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NEWS & JOURNEYS OF JOY! :: VOL. FOURTEEN, NUMBER EIGHT :: DEC. 2018

Happy Holidays! I am grateful...

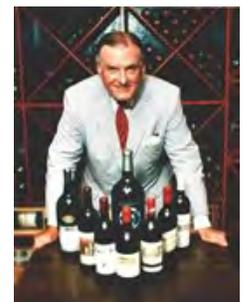
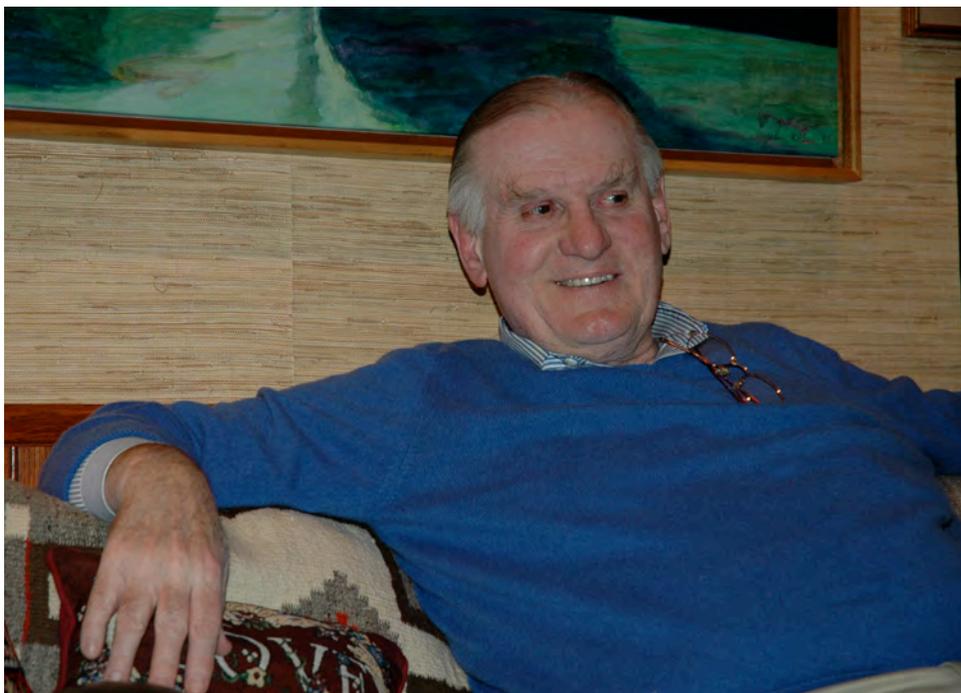
Nov. 8, 2018: I feel very lucky. Today my Dr. Krainik reports that my heart is beating well and my blood pressure is very good. Dr. Krainik performed my ablation three years ago, Dec. 12. My good Dr. Varsha Rathod and Dr. K worked together to take me off all heart meds within the first year after the ablation. My doctors are so very good. I was fortunate to meet Dr. Harvey Walker Jr. back in the late 70s. He taught me to practice Preventive Medicine, which happened to be the name of his practice. Dr. Rathod bought his practice when Harvey retired in the late nineties. Life is good.

Nov. 9, 2018: Happy Birthday, Mom! My mom was born in 1904 and would be 104 years old today. I wish we could talk.

Nov. 13, 2018, 11:15AM: The American Artists Professional League announces "Lord of the Couch" MW earned the Lelia Gardin Sawyer Memorial Award in its 90th Annual Grand National Exhibition 2018. YAY!

Nov. 14, 2018: Sadly, I learn from our friend Betsy Tyrell her husband Gerald died of a heart attack last evening. He was a 79-year-old mischievous sweetheart of a wine connoisseur. He donated his body to the University of Louisville.

Gerald asked to have a party in his memory. Barring a blizzard, we will attend on his birthday, Dec. 27, in Louisville. Gerald is shown here when he and Betsy visited for Christmas 2009.





Nov. 15, 2018, 8:32AM: We awoken to 27 degrees and gently falling snow. By early afternoon, the snow is deeper and the temperature is warmer.



Our Japanese maple branches nearly reach the 2 1/2 foot tall abelea in lower left center. Our pond is frozen. Look carefully to see the trunk of the Japanese maple in the center of the photo.

Snow falls in my face as I prune the tree to raise the canopy. Mother Nature helps a lot; I could not reach the branches without the heavy snow!



