

October 24, 1977

**Judy L. Stacy
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Dear Judy,

Thank you for the letter.

As for Art, he's fine. In fact, he's in such good shape these days that he spends more time traveling than he does at home on Nitwit Ridge. We can't keep track of him, even though we try to stay on top of his travels.

We formed the Art Beal Foundation in 1975, as a mechanism to preserve and protect his unique "junk" home. We just finished paying back taxes on his property -- taxes dating back to 1973. Now we still owe \$900 on a private loan we secured in order to complete an out-of-court settlement in 1975; we sued to get the property back to Art, claiming the person holding title had defrauded Art -- which he admitted to.

So, we handle Art's legal affairs and take care of his taxes. He has a life estate and runs the roost. We put the sign up to try to discourage people from coming on the property while Art's away. There has been significant vandalism and thievery.

We also need to raise substantial sums of money to repair his roof, which has now caved in, and come winter, will pour water into his top floor dwelling.

Fundraising, as you can see, is our main task, as we set out to preserve and protect Nitwit Ridge. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, we would be most appreciative. Also, we have, as part of the Art Beal Foundation structure, "associate memberships" -- persons contributing \$100.00 or more.

Cordially,

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