

# WEIRD HOMES

## EPISODE SYNOPSES

### Season I, 13 episodes

#### **1001 – Retired, Still Working**

Some people just can't relax when they retire. A retired engineer builds a full size operating rail road in his backyard. In a rural area near Oakland, California artist Karen Wyse works non-stop expanding her home and yard with her creations. And then there is the crusty old sea captain who lives in his own pirate's den.

#### **1002 – Folk Artists**

Folk artists seem naturally to use their homes and yards as a canvas for art. 'Dick and Jane's Spot' in Ellensburg, Washington is a delightful world filled with this couple's unique folk art. In the backwoods near Seale, Alabama, Butch Anthony treats us to his folk artist hideaway complete with decorated hearse and bottle trees.

#### **1003 – Recycled Wonders**

An amazing undertaker's home built out of 600,000 embalming fluid bottles. A beer can house in Houston, Texas and Moore's Junk Castle in Pullman, Washington. Wonders created from trash.

#### **1004 – Inspired by Pain**

Unique homes created as a result of personal suffering. The Button King in South Carolina has insomnia so he has taken to glue hundreds of thousands of buttons to his home, clothes and car. Ex-alcoholic, The Flowerman uses recycled junk to decorate his home and in Toronto, an injured mason has covered every square inch of his home with wooden screws.

#### **1005 – Funny Farms**

In Bend, Oregon two delightful men have created a fantasy farm bursting with humour including a bowling ball garden and a love pond. And 'Andy's Dummy Farm' in rural New Brunswick is littered with hundreds of life size dummies that all have a story to tell.

#### **1006 – Something To Say**

A decoration of homes to make a point. Pearl Fryar's topiary garden in Bishopville, South Carolina brings a message of love. 'Richart's Ruins', in downtown Centralia, Washington takes teaching art to the outer limits and in Alabama, a religious fanatic litters his acreage with crosses and old refrigerators painted with surreal messages.

#### **1007 – Yards of Fun**

For some, pink flamingoes is just the start. A visit to the famous home of Violis Simpson whose place is surrounded by his amazing towering whirligigs. In Rosedale, Alberta we meet the charming folks who call their home 'Rainbow Acres'.

#### **1008 – Fantasy Gardens**

Life-sized scarecrows, huge boulders and thousands of flowers. In Nova Scotia, the place is known as ‘Angela’s Scarecrows’ and Angela talks to each and every one of these backyard creatures who have all become her friends.

### **1009 – Strange, Yet Wonderful**

An elderly farmer in Alberta enjoys life at his place he calls the ‘Nuthouse’, and for good reason. A black couple in Mississippi show us around ‘Margaret’s Grocery’ and sing us a gospel song. ‘The House of Exotica’ in San Francisco contains a lifetime collection of weird things from around the world.

### **1010 – The Collectors**

Collecting is an obsession for some. ‘The House of Toys’ in Oakland, California is bursting with thousands of every toy you can imagine. Another California home contains a grotto where the walls are completely covered with stuff collected from garage sales.

### **1011 – Junkyard Treasures**

These folks look at junk with a very different eye. Remarkable recycled art from trash. Sites from rural British Columbia to Kosciucko, Mississippi and including ‘Rodeen’s Metalworks’ in Kennewick, Washington.

### **1012 – Paradise Found**

Three truly amazing places. A man-made and totally painted mountain in the desert, a strange temple in the backwoods of Georgia, and an underground home in Ontario whose owner loves to fly with geese over his farm in his home-built ultra-light.

### **1013 – Artists in Residence**

From Port Costa, California to Fanny Bay, British Columbia. Life-sized robots, metal dogs and the odd cyclops in the garden have all been created and given homes by these three extraordinary artists.

## **Season II, 26 Episodes**

### **2001 – Artists at Work**

Three artists who have taken the concept of working out of the home to new levels. Don Thompson of Whiskey Creek, BC, uses a chainsaw to carve crazy critters out of stumps. Carlo Marchiori of Calistoga, California has turned his home into his personal art gallery and sculptor Hobart Brown can often be found welding in his living room.

