

THE ART BEAL FOUNDATION * P.O. BOX 1738 * SAN LUIS OBISPO CA

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Leslie Shipley
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Dear Ms. Shipley:

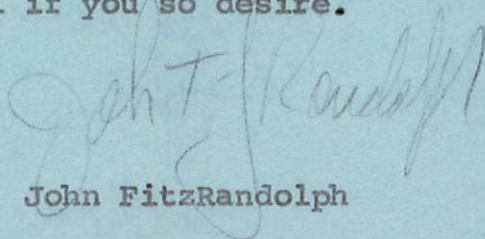
Thank you for your interest in Captain Nitwit's house in Cambria Pines, California. Captain Nitwit, or Art Beal, bought the property and began building his castle of cast-offs in 1928. Nearly 40 years later, he fell ill and in debt and deeded the property away under the impression that it was security for a loan and that he would get it back when the loan was repaid. In 1974, a small group of his friends, ourselves included, discovered his plight and decided to help him get his property back and to preserve it for future generations. From that beginning sprang the Art Beal Foundation, named in Art's honor, whose primary purpose is the preservation of Nitwit Ridge.

After a year-long legal battle, the property was restored to Art, who in turn deeded it to the newly-incorporated Art Beal Foundation. Both the legal battle and the property tax obligations on the property mean that we have spent quite a bit of time fund-raising. The first fund-raiser in April, 1975, netted \$1,003., and the second, held February 20, 1977, netted \$2,073. Most of this money went to pay off delinquent property taxes that the former owner had not paid.

Besides events, we solicit contributions from interested individuals and groups. A donation of \$25 or up entitles the giver to be a Patron of the Art Beal Foundation. Patrons receive periodic newsletters on the Foundation's progress, and also receive personal, first-priority invitations to all future fund-raisers for the Foundation.

We invite your further interest, and would be delighted to send you more material if you so desire.

Cordially,



Vicki Leon
Co-Founders,
The Art Beal Foundation

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