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

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*Happy Summer! stay safe from shingles!!!*

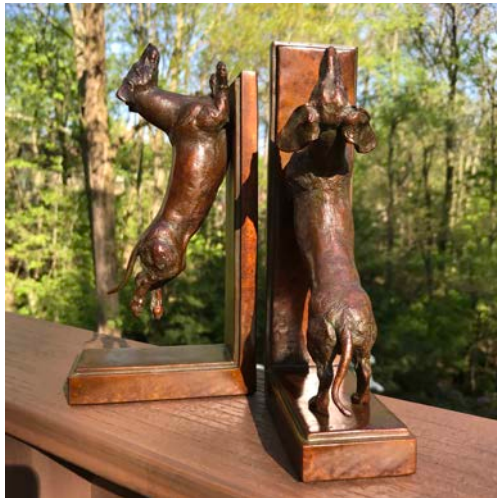
MAY 31, 2019: Yikes! A dear friend has Shingles! Another friend suggested I get a Shingles shot. My doctor agrees, and recommends Shingrex, a two-part system available through Walgreens for about \$47. Walgreens is backed up with over 200 persons in front of me. I hope to get our first shots in December!

*May 1, Happy Birthday, Brian!*



Beau loves on Brian in the tiny dining area in our San Miguel rental on January 4, 2019.

*Welcome Spring! April 26<sup>th</sup> inspires me to show you...*



*Squirrel Season – Smooth*

8 1/4"W x 8"H x 1 7/8"D, 10 POUNDS, BRONZE, ©JOY KROEGER BECKNER

Lizzie and Edgar were enamored with squirrels and were my inspiration for this piece.

*Squirrel Season* is also available in Long and Wire coats.



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

*Thank you, Don Casper, for these beautiful new photos!*



*"A Good Life" MW*

LIFE-SIZE MINIATURE WIRE: 20.5"L x 10.75"D x 5.75"H  
APPROX. 25#, BRONZE ED. 5 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF ©2018

## *Memories of February 2019*



FEB. 25, 2019: John, my high school friend and collector who lives in Des Moines, IA, reports that it has been 20 degrees colder this winter there than in St. Louis. Yikes! I think his four foot long "Squirrel's Dream" looks very natural in his backyard. Don't you???

*Jeanne Beckner*

Feb. 19, 1921 – Feb. 26, 2019

Brian's 98-year-old mom passes peacefully in her sleep tonight. Good fortune found Brian's brother Charles living with her in recent years. He kept her amazingly comfortable at home.



During the nearly 40 years I knew Jeanne, she was active in DAR (Daughter's of the American Revolution), book club, quilt club and surely a church group. Brian's dad, Neel Beckner, passed in February 2000.

You were a good person, Jeanne. May we all pass peacefully, and free of pain. Jeanne was 94 years young in this photo I took on July 9, 2015.

Rest in Peace, Jeanne.

FEB. 27, 2018, 2:20PM: We are nearly packed to leave for home. We are lucky our street is closed, so we can peacefully load the vehicle! It is 95 degrees in the sun! Soon, we will say, "Adios, San Miguel, until next year."



*"Cozy" Wire*

1:6 SCALE, APPROX. 3 3/4"W x 3 1/4"D x 1 1/4"H, WAX FOR BRONZE, ED. 9 & 1 AP © 2019



*"Cozy" Long*

1:6 SCALE, APPROX. 3 3/4"W x 3 1/4"D x 1 1/4"H, WAX FOR BRONZE, ED. 9 & 1 AP © 2019

## *Come, ride with us to the border.*

FEB. 28, 2019, 12:23PM: “Wrecks beget wrecks, as they say in racing,” states Brian. There are semi trucks galore. The first major truck wreck causes traffic to back up for about ten miles, as far as the eye can see. (No mountains are blocking the flat road.) The ratio of trucks to passenger vehicles is around six to one. We wait. It’s 81 degrees. The highway here is perfectly smooth.

12:59PM: Trucks move to the right lane to go around road construction. Fortunately, the delay is not due to another accident.

Bugs on our windshield indicate an abundance of insects. Here, birds have food! Yay for birds!

1:14PM: We drive 22mph north among a train of trucks. The two newly paved southbound lanes now accommodate northbound traffic while the northbound lanes are being replaced.

