

Excerpts from an email from Marie while at Landfall to Sue and Andy at the Landfall Trust...

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Hello Andy and Sue,

OMG as the children say!! It's so beautiful out there. You're going to need a crowbar to get me to move. Talk about inspiring settings. I'm so happy there, so much at peace. Thank-you Jake and the Landfall Trust. I've got four chapters written already. Just the frame, really. The hard work is writing in all the detail that will help create a shared experience for the readers. But getting the frame down, the broad strokes if you will, is a fantastic start. The book's working title is Conception Bay.

I attended the town council meeting last week and Wayne put me on the agenda as a "delegation". I thanked the town officially for its support of the trust and its residencies. I enjoyed meeting the councilors and two of the regulars who attend the meeting. The library has been closed all week so I'll drop by there next week to donate copies of my books.

Ron is an angel. He introduced me to the squirrel who woke me early one morning scratching in the attic. (The squirrel hasn't been back there as I banged rather loudly on the ceiling, but he peered at me through the kitchen window and saw that I wasn't his old friend Gerry Squires, so he went away). Speaking of Gerry - he and Jean Claude Roy have been painting nearby, beautiful work. A Mr. Nick Kennedy originally from Frog Marsh has visited a couple of times, but other than that it's been blissfully quiet. My friend Amy brought out an internet stick of some sort that enables her to connect with wireless networks just about anywhere in the world and it's been working out at Landfall so... why would you need to live in a city to stay connected with the world?

Thanks soo much. Landfall has another huge fan and grateful artist. Let me know when you want to visit and I'll make sure I have something tasty for your lunch. The facilities are very comfortable and amenable to cooking. You've thought of everything.

Very best,

Marie