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Ms. Joanne Bauer
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Dear Joanne:

I couldn't let this year end without thanking you for all the time and effort you spent putting together my evening at the library. You went out of your way to create a comfortable and pleasant atmosphere. Everyone I spoke to was impressed with the lovely table and the delicious cookies.

But I owe a special thanks for the adorable Christmas decoration you gave to me. I love wooden handicrafts. My father used to make similar ornaments and seeing it brought back a flood of nostalgia.

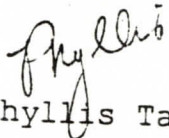
Judging from the type and number of questions I had after my talk, I think it went rather well, especially considering that I had the flu. The questions were well thought out. I was impressed.

Returning to Decatur was a special treat for me. I always find the people so warm and friendly that sometimes I think of moving back there... but then I remember what it takes to get a house ready to sell and I decide to stay where I am.

Right now I'm in the process of working on two new book proposals. In January and February I'll be giving four more lectures so I have my work planned out for me. If You ever decide to put on a seminar for writers, please keep me in mind.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness on my behalf. It was such a pleasure to meet you.

Warm regards,



Phyllis Taylor Pianka