



Citizen Bibliography

Ranch House History and Style

A resource for researching the history of Scottsdale's postwar growth and housing trends.

Ames, David L., and Linda Flint McClelland. *Historic Residential Suburbs: Guidelines for Evaluation and Documentation for the National Register of Historic Places*. (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, Department of the Interior, National Park Service, 2002). Free from the National Park Service Website: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/suburbs/suburbs-start.htm>.

Guide produced by the National Park Service to assist in the identification, evaluation, documentation, and registration of residential suburban neighborhoods built from the mid 19th century through the post-war era. Contents include an overview of suburbanization from 1830-1960, as well as an identification of various architectural styles, subdivision designs, and landscaping preferences.

Atomic Ranch (South Pasadena, C.A.). One year subscription \$19.95 available online from the publisher.

A quarterly publication dedicated to mid-century homes, specifically concentrating on ranch homes of the 1940s through the 1970s. The magazine is aimed at a younger "hip" audience, and features ranch homes from around the nation, with a particular emphasis on interior design. Of particular interest are a regular Q&A section that addresses issues of repair and restoration (emphasis on interiors), and the advertiser index offering the names and addresses of companies specializing in vintage fittings, materials, and furniture.

Byard, Paul Spencer. *The Architecture of Additions* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1998). 191pp. Index. \$31.46 on Amazon.com.

Byard covers a wide variety of scenarios dealing with the alteration of historic buildings or their surroundings including adding on to landmarks, retaining the character of historic districts and dealing with the notion of architectural "context." Central to the book is the question of how best to utilize historic buildings, yet maintain their unique character. Although the book centers on public buildings, the work is applicable to preservation activities at any scale.

Clark, Clifford Edward. *The American Family Home, 1800-1960*. (Chapel Hill, NC.: University of North Carolina Press, 1986). 297pp. Bibliography, Notes, Index. 24.95 from Amazon.com.

The American Family Home, 1800-1960 is broad in both chronology and treatment. Clark chronicles the idealized vision of the middle-class home and uses a variety of sources, including popular magazines, builders' plan books, and advertising. He analyzes four building styles (Gothic, Queen Anne, Bungalow, and Ranch House Modern), setting forth the reformers' vision and comparing those ideals to the houses that were built and the experiences of individual families. His discussion extends to changes in interior space, decor, and furnishings. Both books are heavily illustrated and include extensive notes and bibliographies. Both are highly recommended, although Clark's is the more substantial work and will be of interest to a wider readership. – Review from Amazon.com.

Finbraaten, Erika. "Post World War II Homebuilding: An Industrial Revolution." Masters Thesis, Arizona State University, Tempe, 2003. – Available at Hayden Library at Arizona State University.

This Master's Thesis examines the advancements of construction technique and materials in Phoenix during the postwar period with a special emphasis on the contractors who led the revolution.

Fitch, James M. *Historic Preservation: Curatorial Management of the Built World* (Richmond, V.A.: University Press of Virginia, 1990). 433pp. Bibliography, Index. \$24.50 on Amazon.com.

Written by James Marston Fitch, Director Emeritus of the Historic Preservation Program of the Graduate School of Architecture and Planning at Columbia University. The National Trust for Historic Preservation credits Dr. Fitch as a leader in the field who "helped to shape and inspire the American ethic of preservation." This book covers a range of topics including why save our historic structures and districts, how to accomplish it, and how to use and interpret these structures in a meaningful way- well illustrated with case histories.

Fudala, Joan. *Historic Scottsdale: A Life from the Land*. (New York: Historical Publishing Network, 2001). 192pp. Bibliography, Index. \$49.95 on Amazon.com.

Joan Fudala is a Scottsdale-based freelance writer and public relations consultant who is a regular contributor to numerous Arizona publications, including the Arizona Republic, Scottsdale Life, and Scottsdale Airpark News. *Historic Scottsdale* is a "coffee table" style illustrated history book published for the McDowell Sonoran Land Trust in anticipation of Scottsdale's 50th anniversary of incorporation in 2001. This book offers a geographically based look at the prehistory and the history of Scottsdale.

