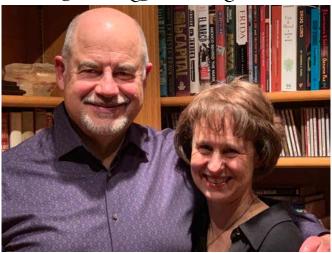
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Happy Holídays!



DEC. 24, 2019: Meet our friends Frank and Ellen who come for dinner.



DEC. 25, 2019: Surprise, surprise! I discover Susan Toplitz' lovely drawing of my "A Good Life". Susan posted her drawing on Facebook. She drew this at the AKC Museum. Thank you, new friend!



"A Good Lífe" SS, 6/20

25.5" Long, Bronze, Ed. 20 & 2 Artist's Proofs ©1996 Number 6/20, above, is looking for a loving home. "A Good Life" SS was last available in 2002!

DEC. 27, 2019:

"Rachel is thrilled with her 'Trouper.' write her pleased parents!

I modeled "Trouper" in wax on wood for bronze from a photograph given by the couple that commissioned "Trouper". Enjoy!

"Trouper"

5"W x 7"H x 5/8"D Bronze, Ed. 5 & 1 AP ©2019

Special Order

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DEC. 30, 2019: Seaside Art Gallery invites me to show from Feb. 1-22 in their Animals in Art Show 2020. I wish I had known earlier so I could have sent something...

Please ride with us to San Miguel de Allende, MX.

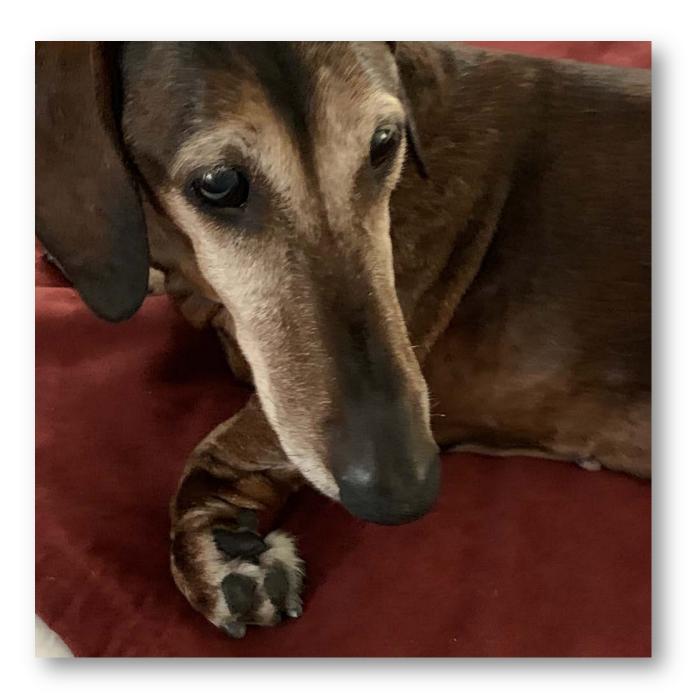
DEC. 31, 2019, 9:30ISH, 46 DEGREES: We leave the LaQuinta in Sherman, TX.



<u>I:25PM: San Antonio, TX</u>: Look at this front! The temperature drops two degrees to 62 as we pass under this front!

On our way to overnight in Laredo, TX, we stop at a favorite place, the New Braunfels Smokehouse, for some summer sausages and jerky. Yum! Their freshly baked light color cookies (oatmeal?) are very good, and not terribly sweet. When in New Braunfels, do stop!





Happy New Year – 2020!

Beau is with us here in Laredo at the Hotel La Posada. Our holistic vet is happy with his weight at 22.5 pounds and thinks he is doing quite well for being nearly fourteen.

Recently, Beau learned to bark when he wants us to give him a ride up or down the stairs. We have never heard him growl, except when he is dreaming. He is a dear, sweet guy, and a lover.

I love his coloration and thought you might like to see a recent picture of him.

Brian, Beau and I wish you a very happy and healthy new year! We are in bed by about 8:00.

Happy New Year to all!

JAN. 1, 2020: 7:3015H: Brian retrieves his FJ Cruiser and we are on our way to San Miguel. There are no lines to get across Bridge One, or, are there any lines at the immigration building. We love it! Nearly everyone is still in bed!

