



November 9, 1983

Missouri Arts Council  
Wainwright Office Complex  
111 N. 7th St., Suite 105  
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Dear Sirs:

SPACES is a national organization involved with the identification, documentation and preservation of the many varieties of environmental art produced out of the mainstream of American art. (see enclosure) We have identified hundreds of sites in the United States.

It is from this perspective we nominate Jesse Howard of Fulton, Missouri for a Missouri Arts Award.

In a field filled with exceptional people of unique personal vision - Jesse Howard stands out as one of the most significant.

During the 30 year span of his artistic life, Jesse Howard has proved to be one of the most prolific and inventive. The quality of his work is attested to by the attention given to his by hosts of museums, scholars, collectors and the media from all over the world. Unfortunately, most of this recognition has been outside the State of Missouri.

The old man, now 98 and bedridden with a punctured lung and a recent bout of pneumonia, needs the boost and the proper due a Missouri Arts Award will bring.

If you find him deserving of an award, I hope you would consider an early acknowledgement, rather than the February 18, date that you now plan. His health is very questionable.

Sincerely,



Seymour Rosen  
Director