Granger, Byrd H. *The Authentic History of Scottsdale, Arizona Since 1891* (Scottsdale: Scottsdale Convention and News Bureau, 1956). 16pp. Out of Print.

This resource is a 1956 illustrated tourist publication produced by the Scottsdale Convention and News Bureau. Work covers Scottsdale's pre-history through its publication date. A copy is available at Arizona State University, Hayden Library.

Hess, Alan, and Noah Sheldon. *The Ranch House* (New York: Harry N. Adams Inc., 2005).

240pp. Bibliography, Index. \$29.79 at Amazon.com.

Ranch House traces the nearly 75-year evolution of the Ranch House, including a pictorial tour of twenty-five Ranch House dwellings. The book features mid-century designs as well as the various styles popular in the 1960s and 1970s. Included are 240 black and white and color photographs; however, the author does not provide floor plans.

How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, rev. ed (Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Heritage Preservation Service, 2002). Available from the National Park Service at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb15/>.

This essential tool is a how-to guide for evaluating properties for the National Register of Historic Places using the Secretary of the Interior's criteria for determining significance and integrity.

How to Complete the National Register Registration Form, rev. ed (Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Heritage Preservation Service, 1997) Available from the National Park Service at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb16a/>.

This publication is a how-to guide for correctly completing the nomination form for the National Register of Historic Places.

Jackson, Lesley. *Contemporary Architecture and Interiors of the 1950s*. 3rd ed. (Boston, MA.: Phaidon Press, 1998) 240pp. Bibliography, Glossary, Index. \$22.05 from Amazon.com.

Lesley Jackson has written an intelligent, entertaining book on the intersection of life and design in the postwar era. Chapters include "The Birth of the 'Contemporary' Style"; "The House"; "The Interior"; "Decoration and Fittings"; "Furniture and Furnishings"; and "Society Goes 'Contemporary.'" Its scope is broad, beginning with a beguiling, campy advertising photo showing a housewife at cocktail time, poised in her powder-blue cocktail dress, and her husband, who is reaching into a sleek, chrome-and-Formica credenza, perhaps the home of their record player. The book ends with Brasília, the capital city built between 1956 and 1960 that brought Brazil to the verge of economic collapse. In between are colorful looks at the houses and furniture of Ray and Charles Eames; the early European proponents of modernism; Frank Lloyd Wright's seminal Fallingwater; the various uses of concrete, stone, brick, and other materials for texture and color; the melding of interior and exterior space; the fun colors of prototypical Marimekko fabrics; the early idealism of designing for "the masses"; and the now almost quaint social optimism from which the pervasive culture of materialism emerged. – Review from Amazon.com.

Jackson, Kenneth T. *The Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of the United States* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1985). 408pp. Bibliography, Index, Notes. \$12.21 from Amazon.com.

This first full-scale history of the development of the American suburb examines how "the good life" in America came to be equated with the a home of one's own surrounded by a grassy yard and located far from the urban workplace. Integrating social history with economic and architectural analysis, and taking into account such factors as the availability of cheap land, inexpensive building methods, and rapid transportation, Kenneth Jackson chronicles the phenomenal growth of the American suburb from the middle of the 19th century to the present day. He treats communities in every section of the U.S. and compares American residential patterns with those of Japan and Europe. In conclusion, Jackson offers a controversial prediction: that the future of residential deconcentration will be very different from its past in both the U.S. and Europe. – Review from Amazon.com

May, Cliff. *Western Ranch Houses by Cliff May* (Santa Monica, C.A.: Hennessey & Ingalls, 1997). 176pp. \$21.45 at Amazon.com.

During California's post-war boom *Sunset Magazine* was a user's manual for the good life. The setting for this new life was the ranch house, and *Sunset* published some of the most interesting developments in this genre, the works of Cliff May. In 1946, *Sunset* published the first edition of *Sunset Western Ranch Houses*, and the book became a best-seller. This first edition has been unavailable for many years. It is a fascinating study of the roots of the ranch style, and it is also a compendium of ideas for today's home builders. The book is illustrated with evocative and useful drawings, two-color plans and photographs. – Review from Amazon.com.

