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Seymour Rosen, President
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Dear Mr. Rosen:

We have referred your letter of June 22, 1981, to our state historic preservation office and they have located a folk art environment in which you might be interested.

The folk art environment is known as Howard Finster's Garden Museum, and it is located between Trion and Summerville in Chattooga County. The Rev. Finster began his garden in 1947 and is still working on it. According to Susan Hunter Smith, who surveyed it in 1979 as part of our Chattooga County field survey, the garden is a "synthesis of junkyard, Christian Sanctuary and amusement park, revelling in the Rev. Finster's personal visions." It consists of a "glass bottle house, a 20' tower of hubcaps, paths mosaiced in Biblical injunctions, roadside confessionals and shrines, overhead network of daily tid-bits, pieces of mirror and glass reflecting the sun's rays, a serpent mound, chicken house, dogpen, fishpond, vegetable garden, garage and house." We have negatives on file, if you need actual photographs (Chattooga C-91, Roll R. Frames 27-36, Roll S. Frames 1-6).

In the future, we would recommend that you correspond directly with Richard Cloues, Architectural Historian, State Historic Preservation Section, Room 701, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, GA 30334. Mr. Cloues also recommended that you contact Ms. Randy Jones at the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation,

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WT-PC-Thank you *sk* 7/28/81

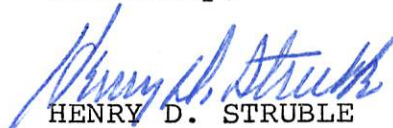
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11 Baltimore Place, NW, Atlanta, GA 30308, about publishing a notice in their Rambler newsletter. We do not have a mailing list or newsletter.

Thank you for your inquiry. Good luck with your project.

Sincerely,


HENRY D. STRUBLE
Director

HDS/pdm
Enclosure
cc: Richard Cloues

encl: info on Howard Finster's Garden Museum

Esther - Tell them we would like to purchase 2 copy of
Missing Pieces - Georgia Folk Art 1770-1976
for our archives