### **2002 – Off the Beaten Track**

Some folks have fantastic homes that you wouldn’t find on an ordinary street. Hitchhike Mike has created for himself a little place in the wilderness on the wild coast of British Columbia. George Smith’s ‘Georgetown’ in California is full of Hollywood dreams. Artist Larry Fuente has a home where the psychedelic 60s still reign.

### **2003 – Yard Shows**

This show celebrates three yards that have gone *way* beyond the basic patch of Kentucky blue grass. Cornelieus Evegroene’s Ontario dairy farm has a herd of strange creatures mingling with the cattle. Everything from rocks to fine china decorates the yard of the Portuguese Brothers in Mendocino. Axel Stenzel’s BC yard is a home to a menagerie of whimsical sculptures.

## **2004 – Hidden in the City**

You can't judge a book by its cover and you can't judge a home by its exterior. One California home is an old brewery at first glance and a gallery of fantastic footwear once you get inside. If the shoe fits, it's probably here in June Moxon's Shoe Room. A little Abracadabra will get you into Richard Tuck's wizardly wonderland.

## **2005 – Incredible Collections**

Do you need space on your mantle for your bottle collections? This show features a few collectors who will inspire you to make room for more. Washington's Bob McGiveron has crowded the nooks and crannies of his home with collections amassed over thirty-five years. There are more than five hundred exhibits in Harold Carlaw's military museum and more than six hundred cats crowd into Jack and Donna Wright's Ontario home.

## **2006 – Up in the Air**

Most people keep their feet on the ground. Here are three homes that keep their owners up in the air. J.D. Higdon has occupied his Oregon tree house for 22 years. Come fly with Jerry McKinnon and his two flying saucers and visit Ontario's Mike Horne whose unique dome house revolves at the push of a button.

## **2007 – Castles Called Home**

This episode features three men whose homes really are their castles. On an isolated island Karl Triller built his imperial residence by hand out of thousands of cement blocks. A kingdom in Ontario brought Peter Camani's childhood dreams to life, and in Colorado, a fire-breathing dragon protects Jim Bishop's incredible stone fortress he built by hand.

## **2008 – Crazy Yards**

Pour some lemonade, pull up a porch chair and look out over these crazy yards. Yard sale treasures adorn Jim Perucca's Kansas City home. Cliff and Francis Bruce raise bulls, glass chickens, windmills and memorabilia on the grounds of their Ontario farm. Paul Hefti's Wisconsin yard is a jungle of pop bottles and other paraphernalia.

## **2009 – Made With Passion**

Three people who pour their hearts into their work and create homes that are Made With Passion. A witch's house in Milwaukee is actually where Mary Nohl creates marvelous concrete sculptures. Every inch of Carl Jennings' California home reflects his artistry and his passion. A dream inspired Andy Parashos to make a Greek temple of his formerly plain Toronto home.

## **2010 – Roadside Attractions**

Some people live in places that can make passersby gaze in amazement. One Roadside Attraction is Ross and Carla Ward's wild west Tinkertown: an acreage crowded with a little bit of everything. The attraction in Goderich, Ontario is George Laithwaite's crop of bizarre concrete creatures. In Mullinville, Kansas, people stop to see what M.T. Ligget has on his mind and on his often offensive signs.

## **2011 – Staying Afloat**

Try out your sea legs on this show, which features homes that are Staying Afloat. Wayne and Katherine Adams built their West Coast home from salvage that washed up from the sea. A fishing village in British Columbia is home

sweet floating home for artist David Dorrington. Rod Palm will welcome you aboard his home, a former ferry that is now high and dry.

### **2012 – Homemade Shrines**

This show introduces folks who have made room in their homes for things close to their hearts. Roy and Charolyn Bowins' Homemade Shrine is a celebration of all things Elvis. A former master plumber in Texas, Barney Smith, crafts a monument to the lowly toilet seat in his 'Toilet Museum'. In North Carolina we visit the bizarre home of Robert Seven, a man who pays homage to hilarity.

### **2013 – Outsider Artists**

Not all artwork is created with paint and canvas; these three artists are working with materials that are really out of the ordinary. Tom Every has created an 'Evertron' in Wisconsin, a magical metal machine fuelled by imagination. Ken Glasgow is a British Columbia artist who thinks big – VERY big. Dan Slaughter in rural Indiana whittles wonders out of wood with a chainsaw.

