187 Old Sambro Road Halifax, Nova Scotia November 29, 1974

Dear Susan,

Many thanks for your offer of a bit of air time over Peggy's Cove thing and I am sorry I came over as so indecisive. In fact, I feel a bit of a horses ass. I guess I am caught in the classic position of being an artist on the one hand and an artists spokesman on the other - in this small arena, it's almost impossible to keep the first separate from the latter, and the Peggy's Cove thing does touch on some rather irrational local responses, even amongst some of our CAR members. Primarily, of course, I am an artists, and the piece I put in the gallery show is the most eloquent statement I can make on the P. Cove Syndrome.

The idea of airing the topic is damned good, though, with all sorts of provocative ideas to be thrown out, not excluding the basic laziness of the P. Cove buffs, the need for the security of the familiar, and the cynical exploitation of both these factors. A stray thought is that it would be interesting to know what a genuine "Cover" thinks of the P. Cove Syndrome show.

Actually, from a CAR viewpoint, it is difficult to separate the problems affecting artists in this region - the problem of the heavy commercial emphasis on tourist - oriented art is tied-in with at least four other identifiable problems (factors?).

I suppose the point I am making is that there are real issues affecting artists, some of them very peculiar to this region. Questions to be asked like:

Why don't NS artists care for NS architects?

Why won't CAR try to get a CAR member on the board of the Provincial Centennial Art Gallery?

Why is St. Mary's University Art Gallery boycotted by 1500 Canadian artists? and many more?

Might be some material there for a programme sometime.

Thanks Susan.

David Haigh

David Haigh

P.S. Absolutely coincidence, but did you see last night's (Thursday's) Gretchen Pierce headingin the Mail Star? "If this is Prairie landscapes, thank heaven for our coves?"

19 November 1974

Prince Harley 1275 Hollis Street Palifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Marley:

A group of local artists have recently been successful in applying to the Canada Council for a grant to fund a co-operative art fallery for one year. For our grand opening, we have decided to do an exhibit called "Peggy's Cove Syndrome" which will contain about thirty artists' impressions of this very-Maritime theme.

We are planning our opening night for November 30, 1974 and hope to serve chowder and beer to approximately one hundred invited guests. We are also planning on having recorded Nova Scotian music in the background to complete the atmosphere.

As we have an extremely limited budget for our first year we are wondering if Oland's Schooner beer could help us in some manner. (We feel your Schooner label beer fits in with the spirit and theme of the exhibit.)

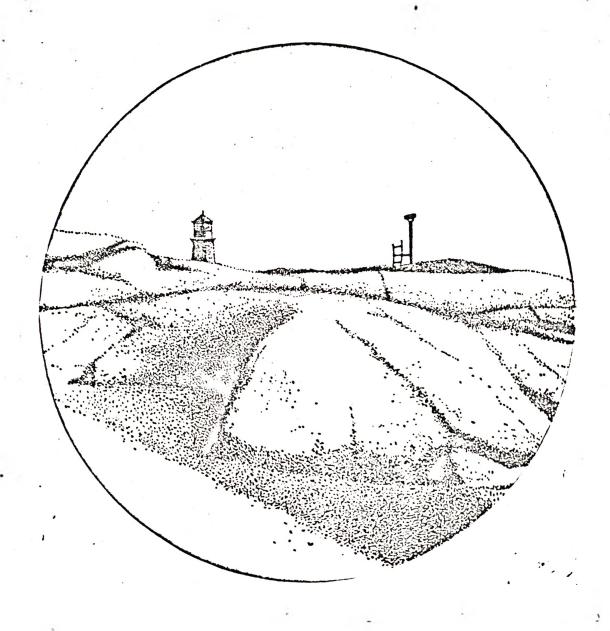
I would be happy to meet with you or talk over the phone to discuss any ideas or suggestions you might have for us. Anything Clands could do would be greatly appreciated.

Our gallery number will be listed with Directory Assistance after November 20, 1974 or you may contact me at home at 455-3729. I'm in and out so please keep trying if you get no answer.

Thank you for your time.

larmest legards,

(Mrs.) Julia Healy, Co-ordinator



PEGGY'S COVE SYNDROME

Eye Level Gallery 5785 West Street Halifax Nov.30 - Dec.18,'74

Tues., Wed, Sat. 11-2

Thurs, Fri. 4-7

AIR VIEW, LIGHTHOUSE, PEGGY'S COVE, NOVA SCOTIA

The result of the melting ice age has left Peggy's Cove area "barren rock," as seen here. Thousands of tourists come every year to rest the "rugged beauty," climb the rocks, and see the pounding are all the storms the spray from the heavy sea often surges atop is lighthouses.

