

CONNELL GALLERY

Great American Gallery

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Dear benefactor of Pasaquan:

We would like to thank you for accepting our invitation to be members of the host committee for CONNELL GALLERY, Great American Gallery's fall benefit for St. EOM's Land of Pasaquan. Your support will help to restore and support this extraordinary example of a visionary architectural environment.

Located in Marion County, Georgia, Pasaquan is an intricately detailed and brilliantly colored assemblage of shrines, temples, and pagodas, imposing cement figures, a ceremonial dance platform, elaborate gates, and marvelously patterned walls created by St. EOM. Born Eddie Owens Martin in Buena Vista in 1908, he returned to his homeplace after 35 years of adventuring in New York City. A self-proclaimed healer and prophet, St. EOM who died in 1986 has been widely acclaimed as a unique visionary artist.

The benefit for Pasaquan is planned as a gala opening, Friday, September 13, 1991, for "Visions from Pasaquan," an exhibition of exceptional pieces by St. EOM, featuring ceremonial costumes, headdresses and jewelry, a select retrospective of his paintings, several concrete sculptures, and many sketchbook drawings and other works on paper. Tom Patterson, author of St. EOM in the Land of Pasaquan, will present a performance, illustrated with slides of St. EOM in Pasaquan. Prize-winning videotapes of St. EOM will be showcased, and Precious Bryant, the renowned blues singer (and a friend of St. EOM's), will perform at the benefit.

Donations during the evening and throughout the exhibition will be pooled with funds from sales of the artworks to assist the Marion County Historic Society with its restoration and maintenance of Pasaquan.

As members of the host committee for the Pasaquan benefit, we hope that you will donate more than the \$25 which we will ask of all those attending the evening (donors of \$50 or more receive free full-color posters) and that you will call us to suggest the names of individuals who should receive invitations to the gala party.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,


Pat and Martha Connell