### **2014 – Fun Houses**

A sense of humour is definitely an asset to enjoy these places. Frank Zeni's Houston home is a million-dollar temple built on a five-cent budget. Victoria Herberta has a passion for purple and a passion for pigs and she call her home 'Pigdom'. Ivan Dow is a child at heart; as a result, his fun home is the most popular place in the neighbourhood

### **2015 – Home is Where the Art Is**

Some folks don't express their artistic nature by hanging a print on the wall – they make entire homes into works of art. Bruce and Julie Webb live in a gallery that is North America's best outlet for outsider art. Jacques Bilodeau has taken minimalism to new levels in his Quebec home whereas Dr. Bob in New Orleans is more of a...maximalist

### **2016 – Trash to Treasures**

There's recycling, and then there are those who make gems out of garbage. Retired doctor Joe Smith of Austen, Texas crafts imposing sculptures out of industrial salvage. Vince Hanneman has an outstanding trash sculpture towering over his Texas home and Montrealer Ava Rave applies her decorative touch to other people's castoffs.

### **2017 – Sticks and Bones**

Pick up sticks, pick up bones and you are halfway to a weird home. Charles Stagg has crafted his home from concrete, bottles, sticks and a singular vision. Venzl Zastoupil, known as the 'Toothpick King' made miniature worlds out of nothing more than toothpicks and white glue. Bone sculptor Doug Edward creates art from road kills.

### **2018 – Down the Garden Path**

Miles of marigolds line the paths of the fabulous formal gardens of Ontario's Barry More, also known as Lord Barrymore. He's not the only one taking his garden beyond tomatoes and tulips; Adolf Bach has recreated a little bit of Bavaria in his Ontario yard and Larry Baggett placed stone after stone to create a monument to Missouri's Trail of Tears.

### **2019 – Life Underground**

If these home-owners are feeling a little 'down,' it's only because 'down' is where their homes are – they all *like* living underground. Ed and Dianne Peden have a house in Kansas with a mission and a mission control; they bunk down in a missile silo. Sara St. Lawrence and Nancy Burrows each have an earthship – homes hand built out of clay

and recyclable materials in the desert of New Mexico. In the Yukon, Caveman Bill manages to keep himself and his chickens warm in his rocky cave.

## **2020 – Playhouses**

There's no plays like home according to these folks; they've furnished their houses with fun. Jason Cavalier and Andy Bradshaw have each turned their Montreal apartments into manors of martial arts mania. Sam Edwards' place in downtown Calhoun, Georgia is a little different – it's a tree house with a boat for a porch and a full sized plane for a bedroom. Richard Blais is an artist who has added special touches to his hobbit house.

## **2021 – Fueled By Dreams**

These men have a serious appreciation for all things automotive. Bob Schultz likes anything that rolls or floats and he celebrates them all in his Rolls Royce Room. Ontario resident Cornelius Vlieland has a gas collecting vintage gas pumps and antique cars. In Alabama, Harvey Harry's love of hub caps has resulted in him being known far and wide as the 'Hubcap King'.

## **2022 – Visions of Grandeur**

What do you do when you want a magnificent mansion but you're not a millionaire? In Montreal, Valerie Laidley has translated her interest in Africa into an exotic escape from harsh Canadian winter. Joe Formica spun a three-room California bungalow into an opulent Greco-Roman wonder. Memories of the golden age of Hollywood occupy every corner of Sam Mazza's San Francisco palace

## **2023 – Dare To Be Different**

No cookie-cutter abodes here. In a lovely Victorian-era home in San Francisco, sculptor Marcia Donahue has raised the bar on decorative décor. Ruby Gay may be retired from big-game hunting, but that hasn't stopped her from "stuffing" her taxidermy museum to the gills. Chicago artist Mr. Imagination dares to be different; his home, artwork, even his clothes are covered in bottle caps.