8:43AM, 55 DEGREES: The road to Monterrey is new! Brian drives 85mph and we are passed as if we are driving 40mph this overcast drizzly day. I see distant mountains.

The Mexican government saw fit to resurface the four-lane highway between Laredo and Mexico City, and is expanding the highway between Monterrey and Laredo, which will make traveling much easier.

9:02AM: We are at the first Plaza de Cobra, aka tollbooth. Just afterwards is El Rancho, a favorite rest stop.





ßreakfast Serenade...

Musicians serenade patrons while they eat breakfast in the large dining room at our favorite rest stop. Their live music is piped into the restrooms! Yay! Happy times in two places!



This little lady makes sure the bano, (ban-yo) restroom, is <u>clean!</u> Where in the States do we have a public restroom with a greeter and an entry this warm and inviting?

IO:58AM: We stop for gas and a restroom at what appears to be a newly painted 7/11. By contrast, this bano is unisex, filthy, has no TP and NO sink! Be prepared; <u>ALWAYS</u> carry extra Kleenex or TP!!!



Everything but the kitchen sink!

We are motioned to take the Libre - free freeway. We normally take the Cuota - toll road - because the road is better. We have light rain, low clouds and 54 degrees.

This year we'll spend the night with friends in Matehuala, and drive to San Miguel tomorrow. It's down to 50 degrees and raining; at least it's not snowing!

"It's so nice they fixed this highway," says Brian. While it's still cloudy, Brian thinks we can see 8-9 miles.



Blue Skies ... for a while

Real de Catorce

I:IIPM, 54 DEGREES WITH WIND WHIPPING! We take a side trip to Real de Catorce (Ray-al' day Ca-tor'-say) It is much farther and much higher elevation than I recall from our trip in 1999.



A bumpy cobblestone road leads to Real de Catorce.



I:59PM: A friendly donkey looks up as we pass on our way to Real de Catorce.



2:31PM: After waiting for a long line of holiday visitors, we enter the long, narrow One Way Tunnel.

2:43PM: Wow! How Real de Catorce has changed! Gone are the holograms of Jesus flipping to The Pope.

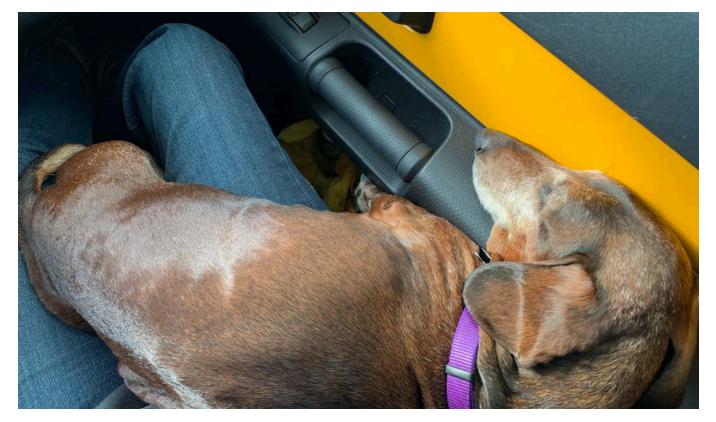
Now the entry to this once beautiful little town is an ongoing Mercado!





Driving here is not for the timid. One-way streets/alleyways abound. Some are cobblestone paved. Many are dirt or half dirt. We are too intent on driving the one-way streets to try to find the beautiful old Hotel de Abundencia where we stayed in 1999. The gal at the front desk was so nice she let Brian and our friend Frank park their motorcycles in the lobby.

What a way to spend an afternoon! I prefer my memories of our '99 trip when a burro slid down a side street in front of Frank who was riding in front of us as we left town.



Pampered Beau loves lazing in the sun.

3:50PM, 67 DEGREES: Yay! The road to Matehuala is paved with asphalt! No more cobblestones... for now.

Jan. 2, 2020, Thursday, 10:24am, 69 degrees: We try to no avail to find the Museo de Rebozo in Santa Maria del Rio. This is a sweet little town with narrow paved streets. It is just off Mexico-57 on our way to San Miguel. It may be 69 degrees, but natives dress warmly as their concrete, stone or brick homes do not warm quickly. We know; we've stay in a place like that in San Miguel.

