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**LCVA's hosts upcoming presentation
"American Folk Art Buildings:
Architecture, Imagination, and Storied Places" with Steven Burke**

Americans have been wonderfully impelled for varied reasons to render small buildings and structures. The nation's largest and only such collection will be described at The Longwood Center for Visual Arts on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The documentary "Rendered Small" and a presentation on the collection and this area of American material culture will be followed by discussion with the collectors and the filmmakers.

The 16-minute documentary "Rendered Small", the first national documentary explication American Folk Art Buildings, was envisioned and created by Marsha Gordon and Louis Cherry of Raleigh, NC. The film richly merges revelations about the buildings, the two collectors, and the reality of daily life with so many small places. Dr. Gordon is Professor of Film Studies at North Carolina State University, an engagingly astute author, speaker, and teacher about films. Mr. Cherry is among North Carolina's lead modernist architects and an unfailingly good thinker about built places in large or small communities. Their marriage survived dealing with 1200 buildings and 2 collectors.

Steven Burke will discuss and project images to explicate and reveal the collection as well his necessary learning over 35 years about the structures. Types and known or surmised reasons for their creation will be conveyed – as will be the happy passion shaping their gathering as well as the unfailing delight the structures yield in viewers. A small number of representative buildings will be shown and explicated.

This event is free and open to the public. No registration required. All LCVA exhibitions and programs are made possible through the generous support of the Wells-Fargo Foundation, the Walter J. Payne Foundation, Anne Carter & Walter R. Robbins, Jr. Foundation, the E.B. Duff Charitable Lead Annuity Trust, Southside Electric Cooperative, Gantt Insurance, Walmart, and Helton House.

About LCVA:

The Longwood Center for the Visual Arts presents a rotating program of inspiring and conversation-starting events and exhibitions. Admission to LCVA and its programs is—and always has been—free for all. LCVA is located at the intersection of Main and Third Street (129 North Main Street) in Farmville, Virginia. For additional information on exhibitions or programs and events, contact LCVA at mosleykl@longwood.edu or 434.395.2206, or visit lcva.longwood.edu.