## **2024 – Radical Attitudes**

What if you want your home to be about something more than shelter? That's when you have to approach your home with a radical attitude. Andrew Colquitt's graduate degree in art prompted him to create a home as statement. Brian Mantrop and Cathy Cashman built their experimental Ontario house with a back to nature priority. Tyree Guyton has spent ten years reclaiming his Detroit neighbourhood from crime with his Heidelberg Project.

## **2025 – Spiritual Spaces**

These homeowners have designed with spiritual spaces in mind. World renowned folk artist and retired minister Howard Finster has sculpted his 'Paradise Garden' in Georgia. Marilyn and Edwin Buxton drew inspiration for their home from ancient building principles. British Columbia's Manwoman is on a quest to redeem the swastika symbol from bad publicity.

## **2026 – Home on the Range**

Rolf Heer's house features a wall of a thousand faces and goat on the roof. Leo Leonard keeps the past alive at his job and his home in some old Montreal horse stables. Jim Pendleton of Indiana wanted to make his mark even as a boy; now that he's older, he's created a very bizarre barn house which doubles as an ark for when the big flood comes.

## **Season III, 26 episodes**

### **3001 – HOUSE AHOY**

Meet three landlubbers who can't get enough of the sea -- Morris Rees who makes a home out of any old pile of British Columbia driftwood; Merv and Mae Coles, two dairy farmers who moved into a turn of the century paddlewheeler; and John Anderson, Oregon beachcomber extraordinary.

### **3002 – MY HOME, MY CASTLE**

Meet three couples who chose to live like royalty. Eduard Krautter can't help it -- every home he builds becomes his castle. Vancouver's Bob and Beth Orson were too busy build their own castle -- so they bought one from Ed. And Sam and Pam Olemaniec kept adding to their hacienda until it had towers, columns, arches -- and a windmill.

### **3003 – YOUNG AT HEART**

If you can't be young at heart in your own home, where else? Matt Roloff built his four children a Disneyesque Adventureland near Portland, Oregon. Ed Polish filled his house with all the vinyl toys he could find. And Norm Collier turned his Ontario barn into a fairy tale stage.

### **3004 – THERE GOES THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**

This episode features homes and homeowners at a little "odds" with their neighbours. Tim Fowler and his garden ceramic critters are uneasy as their comfortably downscale neighbourhood becomes gentrified. James Patterson's neighbours have the option of doing without cable. All they have to do is watch James's totem tv's on his front lawn. And Peter Vangils neighbours have always suspected that there's a little voodoo going on in Peter's backyard, deep in the heart of darkest suburbia.

### **3005 – OFF THE GRID**

Living life 'unplugged' calls for all your creative juices. British Columbia's Eric Epp hasn't had a utility bill in fifteen years. Annie and Kiyo Okuda live in a colourful cluster of trailers that would make Gypsies jealous. And Bill Sorich lives so far off the California grid he forgets what century he's in.

### **3006 – DIFFERENT STROKES**

Meet three uncompromising Canadian artists who believe that their home is their canvas. Nada Jurisich doesn't need a room with a view -- her rooms are the view! Barton and Leier are a fun loving couple whose art is as infectious as their laughter. And Violette Clark's home represents a one-woman war against beige.

### **3007 – CREATURE COMFORTS**

Brenda Tucker and Jean Paul Schoss's home is surrounded by a myriad of weird and wonderful creatures fabricated from oil drums and rusty old metal. John Vickers is a strange bird whose dream was to build and live in a very large birdhouse. And just outside the high tech capital of Silicon Valley, Doug Winslow lives with a collection of animals and birds in his own private zoo. All these homes have been created to supply the owners with "creature comfort".

### **3008 – EARTH DWELLERS**

Nothing new under the sun? You just haven't gone 'under' enough. Alberta rancher, Richard McKelvie, has to mow the grass on his roof. An underground labyrinth is the desert home of Andre Forestiere. And when Charles and Rachel Stamps turned seventy, they burrowed into a California sand dune.

### **3009 – WILD COLLECTIONS**

This episode features homes filled with wild collections. Elizabeth Tashjian's stately home in Old Lyme Connecticut, is "chock full of nuts", and her collection just keeps on growing. Brian Martin and Eric Hourican's home in Oakland, California contains so much fruit, it's hard to tell their fruit salad from the tablecloth. And Janet and Charles Iscove have given over their home to everything Suessian: so much so that they threaten to turn into Sues characters themselves.