King, Matthew, and Allison King. *The Modern Phoenix Neighborhood Network*, 20 November 2005 <<http://www.modernphoenix.net/contact.htm>> (2003).

The Modern Phoenix Neighborhood Network is a community website run by Matthew and Allison King. The site features photographic documentation, articles, and interactive discussions of classic mid-century design including commercial and residential architecture. Emphasis is placed on the international and modern styles. No membership fee required for access.

King, Thomas F. *Federal Planning and Historical Places: The Section 106 Process* (Walnut Creek, C.A.: Alta Mira Press, 2000). 195pp. Bibliography, Index. \$27.95 at Amazon.com.

Section 106.: A critical section of an obscure law, the National Preservation Act. It has saved thousands of historic sites, archeological sites, buildings, and neighborhoods across the country from destruction by Federal projects. And it has let even more be destroyed, or damaged, or somehow changed. It is the major legal basis for a multi-million dollar "cultural resource management" industry that provides employment to thousands of archeologists, historians, and architectural historians. It is interpreted in a wide variety of ways by judges, lawyers, Federal agency officials, State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, contractors, and academics. In this book, Tom King de-mythologizes Section 106, explaining its origins, its rationale, and the procedures that must be followed in carrying out its terms. –Review from Amazon.com.

Kimsey, Bill. *Recollections of Early Scottsdale: "The Way it Was"* (Scottsdale: privately printed, 1987). 75pp. Available at the Scottsdale Public Library.

Kimsey's work is a collection of recollections of early Scottsdale stories of the old town by one of its earliest residents.

Lieber, Albert J. *Road to Scottsdale* (Scottsdale: privately printed, 1999). 105pp. Available at the Scottsdale Public Library.

Liber's book is an anecdotal telling of the early days of Scottsdale by one who lived its history.

LottaLiving.com, 7 June 2006 < http://www.amazon.com/gp/sitbv3/reader/ref=sib_dp_pt/102-7138953-2320968?%5Fencoding=UTF8&asin=0714837571 > (2005).

An online community dedicated to "ultra modern living" and featuring high-style architecture, interior design and fashion from the 1950s and the 1960s.

Lynch, Richard E. *Winfield Scott: A Biography of Scottsdale's Founder* (Scottsdale: privately printed, 1978). 206pp. Bibliography, Index. Available at the Scottsdale Public Library.

Lynch's book is a detailed look at the founding of the City of Scottsdale and its namesake.

May, Cliff. *Sunset Western Ranch Houses* (Santa Monica, C.A.: Hennessey & Ingalls, 1999). 160pp. \$20.37 at Amazon.com.

The success of the first edition of *Sunset Western Ranch Houses* led Sunset and Cliff May to bring out a second edition in 1958. Very different than the first edition, this too proved to be a best-seller. In addition being more thorough than the earlier work, the second edition also showed that May's architecture was going in new directions. He still preserved the rustic traditions and materials of the ranch house, but his designs were more open and flexible. The houses show that May had absorbed many of the modernist advances in domestic architecture taking place in Southern California, while still maintaining his esthetic roots in the Spanish ranch house. Volume also includes a brief history of the architectural development of the Ranch House. – Review from Amazon.com.

McAlester, Virginia, and Lee McAlester. *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1984). 544pp. Glossary. \$16.47 on Amazon.com.

Perhaps one of the most referenced field manuals, *A Field Guide to American Houses* describes America's architectural heritage with concise narrative and numerous illustrations. The book briefly covers seven mid-century styles including modernistic, international, minimal traditional, ranch, split level, contemporary, and shed.

Miller, Julia. *Layperson's Guide to Preservation Law: Federal, State, and Local Laws Governing Historic Resources* (Washington D.C.: National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Press, 2004). 48pp. \$15.00 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Miller discusses the various laws and regulations that protect historic resources as well as laws governing nonprofit organizations and museum properties.

Murtagh, William. *Keeping Time: The History and Theory of Preservation in America* (Washington D.C.: John Wiley & Sons / National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Press, 1999). 246pp. Bibliography, Index, Appendices. \$50.00 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Also available used on Amazon.com.

