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Thank you, Kiernan, for the update. It's reassuring that you've been able to identify a viable solution. We can share this update with the Public Art Committee so that they are aware, and we look forward to receiving your proposal in January.

Kindly,  
Noreen



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Hi Angel and Noreen,

Hoping all is well. I am sorry for the delay in giving you an update about the site visit and treatment testing from the end of August. How did October go by in a blink??

I have very good news — in the test areas, the new Italian nano gels helped to successfully remove the original unknown coating that is flaking and failing, along with the conservation materials applied in 2022, which didn't rectify the problem as we had hoped.

The only downside is that the materials are at the beginning stages of production. Therefore, they are a little difficult to get in quantity and expensive. In the meantime, Samantha and I are trying to sort out the best window of time for work. It is key to the success of the removal

method (and where we went wrong in the initial stages: underestimating the high temperatures the wall reaches. Even in February, when we first performed the treatment, the temperatures were too high). The wall cannot reach a surface temperature above 80 degrees F for the materials to function properly.

I hope to get a treatment proposal and timeline together by the end of January, when we can take measurements during the presumed coolest month of the year.

Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or want to talk through anything.

My best,  
Kiernan

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