Nov. 18, 2018, 9:12AM: The canopy of our Japanese maple is as high as I had hoped. I hope its branches are safe from damage during the next heavy snowfall. Brian's yellow submarine, his FJ Cruiser, is across the cul de sac.



Fast forward, briefly: Nov. 28, 2018: Same tree, different angle. Its leaves are ghostly, almost white after having been deeply frozen at 20 degrees. Normally, leaves would have fallen by now. The next photo shows leaves from the same tree as they appeared on November 13, 2012.



Nov. 21, 2018: An email arrives from the English lady who commissioned "A Good Life" MW.

"Well, she arrived safe and sound and fits exactly where I wanted her - sun bathing in front of the kitchen patio door!

"Thank you so much for making this in time for Barry's birthday.

"The colour is great and looks so much like Morgan - the first lady we had!!

"I will forever be grateful! "Thanks again, Karen x"



"A Good Life" MW

20.5"L x 10.75"D x 5.75"H, BRONZE ED. 5 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF ©2018



"Cozy" Smooth

1:6 SCALE: 3 7/8"L x 3 1/4"D x 1 1/2"H, BRONZE ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2018

8:27AM: The first client to receive her "Cozy" writes, "I just love them. Couldn't put down yesterday. Beautifully packed too! I emailed you the minute I received. I'm honored to own. Thank you so much!"
Thank you, Leslie!



Nov. 22, 2018: I am grateful for Brian, my friends, our friends and for my many collectors from all over the world. I treasure our good health every day and wish you good health as well. May you enjoy a blessed holiday season and a healthy, Happy New Year! Thank you, John Merriman, for the Happy Thanksgiving above.



"Her Life'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

11:45AM: Thank you, Anu, for ordering "Her Life's a Ball!" I will send that to your husband Jari in Denver so he can hand carry it back home to Finland. I appreciate you two very much!

Happy Holidays!



"A Good Life" Wire

1:6 SCALE: 4.75"L x 1 3/8"H x 2.5"D, BRONZE ED: 50 & 5 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2011

Nov. 23, 2018: The First Place Sculpture Award arrives for "A Good Life" Wire, 1:6 Scale, from the Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington DC. (MPSGS) Thank you!!!

Available for Adoption... Price on Request



Nov. 25, 2018: Today, I stumble across this photo of both sizes of *Merry Sunshine*. I drove the life-sized one home from Colorado for my collector to collect and drive to his home. *Merry Sunshine*, quarter life, is available for adoption. Life-size is available by Special Order. Below is a better view of *Merry Sunshine* Quarter life.



Merry Sunshine - Quarter Life

QUARTER LIFE: 10.5"W x 7"D x 5"H, BRONZE EDITION 50 & 5 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2011



So Good to See You, ML

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

AVAILABLE IN 1:6 SCALE, LONG AND WIRE COATS, TOO.



"Life's a Ball!" MS

25.25"L x 11.75"H x 8"D, BRONZE ED. 5 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF ©2017

Winner of the Mary Kay & Paul Jaynes Memorial Award for an Animal Bronze Sculpture
105th Annual Exhibition of the Allied Artists of America



"Life's a Ball!" Smooth

1:6 SCALE: 4.75"L x 2.25"H x 1.5"D BRONZE ED. 99 & 9 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©1998

SMOOTH NUMBER 19/99 IS AVAILABLE. ALSO 1:6 SCALE, LONG & WIRE COATS, & STANDARD SMOOTH

select your patina NOW for pre-holiday delivery!



"A Good Life" Long

1:6 SCALE: 4.75"L x 1 3/8"H x 2.5"D, BRONZE ED. 50 & 5 ARTISTS PROOFS ©2011



"Lord of the Couch" MW

16.5"L x 9.25"H x 7.75"D BRONZE ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2001

Earned the Lelia Gardin Sawyer Memorial Award in the
American Artists Professional League 90th Annual Grand National Exhibition 2018



"Sunnyside up" Long

1:6 SCALE: 5"L x 2.25"H x 1.75"D, BRONZE ED: 50 & 5 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2007

AVAILABLE IN 1:6 SCALE SMOOTH & WIRE COATS & STANDARD SMOOTH!



"Sweet Dreams II"

1:6 SCALE: 2 7/8"L x 1"H x 2"D, BRONZE ED. 50 & 5 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2017

DEC. 1, 2018: Yay! A check arrived for a Sweet Dreams II! A check is reason for excitement and gratitude. ;-)
Each one helps to make my 24/7 life of work worthwhile. Thank you!



