

March 26, 1994

Director
Sunnyslope Rock Garden
10023 N. 13th Place
Phoenix, Arizona 85020

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for sending me the flyer on your `rock garden'. Apparently Seymour Rosen of SPACES in Los Angeles must have requested you send it to me. Because of the conservation work I have been involved in since 1979 with similar sculptures, I may be able to assist you with preserving Sunnyslope Rock Garden.

I was under contract for conservation engineering services to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation from 1979 to 1984 and since 1985 have been under contract to the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department. Although I have done consulting work on other conservation projects since 1959, the sculpture I am most familiar with is the Simon Rodia Watts Towers in Los Angeles. They are in some ways like yours, namely hand-made of cement, sand and various reinforcements and exposed to the elements. The Towers were begun in 1921 and are a National Historic Landmark, a California Historic Landmark and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Should you be interested in consulting with me by mail or phone on problems you might be having, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,