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I must say how much we are impressed with how fast the Arts Commission and Grand Coulee ^{have} responded to the "crises" of Emil Gehrke's garden.

Some of our letters of panic ~~unfortunately~~ ^{generally} arrive after a place has been destroyed ^{or the objects} not after a site ^{has} been saved. It is warming to know of your concern in this area. Has the Arts Commission attempted to identify & preserve other sites of this nature? If so, could you supply us with names of sources of ^{information} documentation - preservation or location.

If not, may we suggest that the Commission add the preservation of this type of most unique ^{environment} ~~expression~~ to its, not doubt, long list of activities. We of course will help in anyway we can. Information will be kept in confidence.

I hope in the future to ask the Commission for a statement about Washington State's folk art environments for a national newsletter. Our first newsletter will hopefully be out in a few months and we will send you a copy.