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greetings! I hope you are healthy. Please enjoy my latest news!



"A Good Life" SS, 6/20

LIFE-SIZED STANDARD SMOOTH (SS) DACHSHUND

25 1/2"L x 8"H x 13"D, BRONZE ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©1996, WEIGHT: 28 POUNDS.

JUNE 29, 2019, 8:04AM: A gentleman asks if I would like to help him sell "A Good Life" SS, 6/20. YES!! Shown above with a fresh patina, the edition sold out in 2003!

This is the first time in sixteen years that this piece has been available! This multiple award-winning bronze would love to come live with you!!! Her sister lives in the AKC Museum of the Dog!

More photos are available upon request.

To learn more about this piece, please click here:

<http://www.joybeckner.com/Canine-Animals/a-good-life-nss.htm>

Kindly contact me for details.

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Speaking of the Secondary Market...



"Squirrel Season" Smooth
Number 12/50

1:6 SCALE: 8"H x 8"W x 1 7/8"D, BRONZE ED. 50 & 5 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2003. WEIGHT: 10 POUNDS

"Squirrel Season" Smooth, 12/50, is pristine and available for adoption!

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE :: 43rd ANNUAL EXHIBITION :: SOCIETY OF ANIMAL ARTISTS

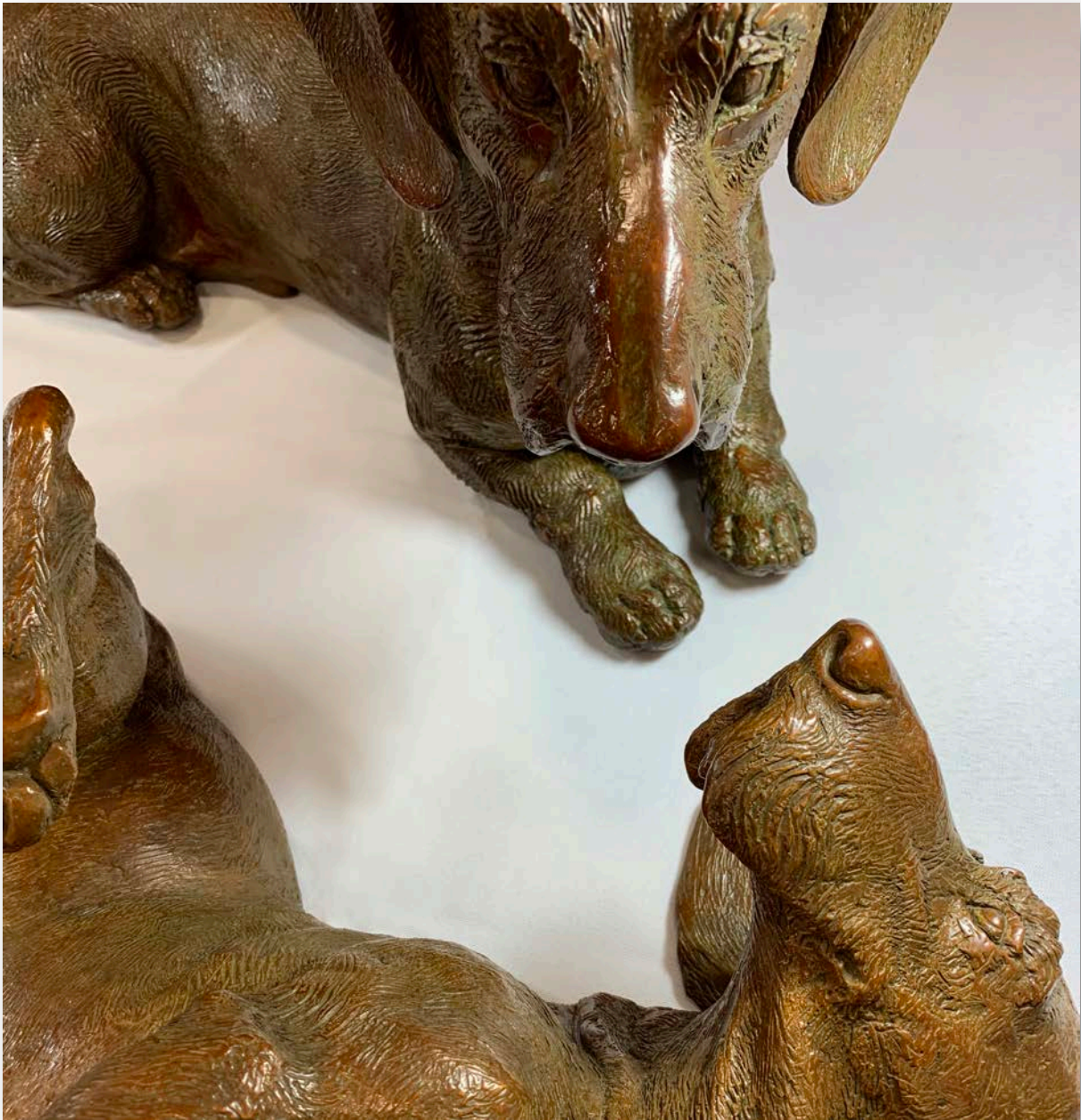
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FIRST PLACE SCULPTURE & ARTISTS' CHOICE AWARD :: 16TH CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN DOG ART COMPETITION
AT THE DOG FANCIERS CLUB, INC., NYC

