

## Paradise Gardens

## A Folk Art Haven

The world renowned folk artist, Reverend Howard Finster first began his creation of Paradise Gardens around 1961. sacred grounds have become one of Georgia's top ten tourist attractions. Thousands of visitors come each year to wander through the three acre paradise of mosaic cement paths which leads to unusual sites. Renew yourself in the meditation buildings as you read scripture messages. View the gardens and bicycle towers from the L-shaped ramp, six feet above ground. leads you to the bicycle museum building and down the stairs to the tomb of the unknown body. Rest on one of the old church benches or theater seats. See the giant cement boot beside the old antique barn yard. Next you will enter the Mosaic land of Howard's sculptures where the garden originated. The inventions of mankind like the old John Deere tractor, a heart machine, wooden wheels, and unusual art relics of the world all rest in the gardens of paradise. They are long forgotten items from another time gone by. Walk around the old gallery and view the Reverend's original people mural, a favorite of reporters and photographers. The breathtaking cement sculptured bed of roses and flowering plants holds a majestic Mosaic cross. Layered like a huge cake in the sky, you will never forget the World's Folk Art Church Museum. After your tour, roam around the Finster Folk Art Gallery and view the folk art and collectables of the Reverend Howard Finster and other notable artists. It will be difficult to leave without one. You may stumble on a group of students, a wedding, or even a baby dedication. You may even meet the Reverend Howard Finster himself on a Sunday from 2 til 5 P.M. He has never met a person that he didn't love. A trip to Paradise Gardens is a memory you will treasure forever.

## Stay overnight at the Paradise Suite One person only \$55, Two \$60, Three \$65 and Four \$70 Free Coffee and Cocoa

## Don't miss the Annual Howard Finster Festival! Second Saturday in May, Dowdy Park

For more information call 706-857-2926 or write to Finster Folk Art, Inc., P.O. Box 413 Summerville, GA 30747. To receive a price list or to place an order call 1-800-FINSTER. Items for sale range from postcards to mugs, ties, prints, art and other collectables.