The Oxford Dictionary makes "Climate Emergency" its Word of the Year. Indeed, it is two words that mean the world to humanity. Pun intended.

Be prepared! A nice clean bano (ban-yo) greets me as Brian buys gas. I am happy to have toilet paper from yesterday's rest stop that charged 5 pesos to get in, because none is provided in this bano. Of course, remember to toss it in the wastebasket. Plumbing is not strong here.



IO:56AM: A sandstorm is blowing out of the southwest. A semi truck's load weaves within its lane. This is a red flag condition! Brian is happy he has a brush guard on this vehicle as tumble weeds blow across the road.





In Los Rodriguez, topes (toe-pays) placed every 75 feet, slow traffic to a crawl. The road dips and dives like a quick roller coaster punctuated with topes! Sadly, topsoil blows from farm fields along the road.

It is 66 windy degrees as we enter the road toward our rental.

We arrive in San Miguel!

JAN. 2, 2020, Around Noon: Debra, the sweet young cleaning gal helps me haul our luggage into the casita.

Brian drives to his parking place across town and pays his man 1000 pesos (about \$50), a bottle of tequila and a bag of Snickers for two months!



I:45PM: Jose Luis, the property manager, arrives with an armload of roses! Fresh fruit is a bonus!



5:39PM: Whew! Everything is finally unpacked; Beau has been fed and is eating his ear, and, my feet are up! Yay!

Brian has figured out the smart TV and turns on the fireplace for a little heat. This tiny little casita is quite comfortable.



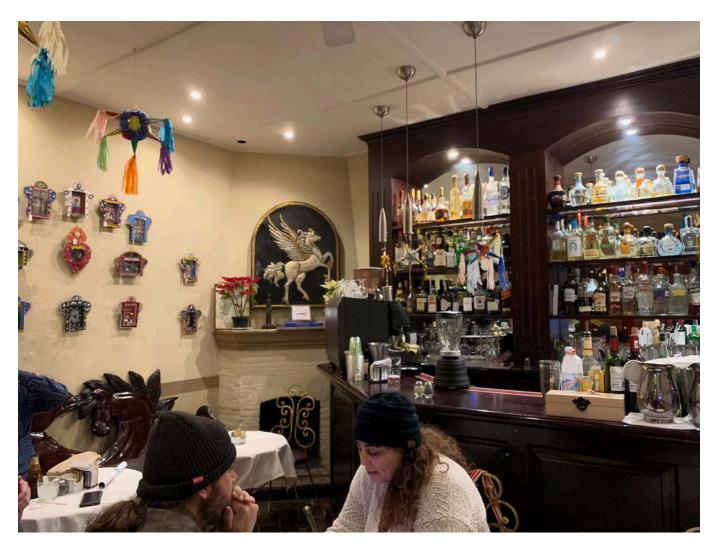
It is oh-so-sad to watch Australia burn.

The weather channel predicts we are in for 12 days of high winds and cool temperatures here. The lows will be in the mid 30s to highs in the mid 70s.

<u>6:04РМ</u>: My goodness! It's still daylight!!!



 $\underline{\text{6:35PM}}$: Just out of our door, we see this as we leave to walk to El Pegaso for dinner. It's just $3\frac{1}{2}$ blocks!



The first thing you see in the entry to El Pegaso, our favorite little restaurant in San Miguel.

<u>8:47PM</u>: After a delicious dinner, including German chocolate cake, we are all three in bed. Driving and riding, especially in the wind, is hard work. Good night!

JAN, 3, 2020, FRIDAY: I walk a few blocks to Solutions to set up mail receipt and meet Brian in the sunny Jardin about 1:30. We walk together to Mercado Sano where we buy milk - in GLASS bottles - yogurt, orange mango juice and yogurt. Our breakfast needs are met with the fruit from yesterday and the glorious mix of two granolas that I brought from home. This will suffice until we get more organized.

Tonight we walk to <u>La Dona</u>, a new restaurant/hotel between the casita and El Pegaso. Their delicious salad includes artichoke hearts and thin strips of crispy sweet potatoes! Brian's Camarrow, Pork Shank, is enough for two persons for two nights! My pistachio encrusted salmon is delish! The great news too, is they send us home with paper to go boxes in a biodegradable plastic looking bag.

