

Exploring *specific* Art Environments referenced within Philadelphia’s Magic Gardens:

Emery Blagdon’s Healing Machine, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [virtual field trip](#) (6 minutes, 2021); [video](#) *Emery Blagdon’s Healing Machines*, a Nebraska Public Media Original (26-minute, 2013); [play](#) *The Healing Machine* by J. Harvey Stone (2020)

Ricky Boscarino’s Luna Parc, Sandyston, New Jersey, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) by State of the Arts New Jersey (2 minutes, 2013)

Ferdinand Cheval’s Ideal Palace, Hauterives, France. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); video “[Le Palais Ideal: The Precursor to Outsider Art](#),” an installment of *You Are Here* by public broadcasting France 24 (6 minutes; 2016); [book](#)

Samuel Perry Dinsmoor’s The Garden of Eden, Lucas, Kansas, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); video; [virtual tour](#) with quotes from self-published book [Pictorial History of the Cabin Home in Garden of Eden, Lucas Kansas](#) by S.P. Dinsmoor

Gabriel Joaquim Dos Santos’s Casa da Flor, São Pedro da Aldeia, Brazil. [Biography](#) and [photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#), *Gabriel do Santos: Casa da Flor* by the Ministry of Culture (7 minutes; 2013)

Tom O. Every’s Dr. Evermor Sculpture Park, Sumpter, Wisconsin, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) *The Forevertron* by Andrea Lötscher (25 minutes, 2001); [book](#) *A Mythic Obsession: The World of Dr. Evermor* by Tom Kupsh (2008)

Howard Finster’s Paradise Garden, Summerville, Georgia, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) “Howard Finster: Man of Visions,” part of *State of the Arts*, by Don McGill and Susan Wallner (6 minutes, 1992); [book](#) *Howard Finster, Stranger from Another World: Man of Visions Now on this Earth* by Tom Patterson (1989) [book](#) *Envisioning Howard Finster: The Religion and Art of a Stranger from Another World* by Norman Girardot (2015); [lesson plans](#)

Romano Gabriel’s Wooden Garden, Eureka, California, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) *Romano Gabriel 2* by James Smith Pierce (3 minutes, 1976)

James Hampton’s The Throne of the Third Heaven, Washington, D.C., USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) “James Hampton’s The Throne of the Third Heaven,” part of *American Art Moments*, by the Smithsonian American Art Museum (5:45 minutes, 2021)

Raymond Isidore’s La Maison Picassiette, Chartres, France. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) *The History of La Maison Picassiette in Chartres, France* by Pamglobe (6 minutes, 2019); [book](#) *Monsieur Picassiette : Raymond Isidore et sa cathédrale* by Edgardo Franzosini (1995)

Danielle Jacqui’s La Maison de Celle qui Peint, Point-de-l’Étoile, France. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video tour](#), [video](#) *Unusual: The House of She Who Paints in Roquevaire* by Made in Marseille (2 minutes; 2018)

Edward James’s Las Pozas, Xilitla, Mexico. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video tour](#); [video](#) *Great Gardens: Edward James Las Pozas, Mexico* by Toby Amies (5 minutes; 2017); video interview [part 1](#) and [part 2](#)

Eddie Owens Martin’s Pasaquan, Buena Vista, Georgia, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [virtual tour](#); [video](#) *The Restoration of Pasaquan* by Bob Andres for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; [book](#) *St. Eom in the Land of Pasaquan: The Life and Times and Art of Eddie Owens Martin* by Tom Patterson (2018)

Helen Martins’s The Owl House, Nieu-Bethesda, South Africa. [Biography](#) and [photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) *Miss Helen’s Owl House* by the Ibis Art Centre for owl house foundation (7 minutes; 2001); [book](#) *This Is My World: The Life of Helen Martins, Creator of the Owl House* by Sue Imrie Ross and Helen Elizabeth Martins (1997)

