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Please tell me you and yours are safe and healthy ín thís tíme of the coronavírus, Covíd–19.



"Dreaming of Jomatoes" MS, AP2./2.

MAY 23, 2020: A deposit arrives for "*Dreaming of Tomatoes*" *MS*, Number 16/20. Wow! What an unexpected surprise! It sold within two weeks of my announcing it as being on the secondary market in my last newsletter! Thank you, Benny!

JUNE 22, 2020: A lady who first wrote me in 2012 about "*Dreaming of Tomatoes*" MS, ordered AP2/2, my personal Artist's Proof! It is on its way to Waterloo, IA! Yay!! I'll miss my DOT, but... Thank you!



JUNE 25, 2020, 2:30PM, WATERLOO, IA: "She arrived and made herself comfortable right away. Maybe she's dreaming of tomatoes! The box is a work of art too. It was easy for Craig to get open with a screw bit. It's so sturdy, and we will show the boys where it is kept. It will be safe and dry. Thank you so much for making something I love so much!" Thank YOU, Patrice!

My personal Artíst's Proofs may be available for a premium price, if the edition is sold out. Certainly I cannot take them with me, so please ask if you have an interest in a bronze that is sold out.



Lífe's a Ball! MS 25.25"L x 11.75"H x 8"D, Bronze, Edition 5 & 1 Artist's Proof ©201

MAY 22, 2020: Life's a Ball! MS, is accepted into the 87th Annual Hudson Valley Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition. Dates: June 26–August 31, at the Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT.

ßest Sculpture Metal!



Her Lífe's a Ball!

1:6 Scale: 4.5"L x 2 1/8"H x 1 5/8"D, Bronze Ed. 50 & 5 Artist's Proofs ©2017

<u>MAY 23, 2020</u>: Great news! An email arrives stating *"Her Life's a Ball!"* earned the *"Best Sculpture-Metal"* award in the 29th Annual International Miniature Arts Show at Seaside Gallery, Nags Head, NC. The \$100 award is quite welcome.

Here she is on the Seaside Art Gallery site! Thank you Judge Judy Lalingo!



Best Sculpture/Metal

Joy Beckner - Her Life's A Ball



This little bronze of a dachshund at play captures the spunky spirit of this breed as she attempts to grasp the elusive ball. The artist's attention to detail and intimacy of her subject matter is apparent in this freestanding form.

"Dreaming of Tomatoes" is currently available in Long and Wire coats in 1:6 Scale.



Dreamíng of Jomatoes — Long 2 7/8"L x 1"H x 2" Bronze Ed: 50 & 5 Artist's Proofs ©2010



Dreamíng of Jomatoes - Wíre 2 7/8"L x 1"H x 2" Bronze Ed: 50 & 5 Artist's Proofs ©2012

Select Red or Wild Boar patina shown on the wire haired "Dreaming."

Life size Long or Wire by commission.

Phíllíp Isenberg Memoríal Award!

Award Winners for Sculpture

Philip Isenberg Memorial Award, \$150: Joy Beckner, "A Good Life" Philip Isenbeg Memorial Award, \$150: Serena Bates "Precipice" Certificate of Merit for Sculpture: Cathy Ferrell "Skimming the Treetops"



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"A Good Life" SS, as seen online on Artsy.com for the Salmagundi Club Annual Members' Exhibition!

I'm excíted!

My multíple award wínníng, museum exhíbíted bronze ís once agaín avaílable for adoptíon!



"A Good Lífe" SS, 6/20



MAY 26, 2020: Finally, all of my houseplants are on the deck! Every time Brian tried to power wash the deck, it looked like rain or it would rain. Three days of power washing did the trick! Some plants required power lifting on my part! Above are about half of the plants, including three tomato plants at the far end.

MAY 28, 2020: WOW! In three short months, the United States has had over 101,000 Covid-19 deaths. That is more deaths than we had during the entire Vietnam War! Plus, J.C. Penny, Neiman-Marcus, J. Crew and surely more have filed for bankruptcy. What a mess!



