

Saving and Preserving Arts and Cultural Environments

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Mr. Brian Moroney
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Dear Mr. Moroney:

SPACES is a nonprofit organization dedicated to identifying and documenting folk art environments around the country. We corresponded with you six years ago regarding Bill Hosack's smokehouse in Fort Collins. What finally happened to the house, the smokehouse, and Hosack's creations? Does the museum still have pieces from the collection?

We're constantly attempting to keep our archives up to date and in good working condition, so we would appreciate any information on the Hosack situation. Even if the worst has happened and the environment has been destroyed, we would be able to use whatever information you can come up with--it's unfortunate, but our archives by necessity contain quite a bit of information about environments that have been destroyed. Any additional historical information on Hosack or the site would be important, and the names of other knowledgeable people would be extremely helpful.

We're also interested in any information you may have about other folk art environments in Colorado--or anywhere else, for that matter. We're finding that we're running into a very unfortunate problem: Many of the visionaries responsible for folk art environments are getting older, and some have recently died. This makes our job a lot harder, as the creators are the primary sources of information and documentation about the environments. Also, as a result of their advanced ages and deaths, the sites are disappearing or are being destroyed. We have very minimal information on sites in Rye, Minturn, Telluride, Tinmath, Lamar, and a bit more on Horseshoe Cave in Sedgwick County. Anything you can tell us about any of these would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your help, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Seymour Rosen
Director


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Researcher