"Cozy" Smooth

1:6 SCALE: 3 7/8"L x 3 1/4"D x 1 1/2"H, BRONZE ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2018
JAFE PARSONS PHOTOGRAPHY

Please, contact me NOW about "Cozy" in Long or Wire coat.

DEC. 1, 2018, 10:26AM: YAY! Two casts of "Cozy" Smooth are on their way to their new owners. I send Many Thanks to all seven of you who ordered "Cozy" from my photos of the wax. THANK YOU!!!

At home on a hearth in Minnesota.



"Siesta" MS

16"L x 4.75"H x 9.5"D, BRONZE ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2007

Siesta's beautiful bed was handmade by Barbara Teigen for Kathleen's "Siesta." Kathleen Johnson Photo



"Miss Me" MS

19.5"L x 11"D x 7"H, BRONZE ED: 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2015



"Dream chaser" Wire

6.5"L x 3.5"H x 2"D, BRONZE ED: 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS © 1999

SMOOTH AND LONG COATS ARE AVAILABLE AS WELL AS THE WILD BOAR PATINA SHOWN BELOW.



Squirrel Season Wire

1:6 SCALE: 8.25"W x 8"H x 1 7/8"D, BRONZE ED: 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2004



Squirrel season - Long

1:6 SCALE: 8.25"W x 8 3/4"H x 1 7/8"D BRONZE ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2007



"Big Heart"

20"H x 8"W x 12.5"D BRONZE ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2009



The Eyes Have It!

4.75"H x 3"W x 1.75"D BRONZE ED. 99 & 9 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2012



Limited Edition Sterling & Gold



"Inspiration" Smooth
3 3/8" x 2 3/4" x 1/4" PEWTER ED. OPEN ©2009



"Inspiration" Long
3 3/8" x 2 3/4" x 1/4" PEWTER ED. OPEN ©2012



"Inspiration" Wire
3 3/8" x 2 3/4" x 1/4" PEWTER ED. OPEN ©2012



"Lord of the Couch" Smooth
1:6 SCALE: 4 1/8" L x 2 3/8" H x 1 5/8" D, BRONZE ED: 99 & 9 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2009



"Sweet Dreams II"

1:6 SCALE: 2 7/8"L x 1"H x 2"D, BRONZE ED. 50 & 5 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2017

DEC. 3, 2018, MONDAY: Thank you, Nashville gentleman, for ordering two 1:6 scale smooth dachshunds. Yes, *Lord of the Couch* and *Sweet Dreams II* will be at your doorstep by Thursday!

Yes! More pieces are available for holiday adoption.

Please check my site, www.joybeckner.com Please ask.

Upcoming Events...

NOV. 13, 2018 - JAN. 12, 2019: 28th Annual Miniature Art Show, The MonDak Heritage Center, Sidney, MT

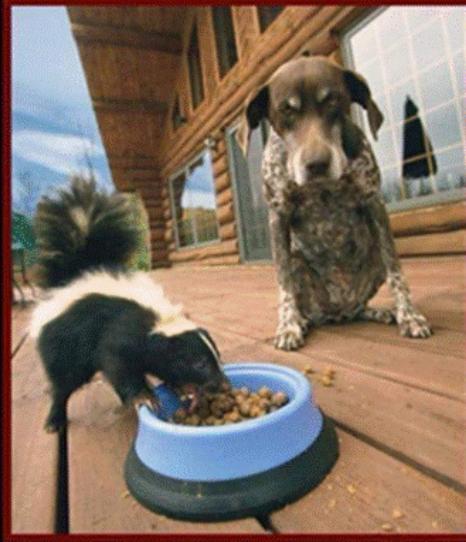
NOV. 18, 2018 - JAN. 6, 2019: 85th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington D.C. (MPSGS) The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Phone: 301-530-0540

THRU JAN. 4, 2019: 34th Annual Miniature Art 2018, The Council for the Arts of Chambersburg, PA, 81 North Main Street, Chambersburg, PA. Phone: 717.264.6883

MAY 23-25, 2019: Dachshund Club of America National Specialty, Purina Farms, MO

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

Two of the greatest qualities
to have in life are:



PATIENCE
and WISDOM

*Thank you for being in my life!
May your life be healthful & beautiful!
Take good care of yourself & please keep in touch.*

Happy Holidays!

- Peace -

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The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

George Graham Vest ... Thank you Steven G. for your card that included this truthfulness.