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classical realism, from hounds to humans & and more!

NEWS & JOURNEYS OF JOY! :: VOL. FOURTEEN, NUMBER SEVEN :: NOV. 2018

Happy November!

Happiness is sharing photos of my new works!



"Sweet Dreams II"

1:6 SCALE: 2 7/8"L x 1"H x 2"D, BRONZE ED. 50 & 5 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2017



"Her Life's a Ball!"

1:6 SCALE: 4.5"L x 2 1/8"H x 1 5/8"D, BRONZE ED. 50 & 5 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2017

SELECT TOAD RED OR BLACK & TAN PATINA.

Don Casper Photography



"Cozy"

1:6 SCALE: 3 7/8"L x 3 1/4"D x 1 1/2"H, BRONZE ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2018
 SELECT PATINA: BLACK & TAN OR TOAD RED, SHOWN ABOVE.



"A Good Life" MW

APPROX. 20.5"L x 10.75"D x 5.75"H, BRONZE ED. 5 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF ©2018

Jafe Parsons Photography

Happiness is when an award - and - a check - arrive!!!



SEPT. 24, 2018: This beautiful beveled glass award arrives with a check for \$500 from the Bosque Art Classic, where *Life's a Ball!* MS earned the Silver Medal for Sculpture. Thank you, Bosque Art Center, Clifton, TX!



"Life's a Ball!" MS
25.25"L x 11.75"H x 8"D
BRONZE ED. 5 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF ©2017
Mel Schockner Photography



"Life's a Ball!"

1:6 SCALE: 4.75"L x 2.25"H x 1.5"D BRONZE ED. 99 & 9 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©1998

NUMBER 19/99 IS AVAILABLE.

SELECT YOUR PATINA NOW FOR HOLIDAY DELIVERY!

SEPT. 30, 2018, SUNDAY, 10AM: More happiness! Diana Barrios, my all time favorite stretch-release teacher is now teaching at Anytime Fitness!!! Thank you, Diana! Great Class! Hugs from all of us!

After shopping at Ace Hardware and for groceries, I arrive home and realize that today is the last day for the AKC Museum of the Dog here in St. Louis. After putting up groceries, it's about 2:15, and I drive to the museum, which is about 15 minutes from our house. Last minute memories follow.



Rehabilitation of
The Jarville House
 Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Many museum items have been displayed in the freshly painted Jarville House.



The Jarville House

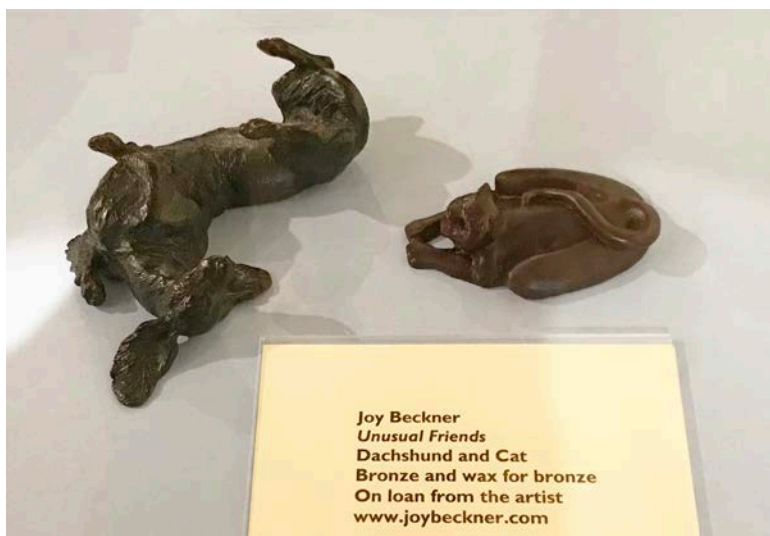


The AKC Museum entrance, next to the Jarville House



"A Good Life" SS

"A Good Life" SS, a 1997 gift to the Museum by the Art Show at the Dog Show, is displayed in the front entrance under the names of the museum's most generous donors.



