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Mr. Ron Gasowski  
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Dear Mr. Gasowski,

We've learned that you're very interested in the unusual works which exist in the Grover Cleveland Thompson yard in Phoenix. Since we're interested, too, we thought we should introduce ourselves.

SPACES is a national, non-profit organization which attempts to document and preserve the sites which we call "folk art environments". We were established in 1978, and have developed what may be the largest archive of its kind on these large-scale, hand-built artworks such as at the Thompson home. We are often called upon to correct or provide materials for editors, authors and scholarship. A great deal of our work is in assisting local and state preservation groups who have formed around these endangered sites. We work with state and federal agencies as well, assisting them in their documentation and preservation of folk art environments.

Our work began through the wish to see that these creators are honored in the lifetimes, and whenever possible to see that their works are maintained just as they were built.

We would like to hear about any documentation which you have done on this site, and hope that you'll write to tell us both about that work and about yourself.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Seymour Rosen  
Director

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