1:21PM: North of San Pedro rest stop traffic moves at 40mph. A motorcycle with a refrigerated box on back passes in the northbound lanes. The driver has ice cream bars for sale!

Back on the newly paved northbound lanes, we are back up to 60 mph!

1:28PM: The highway folks tease us; we are back on the southbound lanes and see that they have torn out all the old concrete on the northbound lanes. How wonderful! Over and over! Here, the new northbound lanes are smoothly finished, complete with striping!

1:33PM: “Inspection 4 km” reads a sign. We are back to 10 mph.

1:59PM: We are back to 4.5mph. Only two football fields to inspection!

2:02PM: The guy waved us through inspection. We are again homeward bound at 75mph!

2:59PM: We are at 7100 feet. The temperature dropped from 83 to 74 degrees. We started at 6300 feet.

3:59PM: Another “desviacion”! We have never experienced so many long lines of vehicles in front of us. Here we are going 2 - 8 mph again. Beau doesn’t mind. He’s on my lap.

5:14PM: This is the first time we’ve seen rain in two months, and, we believe the first time we’ve seen it while driving home in Mexico for close to 16 years. We notice “Bear Crossing” signs.

5:26PM: Sun shines through a window of blue sky. At 75 degrees, this may be the warmest we’ll be for months!

## *Crossing the border at Columbia*

7PM: A gentleman photographs the inside of Brian’s door, the VIN and the vehicle from the front. Brian gives him the vehicle importation papers. With effort he removes the importation sticker.

We park near a big flat building where our passports are stamped. We are headed to the bridge in eleven minutes flat. Easy!

At the US Border Inspection Station, only one of four lines is open and only two passenger vehicles are ahead of us. Brian shows our passports.

7:21PM: We drive toward the bridge. Oh! A Cambio! (A place to exchange pesos for dollars) It's closed. Somewhere in the dark, with trucks and lights, we cross over the Rio Grande into the USA.

7:53PM, 51 FOGGY DEGREES: On I-35, we pass through another checkpoint, "US citizens?" "Yes."  
"Go ahead."

10PM: We eat at Lasalle County Steakhouse in Cotulla, TX, and arrive at the Pearsall, TX La Quinta.

MARCH 1, 2019, 7:20AM, 48 DEGREES, DENSE FOG: As Willie would sing, we are "On the Road Again."

12:27PM, 46 DEGREES, DALLAS, TX: We are glad we are not here during rush hour!



Ice Prevention signs have been up for hundreds of miles. Texas is prepared! So is Brian. Driving here is easier for him since he has been a racing enthusiast for at least 40 years!



*"A Nap on my Lap is Heaven to Beau"*  
Thank you, Sharon Draper, for your description!

