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Ms. Carlotta Giersch
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Dear Ms. Giersch;

Enclosed is some information about a Southern California artist named John Ehn, whose works have been honored by the California State Office of Historic Preservation as State Landmark #939.

Mr. Ehn died in 1981 and the family is being forced to divest themselves of a large tract of land, in Sunland, which includes the Landmark. The family would like the collection of works to be held together and available to the public. They would like to donate the sculpture to a established and stable institution to insure that their fathers' efforts are seen by the largest amount of people in a safe and sympathetic environment.

John Ehn was a professional trapper and the theme of his works is the Old West. A theme which many felt would be of interest to the public visiting the Los Angeles Zoo. The family believes a relationship between them and GLAZA could be of mutual benefit. Simply put, they hope you would have an interest to display Mr. Ehn's work as an attraction at the zoo and thereby saving an Historic Landmark, keeping it in Los Angeles and making their fathers' vision available to the public.

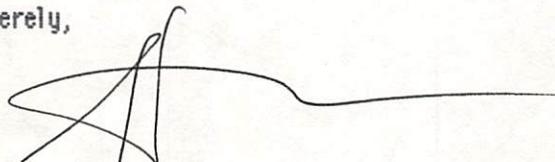
The sculpture itself is acknowledged as a masterwork of its genre and the site is highlighted in the current issue of The Clarion, the magazine of the Museum of American Folk Art in New York.

We invite you or a representative to visit the site and we would be most happy to visit you and discuss the matter.

The property is in escrow and we have just a few months to find a proper home. I will call you the first of the week to see if there are any questions I may answer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Seymour Rosen
Director