### **3010 – LIFE'S A GAS!**

You've heard of 'playing house' -- now, meet the folks who play 'garage'. Harold Wellenbrink bedecked his yard with retro petrol pumps. Jerry Scheberies' automotive career took over his house, his life – and his wife! And Hugh Lesley's Pennsylvania farm is the place where all good Edsels go to die.

### **3011 – LIVING IN THE PAST**

This episode features homes that are filled with history. Phyllis Gottelli's home has dozens of other homes inside it. Phyllis collects antique dollhouses and her collection is extensive and spectacular. Len Jackson is keeping the history of rural Ontario alive by constructing dozens of miniature replicas of local heritage buildings. And Bill Borgwardt and his wife have spent twenty-five years amassing a number of strange collections. The collections are so large that they had to design and build a home to contain them all.

### **3012 – SACRED SPACES**

Meet three gentle souls whose homes are a refuge from the world. Connecticut's Sal Verdi turned a personal vision into a sanctuary open to all. Cevan Forrist's San Jose home & 'ungarden' is a monument to tranquility and meditation. And Michael Dennis' Gulf Island acreage pays homage to the ancestors he's never known.

### **3013 – NOTHING TO WASTE**

Think taking your empties to the recycling depot is a creative social act? Leo Sewell has turned dumpster diving into high art, and his home into a glittering wonderland. Peter Wing promised his bride a castle – and made it out of New York's leftovers. Norm Vienott uses old car parts to make his art. These folks leave nothing to waste.

### **3014 – CRAZY GARDENS**

Meet three gardeners who cultivate more than petunias. Rats Rattenbury in Vernon, BC figures everyone should cut down on lawn space by building more weather vanes. In a quiet corner of New Jersey artist Ricky Boscarino brings new meaning to colour in the garden with his lime green statues and mosaic sculptures. In the heat of the Arizona sun Louis Lee has created a rock garden of more than just rocks – how about his wife's dishes and a few old bottles all sculpted into an amazing wall.

### **3015 – WILD WEST**

This episode features homes inhabited by two singular individuals with solitary obsessions. Steve "Doc" Holliday has built himself a replica Wild West town in his back yard. He's convinced he's related to frontier gunslinger Doc Holliday and Steve lives the part in his town appropriately named "Docville". Frank Bruno owns a thirty-room

hotel in the desert lands of Arizona. But he won't let anyone stay there. Frank has the place all to himself because, he says, the hotel has a spirit that forces him to stay.

### **3016 – PERSONAL TOUCHES**

Here's three people who don't need decorating tips from a magazine – they could write their own. Meet Diz McNally, she uses magazines to cover the walls and ceilings. Diz's place is a Los Angeles shrine to all things beautiful. Then there's Leonce Durette in northern Quebec. With a bit of pink and purple paint and a couple of hundred whirligigs Leonce has made a house that makes everyone smile. John and Susan Andrade's seaside home in White Rock, BC is a romance of colour and light - so much so that their home casts an orange glow around the neighbourhood.

### **3017 – ARTFUL LODGERS**

This episode features three masterpieces and some folks with an eye for beauty. Gary Mushens hired an architect and together they designed a home that has you wondering what they were drinking. But it works, like good art does. Harry Birnbaum didn't see why a bit of Italian fresco couldn't be duplicated in his Tucson home. Why not have the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel shine down on you? And then there's Chris and Barb Wilcox of Ketch Harbour, Nova Scotia. To them, folk art and lots of it is all a cozy seaside home needs.

### **3008 – FLIGHTS OF FANCY**

Feeling grounded? Here's three individuals that have elevated their homes into another dimension. For Bruce Campbell of Oregon it means turning a Boeing 727 into his dream home. Wendy Owen's Montreal apartment has been transformed into a glittering space ship and Noreen Robinson, on the quiet shores of a British Columbia lake, has made a family of dragons that could transport any imagination to any realm.

