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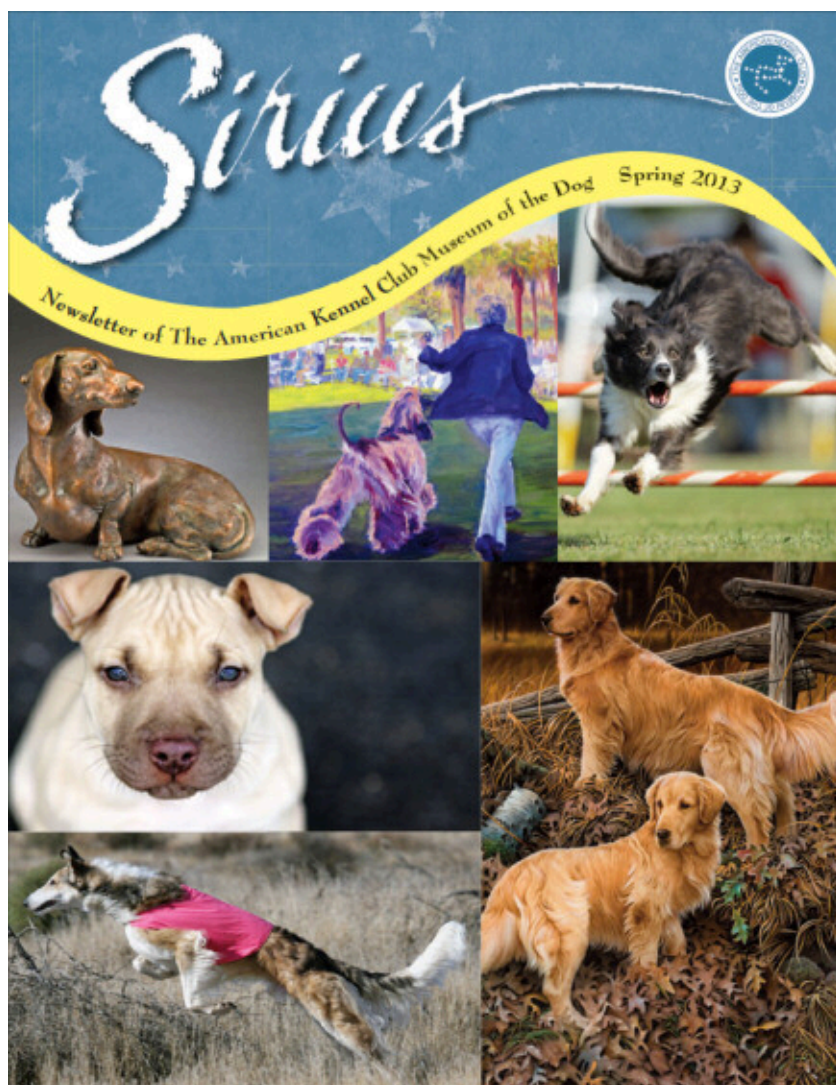
classical realism, from hounds to humans and now, an owl!

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Happy Spring!

Thank you for opening my newsletter! It's always nice to keep in touch and I hope this finds you in good health and very good spirits.

The newest Good News: my work made the cover of the Spring 2013 issue of Sirius, the Newsletter of the American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog! The short, half page article on the next page explains why.



The Dachshund in Art!



It's a Good Life, bronze by Joy Kroeger Beckner, AKC Museum of the Dog collection, given in 1997 by the Art Show at the Dog Show

A special exhibit on *The Dachshund in Art* featuring paintings, bronzes, and fine porcelains from The AKC Museum of the Dog's permanent collection as well as works of art by St. Louis artist Joy Kroeger Beckner will be featured in the main level hallway in May in conjunction with the Dachshund Club of America National Specialty at the Purina Farms Event Center.

A native of St. Louis and trained at Washington University School of Fine Arts, Beckner "has had a love of art since childhood" but first worked in fashion. A sculpture class reawakened her interest in modeling clay that has since led to an extensive portfolio of exquisite bronzes depicting dogs. She is best known for her detailed and oftentimes whimsical portraits of Dachshunds.