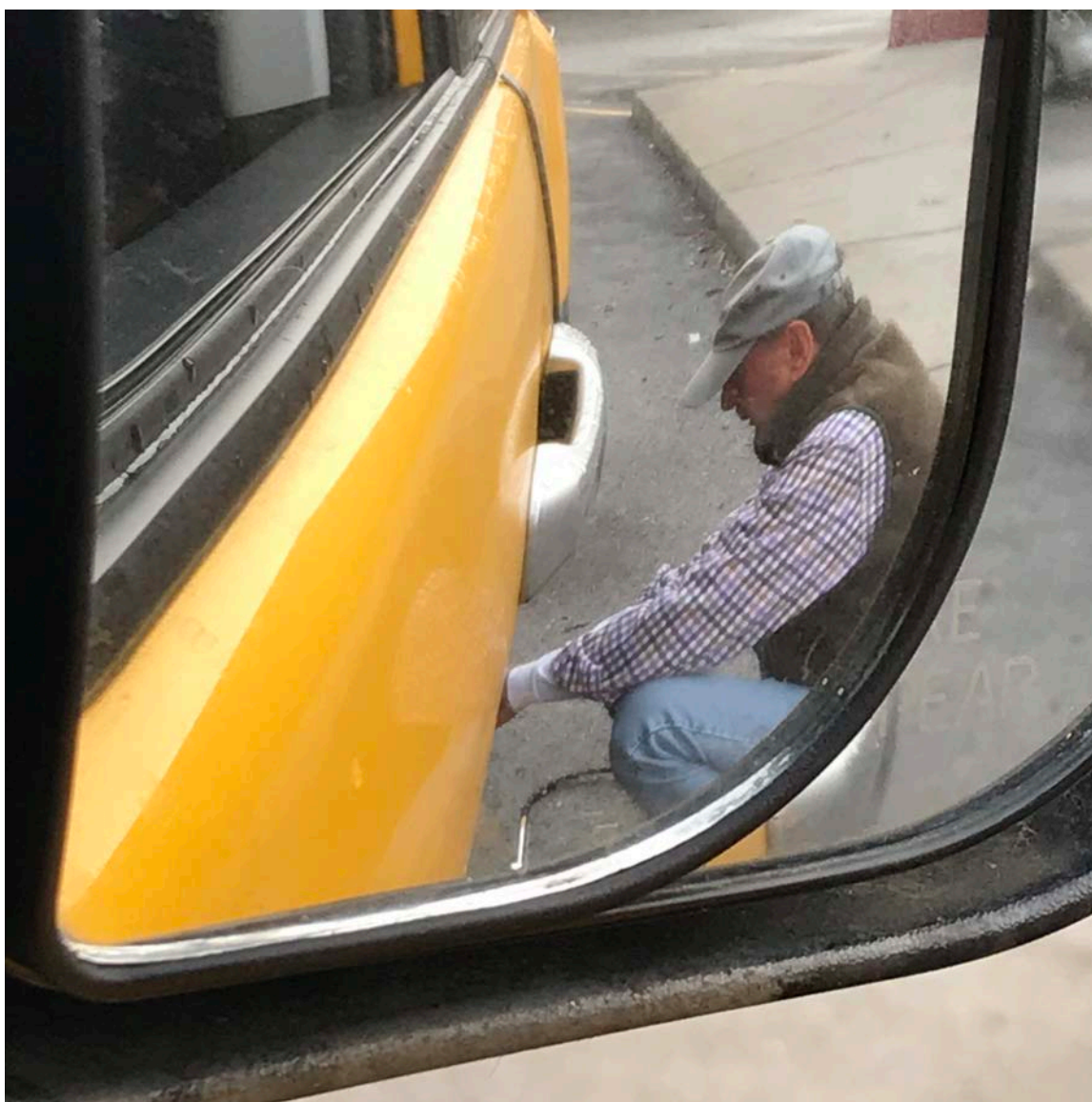
1:40PM, 39 DEGREES: Durant, OK, is the home of the first traffic signal where we've had to stop in 1110 miles!

3:32PM: Lake Eufaula, on the Canadian River, a tributary of the Arkansas River, was built specifically to regulate the Arkansas River to be navigable so Senator Kerr (Kerr-McGee Energy) could transport his coal economically. Thank you, Brian, for this tidbit.



8:16PM: Beau says, "Traveling is hard work."





MARCH 2, 2019, 7:26AM, 31 DEGREES: Brian adds air to his right rear tire. Things are looking up; the sun shines through the clouds and the forecast is for only 3 inches of snow tonight. Sunlit ice glitters on the trees.

8:42AM: Brian stops to refill the right rear tire again and check the others.

*Humans are tiny compared to the forces that shaped our planet...*

9:19AM: At Plaza Tire, Rolla, MO, we discover a nail hitchhiked in the sidewall of the right rear tire. Plaza put on the spare and we'll get a new tire when we get home. Problem solved. We have just 88 more miles to drive home.

9:58AM: As Beau pees, I spy a Starbucks in Rolla. Brian is nearly ecstatic! A latte, a green tea latte, banana breads and we are on our way once again.

11:32PM, 36 DEGREES: We are home - 1638 miles from San Miguel!



MARCH 3, 2019, 2:51PM: Seven deer relax in the somewhat sunlit snow across the creek behind our neighbor's house. They know. They heard me open our blinds. How will they stay warm when it is 4 degrees tomorrow morning?

*Happy Birthday, Beau!*

*March 6, 2019: Beau is 13 today!*

MARCH 9, 2019: Happily, I ordered a new printer, again! Dec. 29, 2015, I ordered a Xerox printer when my dear old, year 2000 vintage HP LaserJet 2100 could no longer be upgraded to work with Mac OS Sierra. That \$1000 HP printer lasted 14 years! That cost was \$71 a year, plus reasonably priced ink. The Xerox cost \$377.30, and the ink cartridge is \$286??? Really?

