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Minter, Joe	Mar 28, 1943	-	-	73	M	African Village in America	ALABAMA, Birmingham	Active		
Zoetl, Joseph	Jan 24, 1878	Oct 15, 1961	83		M	Ave Maria Grotto	ALABAMA, Cullman	Existing	St. Bernard Abbey Cemetery, Cullman, Alabama	
Hendrix, Thomas Eugene (Tom)	Feb. 14, 1934	Feb. 24, 2017	83		M	Te-lah-nay's Wall	ALABAMA, Lauderdale County	Existing	?	
Rice, William Carleton (W.C.)	Feb 20, 1930	Jan 18, 2004	73		M	The Cross Garden	ALABAMA, Prattville	Existing (In Disrepair)	?	
Kahn, Michael (Mike)	Mar 30, 1936	Dec 21, 2007	71		M	Eliphante	ARIZONA, Cornville	Existing		
Lee, Louis Foo	Oct 10, 1913	Jul 18, 2006	92		M	Lee's Rock Garden	ARIZONA, Phoenix	Existing	?	
Gulley, Boyce Luther	1883	1945	c. 62		M	Mystery Castle	ARIZONA, Phoenix	Existing		
Brethauer, Gus	?	2013	?		M	Somewhere Over the Rainbow	ARIZONA, Phoenix	NO LONGER EXTANT		
Thompson, Grover Cleveland	c. 1913 (?)	1978	c. 65 (?)		M	Sunnyslope Rock Garden	ARIZONA, Phoenix	Existing		
Hall, Jerry Arthur	Feb. 25, 1945	Oct. 19, 2010	65		M	World of Imagination	ARIZONA, Tucson	NO LONGER EXTANT		
Legler, George Phar	Nov. 19, 1884 (or 1887 ?)	Feb. 22, 1982	97 (?)		M	Valley of the Moon	ARIZONA, Tucson	Existing		
Ravellette, Shelby	?	-	-	?	M	Lacey Michele's Castle	ARKANSAS, Omaha	Active		
Rodriguez, Dionicio	Apr. 11.1891 (or Apr. 8 ?)	Dec. 16, 1955	64		M	Old Mill Park	ARKANSAS, North Little Rock	Existing	San Fernando Archdiocesan Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas	
Beal, Art					M	Nitt Witt Ridge	CALIFORNIA, Cambria	Existing		
Glade, Albert					M	The Enchanted Garden	CALIFORNIA, Chico	NO LONGER EXTANT		
Yerxa, Cabot					M	Cabot's Pueblo Museum	CALIFORNIA, Desert Hot Springs	Existing		
Gabriel, Romano					M	The Wooden Sculpture Garden	CALIFORNIA, Eureka	Existing (Relocated)		
Forestiere, Baldassare					M	The Underground Gardens	CALIFORNIA, Fresno	Existing		
Vaughn, Bert					M	Desert View Tower and Boulder Park	CALIFORNIA, Jacumba	Existing		
Ratcliffe, W.T.					M	Desert View Tower and Boulder Park	" " " " "	" " " "		
Ehling, George					M	Mosaic Tile House	CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles	Active		
Ehn, Johan (John)	Sep 15, 1897	Dec 26, 1981	84		M	Old Trapper's Lodge	CALIFORNIA, Woodland Hills, California (SEE NOTE)	Existing (Relocated)		
Knight, Leonard	Nov 1, 1931	Feb 10, 2014	82		M	Salvation Mountain	CALIFORNIA, Niland	Existing (In Disrepair)	cremated	
Guidici, John					M	Capidro	CALIFORNIA, Palo Alto	NO LONGER EXTANT		
Damonte, Litto					M	Hubcap Ranch	CALIFORNIA, Pope Valley	Existing		
Bond, Peter Mason					M	Peace Garden	CALIFORNIA, San Francisco	NO LONGER EXTANT		
Darling, Sanford					M	House of 1,000 Paintings	CALIFORNIA, Santa Barbara	NO LONGER EXTANT		
Prisbrey, Tressa (née Schafer) ("Grandma")	Feb 1, 1896	Oct 5, 1988	92		F	Bottle Village	CALIFORNIA, Simi Valley	Existing (In Disrepair)		
