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*classical realism, from hounds to humans & and more!*

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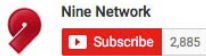
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## *Merry christmas & Happy Holidays!*

My news is all good! My health is good and I'm in my second year of my seventh decade! I hope you are doing well, too. Life is Good!

Nov. 5-6, 2016: Surprise! I am featured in Arts America, Episode 528. Michelle Whaley produced my story for the PBS Nine Network of Public Media, Channel Nine, Saint Louis, MO. MANY thanks to Sheila Rhoades for introducing me to Channel Nine!

Arts America | Episode 528 | Joy Kroeger Beckner -  
Dog Sculpture



To see, please click here: <https://youtu.be/RgyulxWgF08>

Nov. 10, 2016: After 62000 miles, my tires need to be replaced. I drop off my Suburban for new tires. Brian picks me up for a ride in the country. Nice! We have lunch at a small hotel bar in Washington, Missouri. The carrot and parsnip fries are good as are the sweet potato fries. A toy beer wagon pulled by Clydesdales catches light on a windowsill.



Nov. 11, 2016: What a gorgeous sunset!



An hour or so later...



Nov. 13, 2016: "So Good to See You" ML, earns The George Gach Memorial Award in the 88th Annual Grand National Exhibition of the American Artists Professional League at the Salmagundi Club, NY.

*Nov. 14, 2016 is a Huge Day! Folks are buying again!!!*



*"So Good to See You" ML, SOLD!!!! From my site! Yay! One more is available for immediate adoption!*



*"Merry Sunshine" Quarter Life, is on its way to its new home in Phoenix.*



*"Miss Me" MS, is on its way to its new home in Kenner, LA! Good! Good!*



*"Lord of the Couch" MW, is on its way to New Zealand! Thank you Jeremy Hildt of Hildt Galleries.*



*"Siesta" MS has a new home in northern Illinois! Yay, Jeremy!*



Nov. 16, 2016: Lance Tilford takes new headshots. Tamara Tungate, does my hair and makeup. It is fun and I think the pictures will turn out well!

Nov. 19, 2016: Thank you, Bobbie for your exciting report!

"Merry Sunshine" arrived today! Woohoo! I'm so excited! I ended up purchasing a display cabinet for her with a light. It is just spectacular! I had just won a basket full of miniature Golden carvings and a couple of Canada geese at the National Specialty so they are on the top two shelves & "Merry Sunshine" is on the middle shelf right at eye level. I had to call my girl friend, Ruth over to see her right away. I told her I had a new puppy. Bobbi in Arizona.



*"Merry Sunshine" in Bobbi's new cabinet*

Nov. 20, 2016, 6:46am, CST: A beautiful, chilly 28 degrees greet us as we leave Starbucks with our second cups of morning indulgence. Misty blue violet, red violet, pink, soft warm pink, aqua and soft blue color the horizon beyond the I-64 bridge over the Missouri River.



3:27pm: It is 67 degrees with a bit of snow beside I-70. We are about 20 miles east of Burlington, CO.

4:19pm: We gas up in Limon and head north on CO Highway 71 toward Brush, CO, 72 miles north.



Whew! We arrive in Loveland, CO, about 6:30pm MST, thirteen hours after we left home. What a day!

Nov. 23, 2016: I am EXCITED!!! Oh, my!!! My newest wax pourer did an amazing job. Her six large waxes, (two So Good to See You, ML, two Siesta, MS, and two Miss Me, MS) are as good as those that my dear departed first wax pourer/mold maker Annette used to pour. My drought of nearly seven years is over! Sigh. One challenge is out of the way! Yay!

3:30ish: We arrive at Brian's 95-year-old mom, Jeanne's house in Grand Junction, CO. His brother Charles promptly says he wants to show me something: Mitzi sitting the dryer!



Nov. 24, 2016: Thanksgiving. Whew! I'm pooped from cooking! Everyone is on their own if they want to eat tonight. By 9:04pm, no one wants to eat. Jeanne and Charles are in bed.

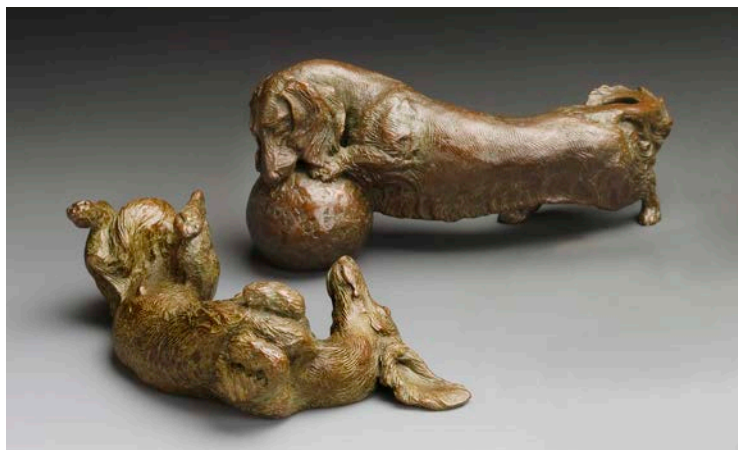


*My friend Sheila Rhoades just sent me this old photo taken at a Macy's parade. Fun!*

Nov. 26, 2016: At age 95, Brian's mom Jeanne is happy in pink! Wish her a Happy Birthday, February 19th!