My new HP LaserJet Pro M118dw is \$99 plus \$86 for a high yield print cartridge! YAY! It will print black & white at 1200 x 1200dpi, which is perfect for printing my photos. I am embarrassed by the Xerox print quality for photos. I will use it for text until I run out of ink, then switch all to the new HP. Yay!



MARCH 12, 2019: "*Squirrel Season*" Long is juried into the International Juried Art Exhibition and Competition at the Red River Valley Museum! Yay! This show runs from June 1 to July 19 in Vernon, Texas.



"*Her Life's a Ball!*" is on her way to the Contemporary Miniatures show at the Rehoboth Art League, 12 Dodds Lane, Henlopen Acres, DE. The show runs April 5 – May 5, 2019.



MARCH 24, 2019: I discover this photo of “Miss Me” MS, in my drafts folder. Did I show it to you before? The draft is dated 2017. I am grateful that my LaJolla, CA, collector shared this photo of her “Miss Me”.



12:30PM: It is gorgeous outside – 58 degrees! It’s a great day to start cutting back my ornamental grasses. I start about 2:15 and by 4:48PM half the grasses are ready for spring! And, my February Gold daffodils are blooming to the right way in the back. Oh does my yew topiary of Edgar need pruning!

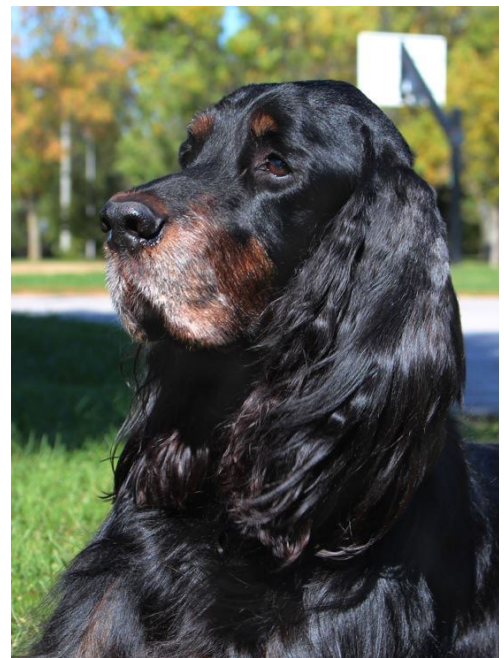


MARCH 27, 2019: Yay! A check arrives for “*Sweet Dreams II*”! Its destination is Moscow! Wow!



MARCH 29, 2019: Ice Follies daffodils from my garden bloom on my kitchen windowsill.

MARCH 31, 2019: Yay! A deposit arrives from a Fenton, MO couple who have dachshunds and Gordon Setters! I look forward to creating a 5” x 7” oval bas-relief portrait of their handsome Trouper.





I am in awe of this rather high relief that was carved in an old tree in Thailand. My friend Nancy Russell posted this on FB and I cannot resist sharing it with you!

Enjoy!

## *"Living with Your Dog" is on the air - Nationwide!*

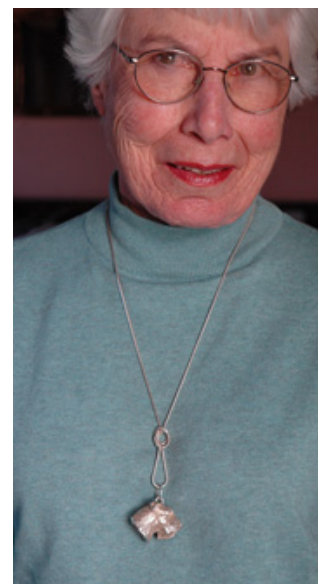
**APRIL 2, 2019:** My dog guru Charlotte Peltz has been on the air since March 2017, and her program is now available to anyone to download!

Nate Dawg, Charlotte's friend and engineer writes: "You can listen to LWYD online via the archives."

1. "Go to [kmud.org](http://kmud.org),
2. "Hit the blue button at the top of the page that says 'archives.'
3. "Then scroll down until you see "Living With Your Dog."

You can also listen live. Just click the "Listen Live" button. When you do, you will see a player window pop up.

