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Happy Summer!!!



"Cozy"

1:6 SCALE: APPROX. 4"W x 3.25"D x 1.5"H, WAX FOR BRONZE, ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2018

"Cozy" is finally finished! Many years ago I awakened to find Lizzie resting on top of Edgar on my pillow above my head. Rita Toombs, Edgar's breeder, suggested I make dachshunds in a "lump." This is the first of the lumps! As tedious as this was, it may be quite a while before I add a third "lump". Enjoy!

For Holiday 2018 delivery, please, order now.

Wax cannot be shipped in summer!

MAY 26, 2018, 3:39PM: Yay! "She's lovely." writes the English lady who commissioned "A Good Life" MW!



"A Good Life" MW

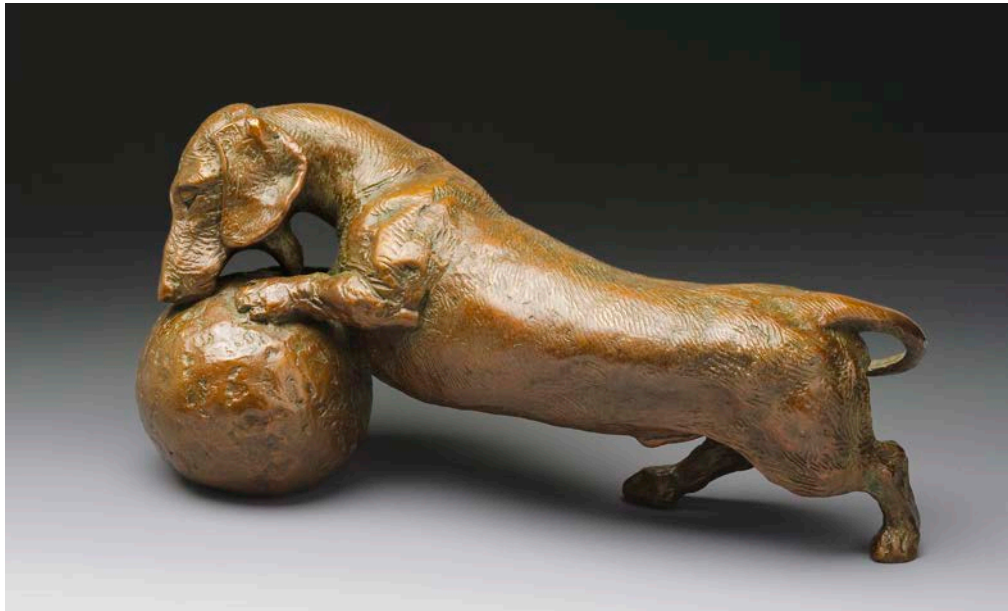
LIFE-SIZED MINIATURE WIRE:

APPROXIMATE SIZE: 20.5"W X 10.5" D X 6"H, CLAY FOR BRONZE, ED. 5 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF (C)2018

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- On the Secondary Market -



"Life's a Ball!" Smooth

1:6 SCALE 4 3/4" L x 2 1/4" H x 1 1/2" D, BRONZE ED. 99 & 9 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©1998 SOLD OUT!
THE FORMAL PHOTOGRAPH IS ABOVE. THE ACTUAL PATINA IS SHOWN BELOW.



"Life's a Ball!" Smooth

"Life's a Ball!" Smooth, 1:6 Scale, Number 19, is available for adoption on the secondary market. Shown above in its original deep red patina, you may select black & tan or the red patina shown on the full body above.

Please write me to discuss patina. I would like to accomplish any requested patina change during my forthcoming June trip to Loveland, CO.



"Dreaming of Tomatoes" SS, Number 5/20
16 1/2"W x 6"H x 11"D BRONZE, ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©1995 – SOLD OUT!

Miss Anna as "Dreaming of Tomatoes" 5/20, would love to snuggle with YOU!!

Happy Birthday, Bo Duke!
March 6, 2018



MARCH 2, 2018: Nearly twelve-year-old Bo rides on my lap.

We drive from San Miguel toward Stillwater, OK, to visit Brian's long-time friend Charlie and his son John.



I spy an old photograph of Charlie (middle left) and Brian (center) along with other young men who worked for Charlie many moons ago.

