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Dear Barbara:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 23rd. I too enjoyed meeting you and especially sharing Bottle Village with an enthusiastic admirer. It has been a long hard struggle, one which is by no means over, but one that has been worth it. I look forward to the day we re-open with great anticipation and celebration.

We will be honored to participate in your many exciting projects. I especially think that the lessons that can be learned at Bottle Village about preservation and restoration obstacles will make an important addition to your planned programs of seminars.

I have begun to gather all the appropriate materials for your exhibition and will send them as soon as I can. Please let me know a deadline to shoot for. We have some lovely Black and Whites and a few color slides from the early 60s which show the potential of the Village. Perhaps you could juxtapose them with some newer photos showing the decay and eventual restoration - depends on the slant of the show. Let me know.

I have enclosed a copy of the book Grandma wrote which makes for interesting reading. Could not remember if you had bought one. Also, if you would be interested in the paper I presented about the actual restoration obstacles we have faced I can send you a copy. It might be interesting for your class from a practical perspective.

Again, thank you for your visit and interest. I look forward to hearing from you and to visiting you once the exhibition is installed. Please consider me for a speaker if you like.

Sincerely,

Amy E. Skillman

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