"A Good Life" Long

1:6 SCALE: 4.75"L x 1 3/8"H x 2.5"D BRONZE, ED. 50 & 5 AP ©2011

Number 5/50 is available. It is shown in *Frenemies*, the final exhibition at the AKC Museum, St. Louis.

AKC Museum Director Stephen George shares plans to move most of the museum collection to its new location in New York City. "A Good Life" SS will remain in the collection!



8:37PM: I take recycling to the curb and find this big fellow. Compare the size of the pin oak leaf to the size of this frog. I guess its body is 4-4.5" long. Right after this photo it hopped away!



OCT. 5, 2018, 84 DEGREES: Brian and I drive US-67 toward Alton, IL. Just before the beautiful bridge to Alton, we turn right toward the Audubon Center at Riverlands, pelicans rest on a tiny island. We are told we will see more birds if we come back in November. We are north of the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers.



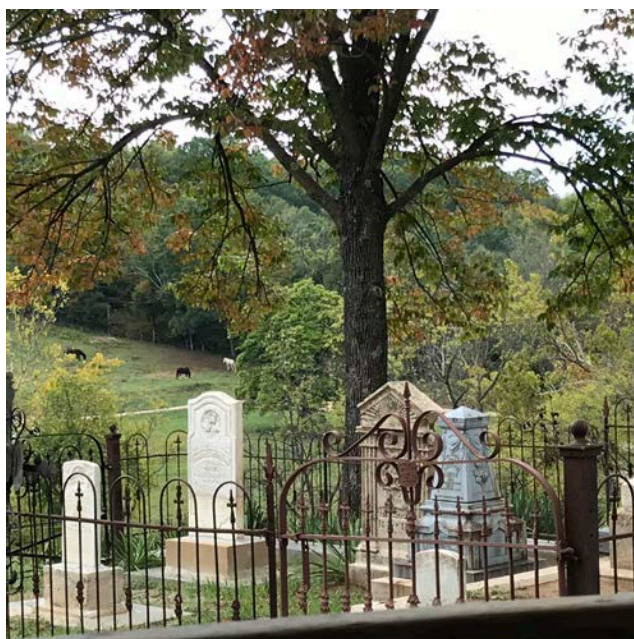
OCT. 5, 2018: The Mississippi River is high as we ferry across from Brussels, Illinois, to St. Charles, Missouri.



OCT. 8 2018, MONDAY: I enjoy a field trip to Hermann, MO, with the Wildwood Garden Society. We tour the Living History Farm that is dedicated to preserving and presenting the unique agricultural, social, and economic history of the German immigrants who settled the lower Missouri River Valley in the mid-1800s.



I'm embarrassed to say that I do not remember the purpose of this large handsome metal kettle.



An Open-air Tram takes us through the rolling hills and valleys of the farm. We stop at the 1847 Husmann home, the Master Distiller's Homestead, and the Black Shire Distillery where this handsome bench is located.





Hermann, MO was established in 1837. The Black Shire Distillery, Hermann, is shown above.



On the tram ride to our vehicles, we see the magnificent Shire Draft Horses. The above horse is quite young.



Playful young



Attentive elders

“Nineteenth Century German Garden Practices” are compliments of the Deutschheim State Historic Site.



A glorious old tree and chickens bid us farewell as we leave historic Hermann, MO.