She was elected Signature Membership to the Society of Animal Artists in 1999 and Professional Sculptor Membership by the National Sculpture Society in 2006.

Beckner is the recipient of numerous awards and is represented in museums and corporations all over the world.

The Dachshund in Art is available to visitors May 3 through May 19.

Coming and Going, Dachshund belt by Joy Kroeger Beckner



So Good To See You, bronze by Joy Kroeger Beckner

Spring 2013



JULY 28, 1928 - MARCH 8, 2013, My friend, Marilyn Newmark, was a generous woman and a fabulous sculptor. She passed away March 8 from pneumonia after a fall in January. Best known for her bronze horses, Marilyn earned 12 gold medals and many other awards from prestigious organizations. I felt particularly close to her when she shared a very helpful tip that she received many years before from an equally generous sculptor. She was a dear person. The photo of Marilyn with her sculpture, "Leading the Field" is courtesy of gobronze.com.

"Life is fragile, and there is no guarantee for tomorrow. So, if you appreciate someone, and want to let that person know how important s/he is in your life - don't wait. Tell them! You won't regret it. Everyone likes to know they are loved and appreciated." Diane Mason

FEBRUARY 4, 2013, Thieves take more of my Mind and Money!

A Danish friend emailed a link to the reputable Lauritz.com, showing a pair of "Squirrel Season" smooth bookends for sale at their Hamburg, Germany auction house. Lauritz had been presented with a table and the fraudulent bookends to sell as a unit. Lauritz promptly contacted the seller who said he had bought the bookends in China about four years ago, and said "Bronze was everywhere." Lauritz removed the images from their site.

The male dachshund was copied for these bookends. The pair are cast metal, Bronze – OR and is mounted on dark green marble. These knock offs measure 11"H x 7 1/2" W x 7" D, much larger than my original.



MID-MARCH 2013, A friend alerted me to another fraudulent copy. Fortunately it was just a photo of “Dream Chasers – Best of Breed” that had been posted on Facebook. The person manipulated my image to look quite contemporary. It is still my image and, when one uses an image, proper credit must be given to the artist and photographer. Once alerted to what I would like to think was her unintentional misdeed, between Facebook’s copyright department and this person, the image is no longer on her page.



“Dream Chasers - Best of Breed” ©1999

Above: Original photo by Mel Schockner.

Below: Manipulated copy of Mel’s photo of my copyrighted “Dream Chasers-Best of Breed”

Shows & Awards...

EARLY 2013, “The Eyes Have It!” right, enjoyed two weeks at the Noble Nocturne exhibit, at The Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY.



“The Eyes Have It!” ©2012

FEBRUARY 2013, The 27th Annual National Juried Fine Arts Competition, 2013 Art Show at the Dog Show, Wichita, KS awarded me prizes:

“Deli’s Open” Smooth ©2011 – Second Place,
Sculpture
The Art Show at the Dog Show 2013

A little of what you fancy does you good.



"Inspiration" Three Varieties – Third Place Sculpture, The Art Show at the Dog Show 2013
IMAGINE THESE WITH BLUE RIBBONS FOR BEST OF VARIETY AWARDS AT YOUR DOG SHOW!

Exciting news!

APRIL 4, 2013, I am thrilled to be represented by the best gallery in St. Louis, Kodner Gallery, 9656 Clayton Road. Jonathan Kodner carries an eclectic mix from Andy Warhol to Joy Beckner! Please wish us a long and fruitful relationship.



www.kodnergallery.com

APRIL 6, 2013, Spring has finally arrived! A symphony of Spring Peepers in our pond greeted me as I took Sophie and Bo Duke for their final walks tonight. I LOVE the high-pitched sounds of these tiny 1 to 1 ½" long amazing little frogs. I wish I could capture the frogs and their sounds in three dimensions. Their sounds

vibrate! A bullfrog adds its croak when thunder rumbles. These are some of the pleasures of having a pond outside the bedroom window.

APRIL 10, 2013, Cherry blossoms are blooming near our pond. I love them while I can because their bloom is brief – only about 5 days! This view is from our neighbors' front yard.