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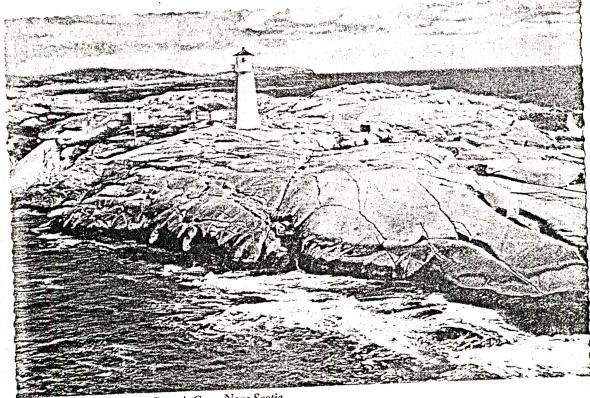
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Air View, Lighthouse, Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia



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Box 169 ART DEPT Nov 23

Dear Julia.

Just got the Eye level note-letter

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help.

at any note, I will have a piece.

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to do a feature on N.S. art for the

next issue Feb 15 - I would like to use
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19 November 1974

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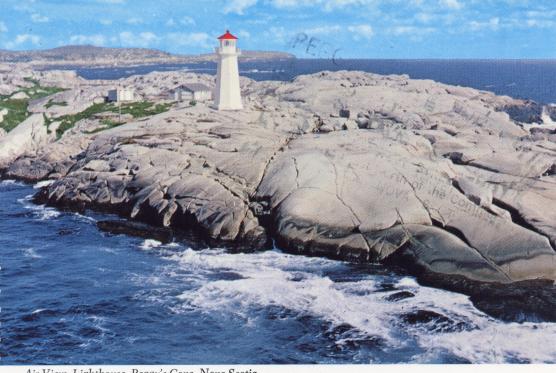
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For further information please write or phone the gallery. (Our phone number will be listed with Directory Assistance after November 20, 1974.)

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Tulia Healy, Co-ordinator



Air View, Lighthouse, Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia

AIR VIEW, LIGHTHOUSE, PEGGY'S COVE, NOVA SCOTIA

The result of the melting ice age has left Peggy's Cove area "barren rock," as seen here. Thousands of tourists come every year to view this "rugged beauty," climb the rocks, and see the pounding surf. During storms the spray from the heavy sea often surges atop the lighthouse.



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5785 West Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia

19 November 1974

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please announce the following if you are able:

EYE LEVEL GALLERY
a new gallery funded by the Canada Council
presents its first exhibit
"Peggy's Cove Syndrome"
Opening November 30, 1974 and on through December 18
The address is 5785 West Street, between
Agricola and Robie, just north of the Commons.
Gallery Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11 to 2
Thursdays and Fridays, 4 to 7 p.m.

Should you wish further infromation please phone the gallery. (The number will be listed with Directory Assistance after November 20.)

We would sincerely appreciate any publicity you could give this event.

Thank you very much.

Warmest Regards,

Tulia Healy

Julia Schmitt Healy, Co-ordinator

4 November 1974

Dear

EYE LEVEL GALLERY is finally getting off the ground thanks to a Canada Council grant. EYE LEVEL will be a co-operative gallery directed by a board consisting of six artists and four non-artists. The Board for the first two years is as follows: John Greer, David Haigh, Joyce Hanson, Julia Schmitt Healy, Karl Mackeeman, Roger Savage, Mary Kenny, Keith Laws, Haddie Prentice, Donald Purdy.

Any member of the co-op (except for board members) may have one-man shows at EYE LEVEL. All members may suggest ideas for exhibits. The board will meet the last Thursday of each month to choose shows. (Leave your slides or portfolio with the co-ordinator before November 28 for consideration this month.)

The first show is an invitational called "PEGGY'S COVE SYNDROME" which will open November 22, 1974 from 5 to 7 p.m. This show is designed to show pieces made by serious artists on the theme of Peggy's Cove. We are interested in displaying some of the possibilities that still exist with this rather—worn theme. We are especially hoping to show pieces made by artists who do not normally work in a seascape genre.

