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## St. James Manhole Artist Lauded by "Honeymooners" Star Art Carney

Art Carney's Ed Norton was the undisputed king of the city sewer system. And after receiving a copy of a press release alluding to his television profession, Carney penned a personal note to another manhole maven — St. James artist, Bobbi Mastrangelo.

The press release said Mastrangelo's summer exhibit of manhole art at the New York Hall of Science "would make Art Carney proud." So Mastrangelo sent him a copy of the release and some assorted news clippings.

"I got a great kick out of the material and pictures you sent me," wrote Carney in a letter thanking Bobbi for contacting him. Carney also sent her an autographed photo of Ed Norton climbing out through a manhole.

Bobbi, who had sent Carney a signed photo of herself sitting on a manhole, said his note "made my day. You're lucky if you get a one percent response on a mailing. My one percent came in early, and everyone thought it was really neat, too."

Mastrangelo's work has drawn rave reviews from across the globe. Following the printing of a limited edition postcard picturing one of her works, the card was



referenced in *British Postcard Collectors Magazine*.

Bobbi Mastrangelo's "Grate Works" exhibit at the New York Hall of Science through September 4, features realistic renderings of manhole covers and active installations.

The New York Hall of Science is located at 47-01 111th Street, Corona, NY. For additional infor-

mation on the show, call Marcia Rudy, 718/699-0005, ext. 312. If you would like to speak directly with Bobbi, she can be reached at

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