APRIL 16, 2013, Dr. Buss pronounced Sophie is "BORING!" Happily, she is completely free of everything that caused her to lose her hair. Her coat is beautiful. She just needs to lose half a pound and she will be a 13-year-old perfect girl!

APRIL 18, 2013, Our lot backs to a common ground of high canopy deciduous forest. This rainy morning, for the first time in 28 years, I saw a great blue heron! It swept up from the intermittent creek and flew across the creek. In the last month, I also sited a barred owl for the first time. WOW! Over the years, visitors have included a duck waddling down to the creek, foxes, turkeys, ground hogs, great horned owls, and more recently, deer. The next day I found, again for the first time, a morel among the liriope beside the pond. Fun!

Right now, come, if you can!

THRU MAY 4, 2013, Reigning Cats & Dogs, An Exhibition of Companion Animal Works, The Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Avenue, Wayne, PA, 19087. www.wayneart.org. 610.688.3553.

Soon...

MAY 1 – JUNE 1, 2013, Twenty Second International Miniature Art Show, Seaside Art Gallery, 2716 South Virginia Dare Trail, Nags Head, NC 27959.

MAY 3 - 19, 2013, American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog, The Dachshund in Art, an exhibition of works in the permanent collection and works by Joy Beckner. AKC Museum, 1721 South Mason Road., St. Louis, MO 63131. www.museumofthedog.org/

MAY 3 - JUNE 14, 2013, Red River Valley International Juried Fine Art Exhibition, Red River Valley Museum, Vernon, TX. Tuesday - Sunday, 1 pm -5 pm.

MAY 4 - JULY 28, 2013, AMSA, American Medalllic Sculpture Association, 30th Annual Members Exhibition, Brookgreen Gardens, SC. www.brookgreen.org

MAY 14, 2013, The Dachshund Club of St. Louis (DCSTL) Specialty, Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. ♥

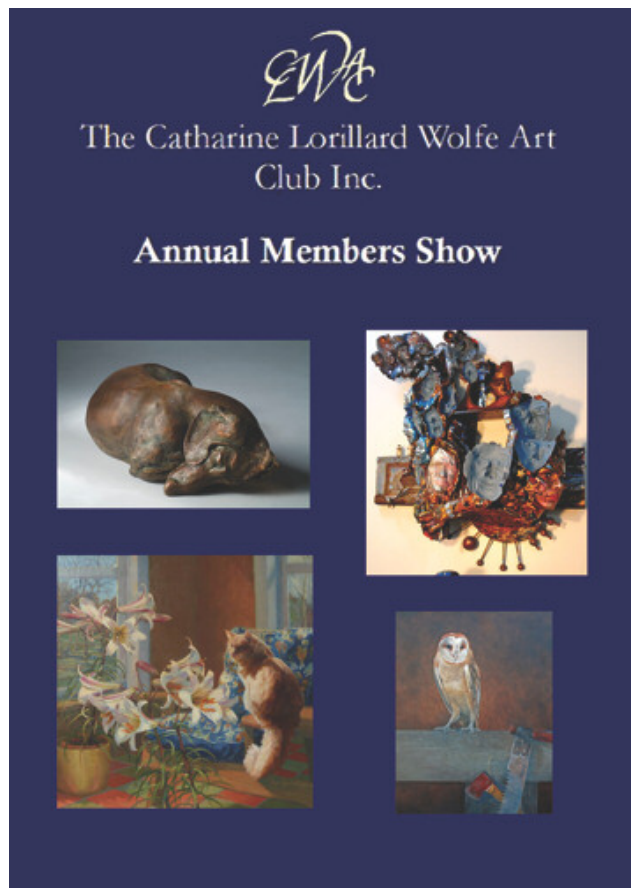
MAY 15 - 18, 2013, The Dachshund Club of America (DCA) National Specialty, Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. ♥

♥ Join me there!

JUNE 15 - AUGUST 25, 2013, Art of the Animal Kingdom XVIII, The Bennington Center for the Arts, 44 Gypsy Lane, Bennington, Vermont 05201. 802-442-7158. www.thebennington.org.