Happy Birthday, Charlie!
May 30, 2018



At nearly age 94, Charlie is as sharp as a tack, somewhat mischievous and physically pretty darned good! He just bought an everyday vehicle to preserve his Mercedes. May we all be as well at Charlie's age.



*Bo takes a "Siesta" at Charlie's.
Riding on mommy's lap is hard work!*



Although curvaceous Lizzie inspired "Siesta" SS, Bo often lives in the "Siesta" position, too.



"Siesta" is available in Standard Smooth, Miniature Smooth, 1:6 Scale Smooth & 1:6 Scale Long.



MARCH 6, 2018, 12:45: Yay! An email states that “So Good to See You” ML, has been accepted in the Red River Valley Museum’s 17th Annual International Juried Art Exhibition, Vernon, TX.

The show opens June 2 and runs through July 27, 2018.



MARCH 10, 2018: This January, before Hap Hagood passed away, he offered me a gift of one of his carvings.
Hap’s mahogany “Red Dove” joins
“Three Faces of Guinevere” and a landscape by Jaye Gregory.
Jaye, Hap and Guinevere have each passed over the Rainbow Bridge.



"Squirrel Season" Long

MARCH 10, 2018: "Squirrel Season" Long is on its way to its new home in Wimberly, TX! The couple's girl leaps for lizards! Thank you Shannon Hanna, of RS Hanna Gallery, for advertising this in your local paper and making four persons happy! Bless this man from Wimberly, Texas. He also just bought "Life's a Ball!" Long, 1:6 Scale, for his daughter who adores dachshunds!!! Thank you, Thank you!

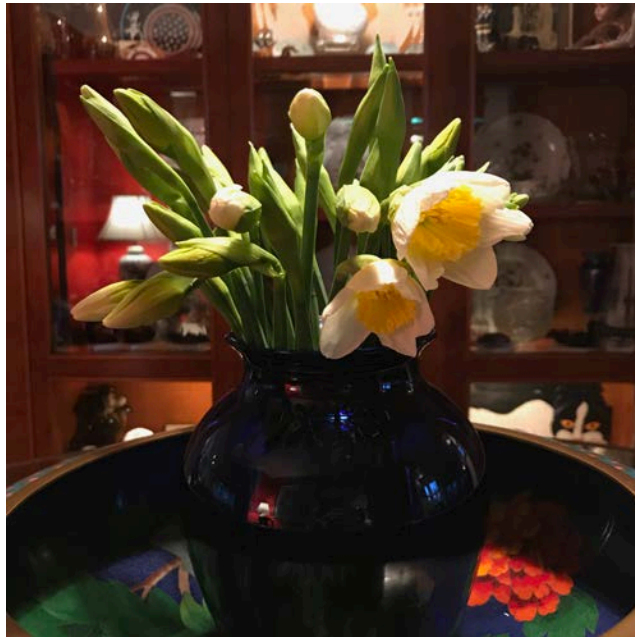




Crocus signal the very first sign of Spring.



MARCH 11, 2018: Fat fluffy flakes of snow fall all over my many daffodils! This morning my yoga teacher said she covered her daffodils, so this afternoon I cut and bring in 88 daffodils and place sheets over the rest. My topiary of Edgar has a dusting of snow.



What a difference a day makes – and - warmth!

MARCH 12, 2018: WOW! My Tete a tete' Daffodils are happy to be inside. Their faces glow!



MARCH 20, 2018: The National Sculpture Society Fellows Invitational Online Exhibition opens today and runs through Sept. 30. I am honored that "Merry Sunshine" Life Size is in this Invitational exhibition. See the invitational show here: www.nationalsculpture.org.



Pork Loin in Sage Sauce with Carrots in Brandy Sauce.

MARCH 21, 2018: Today I find Silvia Bertolini, the magnificent chef who owned Risterante L'Invito at the Instituto in San Miguel Allende. After 2007, when she closed in SMA, we heard she'd opened a restaurant in Veracruz. Well, last night I made my version of a favorite dish that Silvia had introduced us to:

Pork Loin in Sage Sauce with Carrots in Brandy Sauce. WOW! Is this GOOD!

After Silvia left SMA, I dug into my 1981 soft cover Italian cookbook and found a recipe for Pork Loin Braised in Milk. I made it and added fresh sage! Voila! Carrots in Brandy sauce, per Silvia, and a salad complete the meal.