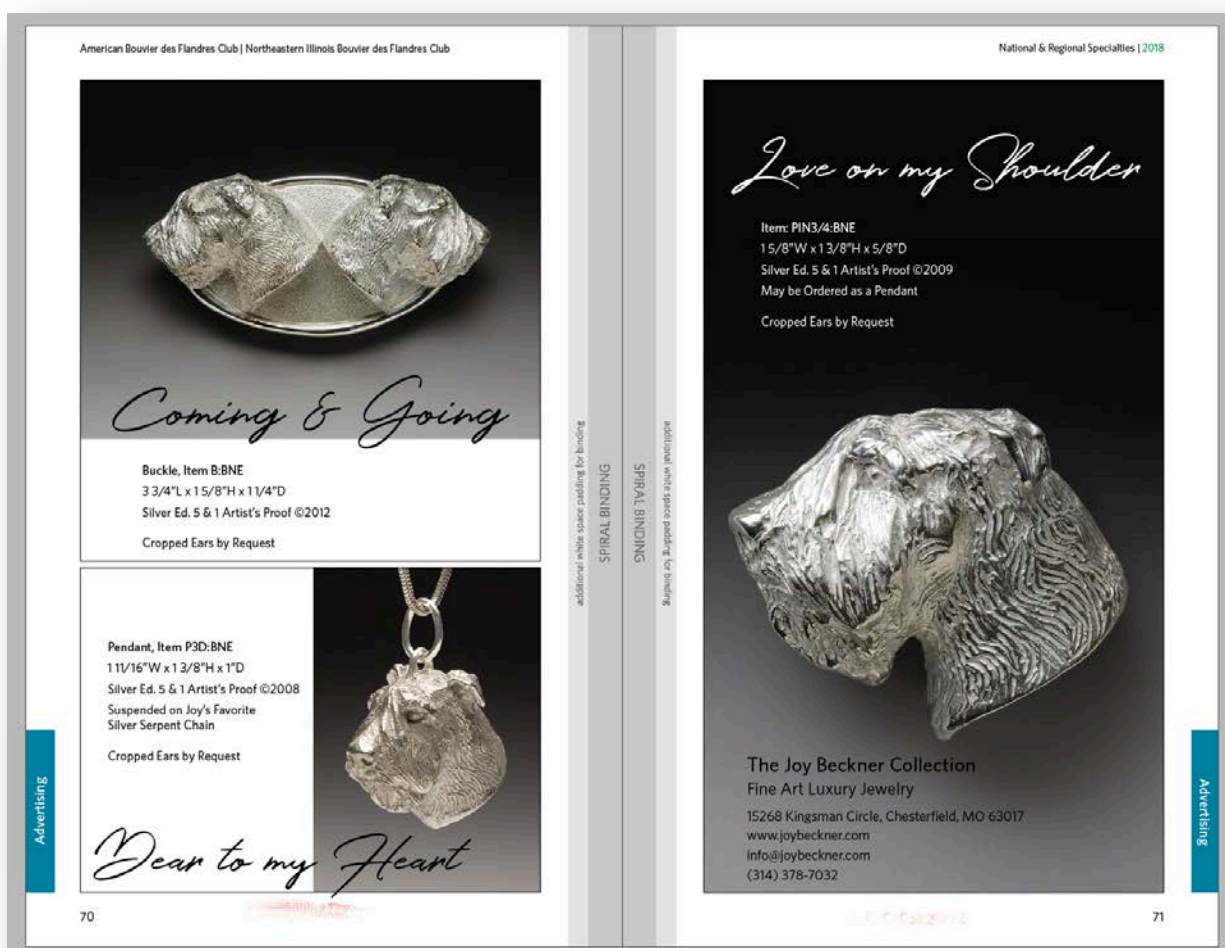


OCT. 11, 2018, 7:49PM: The Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington D.C. emails stating *A Good Life, Wire, 1:6 Scale*, has earned First Place in Sculpture! Thank you, Judge Chris Krupinski!

Order *A Good Life, Wire, 1:6 Scale*, NOW for Christmas 2018 delivery!



Above, soon, *A Good Life, MW*, shown in clay above and in bronze at the beginning of this letter, will be shipped to the English woman who commissioned it. Order yours NOW for Summer 2019 delivery. It is an edition of just 5 & 1 Artist's Proof!



OCT. 13, 2018: I show my one Bouvier des Flandres sterling pendant and two small dachshunds at the Bouvier des Flandres National Specialty at Purina Farms, 45 minutes from home. The dogs are fascinating and the people are nice! Pat Thayer, the breeder who helped me with *Big Heart* just happened to be there! Sweet!

OCT. 14, 2018: Chicadees, titmice and cardinals enliven this chilly gray day as they flick among my feeders!



OCT. 16, 2018: "Lord of the Couch" MW, is juried into the 90th Grand National Exhibition of the American Artists Professional League. Showdates: Nov. 11 thru Nov. 19, 2018 at the Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003.
Mel Schockner Photography.



