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Hello friends,

December 2, on our way home from Colorado, we stopped in Wichita, KS, and adopted retired show girl, Ch. Rosegate Sophie Tucker. Sophie is a sweet seven year old, and gives a whole new meaning to Squirrel Girl! She plays with tennis balls, gum balls and pine cones. As long as it rolls, it's a toy! She makes me laugh. Thank you Tim and Marilou Callison, for trusting us with her. Edgar is happy to have a silly new companion.

In February, while we were in Mexico, David J. Wagner, curator, asked me to make a CD about my work because he wished to use it as an educational tool for docents at the museums that will host the two to three year long exhibition, PAWS & REFLECT: ART OF CANINES. Please see the result, an all new, 39 page pictorial, CLAY TO BRONZE.

So Good to See You graces the cover of the brochure for "PAWS & REFLECT: ART OF CANINES". The national museum tour begins May 6, 2007 at the Dunnegan Gallery in Bolivar, MO.

Sunnyside Up and Pals are now shown under Sculpture: Hounds, and are featured as the examples in the new CLAY TO BRONZE.

News & Events now includes easy access to museums and galleries where my work may be seen.

January 18, 2007, the NEW YORK TIMES surprised me with a color photo and remarks about my bronze retriever portrait Over the Rainbow in conjunction with the cover article of the Home and Garden section, "In Death as in Life, a Personalized Space" by Patricia Leigh Brown.



Miss Sophie - San Miguel de Allende 2006

Date of Birth: March 25, 2000

Photo: Brian Beckner

What is in the works?

Squirrel Season Long: the original wax will soon be finished. I hope to have it cast in very limited numbers in June or July. Reserve your order early and select your patina, red or black & tan.

Dreaming of Tomatoes MS (mini-smooth) is my next project. The clay will be finished before I go to Colorado this early summer! It will be in bronze by this fall at the latest.

Siesta MS (mini-smooth), and Sweet Roll MS will be my next projects, followed by the male Squirrel Season Smooth MS. When my suppliers see the size and I know the price of bronze, I will be able to better present a price on these pieces.

Don't be too surprised if I throw in another piece or so; I have to make new work for my soul.

I will also chase waxes, and complete Sunnyside Up 1:6 scale, for Christmas 2007.

Questions? Comments? I'd love to hear them. Tell me what is going on your life!

Please send your kind thoughts to my friend Leann whose baby girl Pixie went to Rainbow Bridge, March 29, after eating Nutro Choice starting February 9 for more than a month. I hope your four legged friends are faring better.

Now is the time for everyone to think about going back to the old fashioned way of feeding dogs with human food. After all, dog food did not exist before the 1950s when, for human convenience, it become a huge commercial success. To learn more, read articles about canine nutrition by Charlotte Peltz, who taught me about what dog's really want. The articles can be found under Living with Your Dog. "These recalls are just another reason to be thrilled I am feeding a raw diet!" Charlotte.

If you prefer not to receive my occasional newsletter, please just ask me to remove you from my list of persons who have expressed interest in my work. On the other hand, if you know of anyone interested in receiving my newsletter, I would appreciate your sharing it with them.

Thank you for your time. Take good care of yourself and your four-legged friends.

Sincerely,
Joy



Edgar Wearing Daddy's Glasses

San Miguel - February 2006

Photo: Jim Quinn

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