Our first Clematis blossom, Spiderworts, and one of many water Iris in our front yard pond

<u>May 29, 2020</u>: Sara kindly sent this information about the F. Scott Fitzgerald letter in my last newsletter. "I enjoyed your news of Joy: thought you may want to know that some sources declare the circulating letter to be a fake Fitzgerald letter but perhaps originally intended as satire: <u>https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-factcheck-quarantine-fitzgerald-lette/false-claim-this-is-a-1920-letter-from-scott-fitzgerald-in-quarantine-during-the-spanish-influenza-idUSKBN21733X</u>

May 30, 2020: Violent protests over the death of 46 year old, black George Floyd escalate and occur in New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Chicago, Seattle, and even in little Ferguson, MO, just outside of St. Louis.

I am SAD about what is happening to our country.



<u>MAY 31, 2020</u>: *Imagine how surprised* I am when I hear a little rustle of leaves in the yew bushes beside our bay window. A small tan animal scoots between the house and the branches. Out pops a startled little fawn that sees me and immediately runs out and down the path toward the backyard!

Soon, lilies in front of the yews will bloom. I am so happy to be able to be in my garden a bit more, though I have plenty to catch up with on my computer.



Clematis blossoms today. Beside them is a large and heavy piece of petrified wood.

A new Day, a new Season, and, hopefully, wonderful New Eye sight!

JUNE I, 2020, 8:30AM: My good Dr. Byron Santos lasers the haze from my eyes. Several years ago friend, Dr. Byron removed my cataracts and installed lenses that freed me from wearing glasses, for a while. He said haze often forms after cataract surgery. He also told me I have a touch of Glaucoma.

<u>Regarding Glaucoma</u>, when we first met, Dr. Santos told me to <u>stop using Visene Eye Drops</u>. He recommended I switch to Blink Eye Drops. A painter friend told me she had full-blown glaucoma and had always used Visene. If you use Visene, <u>please</u> check with your eye doctor for his/her opinion about eye drops.



Beckner-Her Life's A Ball

Joy Kroeger Beckner

Sold Out \$725.00

Her Life's A Ball is a solid bronze sculpture by Joy Kroeger Beckner (Missouri). The art measures 4 1/2" x 2 1/4" x 1 1/4".

This art is in the 29th International Miniature Art Show. It is available for purchase immediately but needs to stay in the gallery until the end of the show. All art in the 29th International Miniature Art Show ships for free within the USA.

JUNE 3, 2020: "Her Life's a Ball! earned Best Sculpture/Metal, and, it is SOLD! Thank you, Seaside Art Gallery!! Happiness!



In mid-May 2020, I saw that Beau's spot in front of his left armpit was gooey and growing. Our veterinarian suggested seeing a cardiac specialist for a cardiac consult due to Beau's "Stage Four Heart Murmur." He cannot simply be anesthetized and operated upon. If the cardiac consult and echocardiogram prove he can safely have the one-inch plus weird growth removed, his overall operation will cost around \$2000. Considering Beau's Stage Four heart murmur, we will follow our vet's recommendation and just keep our fourteen-year-old sweet man comfortable. His "Thing" is known as a skin mass.

Beau rests often, but when he is awake, he is livelier than he was a couple of weeks ago. Look closely and you can see his weird red growth in front of his left armpit. I think he licks it less because Hydrogen Peroxide is not his favorite flavor. For now, my sweet man wears his donut collar more often than not.

Sardínes are Beau's new best fríends!

Breeder friend, Nola Patient suggests I give Beau a sardine a day. I find a tin of wild caught water packed sardines and add one to his five Primal frozen raw nuggets each morning. He also gets a dollop of yogurt, one-half Enalapril for his heart, one capsule of Milk Thistle for his liver, two Alpha Lipoic Acid, one capsule of salmon oil, and a sprinkling of Kelp!

JUNE 5, 2020: We have to get out of the house! Brian drives us to Chester, IL. Five hours and over 200 miles later we arrive home. I missed a couple of great photos, but with a towel and Beau on my lap, taking photos was not as important as snuggling with him.

JUNE 6, 2020: My good independent contractors in Colorado give me prices so I can compile a price for each of two clients. One is for a small custom piece and the other for – I have to wait to see if they come through.

I can't breathe...

