

Saving and Preserving Arts and Cultural Environments
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Alex and Phyllis Madonna
the Madonna Inn
Highway 101 and Madonna Road
San Luis Obispo, California

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Madonna:

SPACES is a 11-year-old national nonprofit organization dedicated to identifying, documenting, and preserving "environments" created by people whose imagination and vision have compelled them to build something personal and unique, something no one else could approximate. The Madonna Inn certainly fits that description.

We're currently attempting to gather as much information as possible on the more than 300 sites we've discovered across the country. Eventually we hope to compile a timeline on each site; timelines are simply chronological lists of biographical and artistic information about each site (when was the builder born? when did she/he begin work on the site? what stages did the work go through before it was complete?). Naturally the creators are the most accurate sources of information about the works--to that end, we'd greatly appreciate any biographical information you would like to share with us, including information about the various stages in the Inn's history, as well as future plans. Do you have anything published that describes the various themes of the rooms? A complete description of each of the rooms would be great. Any information you share with us will become part of the SPACES archives, and will be available to interested researchers.

Seymour Rosen, the director of SPACES, corresponded with you in the early 70's, when he produced the "In Celebration of Ourselves" exhibition at the San Francisco Museum of Art, which included the Madonna Inn. He sends his best.

Sincerely,

Seymour Rosen
Director

Terril Hartman
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Researcher