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But the use of solar energy within various cultures through out history begins much further back in time. The use of solar energy in its simplest forms was known to have existed amongst the Greeks, Romans and the Chinese, though it was not used for cooking purposes.

One of the best sources I have found on Solar Cooking History is by the Author and advocate Barbara Knudson, who has been involved with the movement for over twenty years now. She has written a well documented time line about solar cooking while expanding on the subject with more detail.

You can read an excerpt from her published book State of the Art of Solar Cooking (an excellent Ancient Documentary) at the solarcookers wiki and there you can also find information about the Author and her work.

As for solar cooking here in the US, the movement did not have much of a presence or a foundation until about the early 1970s, although there were some scattered documentations of cases of individuals who had built and used solar cookers for experimental and entertainment purposes as far back as the 1940s and 50s. The most recognized first real advocate here in the United States is considered to be Barbara Kerr of Arizona. She is attributed with having designed and developed the first feasible and functional box style solar cooker in the US.

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