JUNE 9, 2020: George Floyd, the black man who was murdered by a white Minneapolis police officer two weeks ago, was laid to rest today. The United States has been in chaos with protests and riots, and then, the world followed. Please, let's all just respect each other. God made everyone.



"A Good Lífe" SS Bronze, 25"L x 13"D x 8.5"H, Ed. 20 & 2 Artist's Proofs ©1996

The American Artists Professional League

JUNE 10, 2020: "A Good Life" SS earned Second Place in Sculpture at The American Artists Professional League Online Members Only Show "My Favorite Things" Thank you!!! I am honored!

Yay! My eyes are GOOD agaín!

JUNE II, 2020, 2:20PM: Today my good Dr. Byron Santos said my vision is back to 20/20 with my existing glasses. No new prescription needed! "I'll see you in a year!" YAY! Thank you for your pop, pop, pop laser treatment taking the haze from both eyes!!!





JUNE II, 2020: Art on the Avenues, Wenatchee, WA, accepts my gift of *"Life's a Ball"* SS (Standard Smooth) Number 10/20 for their permanent collection. Then, Art on the Avenues gives every sculpture in its collection to the City of Wenatchee, WA. The dedication is postponed until Spring 2021.

The Cíty of wenatchee, washington is the new permanent home of "Lífe's a Ball!" SS, 10/20!

JUNE 19, 2020, AKA JUNETEENTH: Who knew? NO one at Normandy High School or any place else I knew ever mentioned Juneteenth until this year. What a sad time we have all had this spring between Covid, the protests over George Floyd's death and this awakening to learn of Juneteenth.



JUNE 24, 2020: "So Good to See You" ML is on its way to a new home in Michigan where it will join "A Good Life" MS. Thank you, Mary!



JUNE 25, 2020: The Salmagundi Club accepts "A Squirrel's Dream" into its "A View Out my Window" online exhibition. It is available for viewing on <u>Artsy.net</u> during the exhibition dates of July 6 to August 10.



"Dreaming of Tomatoes" MS, AP2/2 rests with her new friend, Baron.

JUNE 27, 2020: After an afternoon of transplanting ground cover, spreading mulch and watering, I come in on this hot humid day to find this photo of *Dreaming of Tomatoes, MS*, AP2/2. Again, thank you, Patrice!

JUNE 28, 2020: My iPhone-10XS Max quit! Oh, the screen lights, but fonts are so oversized that I cannot see how to turn it off. After a good length of time chatting with Apple, the gentleman suggests I take it to a human. Both Apple stores here are booked through the end of next week, however, this Wednesday I may see someone at another store that sells Apple products, Mac Headquarters. I hope this is a freebie fix as I purchased this phone in May 2019. Fingers crossed that it is indeed a simple five-minute fix and covered by my service agreement.

Ouch!

JUNE 29, 2020: Early this afternoon, I slip and fall on our wet wooden steps beside my topiary of Edgar. I land on my right hip, but my left foot stays on the step above where I land. My left knee is NOT happy! I was going to move the sprinkler to a new watering spot. Although my left knee is not happy, I <u>can</u> walk.

My doctor's nurse recommends ice for my knee. Ten minutes on, twenty minutes off, to curb swelling. It's good to know, and, it works!





Facebook friend, Pat Burgee, alerts me to a new post by The AKC Museum. When <u>will</u> they learn to give an artist credit for their work? Or, maybe it is Arty's Kennel Chat that needs to know. ???

Magíc Típ for íPhone 10xS

JULY I, 2020, 10:20AM: I happen to be helped by Jim Votino, the owner of MacHeadquarters. He said to restart my iPhone 10XS, I need to simply push the top left button, and then the bottom left button and then the right button, which is the power button. WOW! It was so simple, and, he didn't charge me, maybe because of my service contract I purchased when I bought the phone from Apple last May, or maybe he is wonderfully NICE!

Tip about re-tinning of tin-lined copper pots

Decades ago I purchased beautiful tin-lined copper pots. Three pots need to be re-tinned. I take them to the local Theis Plating where I learn they used to send pots to Chicago to be re-tinned. This afternoon, I pack my pots and they are ready to be shipped next Friday, July 10, to Archer Tinning, phone: 773-927-7240, if you need their services.