Jeff McKissack’s The Orange Show, Houston, Texas, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [photo tour](#); video *Jeff’s Tour of the Orange Show* in Jeff McKissack’s own words by Ken Hudson and Gary Jones

[Part 1](#) (4 minutes; 1987) [Part 2](#) (4 minutes; 1987) [Part 3](#) (4 minutes; 1987) [Part 4](#) (4 minutes; 1987) [Part 5](#) (4 minutes; 1987); [book](#) *Painting the Town Orange: Stories Behind Houston's Visionary Art Environments* by Pete Gershon (2014)

Henry Chapman Mercer's Fonthill Castle, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, USA. [Biography](#) and [photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) *Fonthill Castle at 100* by Bob Krist (3 minutes; 2010); [book](#) *Fonthill, the Home of Henry Chapman Mercer: An American Architectural Treasure* by Thomas G. Poos (2000); [book](#) *Henry Chapman Mercer and the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works* by Cleota Reed (1996)

Mary Nohl's House, Fox Point, Wisconsin, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) *Mary Nohl: A Life's Work* by Kohler Foundation Inc. (13 minutes; 2001)

Tressa Prisbrey's Bottle Village, Simi Valley, California, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) *Grandma's Bottle Village: The Art of Tressa Prisbrey* by Allie Light and Irving Saraf (28 minutes; 1982)

Simon Rodia's Watts Towers, Los Angeles, California, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) *The Towers Documentary* by William Hale (13 minutes; 1957, remastered 2010); [book](#) *Sabato Rodia's Towers in Watts: Art, Migrations, Development* by Luisa Del Giudice (2014)

Nek Chand Saini's Rock Garden, Chandigarh, India. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) *The Rock Garden of Chandigarh* by the Chandigarh Administration (21 minutes, 2018)

Niki de Saint Phalle's Tarot Garden, Capalbio, Tuscany, Italy. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [lesson plans](#); [video](#) "Il Giardino dei Tarocchi" for *Marco Polo Travel Diaries* (4 minutes; 2020); [book](#) *The Tarot Garden* by Niki de Saint Phalle (1997)

Clarence Schmidt's House of Mirrors, Woodstock, New York, USA. [Biography](#) and [photos](#); [video](#) by Beryl Sokoloff (14 minutes, 1963)

Vollis Simpson's Whirligig Park, Wilson, North Carolina, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) segment for *North Carolina Weekend* (4 minutes; 2017)

Fred Smith's Wisconsin Concrete Park, Phillips, Wisconsin, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) guided tour by John Michael Kohler Arts Center (17 minutes; 2011); [book](#) *The Art of Fred Smith: The Wisconsin Concrete Park: A Brief History and Self-guided Tour* by Lisa Stone and Jim Zanzi (1997)

Robert Tatin's La Maison de Champs, Cossé-le-Vivien, France. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) segment for France 3 (2 minutes; 2017)

Kea Tawana's Ark, Newark, New Jersey, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [video](#) *Kea's Ark* by Susan Wallner (26 minutes; 2021)

Robert Vasseur's La Maison à Vaisselle Cassée, Louviers, France. [Biography and photos](#); [video](#) *Voyage en Normandie* by Raymond Matabosch (6 minutes; 2009); [book](#) *Robert Vasseur: La maison aux papillons* by Claude and Clovis Prévost (1996)

Bruno Weber's Park, Dietikon, Switzerland. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) *The Monumental Works of Bruno Weber* by SWI (3 minutes; 2008); [book](#) *Bruno Weber: The Power of Imagination - A Life's Work* edited by Stefan Howald

Father Mathias Wernerus's Holy Ghost Park, Dickeyville, Wisconsin, USA. [Biography and photos](#); [official website](#); [video](#) "Dickeyville Grotto" by Wandering Wisconsin (6 minutes; 2011); [book](#) *The Dickeyville Grotto: The Vision of Father Mathias Wernerus* by Susan A. Niles (1997)

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