### **3019 – HEAVENLY CREATIONS**

These three home makers work with nature to carve out their heavenly visions. Hilde Dawe fell in love with a curvaceous cob house and just had to have one, Sun Ray Ky builds crooked masterpieces he calls his monsters, and Marcel Gagnon captures childhood wonder using stone, wood, paint, and even the ocean tides.

### **3020 – ON THE ROCKS**

Most people like their homes to be built on solid ground, but some long for an even sturdier material. Whether it's a lighthouse perched on a rugged and windblown coast, a strange structure build from recycled materials on the edge of a rocky shoreline or a cave-house drilled out of a solid granite mountain, these folks are one with the rocks surrounding them.

### **3021 – LABOR OF LOVE**

This episode presents homes that love built. Pat Homan and Gary Afseth love history and can't say no to a bargain. In Tuscon, Arizona they've constructed an eclectic historical mining town out of thousands of square feet of tin. Outside Montreal, Quebec, Fern Lemay built himself a small cabin in the woods to relax and get away from it all. His friends loved it so much that Fern kept building. Now after 25 years he's got an entire town. Bob Walker and Francis Mooney love their eleven cats so they totally redesigned their house to suit the needs and desires of their feline companions. Now Bob and Francis are the human tenants in "the Cats' House".

### **3022 – REMEMBER WHEN?**

The residents of these weird homes, prefer the past to the present and they've given it full rein to take over their lives. Dixie Evans is turning her desert home into a sprawling museum devoted to burlesque dancing. That's right—stripping! Mike Vraney's collection of vintage girly films and 60's toys jostles with partner Lisa Petrucci's kitsch paintings in their jam-packed Seattle house. Up in the wilds of B.C.'s Queen Charlotte islands, trapper Jim LaRose recalls a time when you had to amuse yourself with whatever came to hand, frequently a jackknife, a chunk of wood and a great big sense of humour. Jim creates chuckles out of the simplest materials, because he remembers the skills of the old pioneers.

### **3023 – MIND OF THEIR OWN**

Take a tour on the wild side with the whimsy twins and see how they transformed their bungalow into a kaleidoscope of art and colour. Meet Ruby Williams who used her art to create a home out of a fruit stand, and Darren Arsenault who made his home-brewed vision of a house with the help of a song and a dog named Bill.

### **3024 – HOME ALONE**

Dr. Damien Boyd has created a home that no boy could resist: part-clubhouse and part-fire-engine, complete with lights, siren and a sundeck. Not a lot of sun gets into Dugout Dick's place in the mountains of Central Idaho, or rather under them. He's excavated a cave-home that suits him and a ghostly girl-friend just fine. The Age of Jazz is alive and well at Paul Horch's Winnipeg home because his pad is dedicated to the things that he loves most: swinging music and stylish motorcars. Amazing what a guy can get done when there's no girls around to spoil the fun.

### **3025 – WHERE THE HEART IS**

Meet Junco Jan who has made a gallery and a refuge for unwanted junk. Mama Johnson who preach and paint and makes art out of old socks and empty bottles. Noel Wotten is making down home music in his hollowed out tree stump and Diamond Jim who is clowning around in his own personal circus.

### **3026 – BUSY BEES**

This episode presents homes inhabited by people who certainly aren't couch potatoes. Leona and Lorraine Paul keep themselves busy creating and maintaining entire miniature villages, Corbin Dunn finds innovative and adventurous ways to build his treehouse nest high up in the redwoods of California, and Peter Kiss just can't stop carving out new and whimsical works to add to his already well stocked house.

## **Season IV, 13 episodes**

### **4066 – Against The Grain**

Keeping up with the Jones's is tough when the Jones's have homes full of strange and wonderful objects. How about a Texas garden with a great crop of cacti and baby doll heads? A water tower home that is a landlord's nightmare and a child's delight? Or Rancho Shazam, where battles with City Hall are routine?

### **4067 – Daring Decor**

Think waaaaay beyond beige: these homeowners have. One woman in small-town Ontario never met a paint colour (or zebra or jungle) she didn't like. A backyard in Michigan is so full of strange delights it gives Disneyland a run for its money. The Karmen Miranda house has 'produced' a colourful tribute to a festive actress.

