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

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*Greetings! I hope you are healthy and staying warm.*

**Dec. 24, 2020:** This photo arrived from a lady in Spain who ordered “Siesta” for Diane Poranski. It is shown with Diane’s “Sweet Roll.” Thank you, Gema.



**Jan. 2, 2021:** A photo arrives of "Dreaming of Tomatoes" MS. Thank you, Patrice, for acquiring my very last "Dreaming of Tomatoes" MS, number AP2/2.

*A sweet mini smooth and a standard smooth take a "Siesta"*



**Jan. 6, 2021:** The Main Event today has nothing to do with me. Rioters, incited by Donald Trump, invade and damage the Capitol Building, and, threaten Senators and House Representatives in session. VP Pence is threatened with death! You don't want to, but you should, remember this massive attack on our Capital today. Not pretty.



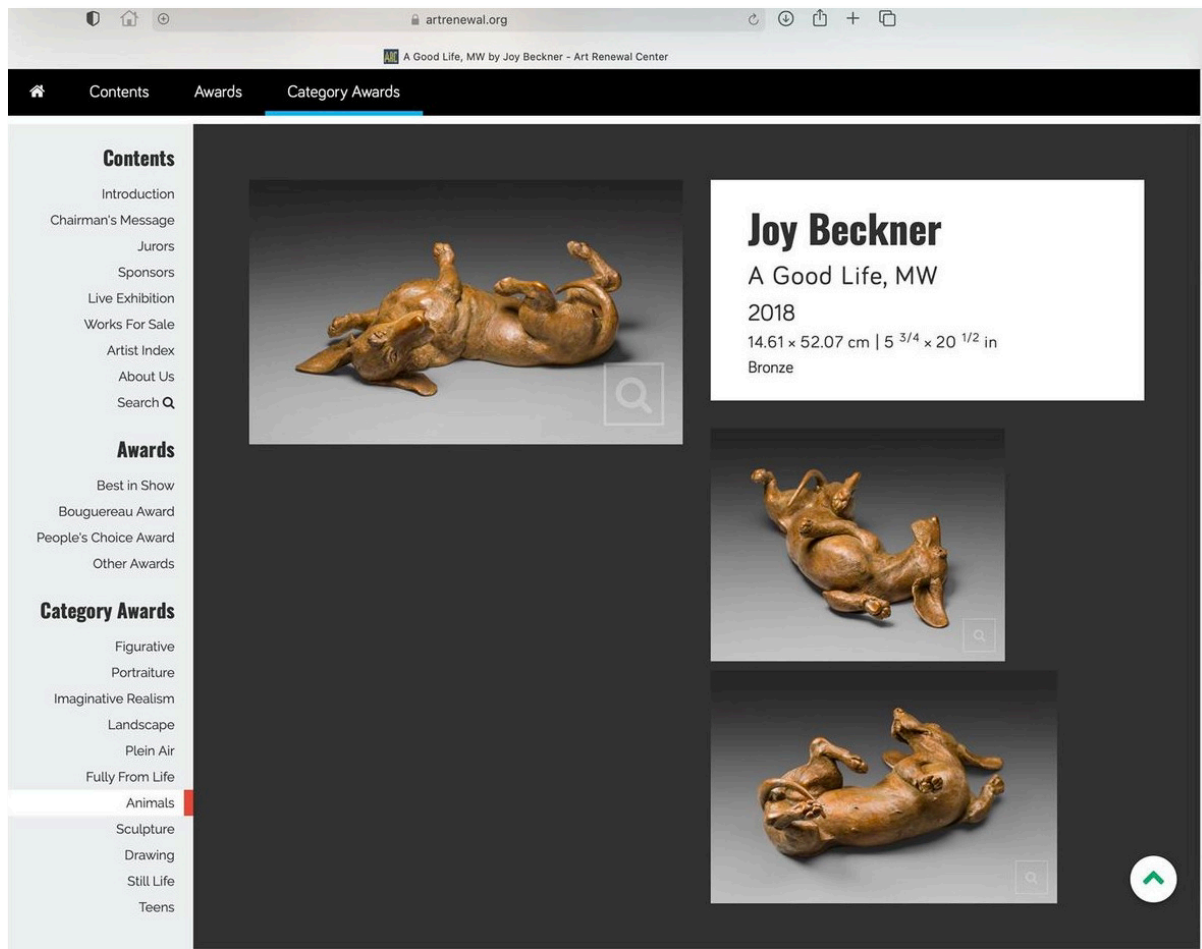
**Jan. 12, 2021:** Don Casper sends his glorious photo of my sterling silver “A Squirrel’s Dream.” Thank you, Jim, for commissioning this gift for your wife, Diane.

