

1913 -

Remano Gabriel

Carpenter  
lumber yard worker  
gardner.

1888 b. Marca Italy

worked w father as furniture maker in Italy

1913 to US.

WWI served in American army

Moved to Eureka.

c 1940-1970 built garden.

reason for building: climate in northern California = poor for growing flowers so he planted a wooden garden.

1966 Gabriel finished work (acc to KFAA news 1/1983).

wife wanted a front yard like everyone else

date of death - bio prepared by Ted Wimmer says 1977.

1974 July/Aug Volkswagen magazine article on Eureka w/gardens.

1974 re Eureka newspaper (exact source?)

Oct 9 "Redwood Country; Eureka ornamentation" by Andrew Genzoli (in spaces 54.)

no - this is  
from  
Wamples book

"my idea was just to make these tys. I just wanted to make smethg different. I just made up pictures out of wood. I don't buy materials, I take all the boxes and lumber down in the store, they are all ends of fruit boxes.

"I make one piece at a time but I have not made tys new for 4 or 5 yrs. No more room, no more boxes. Now all the boxes, they come in paper, no wood.

"I used to be a gardener here in Eureka. Eureka is a bad place for flowers, the salty air and no sun. So I just make this garden."

- 1977 March 19 - Romano Gabriel died.
- 1977 March 19 Garden received 1st official recognition from  
California Arts Council
- 1977 re June 14 letter from Stan Dixon (Public Guardian - Public Conservator  
state) Romano died March 3 1977.
- 1978 Garden offered to the City of Eureka with the stipulation  
that it be placed in "Old Town"
- 1978 June 2 - Aug 14 exhib Eureka Cultural Center.
- 1978 5<sup>th</sup> spoke at Humboldt Cultural Center (Eureka Heritage Soc)
- 1982 March 19 - 5<sup>th</sup> anniv of Romano's death - press release for April  
3 dedication.
- 1982 April 3<sup>rd</sup> Sculpture Garden dedicated noon at 315 2<sup>nd</sup> St  
in "Old Town"  
= culmination of 5 year community effort.

Structure = designed by Eureka architectural firm of  
Trump and Sauble.

Site provided by Eureka Redevelopment Agency.

caricatures of the pope.

Some figs = commentaries on contemp people or events,  
political or relig or even caricatures.

Some pieces = animated by motors.

Executor of estate = Louis Rolandelli 2828 Fairfield  
Eureka CA

Louis Rolandelli appointed Mr Sanducci as  
Attorney for + Estate PO Box 16  
Eureka CA 95501

astronauts Lovell, Swigert & Haise.  
dancing hulas  
funeral  
carousels  
Xmas trees.

built 6-9 houses / sources vary.

Rolandelli = friend of Gabriels for over 40 yrs.

Eureka Heritage Soc raised \$80,000 for permanent home for goods.  
Site at 315

travelled to Italy & Switz.

Site

Sally

Pine street.

Sculpture garden "grew" for over 30 yrs.

purchased by Polares & Ray Vellutini; restored by their son Vincent.

Garden = photo'd in entirety then dismantled.  
All pieces = repainted in orig colors.

1978 Garden = offered to City of Eureka w/ stipulation that it be placed in "Old Town"

for descrip see Cult Center news release

1982

orig site = approx 30 x 60'

Some figs =

hand saw used 1st - then small electric saw.

signage incs "Italiani; Fascisti poce rbe Assassini;

SR - Vellutini - owned a couple of grocery stores.  
bought garden for \$500

some been sold  
some still in Warehouse

Sources of info

Humboldt Cultural Center  
422 1st Street Eureka Calif 95501 (707) 442 2611

Sally Arnott.

Eureka Heritage Society.

James Irvine Center S.F. gene grant  
Humboldt Area Foundation

Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
123 F. Street Eureka CA 95501 707 443 5097

Ted Wimmer P.O. Box 617, Arcata CA 95521

Indian American Museum 678 Green St SF  
415 398 2660. 2

Dinsmore Muriel

"1978 offers Winnie Rose Society Show"  
In Humboldt County's Times-Standard 7 June 78

- mentions SR giving talk at Eureka Heritage Soc.