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"Eyes only for you"

MAY 24, 2019: "Lord of the Couch" and "A Good Life" have eyes only for each other! The pair is shown as seen at the Dachshund Club of America National Specialty, Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO.

JUNE 7, 2019: This has been quite the spring! May 9, I decide it is time to beat the tariffs and update my mid 2010 MacBook Pro. This past week I finally had time to save a back up copy of my hard drive and load it on my new MacBook Pro. Now, the issue is to get Photoshop to work. Plus, I understand that this September, Microsoft Office 2011 will no longer work with this operating system. Fun & games! ;-))

JUNE 12, 2019, 4:50PM: WOW! Photoshop CS5 no longer crashes in Mojave! I feel like Towanda, played by Kathy Bates in "Fried Green Tomatoes!"



JUNE 13, 2019, 7:02PM: I love this river birch bark! Years ago a neighbor suggested our tree looked like a palm tree after I lit it with Christmas lights. Now, it's is taller than our two-story house!

Our pool table is free of Brian's mountain bike! He has been working on this new-to-him toy since around March 6, doing everything possible to get it to pedal properly.



JUNE 14, 2019: Yay! "Sweet Roll" SS, 8/20, has a new home! Thank you, Shannon Hanna of RS Hanna Gallery in Fredericksburg, TX! Thank you, too, to the Texas gentleman who adopted "Sweet Roll" SS.



JULY 14, 2019: This evening, my Monday yoga teacher, Sonya, and I attend “Nine” a performance by Leverage Dance Theater at Intersect Arts Center in South St. Louis. Diana Barrios, my longtime friend/yoga-release teacher directs and dances in the show. It is entertaining and FUN!!! GO Diana!!!



The cast of “Nine.” Thank you Sonya Hulsey for this photo.



JUNE 15, 2019: I feel very comfortable with my new computer, and, Photoshop works! This afternoon, I harvest nine cups of basil and make Pesto Sauce. YUM!

Dinner is a sliced chicken breast sautéed in olive oil, steamed broccoli, and fusilli, all mixed with pesto, and a Caprese salad. Life is good!



A full moon greets us as we leave a favorite restaurant, Benedettos.



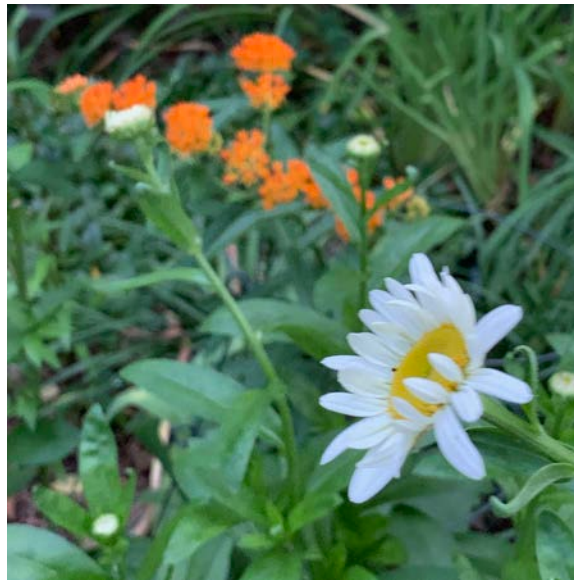
JUNE 18, 2019, 7:59AM: Our pond nearly runs over! Brian said it did run over during yesterday's storms. I'm excited to meet my girl cousins for lunch in O'Fallon, IL. My Maps App takes me through downtown St. Louis over the Eads Bridge due to construction on the Poplar Street Bridge. It has been forever since I have seen the beautiful architecture in downtown St. Louis! Maybe thanks to the St. Louis Blues winning the Stanley Cup, light posts even are decked with flower baskets!