This one-volume introduction to the history and philosophy of preservation in America moves from the private sector's early concern for saving patriotic sites to extensive governmental activity and the legal and economic dimensions of a growth industry. Broad-ranging chapters treat terminology, outdoor museums, historic districts, adaptive use, landscape preservation, and case studies for successful programs; appendixes include selections of important federal legislation and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. –Review from Amazon.com.

Myers, Patricia. *Scottsdale, Jewel of the Desert: An Illustrated History*. (Woodland Hills, C.A.: Windsor Publications, 1984). 135pp. Bibliography, Index. \$3.39 on Amazon.com, used.

The Scottsdale Historical Society sponsored this well-illustrated book that depicts the city's early and modern history. Topics include: The town founding, boom and bust economics, the creation of an arts colony, and the genesis of a tourist economy.

My Property is Important to America's Heritage, What Does that Mean. (Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Heritage Preservation Service, 2002). Available online at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/myproperty/>.

The National Park Service wrote this brochure as a question and answer guide to explain the responsibilities and benefits of owning a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Much of the brochure is applicable to city programs.

The National Register of Historic Places. (Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Heritage Preservation Service, 2002). Available online at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/brochure/>.

This publication is a short brochure describing the National Register of Historic Places. Topics include: Results of listing in the National Register, preservation assistance, the National Register as a planning tool, nomination and listing procedures, evaluating properties for listing on the National Register, determinations of eligibility, and National Historic Landmarks.

Peterson, Gary G. "Home off the Range: The Origins and Evolution of Ranch Style Architecture in the United States" (*Design Methods and Theories*. 23: 1040-1059). Available from Hayden Library at Arizona State University.

This article is a history of the development of the Ranch House from working farm building to post-war suburban dream.

The Recent Past Preservation Network. 20 November 20, 2005 <
<http://www.recentpast.org/index.html>> (No posting date available). \$15.00 Annual membership fee.

The Recent Past Preservation Network is a non-profit organization that presents itself as “a resource for building public education and awareness of an often misunderstood and underappreciated era of design.” Site features a national focus on mid-century architecture, and emphasizes preservation efforts. An extensive bibliography and article index is provided free to the public. A \$15 dollar annual membership offers a greater degree of access and supports the organization’s preservation efforts.

Researching a Historic Property. (Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Heritage Preservation Service, 1998). Available online at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb39/>.

This publication is a practical guide to researching a historic property for placement on the National Register of Historic Places. Topics include use of appropriate resources, research hints, completion of the National Register form, and a bibliography of useful resources.

Ryden, Don. “An Historic Reconnaissance Survey of Pre-1955 Development in the City of Mesa, Arizona (Phoenix: Ryden Architects, 1999). Archived at the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, Phoenix, A.Z., photocopies may be made at 25c per page.

Report completed for the City of Mesa by Ryden Architects detailing the prevalence, distribution and condition of historic structures in the city, including those constructed in the postwar period. May be used as a comparative tool.

Rypkema, Donovan D. *The Economics of Preservation: A Community Leader’s Guide* (Washington D.C.: National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Press, 1994). 132pp. \$24.95 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Rypkema’s book is intended as a reference for preservation advocates seeking to convince government officials, developers, property owners, business and community leaders, or his or her own neighbors that preservation strategies can make good economic sense. The book is divided into 100 numbered points accompanied with a brief discussion of each.

Samon, Katherine. *Ranch House Style* (New York: Clarkson Potter Publishers, 2003). 192pp. Bibliography, Index. \$25.50 at Amazon.com.

Ranch House Style is a home décor guide featuring examples of historic and modern Ranch Homes in a variety of surroundings. The author presents several interiors from vintage to contemporary styles, and offers practical advice about how to “solve the special challenges that come with one-story living in a decades-old house, renovate for modern amenities, and design additions.” (book jacket) Although written as an illustrative guide, the volume includes material

on the history of the Ranch House such as the sociological context, architects, designers, and furniture associated with this housing type.

Sadler Wilson, Elizabeth. "Postwar Modern Housing and a Geographic Information System Study of Scottsdale Subdivisions." (M.A. thesis, Arizona State University, 2002). 160pp. Bibliography. Available at the Architecture Library at Arizona State University.