Did I tell you Mexico banned single use plastic bags? YAY! Wake up USA! We need no more plastico!

Interestingly, the two international packages I sent Dec. 11 and Dec. 12 have yet to get to arrive. I call the USPS and learn that Customs has 12-15 working days to clear packages and then, they get to deliver them! There is No such thing as quick delivery during the holidays to Belgium or New Zealand!



Jan. 4, 2020: While walking on Hidalgo to a tiny organic grocer, Via Organica, we see this for the first time in all the years we have visited San Miguel. WOW! Established 1693!!! I love the cacti on top!





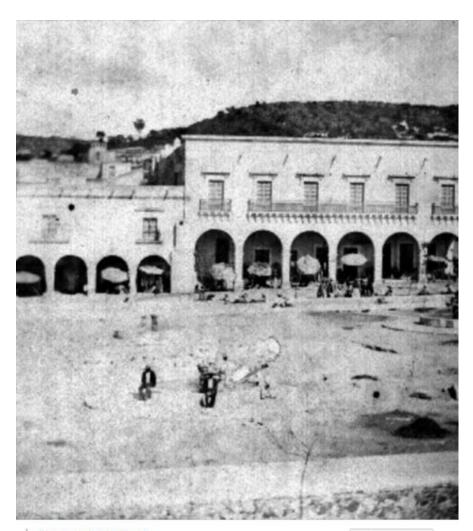
Where in the States can one find shoe shops that sell shoelaces at the door? These are from two stores!



A happy baby and her mom visit us in the Jardin.

The Jardín

In 1880...



Salvemos San Miguel January 2 at 8:00 PM · 🚱

Like Page

and

Now...

Hace unos días el Jardín Principal de #SanMigueldeAllende estaba abarrotado de gente, pero en 1880 se veía muy diferente. Vista de la plaza hacia el Portal de Guadalupe.



Above: Building of the Jardin in 1880. The current photo is of the far right of the buildings shown above.

JAN. 6, 2020: Dr. Ricardo's wife delivers 10 bags of home made BARC, Biologically Appropriate Raw Cuisine. This frozen food includes three bags of organ meat. I've learned the perfect ratio for Beau: 1 oz. organ meat to 5 oz. of meat for each meal. I will order less organ meat next time, as three bags are too many for 15 bags of Chicken, Turkey and Beef. We are lucky to have Dr. Ricardo for our vet in San Miguel.

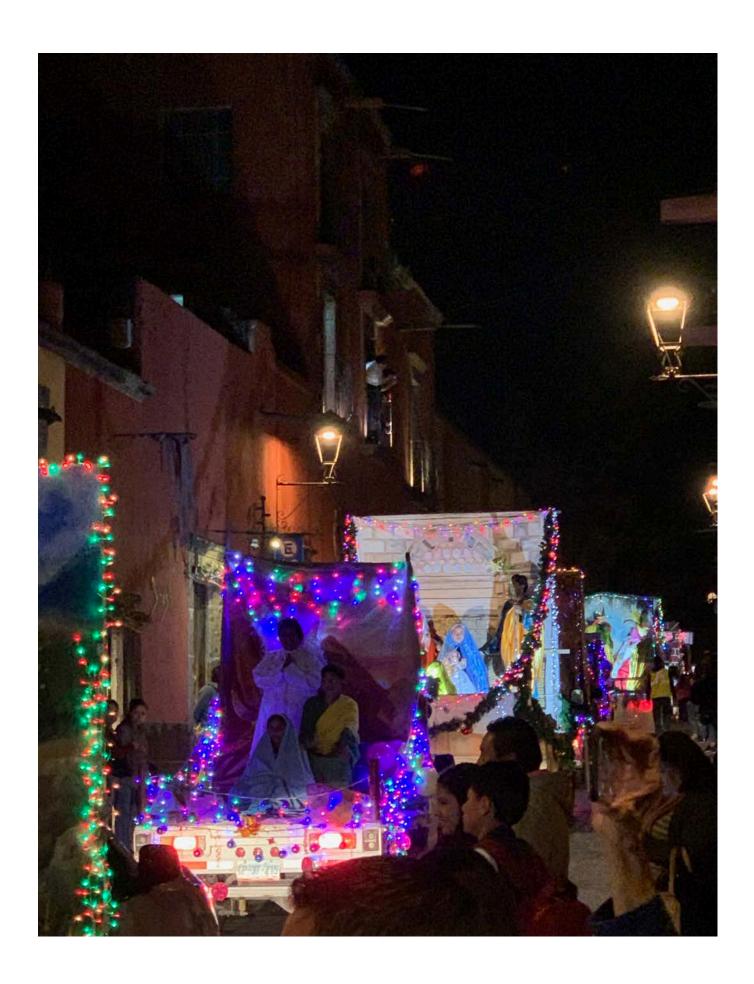


Three Kings Day!