**Jan. 13, 2021:** *15<sup>th</sup> ARC Salon Finalist! I am thrilled! 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.”

“The images of all of our finalists, honorable mentions and winners are posted on the [artrenewal.org](http://artrenewal.org).” (Interestingly, all award winners just happen to be paintings.)





*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.

**Jan. 15, 2021:** My Covid Antibody Tests come back negative. What illness DID I have this fall?

**Diane L. Templar**  
**Memorial Award**  
**for Best in Dogs**



***Dreaming of Tomatoes (Long 13/50), 23b - \$600***  
**Joy Kroeger Beckner**

**Jan. 16, 2021:** A package from The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Graver Society of Washington, DC, arrives. In it is the catalog from their 87<sup>th</sup> Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature. Above is a photo of “Dreaming of Tomatoes” Long, showing the award it earned: the Diane L. Templar Memorial Award for Best in Dogs. Thank you, Judge Gavin Glakus!

**Jan. 20, 2021:** Joseph R. Biden Jr. is inaugurated as our 46<sup>th</sup> President!









*What a surprise!*

**Jan. 21, 2021:** We always stop at Riverlands when driving north to Illinois.

Today Brian drives us to Alton, IL, to meet St. Louis radio personality Steve Potter, the grandson of my high school principal, Charles Edward, C.E., Ed Potter. Steve searched for Joy Beckner and Normandy and found me right away! I had totally forgotten I created an oil painting of Mr. Potter before I graduated in June 1962. I must have painted him from a photo. I may have to try painting again. ;-)