I decided to try to find Silvia and I DID! She moved from Veracruz to La Paz, Baja California Sud, where she now has a small Airbnb place that she rents and, she cooks for groups! I've not looked up her place, but maybe I will, soon! All of this is thanks to the Internet. What would our parents, grandparents and great grandparents think of this small world???



MARCH 30, 2018, 12:30PM, 50 DEGREES: Oh! What a GOOD Friday! The sun shines for the first time in weeks! Over the course of six hours I scratch fertilizer around the Liriope "Big Blue" and mulch my entire paisley shaped bed that surrounds our pond in the front yard.

A 4-inch long frog leaps out from under a liriope. Yay! There is life! I have seen only one something jump into the pond this year. Last year, Spring Peepers were singing by March 26.

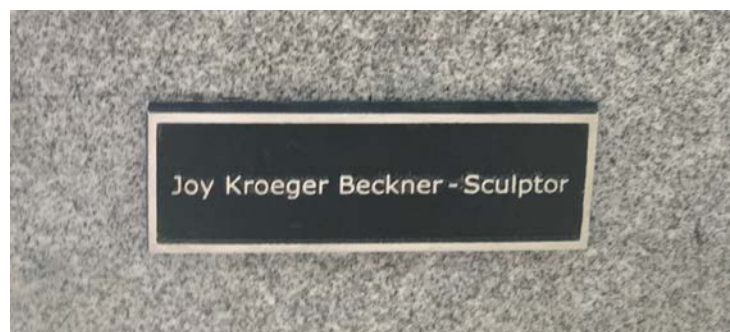


Our deck this morning, April 2, 2018

APRIL 2, 2018, 7:24AM, 25.4 DEGREES: Yesterday, I picked more daffodils. The rest bow their heads to stay warm.



APRIL 7, 2018: Today “Big Heart” is dedicated at The Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina. WOW! What a magnificent place! Thank you to the gentleman who acquired this to honor his late wife and their dog, Winston. Look carefully; it is nestled among the low palm fronds to the left of the chair.



My credit is on a plaque on the back.

Thank you to the lovely gentleman who acquired "Big Heart" in honor of his wife.

January 24, 2017, I first learned of his acquisition. It is soooo good to see this finally installed. Thank you Jaynie Spector of Dog & Horse Fine Art for all your hard work on the pedestal and plaques.



APRIL 12, 2018, 2:22PM: Bees explore newly opened cherry blossoms! Let them BEE!!! I LOVE BEES!!!!



"Unusual Friends"

APRIL 12, 2018, 5PM: "A Good Life" Long and "A Cat Study" play together as "Unusual Friends" in "Fr-enemies" which is the first-ever Dog and Cat exhibit – and - the final exhibit at the AKC Museum here in St. Louis. The exhibit runs through September 30, 2018.

In October The American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog will close to the public, pack and move to New York. A soft opening is planned for January 2019, with a gala planned during Westminster! I may have to fly in for that one!!!

The AKC Museum's new address is 101 Park Avenue!!! And the new director, Alan Fausel, is going to be fabulous! He has been on Antiques Road Show. I will miss the current director Stephen George, his assistant Susan Haney and the good greeters at the front desk. Of course, I will miss having the museum a mere fifteen minutes from our home. The museum labeled my two pieces as shown below. Thank you Susan Haney, Curator, and Stephen George, Director, for this lovely tribute to your St. Louis artists.





APRIL 18, 2018: The last of the eight "Sweet Dreams" is sold, and will be delivered at DCA. I need to keep one for my records...

Thank you!



"Sweet Dreams II"

"Sweet Dreams II" is the correct title for this handheld piece because the slim shape of the body is identical to the original "Sweet Dreams." The difference? Tucking the dog's right ear under is far easier to cast.



"Dreaming of Tomatoes" Long, 1:6 Scale

APRIL 20, 2018: "PERFECT!! Just as I hoped it would be. I took a leap of faith based on photos and I was really pleased when I got to hold it in my hand and look at it from every angle. Thanks again for our DOT!" Kevin



APRIL 19, 2018: Our neighbor says this Eastern Screech Owl has been sitting in the redbud tree between our homes for about 30 hours. Its eyes follow me as I walk around it. It's fascinating.