7:02PM: While walking to a small Italian Restaurant, Mare Nostrom, we happen upon a parade in honor of Three Kings Day! It's our first time to seen a Three Kings Day parade!

The kids on the fire truck are much happier than the young man playing a king.;-))





JAN. 7, 2020: My first Pilates reformer class is today. It feels good to be back in the drill. My partner is an aspiring sculptor from Minnesota. What good luck to meet her.

JAN. 8, 2020: Brian surprises us with a clear box of toffee covered with dark chocolate, dried apricots, almonds, pistachios, hazelnuts, pumpkin seeds and other delights. The Mexicans surely know how to create delicious confections!



JAN. 9, 2020, 9:19AM: A USPS notice arrives stating that my personal bronze "So Good to See You" Smooth, 1:6 Scale, has been delivered to my client, Johan, in Belgium. I shipped it Dec. 12, with a projected arrival date of Dec. 19. Belgian Customs took from Dec. 19 until January 9, 2:42PM, Belgian time, to Customs clear and deliver this package. YAY! It's home again! Thank you!

"So Good to See You" Smooth, 1:6 Scale is now completely sold out!





"So Good to See You"

ABOVE:

"So Good to See You" Long (c) 2009 1:6 Scale: 2.5"L x 2 7/8"H x 1.75"D

SELECT RED OR DARK PATINA

Left:

"So Good to See You" Wire (c) 2010 1:6 Scale: 2.5"L x 2 7/8"H x 1.75"D

SELECT RED OR DARK PATINA

Patinas shown are brighter than in life to show details.

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JAN. 10, 2020: Yay! My New Zealand client received his "Sunnyside Up" 1:6 Scale, in perfect condition at 12:02pm local time. On Jan. 8, Mathew wrote, "I am used to this with USPS & NZ Post. So there is progress all be it at a snails pace. None of these delays are avoidable" I shipped Dec. 11 and it arrived in NZ, as scheduled Dec. 18. Then there was Customs... I may try DHL next time, though the USPS did reliably send notifications.

"Sarah loves the bronze we dubbed, "Teckle Time'." Thank you, Mathew!

And, thank you, Victoria, of Dogs in Art, Stockbridge, England!

<u>I:37PM</u>: Johan writes that my, now his, "So Good to See You" API/9, has arrived and looks just like his Savanne.;-) Belgian Customs charged him \$111.00 duty. I sent it Dec. 11, and it is finally in his hands today, January 10. It will be interesting to compare DHL to the USPS the next time I get to ship out of the USA





7:10PM: Mariachis are back in the Jardin! The new mayor banned roaming mariachis from entering the Jardin. They now must have a permit! The charm of the Jardin is slowly returning!



WOW! The Bag that came home with our leftovers from Hecho en Mexico is biodegradable AND so is the paper box! Mexico has banned all plastic bags. Way to go!!! Restaurants please use the Styrofoam you have and start doing the right thing! We need to follow suit!



WAKE UP USA!

A San Miguel neighbor introduced me to their site, <u>www.lifewithoutplastic.com</u> Life Without Plastic is on Facebook. I LOVE their logo with the turtle as the "O"!

Also, search these three sites to replace plastic.



SUSTAINABLE FOOD STORAGE



Truthfully, I have not bought from any of these companies, *yet*. I will use up my carton of 500 feet of plastic wrap that I purchased from Sam's Club in the 80s when I had to wrap cheese & sausage for schools for fund raising. When it is gone, I will find a replacement from one of these companies. Ditto, when my UPS tape for shipping is gone, I will go with LifeWithoutPlastic, which has two kinds of eco friendly shipping tape!

When we get home, I will approach two local grocery chains about deleting plastic bags from their check out lines. I will ask them to make it worthwhile for customers to bring their own bags, as does Whole Foods.