Wilson's work has been used extensively in the planning and execution of the Scottsdale Historic Preservation Program. This work develops a full context for postwar Ranch Housing in the valley with an emphasis on Scottsdale, Arizona. Using geographic information system (GIS), Wilson analyzed almost 15,000 homes in 236 subdivisions. Her findings detail the developmental and architectural trends of this ubiquitous style of housing throughout the city.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines of Rehabilitating Historic buildings, rev. ed (Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Heritage Preservation Service, 1990). Brochure available by request from the National Park Service.

This resource outlines the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for rehabilitation, with an emphasis on best practices. An illustrated guide is offered online at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/tax/rhb/>.

Solliday, Scott. "Post World War II Subdivisions Tempe, Arizona: 1945-1960" (City of Tempe, 2001). Archived at the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, Phoenix, AZ, photocopies may be made at 25c per page.

Study completed for the City of Tempe identifying and describing the City's post-war resources. May be useful as a comparative tool.

Stipe, Robert E. (ed.) *A Richer Heritage: Historic Preservation in the Twenty-first Century* (Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina Press, 2003). 608pp. Bibliography, Index. 24.95 from Amazon.com.

In this "best practices" volume for students, professionals, and policy makers, 15 essays by leading scholars and professionals explore the history of the preservation movement in the US, the current range of philosophies and strategies employed by professionals in the field, and recommendations for appropriate preservation strategies, both public and private.

Terrell, Greta. *Getting to Know your 20th century Neighborhood* (Washington D.C.: National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Press, 1994). 20pp. \$6.00 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Terrell offers a brief look at neighborhoods that developed between 1900 and 1950. Author identifies significant features of 20th century neighborhoods, and offers tips on how to organize residents to protect a neighborhood's historic character.

Tyler, Norman. *Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice*. (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1999). 254pp. Bibliography, Index. \$18.33 from Amazon.com.

Historic Preservation provides a thorough overview of the theory, technique, and procedure for preserving a community's architectural heritage. Topics include preservation philosophy, the history of the movement, the role of government, the designation and documentation of historic structures, establishing a historic district, sensitive architectural design and planning, and the economics of building rehabilitation.

United States Conference of Mayors, Special Committee on Historic Preservation to the U.S. Congress. *With Heritage so Rich; A Special Report* (New York: Random House, 1966; reprint, Washington D.C.: National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Press, 1999). 243pp. Bibliography. \$25.00 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The United States Conference of Mayors produced *With Heritage so Rich* in response to the rapid loss of historic properties during the postwar years due to federal highway and urban renewal projects. The book presents U.S. preservation history with European antecedents with an appeal for a national effort to preserve country's historic built environment. This report was influential in the passage of the 1966 Historic Preservation Act.

Wagner, Richard. *Buyer's Guide to Older and Historic Houses* (Washington D.C.: Preservation Press, 2001). 24pp. \$12.00 from the National Trust of Historic Preservation.

Wagner explains the benefits of owning an old house as well as tips to finding a house, and negotiating the regulatory, environmental, financial, inspection and appraisal; and insurance considerations of owning purchasing and owning historic properties.

Weworski, Robert. "Residential Landscape Development in Phoenix, Arizona: Past, Present and Future." (M.A. thesis, Arizona State University, 1999). 158pp. Bibliography. Available at the Architecture Library at Arizona State University.

Although not the focus of this work, Weworski discusses the development of the post-war suburban landscape and offers a plant pallet of commonly used trees and shrubs. This thesis would be useful for anyone intending to develop authentic post-war landscape for their mid-century home.

William, Collins. *The Emerging Metropolis: Phoenix 1944-1973* (Phoenix: Arizona State Parks Board, 2005). 340pp. Bibliography, Index. \$8.00 from the State Parks Board gift shop, State Parks Building, Phoenix, A.Z.

Written by the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, this work is a context of post-war development in Phoenix as well as the larger metropolitan valley area. Book describes how Phoenicians met the challenges of the post-war era and took advantage of both national trends and local opportunities to build a growth machine that continues today.