APRIL 24, 2018: "Merry Sunshine" Quarter Life leaves for the show, "Portraying Pets & People." The show opens May 3 and runs through May 26, 2018, at 311 Gallery, 311 West Martin Street, Raleigh, NC.



APRIL 24, 2018: The last daffodils of the season! This year, daffodils cheered us for forty-five days!



APRIL 25, 2018: “Sunnyside Up” Smooth is on its way to its new home in Wien, Austria! Thank you Victoria Armstrong of Stockbridge Dogs in Art, England.



APRIL 27, 2018: Yay! It is 70 degrees and an absolutely gorgeous day! Plus, a check arrives from Dog & Horse Fine Art for “Over the Rainbow!” Way to go, Jaynie!

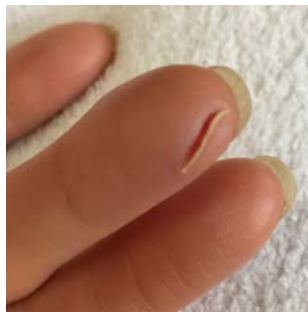


My Aunt Florence's August-blooming Hosta

Friend Toni Meyer gave me the wild Phlox in the foreground. Her Solomon's Seal blooms behind a remnant of a handmade pot. I *like* these two recently added plants!



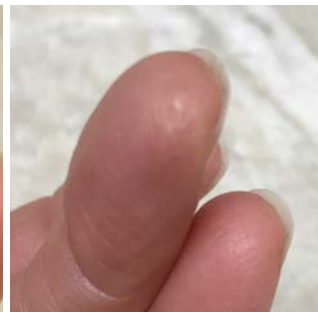
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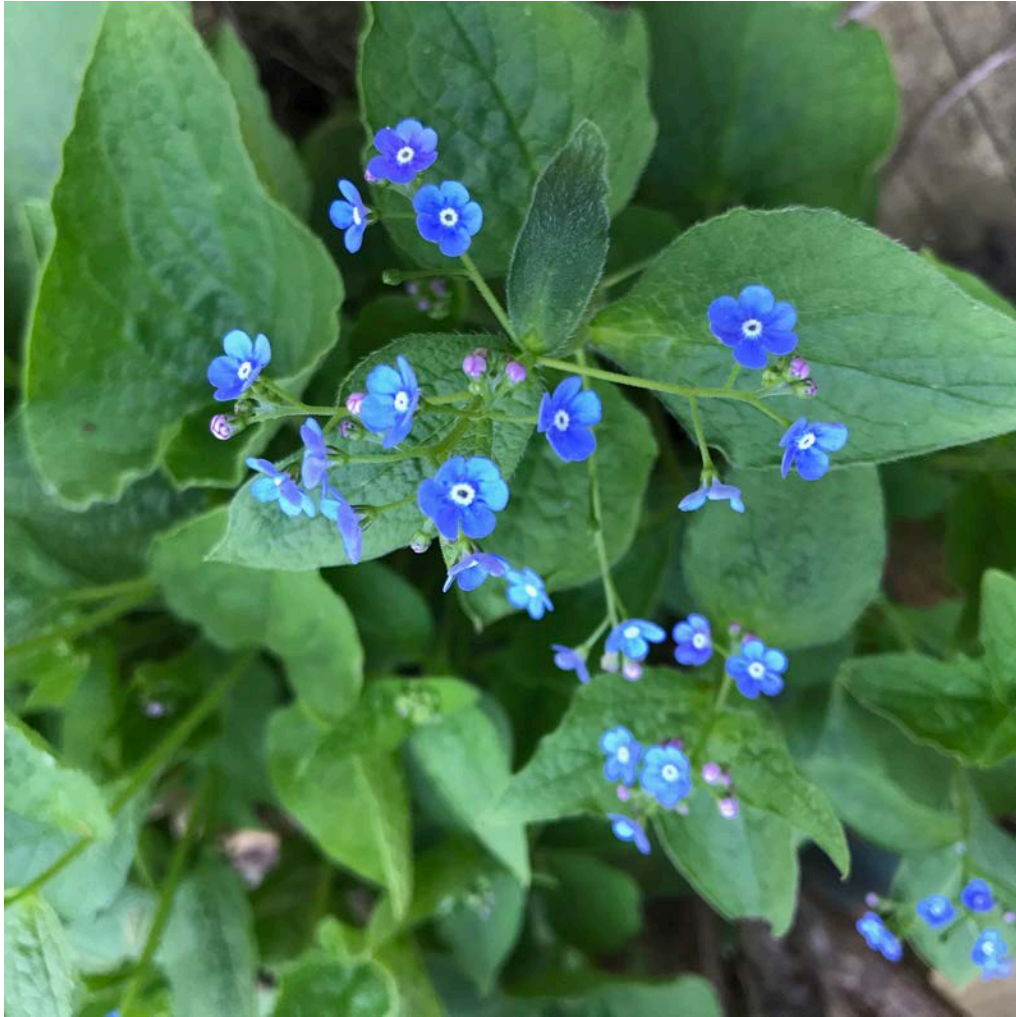
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APRIL 30