The earth and I thank you for your consideration.

JAN. 12, 2020, AROUND 6PM: Robert Reich enjoys a quiet dinner at the next table at El Pagaso. One never knows whom they will see in San Miguel.

Wikipedia: Robert Bernard Reich (born June 24, 1946) is an American economist, professor, author, and political commentator. He served in the administrations of Presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, and Bill Clinton. He was Secretary of Labor from 1993 to 1997. He was a member of President Barack Obama's economic transition advisory board.



Chiles en Nogada at El Pegaso

It's delicious but one is enough! One goes home with me in Papel de Alumina, aluminum foil.

JAN. 13, 2020: I walk to El Pagaso for some Tortilla soup to add to my Chiles en Nogada and a salad for our dinner. Notice the compostable lid for the biodegradable 16 oz. cup for the tortilla soup! Right on!!! Some coffee cup lids are even compostable! Wake up, Starbucks!









"Cozy" Long
1:6 Scale: 3 3/4"W x 3 1/4"D x 1 1/4"H, Bronze, Ed. 10 & 1 Artist's Proof ©2019

JAN. 15, 2020: A collector writes, "I absolutely love my little "Cozy." I couldn't be more thrilled with it and it blends well with my other pups from you. Thank you! Thank you so much! Seeing all the little pups make my heart happy."



"Cozy" Wire

1:6 Scale: 3 3/4"W x 3 1/4"D x 1 1/4"H Bronze, Ed. 10 & 1 Artist's Proof ©2019

Select Patina for your "Cozy" - Red or Wild Boar/Black & Tan.

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JAN. 13, 2020: The Mexico Daily News reports:

According to environmental groups in Mexico, every family was throwing out on average 650 plastic shopping bags per year. Sometimes these bags, which need at least 100 years to completely decompose, were used only for a few minutes.

They also state that about 80% of the waste generated in the world is from disposables. By 2050 almost 100% of all marine birds will have ingested some kind of plastic, and 15% of endangered species will be affected by waste plastic, according to Marina Robles, the secretary of the environment.

Coming up in 2021 are laws banning the use of disposable plates, silverware, straws, and balloons. Even some street stands in Mexico have already started asking customers already to bring containers if they are asking for food to go.



"A good Life" Wire

I:6 Scale, 4.75"L x i 3/8"H x 2.5"D, Bronze Ed: 50 & 5 Artist's Proofs ©2011

At the request of Wes Siegrist, president of Society of Animal Artists, I send a picture of "A Good Life" Wire, 1:6 Scale, for him to post on the SAA site, among the other award winners at the Miniature Art Society of Florida 45th International Miniature Art show.

"A Good Life" Wire earned "Second Place – Sculpture/Scrimshaw" in the show!

SELECT PATINA FOR YOUR "A GOOD LIFE" ... RED OR BLACK & TAN.

Don Casper Photography of "A Good Life" Wire and Long



"A good Life" Long

1:6 Scale, 4.75"L x 1 3/8"H x 2.5"D, Bronze Ed: 50 & 5 Artist's Proofs ©2011

JAN. 15, 2020: My good Dr. Varsha Rathod is a saint! She is working with me long distance to fix an unexpected renewal of an infection we discovered the Monday before Christmas!

A new acquaintance generously shares medicine that is exactly what Dr. Rathod prescribed for my recurring infection. So far, my heart is good! Thank you, Diana!

JAN. 17, 2020: Brian and I walk with our friend Angie to see her house. Along the way, we see this mural truck. The license plate is from New Mexico.







"SAIL TO THE USA IN A CHEVROLET" Circa 2003





Our friend's three-story home includes quite a collection of art - and - the Art of Advertising! Thank you for sharing, Angie!

The "NO PEEING" sign is at La Fabrica la Aurora. The Fabrica, a former muslin-weaving factory, was the largest employer in San Miguel until NAFTA killed them in 1994. It is now a sprawling art center.

Jan. 18, 2020, 6pm:

"Gypsy Jazz – Django Reinhardt's Music" is fabulous!

