden](#)

WA017: [Tacoma -- Lakewold](#)

WA018: [Tacoma -- Northwest Native Garden](#)

WA039: [Federal Way -- Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden](#)

WA038: [Tacoma \[Lakewood?\] -- Titus Garden](#)

## 1.24: Wisconsin

WI042: [Milwaukee -- Kasten Garden](#)

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## 1.25: Unknown Location

CKE010: Unidentified Gardens

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## 1.26: Puerto Rico

PR002: [Puerto Rico -- Miscellaneous Sites](#)

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## 2: Canada

CAN010: [Toronto -- Garden Club of Toronto Flower Show](#)

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## 3: Garden images by subject

CKE009: [City Planting](#)

CKE007: [Miscellaneous Benches](#)

CKE002: [Miscellaneous Examples of Color in Garden Using Paint](#)

CKE004: [Miscellaneous Container Plantings & Troughs](#)

CKE011: [Miscellaneous Garden Features](#)

CKE008: [Miscellaneous Mirrors in Gardens](#)

CKE005: [Miscellaneous Patios, Paths & Steps](#)

CKE003: [Miscellaneous Pools & Fountains](#)

CKE001: [Miscellaneous Statuary & Sculpture](#)

CKE006: [Miscellaneous Walls, Fences & Trellises](#)

CKE012: [Street Trees](#)

CA577: [California Flora](#)

FL247: [Florida Flora](#)

BMU001: [Bermuda Flora](#)

PR001: [Puerto Rico Flora](#)

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