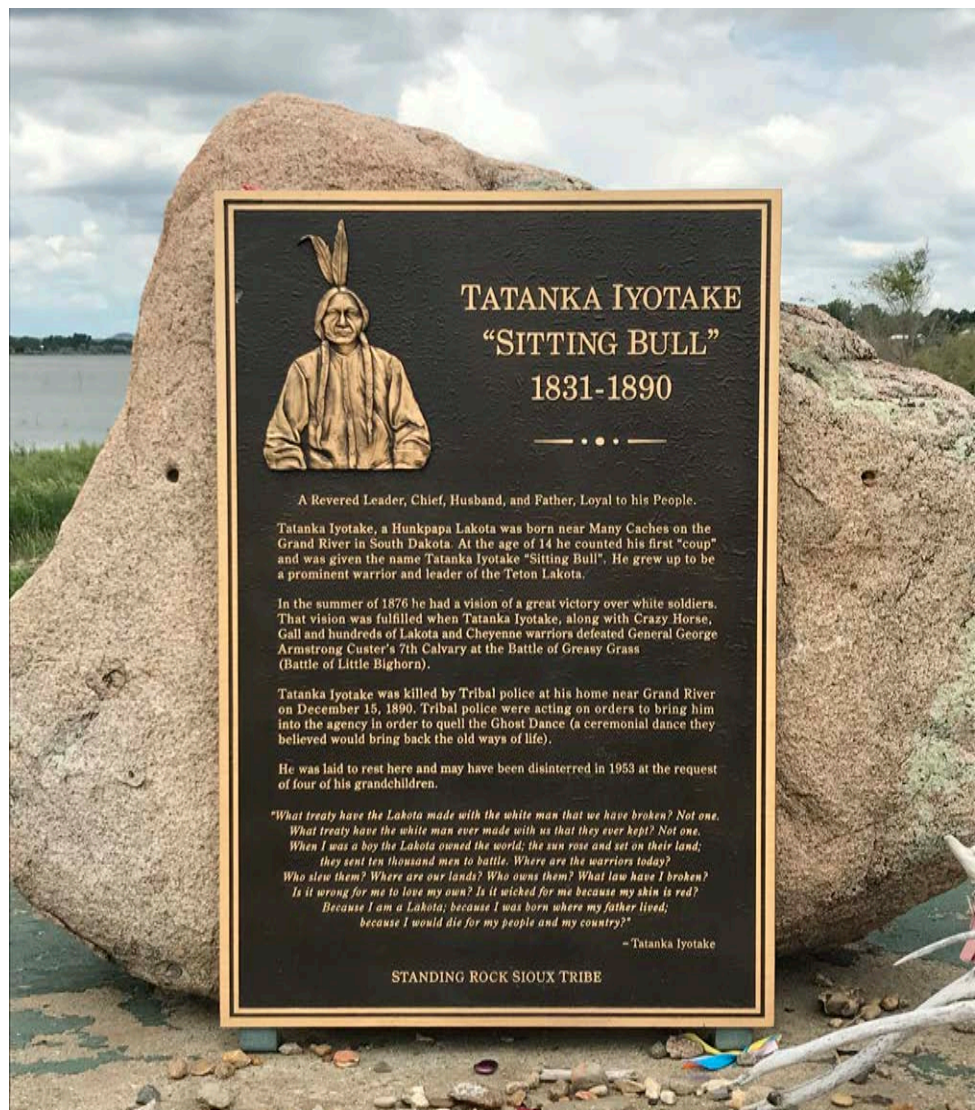
OCT. 17, 2018, WED., 6:38PM: WOW! A gorgeous sunset greets me after my weekly Pilates Reformer class.

OCT. 19, 2018: *Woman Walks Ahead* (2018) with Jessica Chastain, is a story of Sitting Bull.

Michael Greyeyes, a Canadian actor, choreographer, director and educator, plays Sitting Bull. He is Plains Cree from the Muskeg Lake First Nation in Saskatchewan.

This movie will stay with me for many moons. Watch it on Prime.

I took this photo June 24, 2018, on our trip to Alaska.





