

Romano Gabriel's Garden - Destroyed 1978

You are invited to join SPACES, a nationwide organization concerned with recognition and preservation of America's monumental folk art environments. Very few of the approximately 300 environments located across the country are not threatened by urban sprawl, vandalism, commercialization, natural erosion or bureaucratic neglect. SPACES hopes to catalyze the efforts to preserve these fragile environments through a five-fold program.

1. Identification and documentation of all sites, nationally.

2. Identification or development of state and local organizations to assume responsibility for preservation of sites within their region. Development of national clearinghouse and constituency.

Development of resource information related to the documentation, preservation, restoration and maintenance of folk environments, including applicable Federal legislation, National Register procedures, sources of funding, methods of organizing community support, etc.

4. Development of a reference library of photographs, oral histories, maps, printed material and related documentary information, etc.

5. Development of public education and information programs such as lectures, exhibitions and publications to support local programs.

SPACES has helped put 3 California sites on the National Register of Historic Places and has had 10 sites accepted as State Registered Landmarks. But such success will of necessity be limited and localized without a national constituency. The gradual destruction of a rare and important part of America's culture and its folk art environments will continue without concerted public efforts. Your support is needed. Plase join us. Members will receive a newsletter, periodic information and a chance to participate in an important, joyful and solvable project.

"In Celebration of Ourselves" by Seymour Rosen is a photographic survey of "non-traditional art" activities in California - over 300 photographs of decorated cars-motorcycles-vans, graffitti and gang markers, tattoos, homemade graphics, vernacular architecture, neon, murals, parades, festivals and 34 folk art environments, plus more. This book is a member benefit at the \$20 level. Additional books are available to members at the discount price of \$10, including postage.

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