

Angie's Tribute to Lynn Wright

Mentor, Collaborator, Friend

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I rediscovered the Beauty and the Beast TV series (on DVDs borrowed from our library) in 2008, almost 20 years after I had first seen it, in its original airing (partly in Canada, partly in Hong Kong - except for Season 3, which was not shown). I fell in love with it all over again and bought the dvds, experiencing as many did, not just the magnificence of Seasons 1 and 2 of the series, but the shock of Season 3, which I had not been aware of until then.

Although a journalist by profession, I wrote hard news, not fiction – no ideas, stories that died stillborn – all the usual reasons. Of course, when I started to explore the internet, I found and read the fan fiction that was online, and was amazed and inspired. I had to try it. Amazingly, when I tried to write B&B fanfic, the ideas seemed endless and the stories poured out, as if I had tapped into a special place of inspiration.

I had written quite a few B&B fanfic stories before I began to wonder what to do with them. I had discovered CABB and the Steam Tunnels – and read all the fan fiction there - but it took me weeks to get up the nerve to email Lynn, who was the manager, to ask if she wanted any more.

From the very beginning, she encouraged me, corrected my technical bloopers (fandom by then had discovered many things about the series and its characters which I had no knowledge of). She made me feel special. I was honoured – and still am – to have been so welcomed by Lynn.

In 2009, I decided to thank fandom by starting a project that would create an online museum for B&B souvenirs - both official and fan made. I turned to Lynn for help, as I needed someone else for my team who had website expertise. The project was going to be a very large amount of work. I had realized there were a lot of authentic costumes (these were what I wanted most of all to preserve online), but the sheer number of them and the various other items of memorabilia was stunning.

Lynn immediately agreed to help and we set up the B&B Museum Project team as a Yahoo group and created a special hidden home for the items on the Steam Tunnels, the website she owned. The BBMP team collected images and descriptions from fans, organized the items into categories and we posted them as quickly as we could, in secrecy, hoping to launch the site for fans for Christmas that year (2009).

Then on Halloween (appropriately?), a person we thought we could trust, at the other end of the tunnels, scraped all the data we had posted to the Steam Tunnels to that date - 182 items in many categories - and posted them to the B&B Memorabilia Database, which had become a catch-all. This was done WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Since this defacto theft would not be reversed, Lynn and I decided to remove all the material from the Steam Tunnels, and Angie purchased a website domain - the Treasure Chambers - and began to redo the entire project onto traditional webpages, in a format that would show off the items in an attractive manner (i.e. not as a database). We continued to work to post the hundreds of items we had gathered with the help of fans.

As of March 2026, there are 879 items posted in the Treasure Chambers Museum. More are added as they are discovered or donated by fans.

Lynn and I also became obsessed with making Vincent (and sometimes Catherine) dolls, swapping materials, ideas and tips. We had a hoot (the results can be seen in the Treasure Chambers)! She also encouraged me to make cross-stitch patterns of our favourite couple and posted the images and and patterns.

When she had to give up her online activities because of failing eyesight, the Treasure Chambers had become a labour of love, not least because of her support. She sent me digital copies of her artwork, her stories, and her games, along with much else.

Although we've never met, Lynn has been like a sister to me – supportive, helpful and always there. My B&B experience would have been very different but for Lynn - less inspiring, less meaningful – and a whole lot less interesting!

For all her unswerving friendship, and sharing of her marvelous fanfic, as well her encouragement of myself and many other writers over the years, I thank her and will always remember her and honour her.

Her tribute page on the Treasure Chambers has been updated and hopefully will show fans who did not know her some of her many accomplishments.

- Angie