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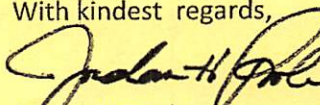
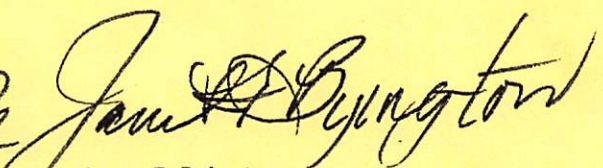
It is that time of year where we at Paradise Garden look back to see what all has been accomplished. We have wonderful news: we have, with your help, met and exceeded our expectations! Thank you for your gracious support. Please take a moment to look over the accomplishments of 2012.

- \$445,000 Grant for creative place making from Artplace America
- \$225,000 Grant from Educational Foundation of America
- Major Clean up of Garden, waterways and buildings
- Restoration of office and archival space and set up as 'Artist in Residence'
- Award from Folk Art Society of America
- Georgia Public Broadcasting 'Georgia Traveler' feature segment
- Deemed the Best Art Space Worth the Drive 2012 by *Creative Loafing*
- Provided a "creative and spiritual force field" -- a place of enchantment for school age children as well as adults from all over the world. Our attendance has reached over 4,000 since opening in May.
- We have created a sense of local community pride and appreciation
- We are attracting significant tourism to the Garden and to the beauty of Chattooga County and Northwest Georgia

While we have received a great deal of grant funding for this project, that funding is specifically designated for specific restoration projects. Our challenge in the years ahead will be to raise sustaining operating capital and that is why this Annual Appeal is so vital to our efforts.

With the end of the calendar year so close we want to take this moment to invite you to support our efforts with a year-end contribution. Thank you for considering a gift and for all you have done to further Howard's vision for his Paradise Garden.

With kindest regards,

Jordan H. Poole, Executive Director Janet F. Byington, President of the Board