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Dear Angie, Ron, and Dudley,

I want to take a moment to thank the three of you for putting together a very exciting (if somewhat exhausting) residency here on Chincoteague. I have not been here for the last week to hear all of the glowing reports, but I will surely be hearing them this week. I will forward any letters I receive for you.

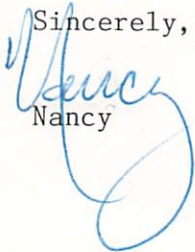
I think it is amazing how your experience and personalities have led you to the inner workings of our small community. As you no doubt sensed, this acceptance of "outsiders" in so quick a time is very rare, and you owe yourselves a big pat on the back for your skills in accomplishing this. You will genuinely be missed here on Chincoteague.

You really started people thinking about themselves and their heritage. Several of our teachers are continuing with this type of work, and Chris Jones and Larry Lovelady and Terry Hamilton are very interested in sitting down and discussing where we go next. Dudley, if you get a chance in the near future and have the time, please give me your thoughts on how we can use this momentum and go with it. Ron talked with Jerry and I and gave us his ideas, but I'm interested in what you and Angie have to say.

You have really touched our community, and I feel that the work you have done here will just be the beginning of a larger awareness of our unique heritage. I just hope that I or someone like me has the necessary skills and drive to see this accomplished. Right now I am very tired, and this past week in Pittsburgh has drained what little reserves I had left.

Thank you all again for giving so much of yourselves. You are VERY hardworking professionals, and very interesting individuals.

Sincerely,


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