*Thank you, Steve!*





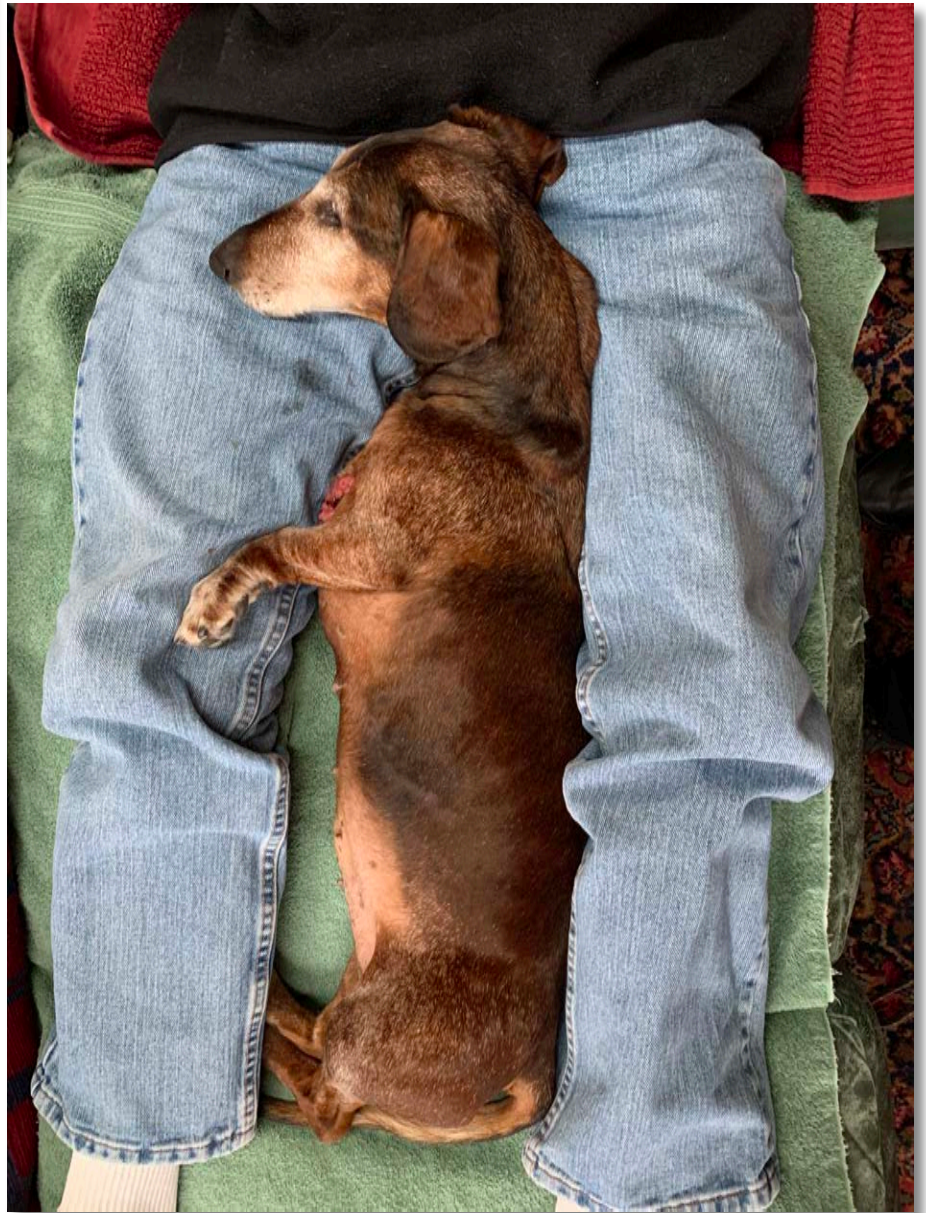


**Jan. 25, 2021:** A first! This rainy day we discover a dead deer in our back yard. In the 36 years living here, we have never seen one. Three days later it is nearly invisible in the snow.





**Jan. 29, 2021, Friday, 2:30:** My first Covid-19 vaccine shot is today! The shot is easy. Several days afterwards are not. My left arm experience redness and pain through Wednesday, plus my memory is missing Sunday morning! This IS better than getting Covid.



**Feb. 1, 2021:** Beau's favorite napping position is with his napping daddy.





**Feb. 2, 2021:** Snowdrops in our front yard...

### *Bionic Beau!*

**Feb. 5, 2021:** Beau and I visit his vet for acupuncture. Several days ago, Beau slid, back first, down our 14 carpeted stairs to the first floor. I heard his toenails on the hardwood floor and, before I could pick him up, he was sliding. It's the first time in the 36 years of having dachshunds, that this has happened.

A couple days later, I was upstairs, Beau was on the first floor and Brian was in the basement. When I went downstairs, Brian was carrying Beau up from the basement where he tumbled to followed his daddy. Through all of this, Beau let out not one peep of pain! After a nap with no moaning or crying, then dinner, that evening he walked pretty normally for a little man of nearly fifteen. He still enjoys his plate licks and he deserved acupuncture and a new supplement, Arthri-Ease.

I start to clean my studio, BUT, it is COLD down there! I will do other things until it warms up. We've had snow and temps down to 0 lately. Will the snow drops survive?

