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greetings! The acorn is officially titled, "A Squirrel's Dream!"



June 5: "A Squirrel's Dream" is ready for patina!



JUNE 8, 2018, 3:30PM: I meet photographer Jafe Parsons and drive to North Lake Park for him to photograph "A Squirrel's Dream".



"A Squirrels Dream"

WHITE OAK ACORN

48" L x 24.5"H x 29"D, BRONZE ED. 5 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF ©2018

APPROXIMATELY 170 POUNDS ... SPECIAL ORDER



JUNE 6, 2018, 8:30PM: A sunset to remember from the home of my friend Karryl Salit where I work this week.

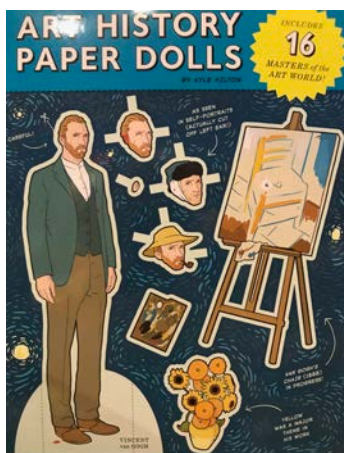
JUNE 8, 2018: Today is a very special treat! Karryl Salit drives us to Cheese Importers, “Where Food is Art!”. Located at 103 Main St., Longmont, CO, it is a very French “Gourmet Warehouse, European Marketplace & Bistro”. A Colorado Family Owned and Operated Company for over 30 Years, the Website is www.cheeseimporters.com. We sit at a tiny orange umbrella covered table on the Patio and each order the Mediterranean and a Café Au Lait. Yummy!



Doors from the Patio to inside.



The Mediterranean and a Café au Lait. It's enough for lunch and dinner!



Vincent Van Gogh



Frida Kahlo



Edgar Allen Poe

Books of Paper Dolls may be purchased in the extensive Cheese Importers Gift Shop.

June 8th is a fun day after two days of cleaning clay from foam, and sawing the foam acorn in heat of high 90s!



JUNE 9, 2018, 5:39PM, 102 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT: A Common Nighthawk rests on a branch of a dead tree at a rest stop near Colby, Kansas. I look at it, walk around it, look again and am surprised to find this sleepy bird perched only about 8-10 inches above my eye level. I cannot determine that it is a live bird, so I slowly raise my hand to try to touch it. Its radar wakes into action! Eyes open WIDE, it ruffled its tail feathers and wings, closed its eyes and went back to sleep! I hope this little bird is safe and healthy.



JUNE 12, 2018: "Sunnyside Up" Long is on its way to a longtime dachshund breeder. Thank you, PC!

Final days before leaving for Alaska

JUNE 17, 2018: I pack 42 days of frozen raw food and 15 days of dehydrated raw food for Bo. I will buy more dehydrated food for him, in case our trip is longer rather than shorter. Bo will stay with Rita Toombs, the wonderful breeder of our first male dachshund, Edgar, AKA Ch. Retdachs Brwnyed Hansomboy, while we drive to Alaska and back. What an adventure, and what a job to pack! Bo gets along with her pound puppy girl.

6:45PM: Brian announces our air conditioning is out. No wonder it is 78 degrees upstairs! I change my recipe plans for dinner. No oven cooking tonight!

10:41PM: Bo and I snuggle on the couch in the room above my studio. Brian claims his sleeping bag on the floor as we sleep a night with no AC in the original house. Our 1992 addition of my studio and the room above are quite comfortable. It is 83 degrees outside at 10:47pm.



"Big Heart"

JUNE 18, 2018: The gentleman who placed "Big Heart" at the Hollings Cancer Center has ordered another one for his home. Sweet!

Thank you!

Thank you!



My Box Turtle is hiding!

While packing the "Big Heart" mold to ship to my new wax pourer, I peek outside my studio and, OMG! A box turtle is on the concrete walk just outside the door! I LOVE box turtles! I move it to vegetation and it immediately crawls a few feet and hides between our wheel barrel and our siding beside my studio door. I have wondered where our box turtles have been. Every year, one or two would always crawl almost to our front door. Welcome home, my turtle friend.



"On My Way"

Bronze © Eva Stanley

My friend Eva Stanley carved this life-sized box turtle in wood, molded it, and had it cast in bronze. I love it! I acquired this bronze from her years ago. It is one of my favorite sculptures. To learn more about "On My Way" contact Eva at: evas2ndnature@aol.com.



"Dream Chaser" Smooth

12:24PM: "He's here! It is a SPECTACULAR piece, absolutely incredible, and so much better in the flesh than a photo could ever convey - although it was great in photos too! I am SO GLAD that I have it, and it's only a matter of time before I add more of your works to my growing collection of Dachshundabilia!"

Thank you so much, for the great work you do, and for the wonderful personality with which you infuse all of your work. What a treasure you are!

Best, Joe

Thank you, Joe!

4:02PM: "A Squirrel's Dream" arrives at the home of my high school classmate who commissioned it. My care package arrives within half an hour! He's Happy!

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JUNE 19, 2018: 1:18PM: Ben from FreshAire-Weinrich tells me about a pinched wire on the outside of the house where it goes to the inside. He thinks that is what is causing the AC to not work. Whew! It sounds like another quick fix. Yesterday, another man from FA-W changed the fuse for a mere \$23. Please let the AC problem be with the twisted wire. It is the wire and today's bill is just \$93. Goodie! We can handle that.

YAY!

AC is working again!!!

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JUNE 20, 2018: My high school friend now tempts his local squirrels with "A Squirrels's Dream".

On the Secondary Market



Mr. Edgar, as "Life's a Ball!" Smooth, #19

Please check my site to learn more about this SOLD OUT piece, and see other patinas.

<http://www.joybeckner.com/Canine-Animals/1-6-scale-lifes-a-ball-smooth.htm>

Thank you!

When you buy something from an artist
you're buying more than an object.
You're buying hundreds
of hours of errors and experimentation.
You're buying years of frustration
and moments of pure joy.
You're not buying just one thing,
you are buying a piece of a heart,
a piece of a soul...
a small piece
of someone else's life.

I can hardly wait to tell you about our forthcoming drive to Alaska.

Take good care, stay cool and ... please keep in touch!

Thank you!

Joy

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