

## Civic Center Landscape Architects

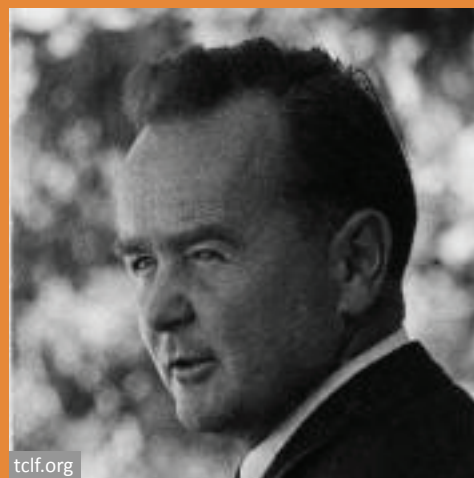
# Douglas Baylis

Douglas Baylis (1915-1971), well known for both his landscape designs and his writings on gardening, spent his career in the San Francisco Bay Area. After completing his studies at the University of California at Berkeley, Baylis worked under Thomas D. Church before establishing his own practice in 1945. With his illustrator wife, Maggie Baylis, he ushered in a new era of “how-to” garden writing, publishing in journals and magazines such as *Landscape Architecture*, *House Beautiful*, and *Better Homes and Gardens*. He is known as one of the founders of the “California School” of modern landscape architecture.



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Baylis’s 1961 Civic Center Plaza design has largely remained intact. Photograph from MIG, Inc.



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In addition to Civic Center Plaza, some of Baylis’s most notable public design works include Washington Square (Landmark #226) in San Francisco, IBM Headquarters in San Jose, and the Unit House in Hayward, California. He also served as consulting landscape architect for UC Berkeley in the late 1950s. He served on the San Francisco Art Commission from 1948-1953 and he was honored as an American Society of Landscape Architects Fellow in 1966.

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