We would like you to exhibit in this show and hope you'll have enough time to complete a piece. DEADLINE IS NOVTMBER 20th, 2 p.m. Please have your work at the above address by that time. All work will be fully insured. Please identify your piece as to name, value, etc.

We are in the process of applying for an additional grant to pay artist fees. Since we do not have the funds as yet we will offer one year's membership in the co-operative as an exchange. (This is worth \$5.00).

Work may be picked up after December 14, 1974. Gallery hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The following show—"FIFTY BUCKS AND UNDER"—will begin December 17, 1974 and end December 24, 1974. This exhibit is an opportunity for artists to sell work to be used as Christmas presents. We plan to have bins made to accombdate unframed work. Pieces will be sold on the spot and new work hung.

Work may be dropped off at the gallery between December 10-14 during gallery hours. All work may be picked up before 2 p.m. om Christmas Eve or after the New Year.

If you have any questions please write to the above address. (We'll have a phone after November 12 listed with Directory Assistance.)

Hope you will participate.

Ron Shuebrook Box 164 Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Door Rons

At our recent board mosting of Eye Level Callery, it was suggested a letter be written you concerning your omission as a board nember. It was felt that you did not understand the selection and an explanation would be in order.

Roger Savage and muself organized the goundwork for applying for a grant for the gallery. We wrote and spoke to many people and asked them to send letters of sup ort to the Canada Council. We wanted to determine the extent to which people would involve themselves. Therefore we wrote each person and said if asked would you be willing to serve on the board. From the numerous "yeses" received, we more or less arbitrarily chose the board. We chose people we felt would best serve on the board and tried to get a good cross-dection of artists working in the province. It was basically fascism prompted by our Catch—22 situation: To apply for the grant we had to have a board of directors yet we had no members who, under a true co-operative would elect the board. In two years time the board will be totally elected by the members of the co-operative and the gallery will happily be democratic.

In the meantime we trust you will participate as a member. Our first show is called "Beggy's Cove Syndrome". We would like to ask you to contibute a piece which relates to this Hove Scotian clicke. Pieces must be received by November 20, 1974 and the opening will be Hovember 22, 1974 from 5 to 7 p.m.

We are asking for a grant to pay fees for this and all our exhibitions but until we have word can only offer one year's nembership to the co-operative worth \$5.00 as an exchange.

The show will close December 14, 1974, although we hope to organize it as a travelling exhibit if possible.

The next show will be a short one running December 17 through 24. It is to be called "Fifty Bucks and Under" and is an attempt to get the public to buy art as Christmess presents. Sales will be made on the spot and the show will be changing constantly. We hope to have a few bins to hold portfolios and unframed work. The only stipulation is that work be priced less than fifty dollars. All work may be collected December 24 or after the New Year.

For January, we are planning a show of naive art from milboxes and birdhouses to paintings and shoe repair signs. Should you know of any person who should be included in this exhibit please let us know as soon as possible.

The board will meet monthly to decide on shows and review the progress of the gallery. The board has total power; the co-ordinator is a technician serving the board. Should you wish to propose a show, please bring in any slides, portfolios or proposals before the ond of any month for board consideration.

Any member will be eligible for one-person whows except for artists on the board.

We have learned that you are now the Arts Canala correspondent for the Muritimes and trust you will contribute as anny articles on Eye Level shows as possible. Should you wish information of photographs please contact no.

If you have any questions please don't healtate to write or call.

Sincerely.

Julia Schmitt Healy, Secretary of the Doord Co-ordinator of Dye Lovel Callery

Dear July your Restat letter and your explanation. I am excited about the prospects of the loop galley's impact for all artists in the region. I will be pending thinging a price for the Cove syndrome as Bartie and yourself have regreated I am flattered to be asked for the first Show. The Artscanada thing is tenuous put as long as they are interested in me doring things - I will certainly cover Eye Level's developments.



DIANE MITCHELL

Eye Level Gallery, 5785 West Street, HALIFAX.

The Chairman,
Art Bank Selection Committee,
NS Dept.of Recreation,
PO Box 864,
HALIFAX.

lear Sir,

The GerkerGallery is pleased to inform the Committee of its current group exhibition "Peggy's Cove Syndomme". On display are 15 - 25 newkworks created for this show by artists living in Nova Scotia. The Gallery hours are:

Tues., Wed., Sat. 11 - 2 pm. Thurs., Fri. 4 - 7 pm.

