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Amy Skillman
Craft and Folk Art Museum
5814 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA. 90036

Dear Amy,

I have been hired by the Oakland Museum to help curate an exhibition on California Folk Art due to open in March 1986. At the moment the Curator Harvey Jones and I are collecting information about folk artists in California and considering various works for the exhibition. We are limiting our considerations to those works which fall roughly under the traditional categories of paintings and sculptures, but would be interested in 2 or 3-dimensional works in non-traditional mediums (ex. a yarn painting, paper mache sculpture) as well. We are also looking for works which appear uniquely Californian, thus excluding transplanted "Ethnic Arts" which are localized manifestations of traditions originating elsewhere, (such as Kentucky quilts and even Native American crafts). We are particularly interested in those works which seem to fall between the cracks so to speak, and new forms exhibiting a California vision- or style.

I recall that you had done some work for the Craft and Folk Art Museum to document L.A. folk artists. Were there any artists you came into contact with whose works you think may be of interest to us? If so I would appreciate hearing from you, and I would be interested to know what current projects you or the Craft and Folk Art Museum are working on.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Reid". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large initial 'D'.

Donna Reid
Curatorial Intern
California Folk Art Exhibition
The Oakland Museum