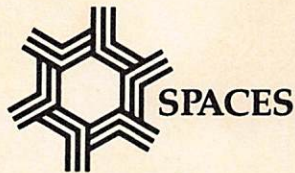


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Marion Blake
Sunnyslope Rock Garden
Grover Cleveland Thompson Museum
10023 North Thirteenth Place
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Dear Marion,

Here is some information for you. Enclosed is the California Office of Historic Preservation's criteria for granting sites status as "State Point of Historical Interest and as a California Registered Historical Landmark.

In a perfect world other states would acknowledge the need for various levels of status as a preservation tool as does California.

I would read the criteria and see how many questions you could answer as relates to the Sunnyslope Rock Garden. If necessary you can make another case for acceptance in Phoenix, but using accepted historic criteria.

As far as your hand-out: may I suggest. Do what feels right for you. ... in the section labeled

Background. Born near Bend, Or., Thompson was a natural with people and machines. He played the fiddle. One day a machine bit him causing him to loose several fingers on his left hand. This did not stop him. He worked as an engineer in Seattle for 30 years, and then he and his wife, Nancy retired to an unincorporated area north of Phoenix called Sunnyslope in the early 50's where he spent the next 22 years building his fantasy world. 80 words

Background. Born near Bend, Or., Thompson was a natural with people and machines. Although handicapped with loss of fingers on his left hand Thompson played the fiddle and worked as an engineer. In the early 50's he and his wife, Nancy retired to an unincorporated area north of Phoenix called Sunnyslope where he spent the next 22 years building his fantasy world. 62 words (something about the neighborhood liking his garden? or he did or he didn't do any "ART" before the garden?)

? QUOTE from the sign in book.

"My children and I enjoyed the beauty of the sculpture and the joy that Mr. Thompson shows in his work".

Lastly, perhaps you should have an arrow pointing to downtown Phoenix.

Have fun.

Sincerely,

Seymour Rosen
Director SPACES

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