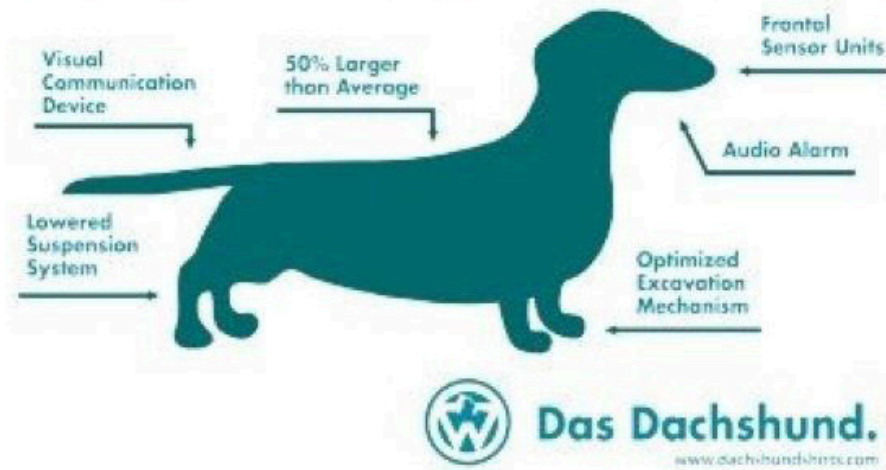
THRU JUNE 2013, "Performance in Sculpture" exhibition at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1010 Macinnes Place, Tampa, FL.

THRU MAY 2014, Art on the Avenues, Wenatchee, WA.



*The Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club Members' show invitation, 2013
I am honored that "Siesta, SS" is on the cover because it earned Best Sculpture in 2012.*

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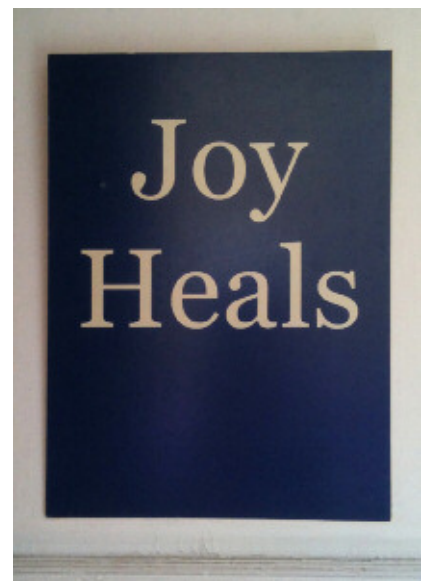
I found Das Dachshund on Facebook. When I looked online to find the creator, there was no information. Can you read the credit in the lower right corner?

what's new?

I have many ideas for sculptures, but life has been in the way of creating new work. I spent January and February cleaning out 13,000 emails that had accumulated during my five and a half year term as treasurer of a national women's organization. It feels good to have my computer running better again and to be free to take the time to get back to my life.

This spring/summer Brian and I must rebuild our 20-year-old cedar deck/dog play place with a more permanent material. We have the materials price and are waiting for rain to go away.

I love this *Joy Heals* sign that I found beside the front door of Moonrise, a vitamin and health store in San Miguel De Allende, GTO, Mexico.

