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## FRIENDS OF GILGAL GARDEN

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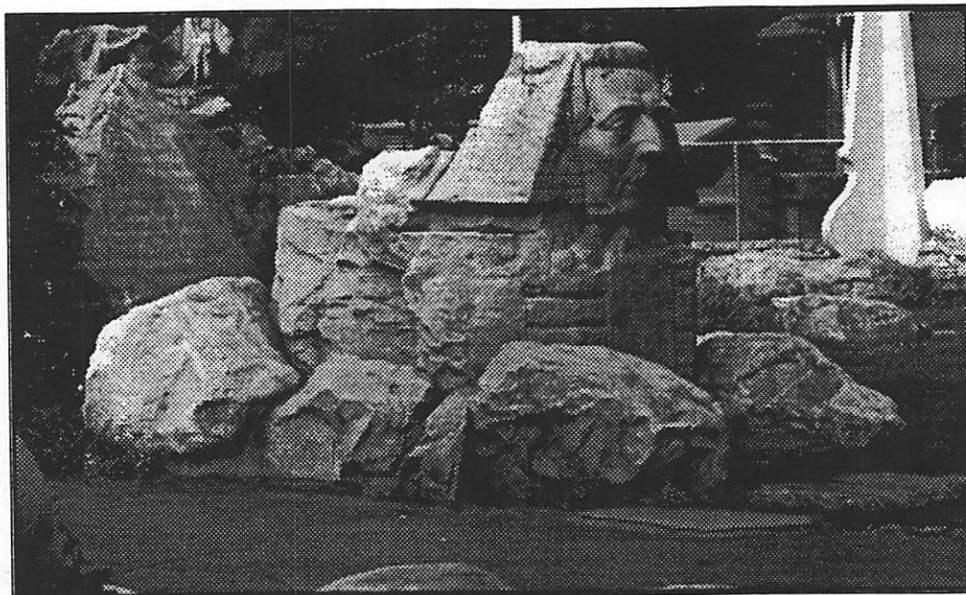
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The *Smith Sphinx*, a major sculpture in the Gilgal Garden, Salt Lake City. Thomas Child, designer and Maurice Brooks, sculptor. About eight feet in length. FRIENDS OF GILGAL GARDEN photograph.

## HELP SAVE GILGAL GARDEN

Gilgal Garden is in danger.

Gilgal is a sculpture garden hidden in East Central Salt Lake City. Constructed between 1945 and 1963, the garden is the work of Thomas Child (1888-1963) with significant help from others, particularly sculptor Maurice Brooks (1908-1970). Gilgal Garden is located at 749 East 500 South and is open only on Sundays during daylight hours.

Gilgal is a tranquil urban garden—the only Utah garden listed in the Smithsonian's guide of significant national gardens. Gilgal is also a unique cultural site—a distinctive blend of aesthetic, spiritual, philosophical and historical images and ideas. Its almost half-acre site contains twelve original sculptures, most in stone, and more than seventy engraved stones and boulders. The ambitious scale of its sculptures is impressive and their sturdy construction ensures their longevity yet their future is threatened.

The owners of Gilgal Garden have initiated plans to develop the Garden into a condominium complex. The present plans call for the removal and relocation of a number of the arrangements, sculptures and engraved stones and the elimination of most of the trees, bushes and lawn sections of the garden. What would be left of the Garden would no longer be accessible to the public.

However, the owners have agreed to let the FRIENDS OF GILGAL GARDEN purchase the Garden but they have only given us until April 1998 to raise the funds. The goal of the FRIENDS is to save Gilgal Garden, its sculptures, altars, and arrangements; to restore the garden to its original condition; and to insure that it be maintained and protected as a Utah treasure and cultural resource for the future benefit of the public.

If you care about Gilgal Garden and want to help save this unique site, please join us—call David Sucec, 359-6904 (e-mail: [davidsucec@aol.com](mailto:davidsucec@aol.com)), Julia Robertson, 583-5663, or Melody Moore, 359-7217.