"Sunnyside up" Long

1:6 SCALE: 5"L X 2.25"H X 1.75"D, BRONZE ED: 50 & 5 ARTIST'S PROOFS © 2007

OCT. 20, 2018: *Sunnyside Up*, Long, earned an Honorable Mention in the 34th Annual Miniature Art Exhibition at The Arts Council of Chambersburg, PA! Thank you!!! The show runs Nov. 2 – Jan. 4, 2019.

OCT. 21, 2018, 5:50 AM, CDT: *Off to Colorado...*

7:26AM: Wispy tendrils of fog rise as we cross the Missouri River. Where was my camera? I love to see the sun side-lighting cattle that are grazing on grass.

7:57AM: A horizontal rainbow of lavender to blue to gray turns into a cloudless blue sky. The temperature along our drive has ranged from 28-33 this morning. Are those red bushes small sassafras trees?



10:37AM, 55 DEGREES: A murmuration (of starlings?) enjoys the sunny, gorgeous Konza Prairie Nature Preserve to the north as we drive west on I-70 through the beautiful Flint Hills.

12:05PM: We are halfway to Loveland!

3:49PM MDT, 80 DEGREES: In Limon, CO, Brian buys two Frostys at Wendy's. By the time we are halfway to Brush, CO on CO-71, the straw in my Frosty collapses. When Brian finishes his, I switch for his strong straw. My Frosty lasts 75 miles, from Limon all the way to 4:23pm in Brush, CO.

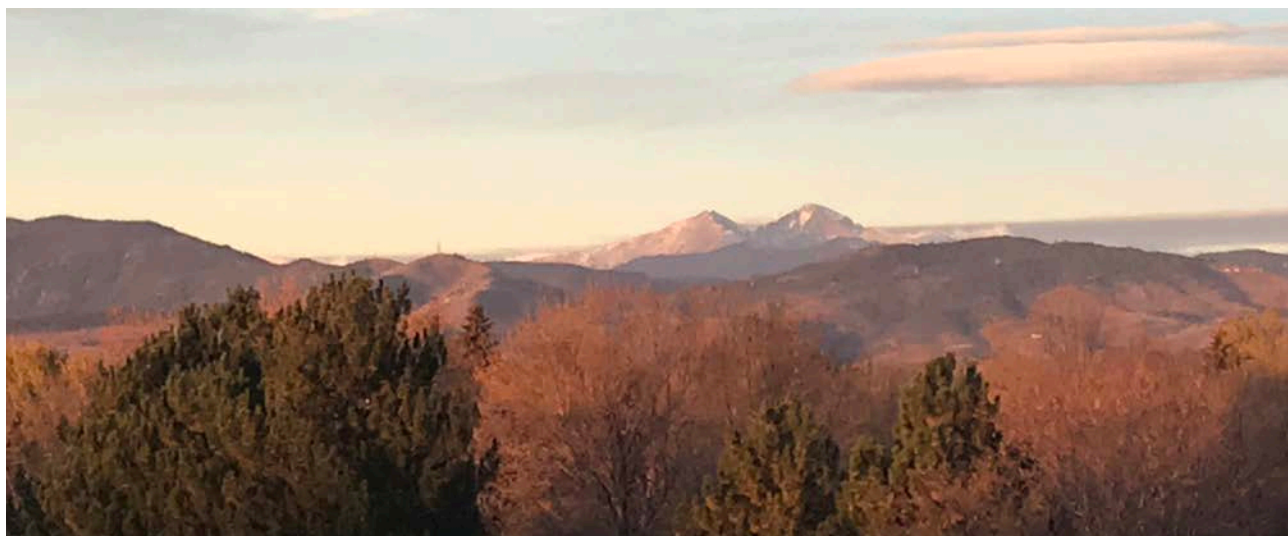
OCT. 22, 2018, MONDAY: Yes! Nancy, my incredible metal chaser, finished my four large pieces and fourteen 1:6 scale and they are now with Dale, my patina man.



OCT. 23, 2018: The view from our window at the LaQuinta. Good morning Longs Peak! We drive to Fort Collins to pick up Cozy waxes from Ben Cordsen, and then I work on my Alaska Journal. This afternoon, Brian gets the first oil change for my Tahoe.



