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classical realism, from hounds to humans & more!

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Hi!

*Happy
December!*

*Please
tell me you and
yours are safe
and healthy!*

DECEMBER 1, 2020: It's here! The Audubon Artists Gold Medal of Honor for Best Sculpture in the 78th Annual Exhibition! It is shown with "Cozy" Wire, 1:6 Scale.

"Cozy" Smooth, 1:6 Scale, was awarded the Gold Medal of Honor for Sculpture in the 78th Annual Exhibition of the Audubon Artists! Plus, \$500! Thank you, judges!



"Cozy" 1:6 Scale, is available for immediate acquisition in Smooth, Long and Wire coats. Long and Wire coats are editions of just 10 & 1 Artist's Proof each.



"Cozy" Long

3 7/8"W x 3 1/4"D x 1 1/4"H, 2#, BRONZE ED. 10 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF



PLEASE STEP BACK TO NOVEMBER 26, 2020: My high school friend wishes to enter his "Squirrel's Dream" in the Macy's Parade! Maybe next year!

Speaking of next year, I will finally update everything on my computer to hopefully allow me to use my favorite multiple master font, Adobe Jenson, MM with the most current MS Word. NOW, it is a challenge, as is Quicken with my Mac OS needing a major update. Photoshop shows a ??? mark!



“Siesta” SS

20.5”L x 10.5”W x 6”H, 23#, BRONZE ED: 20 & 2 ARTIST’S PROOFS ©2005

My donation of my personal “Siesta” SS AP2/2 arrived safely at Brookgreen Gardens where it will join “Life’s a Ball!” SS AP2/2 in their permanent collection. No fear! “Siesta” is available in life-size standard smooth and life-size miniature smooth. In hand held, 1:6 scale, “Siesta” is available in smooth, long and wire coats. “Siesta” is peace.

DECEMBER 3, 2020: My dental appointment goes well. No news is good news, right?

DECEMBER 4, 2020: My truly wonderful ablation doctor, Dr. Andrew Krainik, says my EKG and everything else about my heart looks good! LIFE IS GOOD!!!

Now, to get my corn fixed! In the 1990s, I remember walking on Michigan Avenue in Chicago in my custom-made turquoise cowboy boots. I do not know how many blocks I walked, but it was enough to create a corn that has stayed with me for all these years. At one of my high school reunions, a fellow accidentally stepped on and broke my other little toe. I’m about ready to have a doctor operate on my little toe with the corn. Life is too short for this renewed pain. Today I give too small shoes and boots to a resale shop.

DEC. 6, 2020: My web man and I discuss updating my site. Hopefully by this spring I can afford to have him update it. Technology, technology...

A reply to my complimentary email to Sherrie McGraw arrives. I ADORE Sherrie's drawings and paintings. And, I adore the Cochin font she used in her reply. Adobe has lately been charging \$10 a month for the luxury of using a font that I have used for at least twenty years!

This is Cochin. It is very similar to the Adobe Jensen Multiple Master font that I have been using. Cochin has italic regular and bold, but no small caps that I use for the dates in my newsletters. I think I can live with no small caps. Now I need to see how it blends with Fine Hand for my JKβ logo. It looks pretty good to me!

DEC. 9, 2020: From the ARC Salon site... I'm back to Adobe Jensen for the rest of this Newsletter.

15th ARC Salon Finalist!

YAY!!! "The Art Renewal Center is pleased to announce that we have posted our roster of finalists competing in the 15th International ARC Salon Competition. We received 4,941 entries this year from 83 countries. 40%, 1,977 works, were selected as semi-finalists, all of which will be featured on the ARC website. And although it has been very difficult to make additional cuts for the 15th ARC Salon hard bound book, International Realism, 1,155 works have now been selected as our finalists, 23% of entries."



"A Good Life" Miniature Wire

20.5"L x 10.75"D x 5.75"H, 25 #, BRONZE ED. 5 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF ©2018

WOW! I am thrilled that "A Good Life" MW is among the ARC Salon finalists!

"The images of all of our semi-finalists along with finalists, honorable mentions and winners will be posted on January 13th, when we announce the final results of the competition."

Please wish me good luck!

