

Victoria, B.C.

23 Aug. 01

Dear Frances,

That was such a good idea to get David to write your letter while you were eating! And there was lots of news in it.

I'm sorry you have lost your old friend Priscilla Round-Turner — I believe she had been blind for some time. They were a very nice family.

We are suddenly into autumn weather, mist, fog, & thank heaven some rain — we are still in a state of drought. So I am swimming fewer days a week & there's more showering less per week. Victoria is taking the drought very seriously.

I sent Binkie a soft-back book of Emily Carr's paintings (which I remember you didn't like!), but Binkie did & she was very interested in her. Today I got a message on my answering machine



that the book had arrived, so she can enjoy that. Bunkie is much incapacitated these days.

Maria is showing some of her paintings next week in an art show & there will be a Grand Opening Tee to which I am invited! She did some interesting stuff in Quebec.

I have all these wonderful books in the library about Polar Bears & am having such a good time with them. I don't go off till October 7, but am beginning to think seriously about it — thermal socks, etc.

My cross stitch makes slow progress but I do it while listening to the 10 pm news. & must soon design another lot of coiled beasts! It is indeed a Challenge.

That was very good of David to write for you, & I really did appreciate it.

Much love from Jane

PS. I wouldn't be pleased if I won a bottle of Pledge.