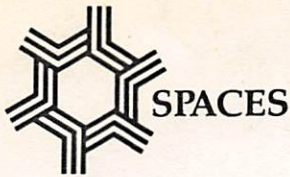


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Mr. James Melchert
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Dear Mr. Melchert;

I've heard through the grapevine of a conversation you had with Sharron Howlett, about preserving America's folk art environments.

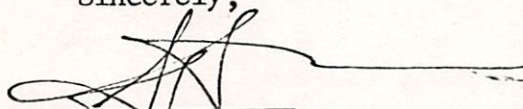
We applaud the idea and hope we can participate in the formative stage of your efforts. SPACES has a lot of practical information and experience to share.

SPACES is the only organization set up specifically to identify, document and preserve this bit of Americana on a national level. We are currently in the process of being awarded a grant from the Inter-Arts Program, for documentation of this phenomona.

There is a need to do something immediately, sites are being lost every day - Ruby Black of "Possum Trot" in California, died two weeks ago and we think the collection will be scattered, it is already being vandalized and objects are disappearing.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



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President