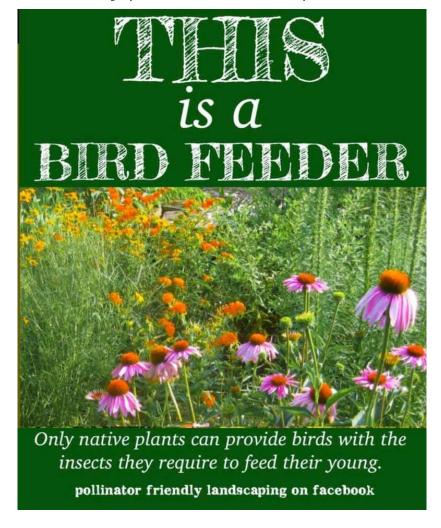
Pedro Cartas, is the jazz violinist we have heard for at least 15 years when he played with guitarist, Gil Gutierrez.

Gil & Cartas were a fabulous duo until Doc Severinsen came to town and changed everything. Doc took Gil on tour in the States and, because Cartas was Cuban, he was not allowed in the States.





JAN. 19, 2020, 2:00PM: Oh My! "Judy Garland" (Born Francis Ethel Gumm, June 10, 1922-June 22, 1969) The documentary is intense, tragic and draining. Today, how hard she worked and what she went through would make headlines. Studios would not be allowed to treat her as they did. The film is part of the American Masters series on PBS. It plays at La Biblioteca. See it if you love her music!



JAN. 20, 2020, 7:57AM, 48 DEGREES, MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY: I can hardly wait to see one of my two favorite Mac Gurus, Derek Burrows. I meet him at 10AM with a list if 11-12 things that I need to know about. He struggles with my favorite font, Adobe Jensen MM, to get it to work with the newest Microsoft Word – 2019. It does NOT work. "Do NOT upgrade to Catalina. I will investigate with MS." I spend WAY too much time formatting my Newsletter because of this glitch. I must still use MS Word 2011 on my 2018 Mac Book Pro that I purchased last May 2019 to avoid tariffs.



I spend the rest of the afternoon reformatting this newsletter. What a time consuming task! It is now 4:00pm and Beau is looking for his dinner! My walk to Derek's was beautiful this morning. Dark clouds behind the sunlit Parroquia make me wish I had taken a picture. Next time I will look for that glorious light at around 9:45 in the morning.

7:00PM, 58 DEGREES: We arrive home after dinner at El Pagaso. Imagine a

ripe avocado stuffed with a spicy crabmeat mixture surrounded with thinly sliced tomato and cucumber.
Delish! A shared piece of carrot cake

finishes our meal. On our walk home up San Francisco we are across the street from the place that creates Mojigangas and we see this big face in the window.

JAN. 21, 2020: Ignacio Allende's 251st Birthday Parade!







Check out the front bumper on this ambulance!

January 21, 2020: Donald John Trump's trial begins today. May honesty, truth and democracy prevail!

After visiting Dr. Roberto Maxwell regarding two infections, I happen upon the parade, with children marching, drums beating and ambulences blaring. I walk half an hour out to Mercado Sano, buy groceries, and cab back home. At 4:00, Brian and I walk to the Jardin and I walk to at least six pharmancias to try to find the eye drops Dr. M prescribed, but do not find them. I return home very tired, take a nap and we eat leftover tortilla soup and salad. We watch two episodes of *The Crown* and, oh, do I sleep!

JAN. 22, 2020, 4:28pm: My Pilates Reformer class was good. Afterwards, I buy milk at Mercado Sano and walk to Pharmacia Guadalajara. Yay! They have the two prescribed meds for my infected right eyelid!

An e-bill arrives from Republic Services, our trash hauler. I suspended service before we left! I call and they cancel auto-pay for this go round.

The Missouri American Water bill for three months arrives and is exorbitant: \$306.44! It says we used 514 gallons a day! NO WAY! Our neighbor checks the sinks, toilets and tubs upstairs and downstairs to listen for leaks and hears no water running. I call the water company and the earliest they can come to our house is Feb. 4th. But, They put our account on hold until March 5 for no late fees! Good!