Next stop is my doctor's office where I learn she suggests laser therapy for my knee. THAT is expensive! I will continue to pack frozen peas on my knee for 10 minutes at a time. The swelling IS going down. ;-))



JULY 2, 2020: Pollinator Friendly Blossoms bloom below our bedroom window.







JULY 2, 2020: A beautiful day to drive to Washington, MO



Fluoride is Nothing to Smile About!

This week from July 6 to 12, Mercola.com highlights Fluoride Awareness Week by raising public awareness about fluoride – its sources, toxicity and impact to your overall health and wellbeing.

I have had low thyroid function since the fifties when St. Louis County put fluoride in our water. Check out Dr. Mercola's article today. You may just find yourself feeling healthier! Learn more at: <u>www.Mercola.com</u>



JULY 7, 2020: Today I go to my Osteostrong class, complete with a mask!

Each week I get a progress report. I can't wait to have my next bone density test!

Happy 80th ßírthday, Ríngo Starr!

Joe Walsh of the Eagles, Cheryl Crow, Willy Nelson and more join Ringo in this special on AXS TV.

Peace and Love...

Dísneyland opened thís day ín 1955!

"A Good Lífe" MW (Míníature Wíre) ís ín the Natíonal Sculpture Socíety Fellows Invítatíonal!



"A Good Lífe" MW (Míníature Wíre)

20.5"L x 10.75"D x 5.75"H, Bronze Ed. 5 & 1 Artist's Proof ©2018

"A Good Life" MW (Miniature Wire) has been accepted into the Fellows Invitational Exhibition of the National Sculpture Society! The show will take place live from August 24 to October 20, 2020 in the NSS Gallery, 6 East 39th Street, Suite 903, New York, NY 10016.

"Over Raínbow" earns an Honorable Mentíon!



"Over the Raínbow"

10"H x 8.75"W x 8.5"D, 13 Pounds, Bronze Ed: 20 & 2 Artist's Proofs ©2005

A phone message arrives from Susan Barnes, of the Medford Arts Center, stating that "Over the Rainbow" earned an Honorable Mention award in their Exhibition, "Just Faces – Pets, People and Other Creatures". The show may be seen on <u>www.MedfordArts.com</u> starting at 6pm, Friday, July 10.

In addition, "Three Faces of Guinevere" and "Trouper" are also in the show, "Just Faces". All are available for adoption.



Three Faces of Guínevere

Bronze on Rotating Mahogany Base 14"D x 19.5"H, 38#, Bronze Ed. 20 & 2 Artist's Proofs ©2001



Jrouper

 $7^{\prime\prime}H$ x 5'' W x 5/8''D, Bronze Ed. 5 & 1 Artist's Proof $^{\odot}$ 2019 Wall hung bas-relief portrait commission. Special Order.



The only daylily the deer didn't eat!

wow! July 7th was quíte a day!



Sweet Beau

JULY 8, 2020: I bathe Beau the second time this week. His skin mass is larger, but seems to give him no pain. Brian asks me again about the cost to remove it. Due to his Stage Four heart murmur, we are damned if we do and damned if we don't. He is energetic enough to beat Brian who was about to carry him downstairs! Beau head bumped the wall, but then quickly made it to his dinner. Thank you Pam Reed Crook for sharing your retired showman. And, thank you, Dr. Randy Eltringham for breeding this sweet man.

JULY 11, 2020: Lye Soap...

I spot treat Beau's bedding with Hydrogen Peroxide and then my Mom's homemade lye soap! Her soap is in the fishbowl in front of her washboard. My 7th grade carving tops my grandma's spice cabinet. Brian's mom's wringer wash machine (my mom had a real one) and the Kohler ad round out my laundry room view. Did your mom make Lye Soap?





JULY 12, 2020: A single hydrangea blossom in early morning sidelight. When I first planted it, its blossoms were blue. Does anyone know how to make the blossoms blue again?



JULY 13, 2020: "Purple Palace" Huechera beside the hydrangeas in front of our front door.

... The Dachshund club of Ameríca ... DCA wisely cancels its 2020 national specialty. Hopefully all will be well for the 2021 specialty.