OCT. 25: While Dale finishes my patinas, Brian, Beau and I take a break to go to Estes Park. Early in our drive on CO-34 we happen upon a big wiener! YUMMY reads the license plate on the Oscar Meyer WienerMobile!



OCT. 26, 2018, 7:31AM: Goodbye beautiful Long's Peak! I'm happy to see you from our room at the LaQuinta.

9:45AM: Sadly, I learn my long time photographer Mel Schockner has Parkinson's. He forgot our appointment and suggested I ask Jafe Parsons if he can shoot my two works, "Cozy" and "A Good Life" MW.

Luck is with me; Jafe picks me up from Mel's and takes me, and, my work to his studio. By 12:20PM he is finished shooting three views each of three pieces. His digital files will come via email.

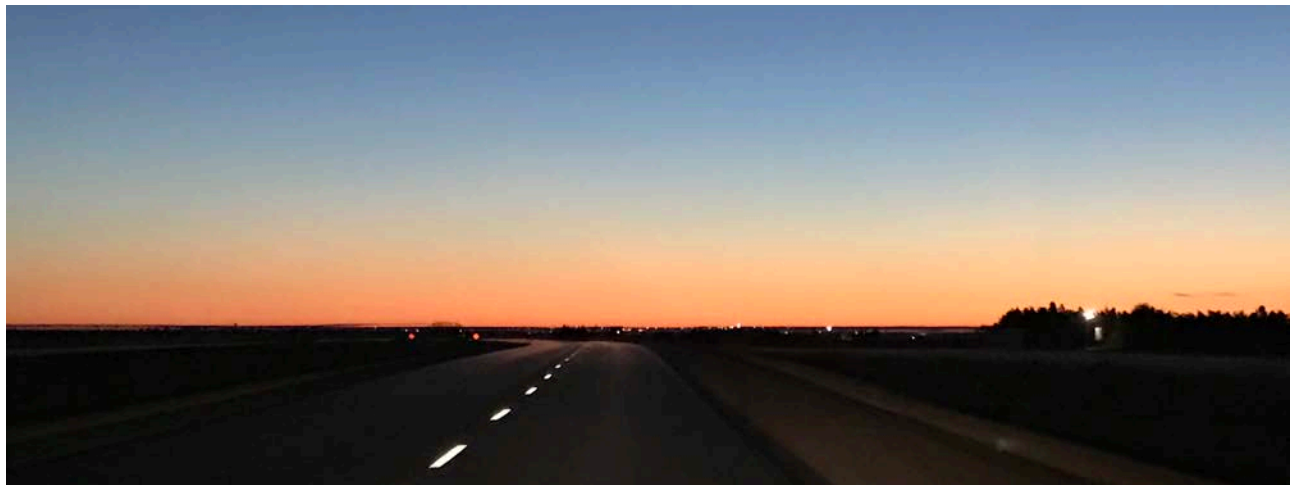
Brian meets me at Jafe's and soon we are headed on peaceful back roads to Hayes, KS for the night. Headed to Arriba, CO, the roads turns into pavement with sand and no center stripe.

2:40PM: We come across a fork in the road. Brian checks for stop signs and takes the road that has none. We like adventures. We see windmills, so we must be close to civilization.

Speed limit is 55MPH on this two-lane dirt road! It is 67 degrees. At 2:52 the road is briefly paved and then turns to dirt once again. .



3:11PM, MDT: We drive I-70 east from Arriba, CO, toward Hays, KS, where we will spend the night. Beau is in my lap. Grass eating cows are happy in Siebert, CO.



OCT. 27, 2018, 7:16AM CDT, 44 DEGREES: A gorgeous deep sunrise greets us as we head east from the pet friendly, budget friendly Baymont Inn. We have stayed in this comfortable little place since the 80s when it was first owned by Hampton Inn.