### **4068 – Bursting at the Seams**

Pop art, postcards, sock monkeys, smiley faces, chrome, cartoons, bright-work, missiles, space suits, kitsch and flamingos overwhelm the houses of these folks who just can't resist crowding one more item into the cupboard. Just don't talk to them about dusting...

#### **4069 – It's a Jungle Out There**

It takes a special kind of person to turn a cast-off into a custom creation. Joe in Ontario uses scrap metal to create giant birds and insects that fill his yard and cover his home. In the BC forest Jan draws from his Vietnam experience to create a little of everything in his sculpture garden. Joe in Pennsylvania uses toilets to create his metaphysical sculptures.

#### **4070 – Secret Gardens**

For 70 years Cougar Annie carved a paradise out of remote, rugged, Pacific wilderness, surviving four husbands and dozens of cougars that invaded her yard. In Portland, Oregon, dumpster-diving is the source of ornaments for this creative garden.

#### **4071 – Zest for Life**

The Rainbow lady of Seattle welcomes us with a song and a home full of rainbows. In San Francisco we visit the home of a belly dancer whose home takes us back to Egypt. A fisherman in Nova Scotia has built a liar's club full of incredible sea-life creations.

#### **4072 – No Ordinary Address**

Passion is the principle behind these homes. A champion of energy-efficient, affordable housing lives in a converted ore-bin. A renowned glass artist in Seattle has blown a lot of personality into her place. A Georgia sculpture yard is aimed at the art of laughter.

#### **4073 – Magnificent Obsessions**

A life-long love of music led a Brooklyn man to create a shrine to his favourite tenor Enrico Caruso. Every square inch of the home and yard of a Pacific North West couple is given over to their obsession with model trains. In Georgia, Tubby Brown's yard is inhabited by his life-sized human sculptures.

#### **4074 – Living With Spirits**

Visit a Voodoo princess at her home in New Orleans. Joe Coleman in New York has a fascination with death and has filled his home with freaks of nature and more. In Nova Scotia every aspect of the McKnight home is designed with the spirit of feng shui in mind. Three homes filled with spirits.

#### **4075 – For the Love of Art**

Issiah Zagar has spent over 40 years covering every square inch of his home inside and out with colourful ceramic tiles. A Georgia artist has taken to painting the trees in his yard. In New Jersey, Faust has filled his acreage with moving metal creations.

#### **4076 – Making Their Mark**

These homeowners go the extra mile. One man's carvings have sprawled out of his Nova Scotia yard into the rest of the town. 'Art is life;' that's the motto of a Georgia man who has crammed his yard with sculpture. Heiress/artist Jaina Davis has collaborated with talented friends to make every room in her Victorian home something spectacular.

#### **4077 – One-Of-A-Kind**

No cookie-cutter condos here. In California, visionary and veteran recycler Grandma Prisbrey transformed her life of sorrows into a witty and whimsical bottle village. Sculptor Howard Solomon built the castle of his dreams in Florida, complete with dragons, knights and a boat in the moat.

#### **4078 – Local Legends**

Sometimes the past is more fun the second time around. That's why Big Al Taplett's shoe shine home puts a polish on New Orleans's colourful history. PQ LeBoom's medieval castle has 'phun' with physics. The Leaning Tower of Lethbridge lends some pizzazz to a yard in southern Alberta.

### **Season 5, 13 episodes**

#### **5079 – Dream Houses**

Dreamy, thoughtful, whimsical abodes – including the art and clowning around of Clement Cote in rural Quebec, a couple's dream home of a railroad car turned into a houseboat in Sausalito, California, and the 'Cosmic Muffin' an airplane once owned by Howard Hughes that has been converted to a floating home.

#### **5080 – Outside the Box**

Three strange and wonderful homes defy construction conventions. In Quebec an illusive chef and his girlfriend have retired to the country to build cottages assembled from found objects. High above California's legendary Sunset Beach, a water tower keeps Jerry Wallace dry. And you can't corner Barry Glidden in his Florida house – there are no corners in a geodesic dome.

