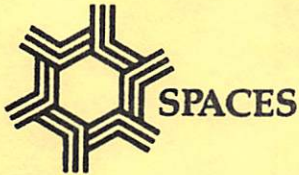


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Internationally known "Old Trapper's Lodge," the creation of self-taught artist John Ehn, is being honored with a historical landmark plaque from the State Historic Resources Commission. The Lodge is the fourth folk art environment in California to be so honored, and one of ten folk art environments designated California State Historic Landmark #939.

The press and public are invited to the dedication ceremony on March 25, 1985 at 1pm, to celebrate the installation of the plaque and to pay tribute to the special imagination of John Ehn (1897-1981).

"Old Trapper's Lodge" is located at 10340 Keswick Street, in Sun Valley, California, at the corner of San Fernando Road and Avilla Avenue. John Ehn's daughter Rosemarie Farish will be at the dedication and will speak about her father and give tours of the site.

John Ehn constructed "Old Trapper's Lodge," which consists of a motel, "Mooseum" and "Boot Hill" graveyard, between 1941 and 1979 as a very personal recreation of the Wild West. The Lodge is populated by huge statues depicting mythical characters from the Old West and Ehn family members. The faces of many of the figures were modeled from life masks of his wife, children and grandchildren.

"Old Trapper's Lodge" is one of ten 20th Century folk art environments in California to be honored with State Historic Landmark status, largely through the efforts of SPACES (Saving and Preserving Arts and Cultural Environments), a non-profit organization founded in 1978 to document and preserve folk art environments around the United States.

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