"So Good to See You" ML



JULY 15, 2020: "So Good to See You" ML, peaks from under a glass top table in her elegant new home. Thank you, Mary!



JULY 16, 2020, EARLY AFTERNOON: I gather my paperwork for the Missouri Department of Revenue License Office and whiz through in about 20 minutes. It beats waiting in line at 7:30am for my pretty new plate!

The license office is near the Premium Outlet Mall I drive there and meander into Saks Off Fifth. In 2013 sweet friends gave me a Saks Off Fifth \$20 gift certificate so I thought I would finally try to use it.

The place is ghostly. Only two racks of pants and sweaters for women, a rack for men and a rack for children as well as some ball gowns and footwear exist. I had no idea that it was going out of business!

Gorgeous knitted wool pants are marked \$239.99. At 80% off, I give them a try for my gift certificate, plus \$20 and tax. When I get home, I am stunned to see I saved \$647! What??? Who pays \$700 for a pair of pants? I've been away from retail too long to remember prices for the good stuff. My gift certificate is good and the pants fit! I look forward to cool weather! Thank you, Betsy and Gerald!



"Cozy" Smooth

1:6 Scale, 3 3/4"W x 3 1/4"D x 1 1/4"H Bronze, Ed. 20 & 2 AP ©2018

JULY 17, 2020: "Congratulations! You are an accepted artist of the 35th Annual Bosque Art Classic, judged this year by Bruce Greene, CA. Of the 739 entries, 204 pieces were juried into the show. Accepted entries will be available for viewing by mid-August on our website: <u>www.bosqueartscenter.org</u>. " *Cozy Smooth* is accepted!



<u>JULY 20, 2020</u>: Happily and luckily I stumble across this gorgeous photo of "So Good to See You" ML. My collector posted it on Facebook on March 4, 2013! Thank you Lisa!



Allied Artists of America https://www.alliedartistsofamerica.org/

Dear Joy Kroeger Beckner,

Congratulations!

We are glad to inform you that your entry

A Good Life, SS

has been Accepted by the Jury of Selection for our 107th Annual Exhibition.

A reminder note: the exhibition this year will be online only, as previously announced, and will go live on our website on August 29.

Thank you,

Allied Artists of America



A Good Life, SS - Bronze image: 8.5 x 25 price: \$ 8600

JULY 21, 2020: "A Good Life" SS is magic! She is in the 107th Annual Exhibition of Allied Artists of America!





JULY 23, 2020: Happiness! "Squirrel Season" Long, 6/20, is on its way to California for a 30th birthday gift! Thank you, Mary!



JULY 24, 2020: The final payment for the very last bronze "*Dreaming of Tomatoes*" *MS*, arrives today. It is mentioned above on May 23. DOT is still available in 1:6 Scale Long, or Wire, and life size, by commission.

"Keep moving!"

<u>July 26, 2020</u>:

JULY 17: Congressman John Lewis of Georgia dies at age 80. He was a Civil Rights Leader, Civil Liberties Activist and Humanitarian. His motto: "Keep Moving." He will be laid to rest July 30, 2020.

JULY 25: Olivia de Havilland dies at 104, at home in Paris, France. She was best known for her role in "Gone with the Wind" and earned two Oscars. She appeared in 49 feature films. She fought for and won rights for actors from the studios.

JULY 25: TV Legend <u>Regis Philbin</u> dies at age 88.

Sadly, the USA has had over 4.4 million Covid-19 infections and over 150,000 deaths to date.



My high school friend-collector surprises me with this photo of his "A Squirrel's Dream" at night.

Thank you, John!

And...

The Mary Kay and Paul Seynes Memoríal Award for an Anímal ßronze Sculpture

goes to ...



"A Good Lífe!" SS

Thank you, Allied Artists of America!

JULY 28, 2020: Today starts well with the above announcement from Awards Chairperson, Nadia Klionsky of Allied Artists of America. Thank you!!!



JUNE 29, 2020: Beau's growth has two new high spots, and still goes back under his arm, but, he wags his tail more often and he <u>ALWAYS gives us a RUFF or RUFF, RUFF</u> when he needs to go potty or wants to go upstairs or downstairs, or wants his dinner! A dear old friend said, "Beau has you well trained!"



