



Saving and Preserving Arts and Cultural Environments
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Dear Members,

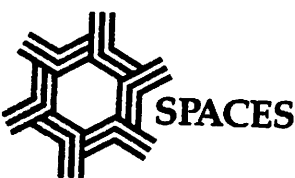
We thought things would slow down as the holidays approached, but it hasn't happened yet. We just finished participating in three exhibitions which featured environments. In two of the exhibitions, "Joyful Visions" at the Craft and Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, and "A Time to Reap" at Seton Hall, New Jersey, SPACES contributed photographs, histories of sites and some consultation. The exhibition "Divine Disorder: California Folk Art Environments" at the Triton Museum, Santa Clara, California, was wholly a SPACES's project, from photographs, site plans and text, to hauling and schlepping artifacts from the sites. All our members should have received announcements for this exhibit. We are now trying to arrange for the photographs from "Divine Disorder" to travel around California and perhaps beyond.

In the works for March 1986 is "Folk's Art" an exhibition for the Oakland Museum which will contain an as yet undetermined number of California environments.

Also in the works is the nomination to State Landmark status of John Medica's Garden (castles, bridges, walkways, plantings on a 4 acre site), and the development of a community trust to protect John's property.

Newsletter #3 will contain a checklist of exhibitions which have included environments, and will be in your mailbox by Spring 1986. If you have current information about folk art environments to share with us -- especially about exhibitions for the checklist -- please contact us.

To do our job, to meet SPACES's goals and obligations, we need the support of a membership constituency. Government and private funders need to know that SPACES has the support of a community of members. If all our members renew for 1986 we can keep the basic membership rate at \$10.



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Please check below to see if your membership has expired. If it has, please renew. Tell a friend about SPACES, or give a membership for the holidays. (\$25 memberships include the fascinating and colorful book, "In Celebration of Ourselves.") To those of you who have renewed, Thank You.

We are enclosing a membership form for you to post, give to a friend, the library or department at your school or place of work, if appropriate.

We want to take this opportunity to remind you of the other books available from SPACES: Clarence Schmidt by William C. Lipke and Gregg Blasdel, 112 p; 80 black and white photographs, \$10 softcover. The catalog of an exhibition on folk artist Schmidt and his constructions built between the 1930's and the late 1960's. The Well-Dressing Guide by Crichton Porteous, 32 p; 46 color photographs, \$3 softcover. A guide to villages in Derbyshire England that decorate town wells with elaborate scenes made up of flowers. All prices include postage. Also available are back issues of the Newsletter: #1, highlights California environments, and Newsletter #2, highlights environments in North and South Carolina. Back issues, \$2 each.

We are proud to announce that the California Arts Council and the L.J. Skaggs and Mary C. Skaggs Foundation are committing funding to SPACES for 1986. This is the second year of substantial support from the Skaggs Foundation and our fifth grant from the California Arts Council.

1986 is going to be a full year of continued documentation, preservation efforts, and the organization and inventory of the SPACES Archives with the assistance of a loaned MacIntosh computer, plus exhibitions and the newsletter. Please join us.

Happy holidays from the SPACES's Staff

Seymour Jocelyn

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*Contributions of \$25.00 or more will receive a copy of "In Celebration of Ourselves" by Seymour Rosen - a survey of "non-traditional" art activities in California, with over 300 photographs. The book is available to members at a discount price of \$12.50 including postage.