

File Kea's Ark 1/7J

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Honorable Mayor Sharpe James
City of Newark
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Mr. James:

The Folk Art Society is a national organization dedicated to the preservation, documentation, and encouragement of folk art and folk art environments. We believe that Kea Tawana's Ark in Newark, NJ is an outstanding example of a folk art environment, and that every effort should be made to ensure its preservation.

Sites such as Kea's Ark are usually only appreciated and mourned after they are destroyed, when they can never be replaced. Don't let this happen in Newark. Keep this remarkable and unique testimony to one woman's dream.

Yours truly,

Ann F. Oppenheimer

Ann F. Oppenheimer, President
Folk Art Society of America

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Dear Seymour -

I sent off the letter + copies today. I hope the ark will be saved. Our 2nd issue of the Folk art messenger is coming out in Feb. Lots of response from all over. Hope spaces will join.

Best wishes,

Ann Oppenheimer