OOPS!!! Lesson Learned!!!

APRIL 30, 2018: My finger is nearly healed. It's been a month since March 30, when I sliced my left middle finger with my good old Felco garden shears while pruning liriopoe in a pot on our front porch. I must have thought I was invincible and took my gloves off before I saw what needed to be done. NOOOO! I will be very careful to NOT prune without gloves ever again



Brilliant blue Forget-Me-Nots - Brunnera Myosotis - glow under my Hicks Yew topiary of Edgar.

MAY 1, 2018: We drive east toward Ohio and DCA, with a side trip to Louisville, KY, to see friends.

MAY 2, 2018, 10:30AM: After having dinner with friends, Betsy & Gerald Tyrell, we leave Louisville, KY, for DCA, the Dachshund Club of America National Specialty in Columbus, OH. A small side trip takes us to Williamstown, KY, to see the Ark Encounter, a huge 100 million dollar replica of Noah's Ark. It is 80 degrees.



Well, we tried. We learn we must park and take a bus to the ark. The distance to the ark appears to be about a half mile from the gate, too far to get a good shot with my iPhone. So, we continue toward DCA. In case you go, it is \$10 for parking and tickets to get in are \$38 per person, IF you are a senior! Thank you, Bo, for saving us \$86!

MAY 5, 2018: The final day of DCA! I enjoy showing Bo in the Parade of Veterans, a non-competitive event for seniors, canine and often human as well!

Thank you to all visitors to my booth at DCA!



MAY 13, 2018: A collector shares her "Miss Me" to Facebook. Thank you for the smile!



MAY 16, 2018: My garden peonies bloom in our dining room.



MAY 23, 2018, 9:25AM: My Moonshine Mother-in-Law's Tongue – Sanseveria – is blooming!
It's only the second time it's bloomed since the early nineties!



"Sweet Roll" SS

MAY 2017: Permanent Collection of Art on The Avenues, Wenatchee, WA

Thank you, Adele Wolford, and Art on the Avenues for acquiring "Sweet Roll"!
Brian Mitchell Photography

- upcoming Events -

JUNE 2 – 27, 2018: Red River Valley Museum, 17th Annual International Juried Art Exhibition, Vernon, TX

- THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2018 -

National Sculpture Society - Fellows Online Invitational Exhibition. www.nationalsculpture.org
AKC Museum of the Dog – Frenemies - 1721 South Mason Road, Saint Louis MO 63131

- THROUGH 2020 -

Carmel Clay Public Library, Carmel, IN - Sculptureworks, Inc.
Art on the Avenues, Wenatchee, WA

JUNE 2, 2018: I will drive to Colorado to see my good, independent essential suppliers: Nancy Palm, my metal chaser; Dan Ochs, my mold maker and wax pourer; Dale Cisek, my patinuer, Sheree Lambert at Shippers Supply for crating and foam-in-place boxes, and Sharon Winter for spruing, and Gary Pitcher for raw casting bronze. I cannot imagine life with you! You are the BEST!!!

In mid-June, Bo will stay with Rita Toombs, breeder of our dear departed Edgar, AKA Ch. Retdachs Brwneyed Hansomboy, who is no longer with us. Brian and I will start an adventurous road trip to Alaska, with Prudhoe Bay as the farthestmost point of Brian's dream drive.



Thank you, NaturalOn for this peaceful photo that accompanied your article about the best sleep positions.
I had to share it!

Enjoy summer, stay cool and please keep in touch!

Peace,

Joy

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