GOOD Beau!!!

"Hello Líttle Bunny!"

This the first bunny I've seen in our backyard all year!



JULY 30, 2020: My doctor's appointment is good. I am so HAPPY that my doctor of twenty years recovered from Covid-19 when she contracted it while returning from her home country of India in February!

Early morning observations in our front yard.



<u>AUGUST 3, 2020, 7:17AM</u>: A feather hangs near our oak tree. Thank you, industrious Spider!



<u>August 2, 2020, 7:18Ам</u>: PlantSnap says this is Ligularia dentata, Summer Ragwort. Thankfully, deer do not like it!



<u>AUGUST 2, 2020, 7:19AM</u>: Magical light on Magic Lilies!



<u>AUGUST 2, 2020</u>: My first homegrown tomato of the season siting beside a neighbor's rose and burr oak acorns.

I feel chílly, oh so chílly...

AUGUST 4, 2020, MID DAY: WOW! It is 73 degrees outside and 75 inside. This is the third day of lovely weather with no air conditioning needed. I put on more clothes! We've had weeks of 90+ degrees with 90 percent humidity. The heat index was at least 106 in that hot spell! Next week, it will be HOT again. ;-))

Join the Copyright Office's 150th Anniversary Celebration

The U.S. Copyright Office presents a virtual celebration in recognition of its 150th anniversary, on August 5 from noon to 1:00 p.m. eastern time.

On July 8, 1870, Congress centralized the administration of copyright law in the Library of Congress. Since its establishment 150 years ago, the Office has driven the evolution of copyright law and been a key player in copyright law revisions, from the Copyright Act of 1909 to the Copyright Act of 1976 to the Orrin G. Hatch–Bob Goodlatte Music Modernization Act and beyond. The Office also provides critical services, helping copyright owners protect their works and preserving a public record of the country's creativity.

"Copyright Office Presents: Celebrating 150 Years of Creativity" kicks off a yearlong celebration with special events and activities to mark this anniversary. To celebrate this milestone, the Copyright Office is building awareness of how copyright can "Engage Your Creativity."

75 YEARS AGO ... VJ DAY

<u>AUGUST 15, 1945</u>: Victory over Japan Day, VJ Day, is the day on which Imperial Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect bringing the war to an end.

Current Events...

See and be touched by my work at these upcoming Events ...

JUNE II, 2020: Art on the Avenues, Wenatchee, WA, accepts my gift of "Life's a Ball!" SS. In turn, art owned by Art on the Avenues is given to the City of Wenatchee, WA. The dedication is postponed until spring 2021 with the date to be announced.

THRU AUGUST 10, 2020: View Out my Window Exhibition, Salmagundi Club, NY, NY. Online: www.Artsy.net

THRU AUGUST 13, 2020: 87th Annual Juried Exhibition, Hudson Valley Art Association, Lyme Art Assn., 90 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT.

THRU AUGUST 13, 2020: Just Faces - People, Pets & Other Creatures, Exhibition, Medford Arts Center, Medford, NJ. Online: https://www.medfordarts.com

MID-AUGUST – SEPT. 26, 2020: 35th Annual Bosque Art Classic, Bosque Arts Center, Clifton, TX. Online: <u>https://www.bosqueartscenter.org</u>

AUGUST 24 - OCT. 30, 2020: Fellows Invitational Exhibition, National Sculpture Society, 6 East 39th Street, Suite 903, New York, NY 10016.

August 29, 2020 - Aug. 1, 2021: 107th Annual Exhibition, Allied Artists of America, NYC. Online: https://www.alliedartistsofamerica.org

THRU 2020: Sculptureworks, Inc., Heber Springs Public Library, Heber Springs, AK.

THRU MAY 2021: Performance in Sculpture, David A. Straz Jr. Center for Performing Arts, Tampa, FL.

FOREVER: Fellows Favorites, National Sculpture Society, Online: <u>https://nationalsculpture.org</u> Click on: Past Exhibitions.

Just ímagíne... My chorus líne of Magíc Lílíes are about to bloom!



Thank you for being in my life!

Good health & happiness!

Strength for the journey,

Joy

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