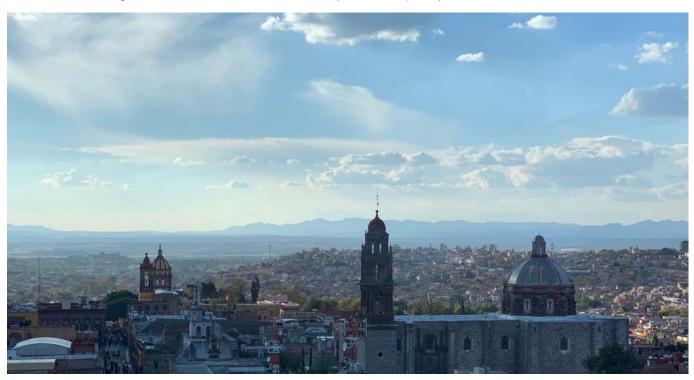


Mr. Beau is at home on his towels on this colorful couch. Thank you, Randy Eltringham, for breeding 'Ch. Turningpt What was I thinking?' Bo Duke, Born 3/7/2006. Thank you, too, Pam Reed Crook for sharing this sweet, handsome, retired champion with us eight years ago after DCA in Oconomowoc, WI. Beau will be 14 on March 7, 2020. Thank you again for this sweet little man!

Meanwhile, at 5:07pm it is 62 degrees and cloudy with light drizzle. After just four applications of the eye drops, my eyelid is less red.

JAN. 24, 2019: I am very honored to have been elected Fellow of National Sculpture Society in 2014. Today I am honored to vote for future Fellows. What a treat! Thank you again to those Fellows who voted for me!

Happiness! My eyelid looks and feels much better! My 2011 Microsoft Word is behaving... for now. YAY! II:34AM: It is 61 degrees and PARTLY SUNNY! Yay! The air quality is better.



5:19PM: This is a perfect evening. We walk a block to the restaurant atop the El Palomar Hotel, where we meet my new client, his girlfriend, and their seven-year-old rescued wire-haired dachshund. It is a most enjoyable evening and I am excited to create a custom piece of the smiling Gufina for them. Cassandra and her mom named the dog Gufy because it was goofy. After a bath they named it Gufina because it is a girl.



JAN. 25, 2020: In the Jardin musicians play on stage! Brian has a great

idea for those with many dog show ribbons,

"Pin them to a cape and show them off!"



JAN 26, 2020, SUNDAY: Sadly, basketball legend Kobe Bryant died this morning in a helicopter crash with his daughter and seven others. May they rest in peace.

JAN. 27, 2020: Last week Brian had a test of his "Virgin Mouth" to learn what may be causing his upset stomach. I learn his tests show no infection. Today I walk out past the Glorieta (about 2 I/2 miles) to find another clinic to learn about myself. The results are in my inbox when I arrive home! I emailed them to my doctor here, Dr. Roberto Maxwell. What did the test cost? \$4.39US! Dr. M replied, "They look pretty good!"

Harp & Flamenco





6:30PM: Our long time friend, now landlady, Sharon and I hear a wonderful concert by Sergio Basurto at La Biblioteca. He plays Latin American music from Venezuela, Cuba, Paraguay, Spain, and Mexico. Especially appealing are the Paraguayan Polkas!

We sit within 15 feet of Sergio and feel as though we have a private concert; only twenty-one persons enjoy his concert in this acoustically perfect room in the library. Cost is 200 pesos, or \$10.64US.

The harp is gorgeous to my eyes and ears!





JAN. 28, 2020. 9:04AM: Last night Sharon told me of this magnificent orchid blooming upstairs where we rented for around 10 years. The new owner, also a Sharon, is a gardener. Thank you, Sharons for sharing!

My website updates have been sent to my wonderful web-master, Bill West. I am ready to complete this newsletter and start my new 1:6 scale sculpture. Which of my two ideas will I start first?

Please, see, touch and be touched by my work at these upcoming events:

Thru February 9, 2020: The Miniature Art Society of Florida, 45th International Miniature Art Show, 1143 Michigan Blvd., Dunedin, Florida.

April 30 – May 3, 2020: Dachshund Club of America National Specialty, Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite, TX 75149.

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

Thru June 2020: Performance in Sculpture, David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa, FL.

Thru Spring 2020: Sculptureworks, Inc., Heber Springs Public Library, Heber Springs, AR.

Thank you for being in my life! Strength for the journey...

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Many thanks to Dee Thrash for "Strength for the Journey."



"The question is whether any civilization can wage relentless war on life without destroying itself, and without losing the right to be called civilized."

Jake good care...

-Rachel Carson