"Living with Your Dog" airs at 9am to 10am PST, each Tuesday. The number to call for the show is 707.923.3911"



To learn about Charlotte, please click here:

<http://www.joybeckner.com/In-Touch/charlotte-peltz-living-with-your-dog.htm>

To read Charlotte's articles, on my site, please click here:

<http://www.joybeckner.com/In-Touch/charlotte-peltz-articles.htm>

**APRIL 4, 2019, 9:18AM:** I see the first bluebird I remember ever seeing! It is sitting on the arch of a feeder waiting for a grackle to leave the other feeder.



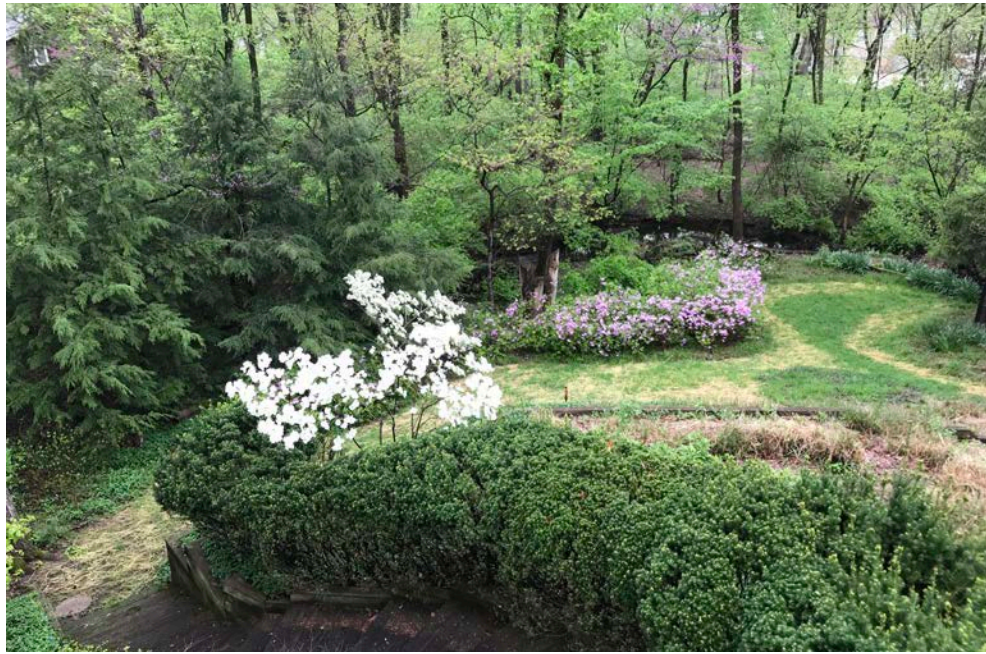
**APRIL 12, 2019:** Happy Friday! An American in Moscow just received her "Sweet Dreams II". She writes,

"Good morning, Joy!

"It made it! And it's beautiful, and looks JUST like Logan when he curled up on the couch!

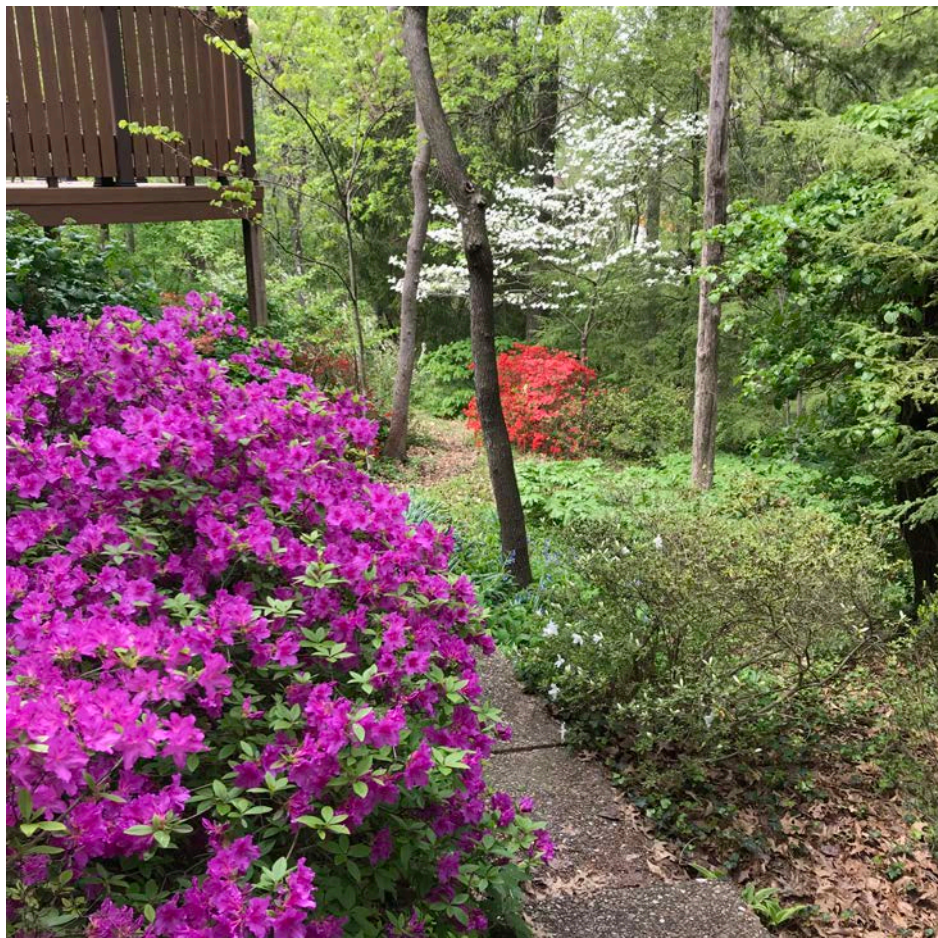
Anyway, again, thank you, it's so nice!" Chris