#### **5081 – Treasure Troves**

Unique collections unite these three homes. Dr. Lucky's fascination with yo-yo's has taken over his life...and home. Audrey Lentz has 'encrusted' her home with everything from fake food to Lego sculptures. And, tattoo artist, Thomas Lockhart, collects Samurai Swords and shrunken heads from Borneo.

#### **5082 – High and Dry**

Laura Levesque is living alone among rattle snakes in a deserted mining camp in the desert of New Mexico. In the Florida Everglades, Kate and Mark Tague are loving life up in their tree house. And then a visit with Sidecar Willy who hopes his geodesic flying saucer home will take off one day.

#### **5083 – In Disguise**

His face fully tattooed, The Scary Guy of Tucson, Arizona actually brings a message of peace and tolerance. Alain Dubreil, a Vancouver salvage artist has created such a unique home, it is in constant demand as a film set. And the Turners of Boulder Creek, California live in a home shaped like a cluster of bubbles.

#### **5084 – Creative Collectors**

Ira Poole of Texas has let his imagination go wild and has created a Statue of Liberty in his own front yard and is now just completing an Egyptian Sphinx. Outside the Egan's home heavy metal wildlife sculptures graze in the yard; inside, the home is decorated in Mexican "Day of the Dead" theme. The Phillip's home in Florida is filled with animals, folk art and anything else fun they can lay their hands on.

### **5085 – You Live...Where?**

In the desert outside Tucson, Arizona, we find Mary Lou Gully living in a rock castle, hand-built for her by her eccentric father. The Links are the only inhabitants living in a ghost town in New Mexico and in San Francisco, the Katzmans have converted a fire station into their cozy home, complete with a working fire truck.

### **5086 – Imaginations Run Wild**

There are no limits to creativity...Jerry Hall and Sherry Haney are rebels with a cause in Tucson, Arizona - some of their art defies city code. And affectionately known around Montana as ‘the old wreckin’ yard’, Charles Ringer has turned his home and yard into an incredible gallery of his own kinetic sculptures and steel vegetation.

### **5087 – Personal Expressions**

Passion for life, art and pastimes infuses these homes. In Roundup, Montana, you’ll find Tim Anderson’s ‘divinely inspired’ fantasyland. Ron Senko’s ‘hobbies’ threaten to consume his life – his model railroad and record collections encrust the interior while his impressive garden envelops the exterior. And the Marquis’s in Freeland, Washington have filled their four acres with their unique art, including a bowling ball pyramid.

### **5088 – Buried Treasure**

In Loveland, Ohio, Ken Klosterman hides his ‘Salon de Magic’ in an old mine shaft. Come down 83 feet to see the largest collection of antique and historical magic memorabilia in North America. From above, Glenn Young’s dome home looks like a simple hill, but below ground it is truly amazing. And, if you’ve lost your marbles, they’re probably at Cathy runyan’s house – she has the world’s largest collection of aggies and cat’s-eyes.

### **5089 – This Old Home**

Sometimes the past is too perfect to leave behind. A couple in Butte, Montana, ‘conduct’ their life in a 19<sup>th</sup> century mansion built by The Copper King. The Meinzer’s in Texas ‘do time’ in their renovated 1887 Knox County Jailhouse. And Jacqueline Lagakos has decorated her 130-year-old Victorian home with impressive mosaics and bottle-art.

### **5090 – Beyond City Limits**

These folks find creativity away from the hustle and bustle of city life. On a 10,000 acre ranch in Arizona, the Webers spend their days hunting rattlesnakes for their art. Far out in Miami County, Kansas, the Wise’s renovated 1910 farmhouse colourfully reflects the couples’ often conflicting styles and tastes. And artists Abie Shahn and James Fengbone enjoy transforming their 100 acre property in Solon, Maine.

### **5091 – Creative Worlds**

Home is what you make it, although it may not be to everyone’s taste. Behind his ‘Wall of Refuse” and just outside Harmony, Maine, Wally Warren creates miniature cityscape sculptures from techno-trash. The Richards family on Santa Catalina Island in California, consider their ‘all-natural’ home an art camp and invite anyone to join in. And self-taught painter and artist, Carolyn Mae Lassiter, has surrounded her home in New Mexico with handmade goddesses.