Nov. 28, 2016: Yay! "A Good Life" Long, earns The Alphaeus P. Cole Memorial Award in the Annual Thumb-Box Exhibition and sale at the Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Ave., See it through Jan. 1, 2017! It's the BIGGEST Little Art Show of the Year at Salmagundi!



*"A Good Life" Long, shown with "Life's a Ball!" Long*

## *Six turkeys cross the road*

1:14PM MST: Six turkeys cross the road in Wray, CO. I wish I could have taken their picture! We are traveling east toward home on CO-34 after making three work related stops in Loveland, and then dropping off my four chased waxes at the foundry in Eaton. The day is sunny, windy, and cold (49) yet beautiful. The wind makes it feel like 39 or less.

1:22PM: We cross into Nebraska and turn south on K-27 east of Haigler, NE.

1:29PM CST: We are in Kansas! CST!

Nov. 29, 2016, ABOUT 7AM: We leave the LaQuinta in Salina, Kansas and arrive home by about one pm.

DEC. 1, 2016: Friends and I tour four historic places in downtown St. Louis. Check the details! Yum!



*The Campbell House Museum, 1508 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO.*





*The Gazebo at The Campbell House. Locust is in the background.*



*Water and Roses in The Campbell House garden, December 1.*





Dolls at the Campbell House remind me of my doll "Vicki" centered above. Dressed in yellow, Vicki has a bisque head and hands, a leather body and my Aunt Ida's hair. I named her Vicki after my kindergarten girlfriend who has eyes that we call mud puddles because they are so big and brown. "Here's to you, Vicki!"







*A fireplace in the Campbell House.  
By now, you know I adore gorgeous woodwork!*

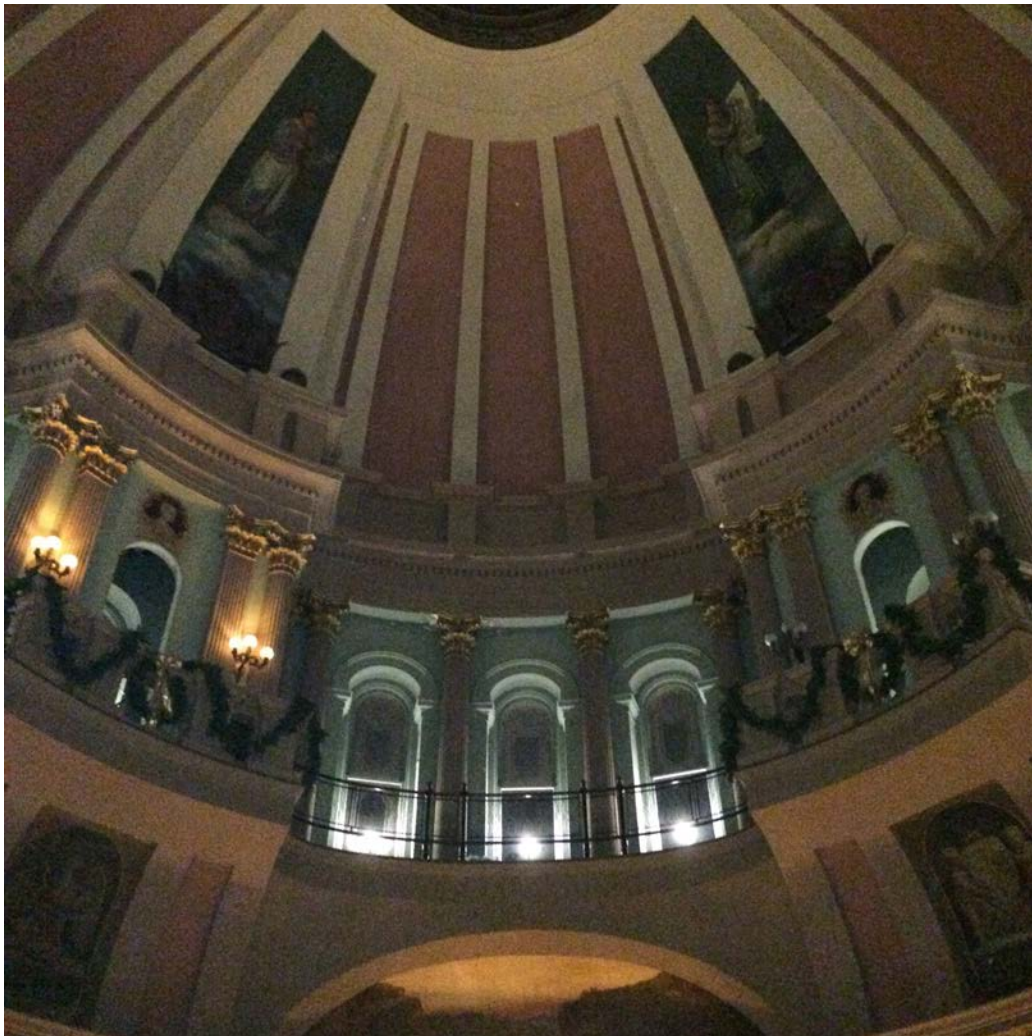
Next, a bus drives us to The Chatillon-DeMenil Mansion, built in 1848 in the historic Benton Park neighborhood and one of the few remaining examples of Greek revival architecture in St. Louis, provides an in-depth glimpse into the lives of two French families. The house museum is unique among St. Louis' historic homes in terms of breadth of events with which it is intimately linked, from the earliest years of the trans-Mississippian fur trade to the relationship between French-American and native Americans to the development of St. Louis into a great Midwestern city and the excitement of the 1904 Worlds Fair.



