

Saving and Preserving Arts and Cultural Environments
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Suzanne Muchnic
Arts Writer-Calender
Los Angeles Times
Times Mirror Square
Los Angeles, CA 90053

Dear Ms. Muchnic,

Here are some of the people who we approached to help save the site, or to accept the donation of the sculptures for their facility.

• Knotts Berry Farm - Admin Office (714)827-1776
PO Box 5002 Buena Park, CA 90620-9985
Mr. Robin Hall, Dir Design & Planning Department (714)220-5232
Hall was told no by his boss

• 6 Flags Magic Mountain - Mr. Jim Blackie-YP of Maintenance (805)255-4100
PO Box 5500 Valencia, CA 91355
Blackie said he liked the work, but a committee said no.

• The Cultural Foundation (Art Park) - Madeleine Landry - Director (818)887-2787
21800 Oxnard - Suite 350 Woodland Hills, 91367
Landry never returned the material we sent or responded to a lot of telephone calls.

• Los Angeles Zoo - Dr. Warren D. Thomas, D.V.M., Zoo Director. (213)664-1100
Los Angeles Zoo 5333 Zoo Drive Los Angeles, CA 90027-1498
Thomas said the sculpture was not appropriate to their zoo.

• Cal State Fullerton (714)-773-3471
Jim Jenkins - Art Dept. Fullerton, CA 92634
The President of Cal State Fullerton had trouble with some of the pieces, but the Art Department said they would take one or two.

• Simi High School (I will get the numbers)
See Al Martinez article enclosed

• Councilman Joel Wechs
District 2
Los Angeles City Hall
200 Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-4802
He came to the site after a lot of pressure and then dropped the ball.

• Gene Autry Museum (213)460-5636
5858 Sunset Blvd. PO Box 710 Los Angeles, CA 90078
Contact: James H. Nottage, Curator (818)841-7656

As of this date we are still talking to them.

Good Guys

Huell Howser KCET Videologue (213)667-9371 H 466-5242
He did a long piece for Channel 28 and then did a follow up asking for help.

Preserve Bottle Village (805)583-1627
Joanne Johnson (805)492-5379
She wrote the local paper suggesting Simi Valley should take the piece, giving the City 2 State Landmarks.

Museum of American Folk Art - Didi Barrett (212)481-3080
or Dr. Robert Bishop-Director
444 Park Avenue South New York, NY 10016-7321
Didi Barrett is contacting a number of museums on both coasts suggesting each take one of the big pieces.

Monterey Peninsula Museum - Jo Farb Hernandez-Director (408)372-7591
559 Pacific Street Monterey, CA 93940
Interested in individual pieces.

Of course we sent out many more letters.

I will keep you informed. Please call if you have any questions about this stuff in particular or the genre of material in general. I will be in Los Angeles until April 3, then to France for a month to work on a show.

I have been told by people on the East Coast, and I hate to agree with them, that had this specific material been developed on the East coast - some government agency would have helped saved them. Considering the size of Los Angeles we certainly aren't overburdened with public sculpture.

Thanks for your interest.

Yours,

Seymour Rosen
Director

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