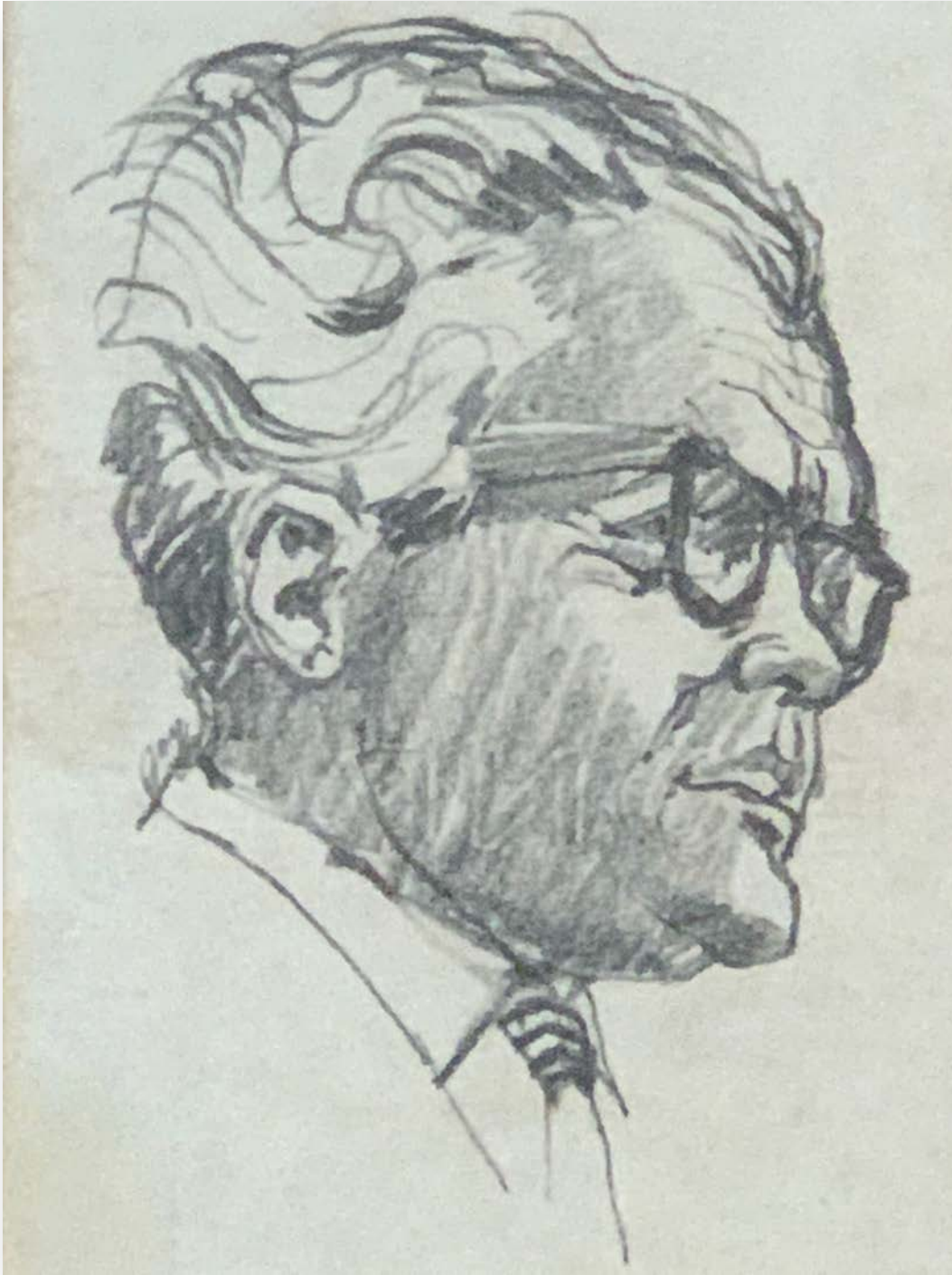


An original is available!

"A Good Life" Standard Smooth

25"L x 13"D x 8.5"H, BRONZE ©1996

The Original "A Good Life" Number 6/20, above, is available for immediate acquisition.



DEC. 9, 2020: Earlier, I mentioned Sherrie McGraw's drawings. Sherrie asked me to send a picture of the drawing I like best out of all of my art school drawings. Here 'tis. I wish I had signed it.

Today, my skin doctor removed what he thinks is a benign growth from my forehead. I hope so...

Many bronzes, large and small, are available for adoption.



Please consider pleasing someone with a gift of my work for Christmas, Happy 2021! or Valentine's Day!



"Inspiration" Smooth, Wire or Long
3 3/8" x 2 3/4" x 1/4" PEWTER ED: OPEN, w/RED OR BLUE RIBBON (C) 2012

Pewter, Select Red or Blue Ribbon!