JUNE 25, 2019, 8:04AM: Finally, a daylily blooms before a deer can devour it!



JUNE 26, 2019, 2:52PM: A tall Stargazer Lily loves the sun today.



JUNE 26, 2019, 2:56PM: My first Shasta daisies of the season!

JUNE 27, 2019, 7:34AM: Raindrops on my Butterfly Milkweed. *Asclepias tuberosa* is a species of [milkweed](#) native to eastern North America.

Please come, Monarchs, come!!!





Twelve days of healing...

JULY 5, 2019: The night of June 24, while walking to my next door neighbor's, I tripped on uneven sidewalk, fell, and landed on the heel of my left hand! It could have been oh-so-much worse! My knees and elbow are in tact! Brian surprised me with the feather. I think it is from a downy woodpecker.

We are healing machines!

My kindergarten girlfriend/nurse Shirley says we are all healing machines. Thanks to Hydrogen Peroxide and A&D Ointment, I am 99% healed!



Remember a flashlight!!!

JULY 2, 2019: I discover my Xerox printer has no drivers for my new Mac's Operating System. It's a good thing I bought a back up printer that I like MUCH better: an HP LaserJet Pro M118dw.

I hope you have a wonderful July 4th

JULY 5, 2019: This pendant is on its way to Nova Scotia. Thank you, Sue!



Dear to My Heart

BOUVIER DES FLANDRES NATURAL EARS STERLING SILVER PENDANT
1 11/16"W x 1 3/8"H x 1"D



Sunflower Hill Farm

JULY 8, 2019: Sunflower Hill Farm in Augusta, MO, is 24 acres of gorgeous woods and gardens. Plants for pollinators abound.

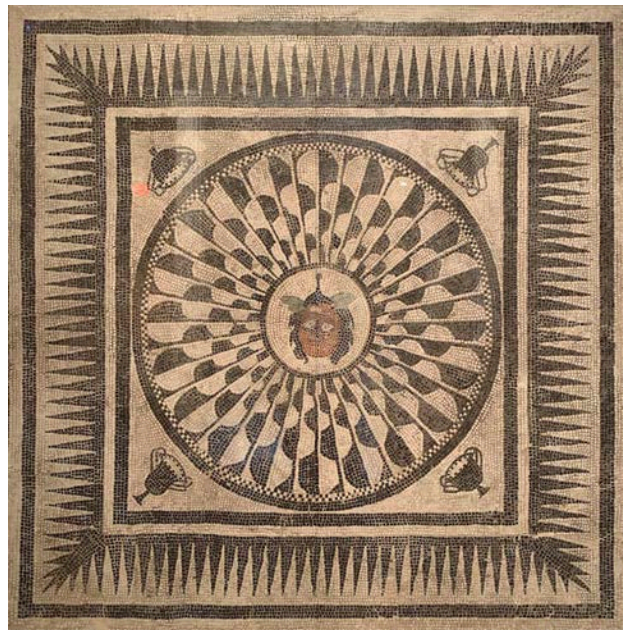
The café creates food from the organic vegetable garden and, they have chickens!

This lovely outing with the Wildwood Garden Society held a bonus for me; my friend Carla Chitwood, who, in the late 1990s, ran the Dillard's advertising studio, now works with her cousin who owns Sunflower Hill Farm. Carla is the Events Planner! It is great to see her!

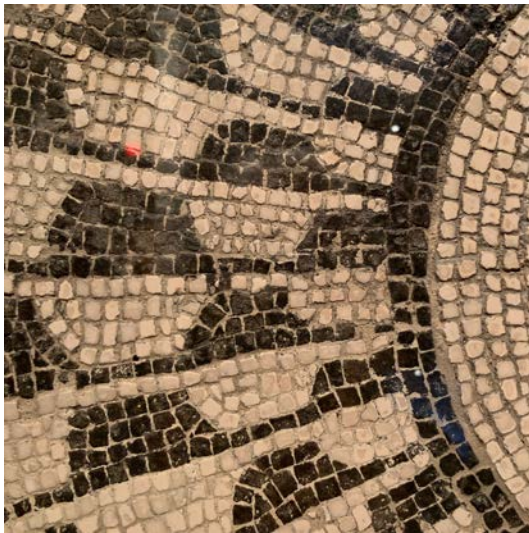


Purple Platycon - Balloon Flower

JULY 10, 2019: Come visit “Pompeii” at the St. Louis Science Center!



One of my favorite pieces is this mosaic floor. Check the detail below. Each stone is about $\frac{3}{8}$ " square!



Mosaic Detail



Colander



Furniture Feet



"Knock Knock"

Furniture Feet

Bronze, 1st century A.D.

