

Dear Friend

It is especially significant at this time to ask for your help in light of the "Washington Meeting on Folk Art" and "The Affects and Effects of Collecting" Panel:

Jesse Howard is a Missouri artist (see Naives and Visionaries) and has been collected to a point where because of collectors and museums enthusiasm and Jesses' age and health, almost none of his work exists at his home. *Jesse paints signs*

The old man, (now 98), has little to share and show the occasion a visitor or his neighbors of his once extensive collection.

There is something we can do for him. Missouri is accepting nominations for ~~artists~~ ^{Missouri} awards. (enclosed). A letter of support ^{or the nomination} from you can be helpful to give an old man his due - and have something for him to place on his wall.

Due date is November 18,

If there are any questions please call.

I hope you can participate.

Thank you,

- cc Alan Jabbour Dir Amer Folklife Center / The Library of Congress / w DC 20540
— Robert Bishop Museum of American Folk Art / 49 W 53rd Street NY 10019
— Louis Jones 11 Main St Cooperstown NY 13326
— Suzi Jones Alaska State Council on the Arts 615 Warehouse Ave - Suite 220 Anchorage Alaska 99501
— Jane Livingston - Cochran Gallery / Ass Dir / 17th & NY NW / WA 20006
— Lonn Taylor University of Texas - Austin - Folklife Program
— Ralph Rinzler L'Enfant Plaza 2600, Smithsonian Institution D.C 20500

We are nominating Jesse Howard for a Missouri Arts Award - Jesse is 98 years old - ~~most of works gone~~ - he is ill and could certainly use a boost.

A simple letter of support would be most helpful!!
(see Walker Art Center - Naives & Visionaries)
Please ^{if possible} help Jesse get his due

Thanks