"A Squirrel's Dream"
is
"A Lady's Dream"
soon to be in
sterling silver...

*A
Happy 2021 Gift!*

DEC. 11, 2020: WOW! A surprise came yesterday: an order for a sterling silver life-size white oak acorn pendant and a chain! Today I add a loop to the acorn, fill its crack and UPS it to Ben Cordsen, my wonderful mold maker in Colorado. Ben will send me waxes to detail. Marty Hassing, my excellent jeweler here, will cast it. Thank you for your order, Jim!



"Merry Sunshine" half-life, is coming in summer 2021!

The blue foam enlargement of the quarter-life "Merry Sunshine" has arrived. Once I complete my computer updates, in January, I will add clay and start to detail this sculpture for completion in bronze in early summer. Please place your order now. "Merry Sunshine" half-life size, will be an edition of 9 & 1 Artist's Proof. Copyright 2011, Created in 2021. Please order now for delivery in Summer 2021.



So Good to See You" SS

ACQUIRED, NOT AVAILABLE

"So Good to See You, Too" SS

APPROX. 16"L X 15"H X 12"D

This mirrored version (right) of my life-sized standard smooth dachshund "So Good to See You" SS, has been commissioned and will also be available in early Summer 2021. It will be an edition of 9 & 1 Artist's Proof. Copyright 2000. Created in 2021. Special order your "So Good to See You, Too" now for Summer 2021 delivery.



DEC. 11, 2020: New York Times: "Supreme Court Rejects Texas Suit Seeking to Subvert Election!"

Covid update: My primary care doctor says I should wait two months after my negative Covid Test, to have my antibody test. January 11, 2021 is my antibody test date! Yay!

DEC. 12, 2020: Charley Pride, a son of sharecroppers who rose to become country music's first Black superstar with hits including "Kiss an Angel Good Mornin'" and "Is Anybody Goin' to San Antone," died on Saturday in hospice care in Dallas. He was 86. Jeremy Westby, a publicist for Mr. Pride, said the cause was complications of Covid-19

*Beau is
sometimes
brilliant!*

Beau is hanging in, no better, no worse. He is a sweetheart even if he squirms and wakes me anywhere from 5:45-6:30am. I get Beau's breakfast, and walk him and then he is ready to go back to bed and sleep. ;-)) How Brian sleeps through this, I haven't a clue. I usually go back to bed, though this morning he kindly awakened me with no bark at a generous 7:30!



Once in a while, Beau is Brilliant! Last night, it had been raining before I took him out for his final walk. I placed him on the relatively dry sidewalk facing the driveway. He turned around, walked down the path toward our neighbor, slipped between two yew bushes and immediately peed. He walked VERY close to the house directly to the front door. He did not get wet! YES! He deserved a treat, a piece of jerky! The brilliant little man of 14 3/4 years, makes me smile.

"You cannot share your life with a
dog and not know perfectly well
that animals have personalities,
minds and feelings."

- Jane Goodall



A Big Day in the U.S.:

DEC. 14, 2020: The first Covid-19 vaccine has been given to a New York nurse! YAY!!!

The Electoral College meets and Joseph R. Biden will indeed become our President! YAY!!!

A mass vaccination campaign begins! YAY!!!



See and be touched by my work at these Events:

THRU DEC. 31, 2020: Audubon Artists 78th Annual Exhibition. Online: www.audubonartists.com

THRU JAN. 9, 2021: 87th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society, MPSGS. LIVE at the Bethesda Mansion, Bethesda, MD.

JAN. 13, 2021: The 15th ARC Salon finalists, images and awards will be posted on their site.

THRU JAN. 2021: Sculptureworks, Inc., Cleburn County Public Library, Heber Springs, AR.

JUNE 2021: Performance in Sculpture, LIVE at David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa, FL.

JULY 2 – SEPT. 5, 2021: “ANIMALS IN ART” Celebrating the Reopening of the Newly Renovated Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum, LIVE in Logan, Kansas. Curated by David J. Wagner, Ph.D.

THRU AUGUST 1, 2021: Allied Artists of America, 107th Annual Exhibition. Online: See the award winners works here:
<https://cdn.flipsnack.com/widget/v2/widget.html?hash=1pioas8hp8&bgscolor=EEEEEE&t=1540204623&play=1>

INTO PERPETUITY: National Sculpture Society: Fellows Favorite Exhibition.
Online: www.nationalsculpture.org

I wish you and yours Good Health, Peace, Love & Happiness!

*Strength for the Journey!
Happy, Holidays!!*

*Sincerely,
Joy*

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