Pompeii

Decorative reliefs in bronze, copper, and silver or ivory inlay adorned elite Roman furniture. These animal and human feet would have capped table or couch legs.

I'm happy that others found feet fascinating. "Knock, Knock" is my tribute to feet.

JULY 15, 2019: "*Lord of the Couch*" MW is one of 13 sculptures accepted out of an entry of 45 for the Performance in Sculpture show at the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, Straz Center, in Tampa, FL. The show opens Sept. 23 and will run for around two years.



"A Good Life" MW

Yay! "*A Good Life*" MW has been juried into the 34th Annual Bosque Art Classic at the Bosque Arts Center, Clifton, Texas! The show takes place September 14-28, 2019.



JULY 16, 2019: Yay! "Merry Sunshine" Quarter life size, has been juried into the Allied Artists of America 106th Annual Exhibition! The show is August 29 – September 15, 2019 at the Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY.



TWO "Siesta" Longs, 1:6 Scale, are on their way to Japan via a California collector! Thank you!

JULY 19, 2019, 7:33PM: A surprising benefit of white wine is that gnats are attracted to it! By 7:39PM, six gnats are in my glass and two are in the bottle! Who knew? Anything to get rid of them! I put a thin small amount in a shallow dish and wait. Will I get them all? I hope so....

JULY 25, 2019:

My wax original bas-relief portrait of a handsome Gordon Setter just needs my signature.

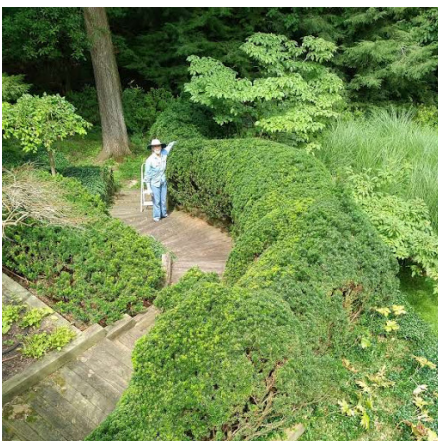
Soon I will have it molded, a wax poured for me to chase, and then, that wax will be shipped to the foundry for completion for a Merry Christmas gift!

Come, cool weather!



"Trouper"

"We LOVE it!" Thank you, K & M!



JULY 26, 2019, AFTERNOON: Brian snaps this picture of me in the final stages of pruning my topiary of Edgar. It's 30 feet long! Brian's caption: "A woman's work is never done."



5:42PM: My topiary of Edgar is as finished as can be, for now.

It's time to finish packing for a quick out & back work trip to Colorado.

JULY 28, 2019, 6:11AM: Sunshine! The sun's huge golden ball glows as we cross over the Missouri River on the I-70 Bridge on our way to Colorado.

8:50AM: Cornfields curve with the hills. Corn tassels accentuate even slight variations in the hilly fields along the highway. Wild sunflowers, Queen Ann's Lace and Bachelor's Buttons and occasional milkweeds bloom among roadside vegetation.

3:16PM: After getting gas in Limon, KS, we head north for 72 miles to Brush. Beautiful two-lane CO-71 is our route of choice to travel north to CO-34 west to Loveland. It is better than I-25 any day!

4:24PM: "A Dog's Journey" is playing at the Sands Theater in Brush, CO. Brian's granddad farmed not far from Brush where they went every Saturday morning. We meander around the small town and take CO-34 west toward Loveland, CO. Along the way Brian speculates about which house belonged to his cousin. Fort Morgan still has the Valley Drive-in Theater. Both of his grandmothers lived in Ft. Morgan. More relatives lived around Wiggins, CO.

The highway entrance to I-76 sings to us, "Do not speed or you WILL get a ticket!"

6:05PM, MDT: The LaQuinta in Loveland greets us after our drive of nearly 13 hours.

7:27PM: Arte Pizza is making our Supreme pizza dinner. Yummy! Daily they mix and hand knead their fresh dough, let it rise for 12 hours or so in the fridge and then stretch it by hand.

COLORADO SCHEDULE: Check metals. Take for patina. Take Gordon Setter, Cozy Long & Cozy Wire for molding. Wax Chase, Wax Chase, Wax Chase!



JULY 30, 2019, ABOUT 1PM: Brian suggests I take a break and we drive to find Red Feather Lakes. The scenery is beautiful but, although "Photos" notes these as being at Red Feather Lakes, we find no lakes. The break is quite welcome and when we return to the hotel, I chase the final small wax.

