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Mr. Seymour Rosen Spaces 1804 North Van Ness Los Angeles, CA 90028

Dear Mr. Rosen:

I am happy the information on Mr. Rice's Cross Garden was helpful. The site is fairly notorious in these parts, but I'm a little uncertain of its larger context. Hope someone will indeed publish one day.

To answer your further questions: The attendance at Perry Letson's exhibitions of photographs in 1985 was 6083. (That is not extraordinary, our attendance is fairly low in the summer months.) The last address I have for him is Perry Letson, 201 E Street, S.E., Apt. 2, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Regards your question about students in the area that may have interest in the subject as a research project, that one is a little tougher. We don't have (to be brutally honest) the calibre schools and art departments in this area that encourage research outside the ususal academic areas. At any rate, you might contact Dennis Sears, Art Department, Huntingdon College, East Fairview Ave., Montgomery, AL 36106; Joe Schwartz, Chairman, Department of Art, Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, AL 36193-0401 or Steve Capelli, Alabama State University, Art Department, PO Box 289, Montgomery, AL 36195. Perhaps helpful would be our State Folklorist Joey Brackner, Alabama State Council on the Arts, 1 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, 36130 (although I should mention that he is a material cultures person and not terribly sympathetic to visionary types!). A school with more promising students for such an undertaking would be the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa (Chairman Virginia Rembert, PO Box F, University, AL, 35486) or U of A Birmingham (Chairman John Schnorenburg, Birmingham, AL).

Best wishes with the research...

Margaret Lynne Ausfeld

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