

WILD BIRD BIG SUR

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Dear Laura!

What NEWS!

Nat and I are overjoyed.

The things in life for which we work
hardest - and which take the longest - reap
the greatest satisfaction and rewards.

As Thomas Wolfe once wrote:
"the reason why the artist works and lives and has
his being - the reward he seeks - the only reward
he really cares about, without which there is
nothing - is to snare the spirits of mankind in
nets of magic, to make his life prevail through
his creation"

and to that, we add, in your case - "and to record
a vanishing epoch in the southwest - and in
recording it - to preserve it for future knowledge."

And with these words I close -
with admiration and affection.

Margaret

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