JULY 31, 2019, 5:48AM, MDT: We are definitely on bouncy Beau Duke time.

We meet my friend Eva Stanley in Greeley on our way to drop off waxes at Dragon Castings in Eaton, CO. There, I meet the enthusiastic new sprue gal, Sydney Schultz, who sounds very careful. ;-)

10:15AM: Thank you, Ben Cordsen, mold maker extraordinaire, for your update; the molds are poured and need to cure before he can pour the waxes. We wait for cooler weather to ship them to me.

12:28PM, MDT: We enter Nebraska. Haigler is a town time forgot.

4:23PM, CDT: It is 109 degrees in Hays, KS! Brian gets BBQ and we eat in the cool room.



AUGUST 1, 2019, 7:36AM, 76 DEGREES: The sky is gorgeous and cottonwoods glitter in the sunlight!

What a difference a year makes!

A year ago yesterday, July 31, 2018, Wellbridge, my gym of exactly twenty years, closed. Friends and teachers found alternative venues and similar class times. This July, one teacher opened her own Pilates studio. My routine is again complete with one Pilates reformer and one Pilates mat class per week along with two stretch/yoga classes. Yay!

4:18PM: A Collector-friend posts her “Deli’s Open” Long, birthday gift on Facebook. Thank you, Sandi, for posting and, thank you, kind hubby, for acquiring it for Sandi at DCA!



“Deli’s Open” Long



5:08PM: Magic Lilies greet us at home! The light is amazing, as is the 76-degree temperature!



6:06PM, THURSDAY:

Beau is happy to be home!!!!



AUGUST 3, 2019, 11:15AM: "Cozy" Smooth, 9/20, is on its way to the Society of Animal Artists 59th Annual Art & the Animal Exhibition at The Briscoe Museum of Western Art in San Antonio, TX.



"A Good Life" Wire ... "Deli's Open" Wire

AUGUST 4, 2019: A Danish collector emails that her friend Ann Laura wants to start a collection of 1:6 Scale Wire pieces! WOW! The first two in her collection: "Deli's Open" and "A Good Life." Although "Deli's Open" is shown in a red patina, both bronzes have the Wild Boar coloration, AKA, patina.



AUGUST 10, 2019: "Cozy" is one of 55 works selected from the 460 entries received from around the world for the 86th Annual Awards Exhibition of the National Sculpture Society, Brookgreen Gardens, Pawley's Island, SC. The show runs through October 27, 2019.

AUGUST 12, 2019, 7:28AM: The temperature is just 77.1 degrees, with what must be 90% humidity; our 30 plus year old wooden storm door is swollen and stuck for the first time, and all windows are frosty with humidity! Did my washing windows yesterday inspire all this heat and humidity? This afternoon's temperature is predicted to be 97, with the heat index well over 100 degrees. Life is better than when I was growing up. Now, we have air conditioning!!

I did not order two items from Nike, anything from Bergdorf Goodman or charge \$1.00 at the Dollar Store. Thank you, Capital One, for replacing my credit card quickly!

upcoming Events ...

AUGUST 29 – SEPT. 15, 2019: The 106th Annual Exhibition of the Allied Artists of America, The Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY.

THRU SEPT. 8: Metro Montage XIX, Marietta Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, GA.

SEPT. 15-28, 2019: 34th Annual Bosque Art Classic. Bosque Arts Center, 215 College Dr., Clifton, TX.

SEPT. 19 – JAN. 1, 2020: The 59th Annual Art & The Animal Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists, The Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market Street, San Antonio, TX.

SEPT. 23, 2019 – JUNE 2020: Performance in Sculpture, David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa, FL.

THRU OCTOBER 27, 2019: The 86th Annual Awards Exhibition of the National Sculpture Society, Brookgreen Gardens, Pawleys Island, SC. **I hope to see you at the reception, October 26th!**

THRU NOV. 2019: Heber Springs Public Library, Heber Springs, AK, Sculptureworks, Inc. TX.

THRU MAY 2020: Art on the Avenues, Wenatchee, WA.



"So Good to See You" ML

14.5" L x 12" H x 12" D, BRONZE ED: 10 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF ©2011

See "So Good" at the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, GA, through September 8!



"A Squirrel's Dream"

48" L x 24.5" H x 29" D, BRONZE ED. 5 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF ©2018

AUGUST 17, 2019, 3:44PM: Surprise, surprise! Thank you, John, for your special photo!!!

Oh! Now is the perfect time to order for pre-Holiday delivery!
Thank you for your consideration!

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Thank you for being in my life.

*I wish you and yours
good health and happiness!*

*Sincerely,
Joy*

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