*The Chatillon-DeMenil Mansion, complete with sky blue ceilings.*



The Eugene Field House & St. Louis Toy Museum is on the National Register of Historic Places. It deserves a day visit all its own. I had a blackboard much like the one below.



*The Old Courthouse - Inside the Dome*





DEC. 2, 2016: Thank you, Victoria Armstrong, of Stockbridge Dogs in Art, for selling a "Sunnyside Up!" Smooth 1:6 Scale! 'Tis the Season!



WOW! Our Japanese maple leaves!

*Just two "Sweet Dreams" are available for Holiday 2016 delivery!  
Order yours today!*





*"Sweet Dreams"*

2 31/32" W x 2 1/8"D x 1"H, BRONZE, EDITION: 4 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2016

DEC. 5, 2016: Due to production difficulties, I decide to make a slight change in "Sweet Dreams." An extremely small edition limited to no more than 9 Artist's Proofs, just two "Sweet Dreams" are available now: two reds and one black & tan!

### *It's My First Anniversary!*

DEC. 9, 2016: A year ago today, I had an ablation! While it took until Dec. 29, 2016 to take full effect, my heart has been in good rhythm since – and, since August - without any prescription drugs! Yay!



*"Siesta" Wire*

1:6 SCALE: 3 3/8"L x 1 3/4"W x 1"H, BRONZE ED. 30 & 3 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2016

PHOTO: DON CASPER

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*Over the Rainbow*

"Over the Rainbow" is perfectly placed in our family room. It is peeking over the back of a chair. Hanging above is my pen and ink copy of a portrait by Caravaggio that I did for a class at Washington University.

*See, touch and be touched by my work at these upcoming shows:*

DEC. 5, 2016 – JANUARY 1, 2017: 103rd Annual Thumb-Box Exhibition, Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY.

THRU JAN. 1, 2017: Society of Animal Artists 59th Annual Exhibition, The Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston, TX

JAN. 21 – MARCH 2017: Society of Animal Artists 59th Annual Exhibition, The Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum, Oradell, NJ. (201) 261-0012; [blauveltartmuseum.com](http://blauveltartmuseum.com)

THRU FEB. 19, 2017: AKC Museum of the Dog, "Dogs of St. Louis Artists" 1721 S. Mason Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131

MARCH 25 – MAY 15, 2017: Sternberg Museum of Natural History, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS. (785) 628-4286; [sternberg.fhsu.edu](http://sternberg.fhsu.edu)

JUNE 3 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2017: Society of Animal Artists 59th Annual Exhibition, Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester, VA. (540) 662-1473; [themsv.org](http://themsv.org)

THRU 2017: "Performance in Sculpture" exhibition at the David A. Straz, Jr., Center for Performing Arts, Tampa, FL

THRU 2018: Art on the Avenues, Wenatchee, WA: [www.artontheavenues.org](http://www.artontheavenues.org)

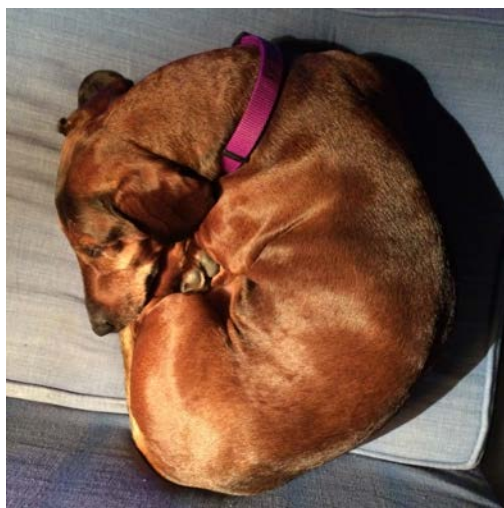
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*Brian, Bo and I wish you a Happy Holiday Season &  
a very Healthy, Happy New Year!*

*Strength for the Journey!  
Please keep in touch!  
Joy*



*Our fine boy Bo Duke as "Sweet Dreams"*