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In response to a request for information on folk art environments which appeared in the October 1981 Newsletter of The Society of Architectural Historians, I am writing to let you know of two sites in Ohio.

In Springfield, Ohio is Hartman's Historical Rock Garden. An article about Hartman's Historical Rock Garden from the July 8, 1979 Dayton Daily News is enclosed. The photograph in the article shows roughly one-fourth of the garden, which features the White House, Independence Hall, Boulder Dam, the Last Supper, the Children of Israel in the Firey Furnace, Lincoln's Tomb, Mae West, and numerous other vignettes of religion, history, and popular culture. The sidewalks are inlaid with broken bits of mirrors and colorful pottery spelling out biblical quotations and other adages. The garden is enclosed by a white picket fence. It is open free to visitors, and is in the yard north and south of Mrs. Hartman's home on a Springfield side street. I believe that Hartman's Historical Rock Garden is relatively unknown, even in Springfield.

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An article from Echoes, the monthly newsletter of the Ohio Historical Society, about Baughman Memorial Park is also enclosed. This site seems to be better known, at least in its region of the state.

For our records, I would be interested in knowing of any additional sites in Ohio which are reported to you. I hope that you find this material useful and of interest.

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Sincerely,  
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