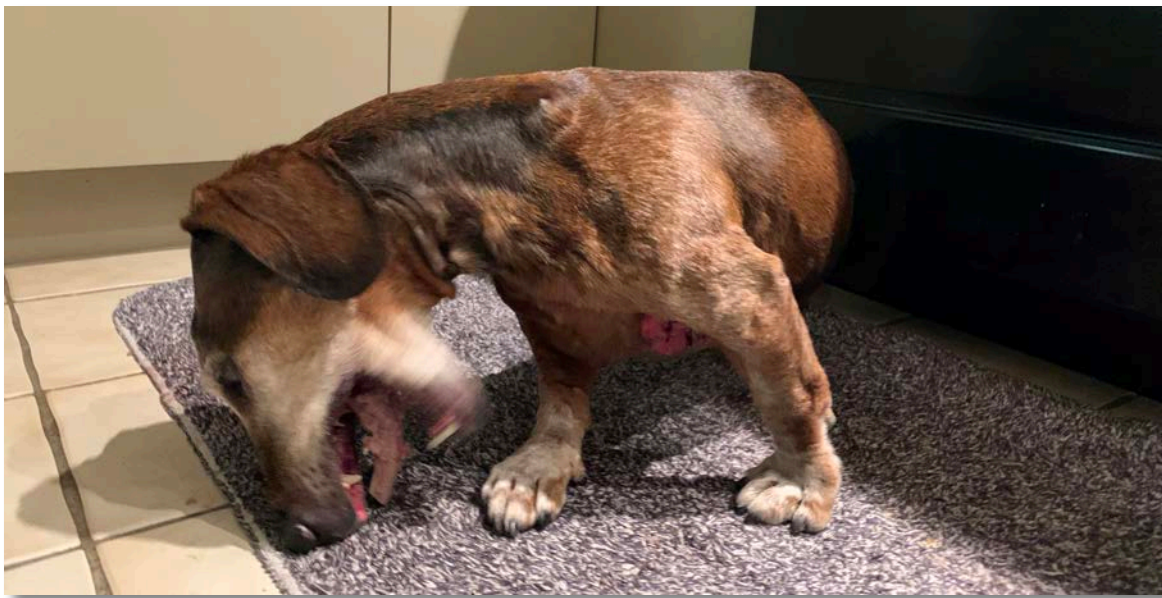




*"Give your Dog a Bone!"*







**Feb. 9, 2021:** My dog guru friend, Charlotte Peltz, is absolutely giddy as she talks with Dr. Ian Billinghurst, her hero and author who wrote the book, "Give Your Dog A Bone," that got her started on her mission of appropriate canine nutrition. ...of which we are all now a beneficiary!!! Please click here to learn more: <https://soundcloud.com/user-25310007/lwydpod-dr-ian-billinghurst-020721>

Beau is ecstatic with a pork chop bone, dancing in circles as he chews his bone!

Before Christmas, I updated my MacBook Pro to Big Sur after which MSWord 2019 worked miserably. Horizontal lines are in every document and I cannot make an alias. Today I am happy to report that the MSWord documents print without lines, and they can be sent as an attachment without lines. Whew!

**Feb. 11, 2021:** At night I have been seeing flares around headlights. Dr. Byron Santos, says my eyes are good, but very dry. He recommends using eyes drops multiple times a day. Artificial Tears or Blink should do the trick. Yay! No need for new glasses!

**Feb. 14, 2021:** The temperature hovers between Zero and One degree.



Brian's beautiful  
Bissinger's chocolates  
and card greet me.

Bissinger's is a  
marvelous chocolatier  
here in St. Louis.

Bissinger's story  
begins in 1668, Paris,  
France.

[www.bissingers.com](http://www.bissingers.com)

*Thank you, Brian!*





### *A custom pendant!*

A collector sent me her "Dear to my Heart" Wire 3/4 Head sterling pendant and her chain that she acquired at DCA in 2007.



My jeweler who cast it changed the bail and created a hinged back so my collector can safely place her heart medicine inside and carry it with her. Great idea, Lorraine!



**Feb. 15, 2021:** It is so cold outside that Beau's little ears really need protection!

My bandana comes to his rescue in these 0 to 3 degree days.

Go Beau!







**Feb. 16, 2021:** Our frozen front yard pond is complete with a hydrangea blossom. My deposit is on its way to my web guru for a brand new, easier to navigate website!

**Feb. 17, 2021:** My friend and Mac guru, Nonnie Markeset, who lives in San Miguel de Allende, MX, helps me transfer my MSWord documents into Pages, the word processor that comes with Mac computers. I am so happy that my Newsletter and other documents now have no horizontal lines! *Thank you, Nonnie!*

**Feb. 18, 2021:** Today, I'm sad to learn Nonnie has heart problems. Sunday, she and husband Ed drove home from Houston where they received their first Covid-19 vaccines. What timing! The snow and frigid Texas temperatures hit Houston Monday.