This shibitionn until December 18,1974.

If the Selection Jury is unable to visit the Gallery during the regular hours, please phone the Gallery, tel. 4256412' for an off-hour visiting appointment.

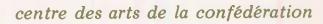
Thanking you for your consideration, I remain

Yours truly,

(signed)Julia Schmitt-Healy Gallery Co-ordinator

per

Roger Savage





February 25, 1975

Ms. Ruth Carrou Assistant Eye Level Gallery 5785 West Street Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Ruth:

Thank you very much for the Peggy's Cove Syndrome poster received in good order today. I posted my cheque to you yesterday. The letter was addressed to Julia Healey.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Holton

CURATOR

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January 3, 1975

Ms. Julia Healy
Eye Level Gallery
5785 West Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Julia:

Did I ever thank you for sending us that terrific poster which you had prepared for the Peggy's Cove Syndrome Exhibition. I think it is a most original poster, so much so that I would like to know if you could give or sell me a copy for my own collection.

This letter is attached to a poster tube which you can use so that the poster will not be damaged in the mail. Let me know how much this will cost me. The first poster we received has been hung in the freight elevator.

I hope to get over to Halifax within the next month or so and I will make a point of dropping in to say hello.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Helton

Mark B. Holton

CURATOR,

CONFEDERATION CENTRE ART GALLERY

AND MUSEUM

Roger Sent Letter

Eye Level Gallery, 1672 Barrington Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia January 7, 1976.

Dear

Since you exhibited in the "PEGGY'S COVE SYNDROME", we were wondering if it would be possible to obtain from you 35mm slides of the work(s) you had on display in that show by February 15, 1976. There is appossibility of an exchange show with Powerhouse in Montreal. If you have any questions, please contact the gallery.

Thank you.
Yours,

Sue Beaver, (Co-ordinator

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Across the harbour Dartmouth Players are presenting three one-act plays at Dartmouth High School on Dec. 12, 13 & 14 at 8 p.m. The plays are Not Enough Rope, Impromtu and A Condition of Birds. Tickets, \$1.50 adults & \$1.00 students, will be available at the door of the High School which is situated at the corner of Victoria and Thistle Streets. For further information call David Coles at 463-3422.

Finally, for young members of the family at Christmas, is a production of The Adventures of Pinocchio, co-sponsored by Dalhousie Cultural Activities and Neptune Theatre. John Wood, Artistic Director of Neptune, has adapted and directed this production from a story which has always had a fascination for him. In contrast to the Disney fantasy Mr. Wood is staying true to the original story of the puppet who wanted to be a real boy. Many theatrical styles will be employed and Alan Laing's incidental and background music ranges in style from Mozart to Rock. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. from Dec. 16 - 30, except Sun. Dec. 22 & Sun. Dec. 29. Matinees: Dec. 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 at 2 p.m. (N.B. No evening performance on Dec. 31) Tickets: \$3.50 & \$2.50, children, students and senior citizens \$1.50 all seats. Booking opens on Dec. 2. Call either Dal. Central Box Office 424-2298 or Neptune Box Office 422-7441.

A new and enterprising gallery opens in Halifax in December. This is the Eye Level Gallery which is situated at 5785 West Street (off Agricola). It is a co-operative venture which will be funded by the Canada Council for one year. The first show, open to

the public from Dec. 1 -- 18, is a mixed media exhibition, under the title The Peggy's Cove Syndrome. Here 30 local artists will display individual work on the unifying theme of Peggy's Cove. The gallery invites anyone who wishes to give local art as a Christmas gift to drop into the sale 50 Bucks and Under to be held Dec. 19, 20 & 21. Items will range in price from a dollar or two up to 50 dollars. Regular hours: Tues. Wed. Sat. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thurs. Fri.: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Sale hours: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dec. 19, 20 & 21. For further details call 425-6412. From Dec. 3 — Jan. 1 the Centennial Gallery presents an exhibition of watercolours of Newfoundland scenes sponsored by Memorial University of Newfoundland. Also in this period there will be an additional small exhibition of brass rubbings by Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer Marshall of Wolfville. From Jan. 3-28 two other exhibitions will be featured. These are an exhibition of drawings by Sydney Prior Hall (1842 - 1922) and Portraits in Bronze by Harold Pfeiffer, S.S.C. The former has been prepared by Michael Bell, Director of Agnes Etherington Art Centre, and Circulated by the Public Archives of Canada. Hours: Mon. Sat. 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. The National Gallery's Recent Aquisition of Old Master Drawings continues at Dalhousie Art Gallery until Dec. 15. Paintings from the Massey Collection and Drawings by Semaja also continue on show in this time slot. From Dec. 17 pieces from the Permanent Collection will be displayed. From Jan. 21 - Feb. 12 there is quite a different kind of exhibition when the work

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19 November 1974

Dear

Due to unforseen problems, Eye Level Gallery has been forced to relocate at the above address. (It's just off Agricola a few blocks up from the Commons).