Rodia, Sabato (Simon)	Feb 12, 1879	Jul 17, 1965	86		M	The Watts Towers	CALIFORNIA, Watts (Los Angeles)	Existing	Saint Catherine of Siena Cemetery, Martinez, California	
Black, Calvin					M	Possum Trot	CALIFORNIA, Yermo	NO LONGER EXTANT		
Black, Ruby					F	Possum Trot	" " " " "	" " " "		

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Carr, Bob					M	Crystal Cave	CALIFORNIA, Yucca Valley	Existing		
Bishop, Jim	c. 1944	-	-	c. 72	M	Bishop Castle	COLORADO, near Beulah	Active		
Brown, Christopher					M	Chris's Granite Paradise	COLORADO, Fort Collins	Active		
Hampton, James	Apr 8, 1909	Nov 4, 1964	55		M	The Throne of the Third Heaven of the Nations' Millennium General Assembly	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington	Existing	Warren Chapel Cemetery, Orangeburg, South Carolina (NOTE: Cemetery location not confirmed)	
Martin, Edwin (Eddie) Owens "St. EOM"	Jul 4, 1908	Apr 16, 1986	77		M	Pasaquan	GEORGIA, Buena Vista	Existing	Ramah Church Cemetery, Buena Vista, Georgia	
Forrester, Laura Cordelia (née Atkinson) Pope NOTE: In some citations, the spelling is "Forester"	Jan 31, 1873	Feb 3, 1953	80		F	Mrs. Pope's Museum	GEORGIA, near Cairo	Existing (In Disrepair)	Pine Forest Baptist Church Cemetery, near Akridge, Georgia	
Finster, Howard					M	Paradise Garden	GEORGIA, near Summerville	Existing		
LaFleur, Joseph L.	Apr 10, 1902	Oct 1976	74		M	LaFleur Grotto	ILLINOIS, Byron	Existing		
Slaughter, Dan	c. 1936	-	-	c. 80	M		IOWA, McGregor	Existing		
Friedlein, Paul J.	Dec 28, 1887	Jan 20, 1984	95		M	Jolly Ridge (Inspiration Point)	IOWA, near Guttenberg	Existing	Saint John's Cemetery, Clayton County, Iowa	(NOTE: Other sources says he was born in 1888)
Dobberstein, (Father) Paul Matthias	Sep 21, 1872	Jul 24, 1954	81		M	The Grotto of the Redemption	IOWA, West Bend	Existing	West Bend Cemetery, West Bend, Iowa	
Dinsmoor, Samuel Perry	Mar 8, 1843	Jul 21, 1932	89		M	The Garden of Eden	KANSAS, Lucas	Existing	interred at The Garden of Eden, Lucas, Kansas	
Liggett, Myron Thomas ("M.T.")		Aug 17, 2017	86		M	M.T. Liggett's Totems	KANSAS, Mullinville	Existing		
Preble, John		-	-		M	The UCM Museum	LOUISIANA, Abita Springs	Existing		
Hill, Kenny	1948	-	-	c. 68	M	Chauvin Sculpture Garden	LOUISIANA, Chauvin	Existing		
Smith, (Dr.) Charles	Nov. 1940	-	-	75	M		LOUISIANA, Hammond	Existing		
Gillam, Charles					M	The Folk Art Zone	LOUISIANA, New Orleans (Algiers)	Active		
Overholzer, Raymond W. ("Bud")	1890 or 1892	1952			M	The Shrine of the Pines	MICHIGAN, Baldwin	Existing		
					M		MICHIGAN, Detroit			
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Christensen, John L.	1875	April 1939	c. 64		M	Christensen Rock Garden	MINNESOTA, Albert Lea			
Pedersen, H.P.					M	Pedersen's Filling Station & Rock Garden	MINNESOTA, Arco	Existing		
Vogt, Arnold					M	Ak-Sar-Ben Gardens	MINNESOTA, near Aitkin	Existing		
Vogt, Hugo					M	Ak-Sar-Ben Gardens	" " " " "	" " " "		
Muense, Werner O.	Aug 9, 1917	May 21, 1999	81		M	The Home of Werner and Thekla Muense	MINNESOTA, Minneapolis	Unknown		
