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Don and Cathy Novello  
2282 N. Beachwood  
Los Angeles CA 90068

Dear Don and Cathy:

On behalf of the fledgling Art Beal Foundation, we'd like to express our gratitude and delight for being part of the Second Annual Art Beal Foundation fund-raiser. Don, your performances were very well received, and we are still getting calls and comments on them. It was very good of you to do two gigs.

It seems ironic that after all this, neither of you has yet laid eyes on the notorious Nitwit Ridge! It was a shame that your trip had to be such a flying one, but we are looking forward to your NEXT visit to the area so that we can give you a lovely, leisurely day at Art Beal's castle creation. Please think about such a visit next time you have to go to northern California --- after all, we're right on the way.

The trouble with a fund-raiser like the one Sunday is that we had so little time to sit down and talk with you, or show you around. But the day's efforts were well worth it. Our preliminary figures show that we have netted around \$2,073. towards our \$3,624. goal. That includes the whale trip, the raffle, the little movie we showed downstairs, the tee-shirt sales and the 10% of gross sales that The Network (the cluster of 16 shops where the benefit was held) had agreed to give us.

We're sending along a tee-shirt as a tiny gift to Cathy, and Don's shirt will be sent as soon as it is silk-screened. As soon as the financial report is finalized, we'll send it plus all the press on the event to you.

Thanks again for your generosity; it takes efforts like yours to make a difference. We're so glad that you have taken an interest in saving Nitwit Ridge, surely one of the most original artistic statements on the West Coast --- and built by one of the wackiest octogenarians in the U.S. of A.

Yours in continuing friendship,

Vicki Leon and John FitzRandolph  
Co-Founders, The Art Beal Foundation