The show "Peggy's Cove Syndrome" will be opening late on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30 from 8 to 10 p.m. Work must be received at the above addresson or before November 28. Delivery times may be arranged by calling Julia Healy between the hours of 9 and 5 at home (455-3729) or at the gallery (the number will be listed with Directory Assistance after November 20).

The "Fifty Bucks and Under" Show will be a three-day Christmas sale running December 19-21 from 11 to 5 p.m. daily. Work may be delivered to the gallery during regular hours from December 10-18.

On Saturday, November 23 there will be a barnraising of sorts. Due to increased expenses we cannot afford to hire help and are asking interested artists to donate a morning or afternoon to assisting us in painting and fixing up. Bring a rollar and brushes if you have them. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have any questions please phone me at the above number and times. Hope this hasn't totally screwed up your plans.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

EYE LEVEL GALLERY, 5785 West Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia

19 November 1974

Eye Level Gallery has found a home and will be opening its first show"Peggy's Cove Syndrome"-- on November 30, 1974 from 8 to 10 p.m.

The gallery, orginally scheduled to be located at Pier 1 Theatre, has now relocated in a small store on West Street just north of the Commons between Agricola and Robie Streets. Formerly a bicycle repair shop, the gallery is being readied by the exhibiting artists who are donating thear time and abilities.

This opening exhibit should prove to be quite exciting as various Nova Scotian artists have been invited to take the famous theme of Peggy's Cove and make a special piece expressly for this show. The response are taking many directions from sculpture and painting to slide presentations and batik work.

The opening will be unusual for Halifax: guests will be served beer and chowder and the dress, while optional, is not the normal black tie. Rather, guests are urged to come dressed as tourists which certainly adds to the fun of the exhibit.

The show will run through December 18. Gallery hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays: 4 to 7 p.m. The gallery's address is 5785 West Street, Halifax.

Eye Level Gallery is a co-operative art gallery funded by the Canada Council.

Memberships are open to any artist living in Nova Scotia and cost \$5.00 for one year. To join or for more information write or visit the gallery during hours.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

November 1, 1974

The Canada Council has funded a new local co-operative art gallery to be called EYE LEVEL GALLERY which will open late this month.

This will be a unique gallery in that it will be directed by artists living in Nova Scotia. The work shown will be innovative, contemporary work.

Located next to Pier One Theatre at 2158 Upper Water Street, the gallery is a short walk from downtown Halifax and there is plenty of adjacent parking.

The first show, opening November 22, 1974, will be "Peggy's Cove Syndrome". This invitiational exhibit will contain pieces by approximately twenty serious artists who do not normally work in the seascape genre. The exhibition will range from serigraphs to slides to a "stuffed" painting of Peggy's Cove.

On view through December 14, the public is welcome to visit the gallery.

Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 to 2, and Thursdays

and Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m.

There will be memberships in the gallery open to any artist living in the province and costing \$5.00 per year. Members will be entitled to submit proposals for exhibitions and only members will be eligible for shows.

The Board of Directors, consisting of six artists and four non-artists will choose the exhibits and determine policy. The board for the first two years is as follows: Roger Savage, a printmaker from Liverpool; David Haigh, a sculptor and painter from Spryfield; Julia Schmitt Healy, a painter living in Halifax; Joyce Hanson, a painter residing in Windsor; John Greer, a sculptor from Bridgewater; Karl MacKeeman, a printmaker and painter living

in Rockingham. The non-artists serving on the board are Mary Kenny,
a photographer from Halifax; Keith Laws, an accountant living in Halifax;
Haddie Prentice, a writer residing in East Lawrencetown; and Donald
Purdy, a businessman from Three Fathom Harbor.

To join the co-operative please write the gallery at 2158 Upper Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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