Wippich, Louis Charles	Jun 2, 1896	Jan 3, 1973	76		M	Molehill	MINNESOTA, Sauk Rapids	Existing	Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota	
Ellsworth, Jack						Ellsworth Rock Gardens	MINNESOTA, Voyageurs National Park	Existing		
Dennis, (Rev.) Herman D. ("H.D." / "Preacher") NOTE: In some citations, his first name is "Harmon"	Mar 25, 1916	Sep 4, 2012	96		M	Margaret's Grocery	MISSISSIPPI, Vicksburg	Existing (In Disrepair)	Cedar Hill Cemetery, Vicksburg, Mississippi	

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Luszcz, Bronislaus	Aug 4, 1894	Aug 12, 1960	66		M	The Black Madonna Shrine and Grottos	MISSOURI, near Pacific	Existing	Franciscan Mission Cemetery (near the grotto)	(NOTE: Other sources says he was born in 1893)
Valdez, Bobby	-	-		?	M		NEW MEXICO, Las Vegas	Existing		
Shaffer, Clement ("Pop")					M	Shaffer Hotel / Rancho Bonito	NEW MEXICO, Mountainair	Existing		
Ward, Ross	Apr 5, 1940	Nov 13, 2002	62		M	Tinkertown	NEW MEXICO, Sandia Peak	Existing		
Sharpe, Charles ("Tunnie")		-		?	M	Helen's Garden	NEW MEXICO, Santa Fe	Existing		
Campanella, Steve					M	The Bensonhurst Statue House	NEW YORK, Brooklyn	Existing		
Carr, George E.					M	The Totem Tree	NEW YORK, Cayuga County	NO LONGER EXTANT		
					M	Taconic Sculpture Park	NEW YORK, Chatham	Existing		
Terrillion, Veronica					F	Veronica Terrillion's Sculpture Garden	NEW YORK, Indian River	Existing		
Robertson, (Prophet) Isaiah					M	The Second Coming House	NEW YORK, Niagara Falls	Existing		
Fite, Harvey					M	Opus 40	NEW YORK, Saugerties	Existing		
Tobasso, Placido					M	The Sculptures of Placido Tobasso	NEW YORK, Utica	NO LONGER EXTANT		
Schmidt, Clarence					M	The House of Mirrors	NEW YORK, Woodstock	NO LONGER EXTANT		
Jones, Clyde	Apr. 1, 1938 (or 1939)	-	-	77 or 78	M	Critter Crossing / Haw River Crossing	NORTH CAROLINA, Bynum	Existing (In Disrepair)		
Brown, Richard	-	-		?	M		NORTH CAROLINA, Littleton	Unknown		
Warren, Henry. L	1892	1977			M	Shangri-La	NORTH CAROLINA, near Prospect Hill			
Simpson, Vollis	Jan. 17, 1919	May 31, 2013	94		M	Vollis Simpson's Whirligigs	NORTH CAROLINA, Wilson (SEE NOTE)	Existing	Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery, Wilson, North Carolina	
Andrews, Harry	1890	1981			M	Chateau LaRoche	OHIO, Loveland	Existing		
Harman, H.G. ("Ben")	1883	1944			M	Hartman Rock Garden	OHIO, Springfield	Existing		
						The (Toledo) Garden of Eden	OHIO, Toledo	NO LONGER EXTANT		
Bowsher, Jim	1948				M	The Temple of Tolerance	OHIO, Wapakoneta	Existing		
Galloway, Edward ("Ed")						Totem Pole Park	OKLAHOMA, Foyil			
							OREGON, Agate Beach	NO LONGER EXTANT		
							OREGON, near Redmond			
							PENNSYLVANIA			
						Concrete City	SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia (SEE NOTE)	Existing (Relocated)		
							SOUTH CAROLINA, Florence			
							SOUTH DAKOTA			
							TENNESSEE, Brownsville			
							TENNESSEE, Memphis			
							TENNESSEE			
							TENNESSEE			
Kingsbury, Ida					F		TEXAS			
							TEXAS			