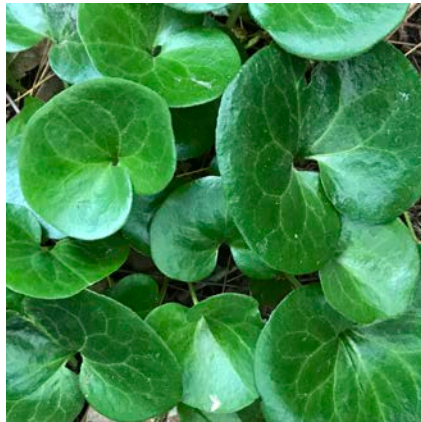
**APRIL 23, 2019:** A prominent collector, who lives in St. Clair County, IL, acquires my "Life is Sweet" from the AKC Museum auction of works for which there is no room in the museum's new, smaller, New York City home. The couple collects works by Washington University artists and this is good news!



APRIL 25, 2019: It's GROWING!!! What a relief to see little leaves of grass! Two weeks ago I started planting ten pounds of EcoGrass seed that does not need mowing. It was, and is, a hard job to prepare the bare areas. I planted flowers in the areas that look mostly green hoping to bring more bees and butterflies to my garden. Yes, in time, I will have time to prune my Edgar topiary along the steps.

*Come, walk through my garden...*







MAY 3, 2019, 8:27AM: Wow! Our pond is FULL!!! Hydrangeas thrive in the foreground.

MAY 4, 2019: Yay! This email arrives at 8:02AM!!! Many thanks to the jury!



# Society of Animal Artists

**Congratulations!**

Joy,

Congratulations! Your entry, **“Cozy”**, has been selected for the 59th Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists, to be displayed from September 19th, 2019 thru January 1st, 2020 at The Briscoe Western Art Museum. We had 392 submissions (318 2D and 73 3D) from 238 of our members for this year’s exhibition. It was definitely a tough jury again, so you should be especially proud that your work was selected. The exhibition will consist of 101 2D and 34 3D this year.



*“Cozy” Smooth*

“COZY” SMOOTH, 1:6 SCALE: 3 7/8”W x 3 1/4”D x 1 1/4”H  
BRONZE ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST’S PROOFS ©2018



MAY 8, 2019, 4:29PM: Double Yay! “Cozy” is in the National Sculpture Society’s 86th Annual Awards Exhibition!

“This is just a quick note to let you know that Cozy was accepted into National Sculpture Society’s 86th Annual Awards Exhibition.

201 artists submitted 460 works. 54 works were selected.”

Thank you, jurors, and Patty Delahanty of National Sculpture Society, for this uplifting message!

MAY 8, 2019, 9:05PM:

Wow! A fat 4-5 inch long frog contemplates life on our wet driveway! When it sees Beau, it leaps several times to our pond. I had no idea such a big frog lives in our front yard!



