

SPACES & the Craft & Folk Art Museum

Present

Shri Nek Chand Saini

creator of the "Chandigarh Rock Garden"

The artist will show film & slides of his celebrated environment in India.

WENDESDAY, MAY 29, 1996

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Nek Chand's rock garden in the North Indian city of Chandigarh is internationally renowned for its imaginative use of discarded materials to construct this wonderful sculpture populated landscape. From 1958 to 1965, Chand collected materials to build his "unauthorized" fourteen acre rock garden. The artist managed to overcome the ire of government officials who eventually provided him with helpers to continue working on his dream for his "Hidden Kingdom." Chand's enchanted garden kingdom was officially inaugurated in 1976, and is now a forty-acre sculptured landscape filled with thousands of human and animal figures made from broken glass, crockery, bicycle frames, slates and tiles, broken earthenware pots, and countless other materials.

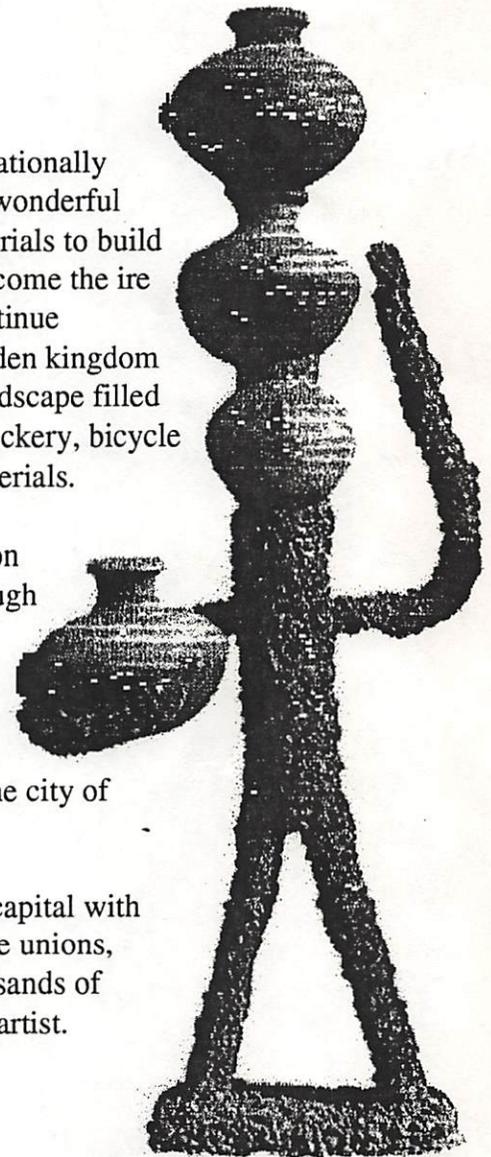
Since the Garden was officially inaugurated and expanded, over 12 million people from all over the planet have felt joy and awe having walked through Nek Chand's world. Only the Taj Mahal has had more visitors.

Mr. Chand has had exhibitions of his sculptures in France, Spain, Russia, Germany, England and in the United States. Additionally, he was given the "Grand Medaille de Vermeil" award in the city of Paris, the keys to the city of Baltimore, and a Nek Chand day was declared in Washington, D.C..

Mr. Chand has created another monumental environment in the nations' capital with the help and encouragement of the Indian government, United States trade unions, the private sector, and numerous volunteers. Because of his concern thousands of Americans have now shared the wonder and whimsy of this world status artist.

Please join us for this most special evening.

If there are any questions please call Seymour Rosen at (213) 463-1629



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