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HELEN MARTINS



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Town Clerk
New Bethesda 6286
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Dear Town Clerk:

Mr. Athol Fugard suggested we write to you concerning Helen Martin's extraordinary and beautiful Owl House in New Bethesda. We were delighted to hear from him that it is now a museum and is being looked after very carefully by the New Bethesda municipality.

SPACES is a nonprofit arts organization concerned with large scale sculptural environments like that of Helen Martins. I have enclosed some information about our organization so that you can have a sense of what we do. We have a great deal of information in our archives, and make it available to researchers, preservationists, historians, students and other interested parties. We do this according to the wishes and instructions of the donors and the artists.

We know that many people would be interested in the life work of Helen Martins. We also are very interested in the preservation work that has been done. The work you have done with Owl House can act as an inspiration to others. We are interested in doing an article in our newsletter on the work of Helen Martins and the successful preservation effort. In order to do that, we need black and white glossy photographs, and as much information as is available. We would be happy to pay for xerox costs and postage, and will return the photographs. If there is any printed information about Owl House, please let us know costs so that we may order it.

We will be grateful for any information you can send. Thank you in advance for your help. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Elaine Wintman

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