MAY 9, 2019, 6:45AM: I think this iris is from Fritzzi, the daughter of my first art teacher, Ruth Anderson. It is taller this year and really likes its new location. Thank you, Fritzzi, and Gardens Alive Bulb Food!



MAY 14, 2019, 7:34AM: Our pond, as seen by my new iPhone SE. What glorious sidelight and sunshine! Thank you, Thank you, for sunshine!!!

Phew! In an effort to avoid forthcoming tariffs, this past week I acquired a new iPhone and a new MacBook Pro. I set up new iPhone SX and will cleanse my 2010 vintage MacBook Pro and iPhone 7 be after the Dachshund Club National Specialty. Too many things to do!

MAY 15, 2019, 10AM: Kevin from Metropolitan Forestry surveys our trees and tells me our clay soil and everyone else's, too, is saturated to a depth of six feet! Tiny roots have no oxygen!!! Trees need help!!!



*May 17, 9:45am: It is Beau's Bath time!*

Today, and through Monday, May 20, I prepare for the Dachshund Club of America National Specialty May 21 – May 25 at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO.



MAY 18, 2019, 7:19PM: A much anticipated envelope arrives from the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art in Marietta, GA. Yay! "So Good to See You" ML, has been juried into their show, Metro Montage XIX!

MAY 20, 2019, 11:25AM: My Tahoe is packed for DCA! If we ever need to travel to DCA, I may have to upgrade to another Suburban, or take less. ;-))



MAY 21, 2019: My pink peonies bloom for the first time in years!

MAY 22, 2019: Scary, scary night. Tornadoes rip through Missouri, fortunately leaving Chesterfield safe.



MAY 23, 2019: Yay! “*Her Life’s a Ball!*” 1:6 scale, #3/50, will soon be home in Louisiana! My first buyer at DCA pays cash!!!! Thank you, Thank you, Sandy!

MAY 25, 2019: Wow! A second “*Her Life’s a Ball!*” 1:6 scale, finds a home in Louisiana! Thank you, Leslie!



Happily, two persons each purchase a “*Dream Chaser*” Long. The longhaired edition of 20 is now sold out! But, wait! “*Dream Chaser*” is available in Smooth and Wire coats!



*"Dream Chaser" Smooth*

1:6 SCALE, 6.5"L x 3.5"H x 2"D, 3.5 POUNDS, BRONZE ED: 20 & 3 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©1999



*"Dream Chaser" Wire*

1:6 SCALE, 6.5"L x 3.5"H x 2"D, 3.5 POUNDS, BRONZE ED: 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©1999



MAY 25, 2019, 4:06PM: "Cozy" Smooth, has been awarded Best Sculpture/Metal in the 28th Annual International Miniature Art Show at Seaside Gallery, Nags Head, NC.

Judge Luann Houser writes, "I love the intimate interaction of the two little dogs. One of the things I love to see in bronze is the ability of the artist to create movement and graceful flow of design. This use of the natural form of the dachshunds to accomplish this movement is wonderfully done, and the warmth of the contact is lovely to behold."



MAY 30, 2019, 12:06AM: An email arrives stating a check is in the mail for "Squirrel Season" Long. Yippee!

*Thank you!*

12:47PM: "First payment is on its way. More later. Can't wait for him to be mine" writes a lady as she orders "Lord of the Couch" Wire, 1:6 scale. Thank you!!!

THANK YOU, too, to new collector friends at DCA! I think I have paid for my new computer and iPhone. WOW! Thank you!!!



MAY 31, 2019, 12:35PM: Now, I need to finish this letter, and send it to my web guru. I use WeTransfer for free! Then I need to clean out and send my iPhone 7 to Apple for a trade-in refund, clean out and send my elderly 2010 MacBook Pro for a small trade-in refund, and set up my new computer! Whew! Soon - Adios, trusty old iPhone! Adios! Not-so-trusty-recently 2010 MacBook Pro! You served me well!