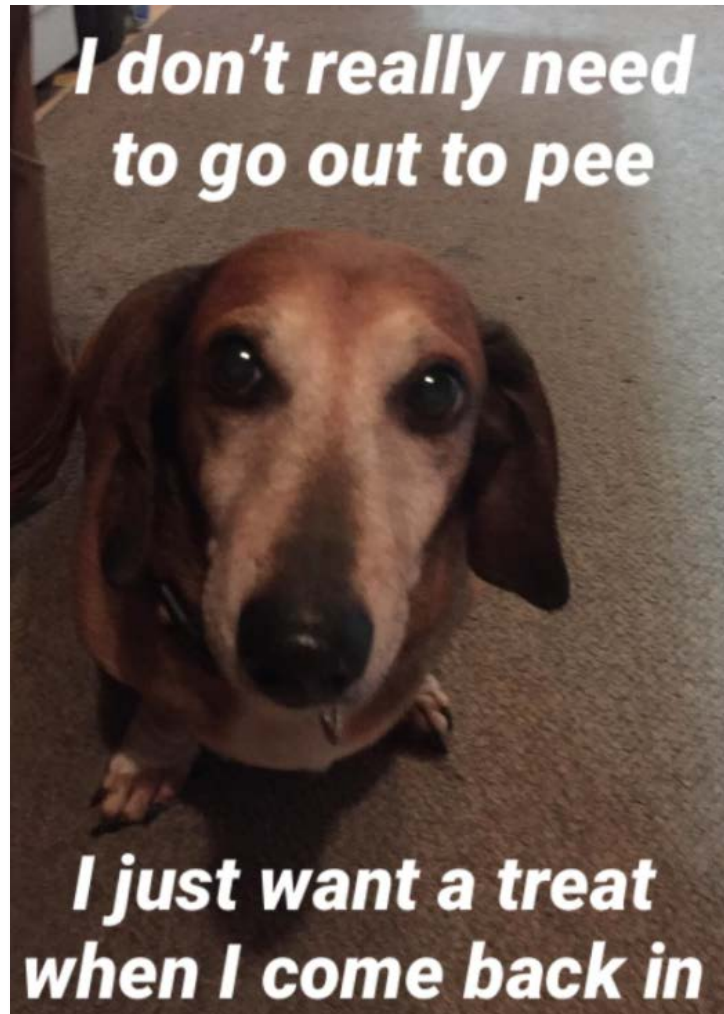




Brian found this photo of San Miguel's BIG GOOSE on Facebook. We have known Arvino, the man who created this Goose above his restaurant, for probably 15 years. We miss his former restaurant partner, Dick Weber, too, and winter in San Miguel.

**Feb. 18, 2021, 4:04pm:** National Geographic reports NASA's newest Mars rover lands like a feather over 300 million miles away. Its mission: to seek out signs of life.

**Feb. 19, 2021:** Today, Covid-19 cases in the US have reached 28 million. We've had 495,295 Deaths in the US and 16,162,358 are completely vaccinated.



*Beau is sometimes brilliant! Most times he lets us know when he needs to go outside, but in this weather, he occasionally doesn't...*

**Feb. 20, 2021, 18 degrees:** Beau gets me up at 4:45am today. I feed him and walk, walk walk him. Yes, he has a poop, but no pee. It's been since 3pm yesterday that he had a pee! At 5:30am I take him back to bed. He wakes me up at 8:30 and, when I take him outside, he immediately pees. It is now 23.7 degrees. We open the blinds and let the sun shine in! Warmth is on its way! Yay!

Our St. Louis area spring time temperatures are predicted to be above normal from March through May. We are ready! Just a few days of cold here are enough to make me very grateful for power, heat and water. I remember my Boeker grandparents in their little farm house with kerosine lamps, a wood stove, hand pump for water at the kitchen sink, and outhouse. They did not know the conveniences we have grown used to in the last 70 years, including automatic washers and dryers! Very best wishes to Texans in their deep freeze!

A San Antonio friend calls and tells me he filled a water bob with swimming pool water in his bathtub. A water bob is a large container that holds water. He added 1/8th teaspoon of bleach per gallon. If necessary they can drink it. They have had rolling black outs and he had to turn off the water. The gas stove in the kitchen saved them for cooking. San Antonio is up to 40 degrees and life is looking up for them now. Yay!

*Please see and be touched by my work at these Events:*

Jan. 13, 2021: The 15th ARC Salon finalists, images and awards are posted on their site here: <https://www.artrenewal.org/Salon/Finalists>

Thru March 2021: Sculptureworks, Inc., Cleburn County Public Library, Heber Springs, AR.

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&bgsolor=EEEEEE&t=1540204623&play=1>

Thru June 2022: Performance in Sculpture, LIVE at David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa, FL.

Into Perpetuity: National Sculpture Society: Fellows Favorite Exhibition. Online: [www.nationalsculpture.org](http://www.nationalsculpture.org)

*Quick update re: Arthritis*

My doctor said in addition to taking 2 Boswellia capsules in the am and in the pm with food, to also drink Black Cherry juice, and take two Turmeric capsules after lunch.

Get Boswellia from Pure Formulas on line for the best value.



Thank you for reading my news.  
I wish you and yours Good Health, Peace, Love & Happiness!  
Strength for the Journey!

Happy Spring!

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