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Dear Carolyn:

Since I see you've just joined the Writers' Union, perhaps I'll see you in Ottawa in May. It would be lovely to have some few buddies to chat. Best, in case you aren't to be there, I want to let you know that I'll be in Toronto from the 10th to the 12th of September because Elizabeth Hopkins is having a show at the Toronto Ban x; and wants to attend the opening on the evening of the 11th. She's getting old to travel alone - 84 this month - and she anyway dreads flying; so I've agreed to make the trip with her.

Because I don't know Toronto, I need various kinds of help. We need a hotel near the Ban x, which is not either near or enormous, both of which she hates. We need to know a good restaurant near the Ban x, where she can take people for dinner before the opening.

Generally, what is needed is a good turnout at the opening, and, since a number of the writers are already her fans, spreading the word at the Ottawa meeting should help, but I'm sure you know other people who'd be interested.

I think all the paintings done for her book The Painted Canvas, have been sold; so the show will

be her literary of the sort of the enclosed cards.

I have not smoked for 6 days, and my jaws are sore from chewing gum, and I've already put on 5 lbs. But I stay determined. People say it gets easier. Helen's quit, too. It's a good thing we have over 20 years' practice at each others nerves.

I've got over half of a new novel, which is Telfer. Nicotine withdrawal even more painfully than I am. I hope to have it finished by fall. A trick because the summer will be, as usual, filled with people. Monica and the boys will be here for July, the same month my niece Alison will be with us. She & they got on very happily last summer.

Hope to see you next month, but let me know you think about Toronto in September.

Love,

Jane