### *upcoming Events!*

THRU JUNE 1, 2019: 28th International Miniature Art Show, Seaside Art Gallery, Nags Head, NC

JUNE 1 – JULY 19, 2019: International Juried Art Exhibition, Red River Valley Museum, Vernon, TX

JULY 13 – SEPT. 8, 2019: Metro Montage XIX, Marietta Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, GA

AUG. 10 – OCT. 27, 2019: 86th Annual Exhibition of National Sculpture Society, Brookgreen Gardens, Pawleys Island, SC

SEPT. 19, 2019 – JAN. 1, 2020: 59th Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists, The Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St., San Antonio, TX 78205

JUNE 8 – SEPT. 8, 2019: Sculptureworks, Inc., Byron Center Public Library, Byron Center, MI

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

*Thank you for being in my life.*

*stay healthy and safe...*

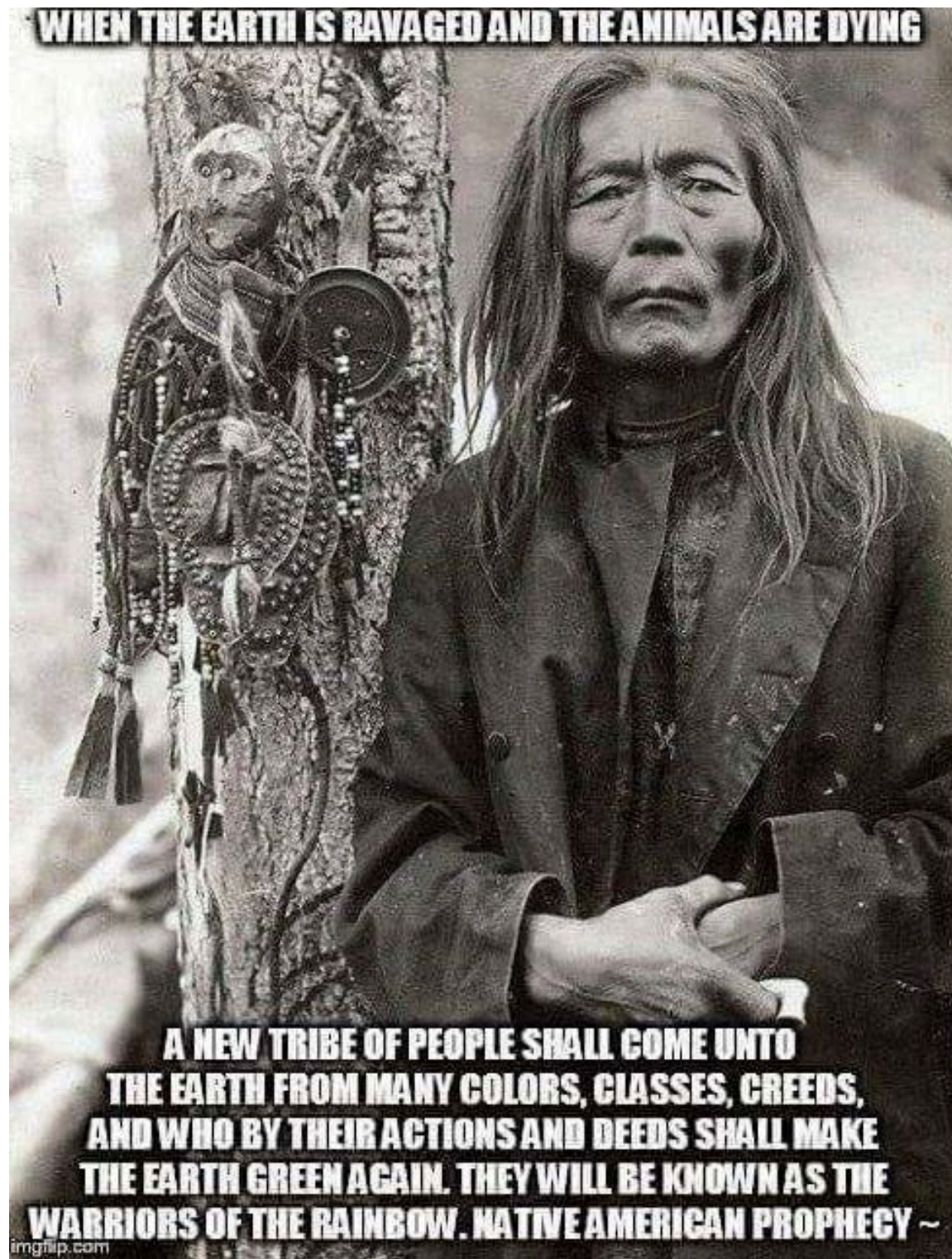
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*Joy*

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*Peace.*