



JOHN MEDICA FACT SHEET

- 1900 John Medica was born April 6 in Austria (now Yugoslavia) into a poor farming family.
- 1922 John Medica migrated to the United States. He worked as a logger in Eureka in northern California and in several other states.
- 1943 John Medica bought 103 acres of land in Sonoma County.
- 1955 Medica began his garden, building walkways, bridges and wells of masonry and rockwork; he was self-taught in both skills. His materials were discarded chiprock obtained from a nearby quarry.
- 1967 John completed construction of the major portion of his work.
- 1976 John's work was included in the exhibition In Celebration of Ourselves, curated by Seymour Rosen, at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. John's work was also included in the book of the same name, which was published in 1979.
- 1985 The Medica site was nominated for inclusion in California Registered Historical Landmark No. 939 Twentieth Century Folk Art Environments in California (Thematic).
- 1986 The nomination was successful, and John Medica's Castles and Garden was given California Landmark status.

Application was made to the State Historic Resources Commission for historic plaque status; this status was awarded.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Press Democrat published three articles about John Medica and his work.

The site was featured on KCRA TV #3 of Sacramento.

The work was included in Seymour Rosen's In Celebration of Ourselves, published in 1979 by California Living Books.