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To Whom it May Concern:

The Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery is pleased to submit a proposal for the virtual exhibition "A Woman's Place: How Women's Art-Making Shaped Early Victoria." The idea for this exhibition grew out of research conducted for one of the University of Victoria's Community-University Research Alliance (CURA) projects.

The "A Woman's Place" CURA project is exemplary in many ways: in its extensive network of collaborators, in the depth and range of the collections considered, in the quality of primary research, and in the fresh perspectives brought to the study of art and cultural history in British Columbia. The subject of women's art in colonial and early post-colonial Victoria has been enthusiastically embraced by a team of over thirty undergraduate and graduate students and a diverse community of collaborators from heritage sites, archives, art guilds, and public and private collections in the Victoria area.

The CURA program is mandated to forge collaborative relationships with community partners. As CURA winds to a close, this virtual exhibition provides an opportunity for the Maltwood Gallery to continue its collaboration with various project partners, including one of the exhibition's primary lenders, the British Columbia Archives (Royal BC Museum Corporation). We are also excited about a new connection made with the Women's History Network of BC, whose existing networks will be invaluable in promoting the site and soliciting participation in the "Heirloom Roadshow" component of the exhibition. This new partnership builds on the success of past joint projects. A virtual exhibition will allow our team of partners to present a multiculturally mindful and engaging history of women's art production in and around Victoria BC.

Sincerely,

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(SSHRC/CURA Project Principal Investigator)