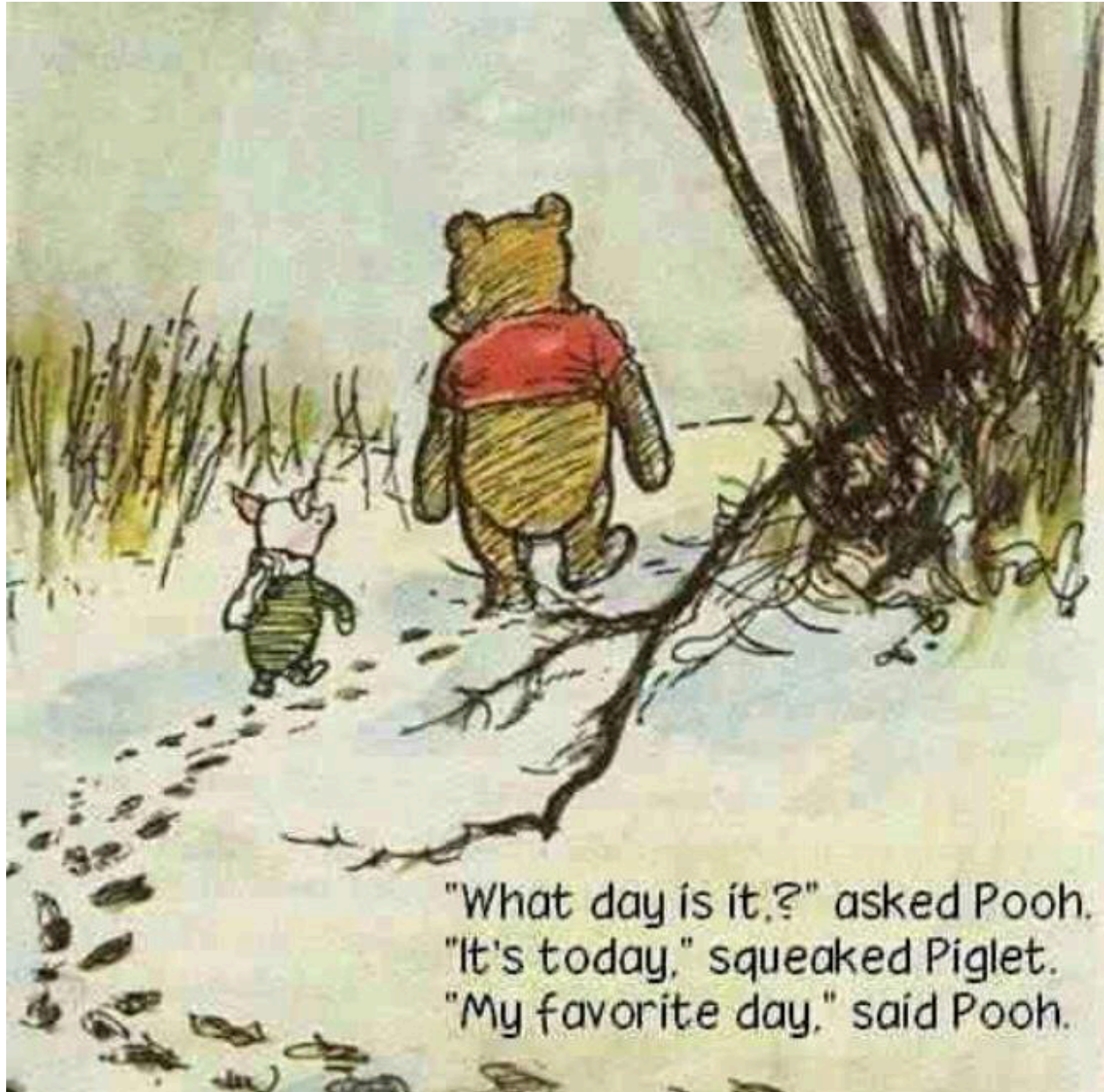


MARCH 25, 2013, Speaking of good health - for your dogs - consider reading a book by Dr. Karen Becker, REAL FOOD FOR HEALTHY DOGS AND CATS: SIMPLE HOMEMADE FOOD. Dr. Becker concurs with my canine mentor, Charlotte Peltz. Charlotte's articles are under "Living with Your Dog" on my site:

http://www.joybeckner.com/charlotte_peltz/article_links_charlotte_peltz.html

MAY 14-18, 2013, Sophie, Bo Duke, Brian and I hope to see you in May at the Dachshund Club of St. Louis Specialty and at DCA here in Missouri at Purina Farms.

Be SURE to visit the AKC Museum while in St. Louis! From May 3-19 you may enjoy "THE ART OF THE DACHSHUND!" Featured will be works from the permanent collection - and - several of my works.



Some artworks have to go around a few times before that special someone spots them!

In closing, I invite you to enjoy these sinuous steps I found at Nirvana, a restaurant and B&B in the countryside near San Miguel de Allende. They are an S-Curv, just like my license plate reads, S-Curv. I love curves ...



Thank you for your time. You are my extended family.

Be well! Be happy! Please keep in touch!

Joy



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Always be you, because the people who matter, don't mind, and the ones who mind, don't matter.