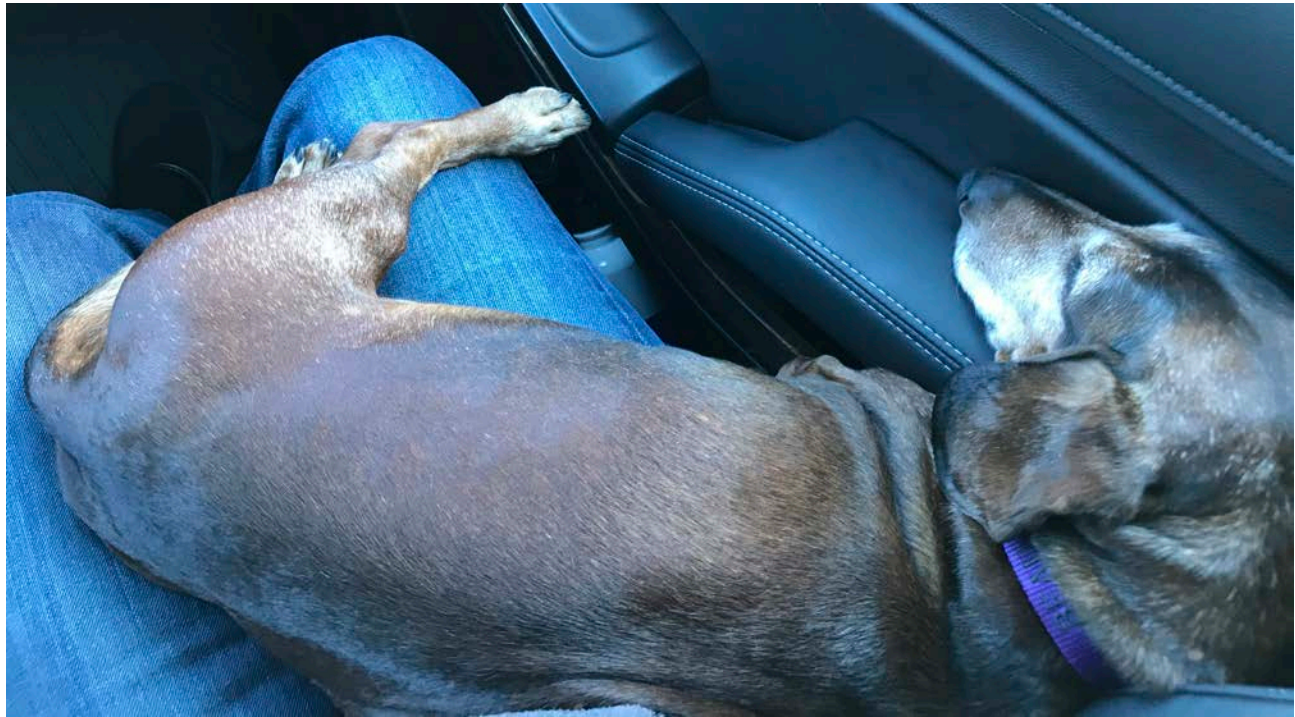
7:55AM: In Lincoln County, KS, Brian suggests I paint windmills. I hold that thought...



7:59AM: The sun rises outside of Ellsworth, KS. We are glad we made this trip at this time of the year. The landscape is gorgeous!



10:52AM: We are halfway home. Thank you, Brian, for driving. Facebook friend and collector Lisa Marie Peterson tagged me with a post of this very good picture of "*Life's a Ball!*" SS in the Art in the Avenues exhibit in Wenatchee, WA. Thank you, Lisa Marie, and, thank you, Cheryl Taylor, for posting your photo of my work!



12:39PM, 68 DEGREES: It's an absolutely gorgeous day as I stroke Beau, my satin doll.

2:22PM: We are within a few minutes of home. It will be right at 500 miles and 6 hours 50 minutes from the Baymont Inn in Hays, KS. My 2018 Tahoe has traveled 5492 miles so far. It averaged 22.7 mpg. Life is Good.

Happy Halloween!

upcoming Events...

Nov. 11 - 19, 2018: 90th Grand National Exhibition, The American Artists Professional League, Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003

Nov. 13, 2018 - Jan. 12, 2019: 28th Annual Miniature Art Show, The MonDak Heritage Center, Sidney, MT.

Nov. 18, 2018 - Jan. 6, 2019: 85th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington D.C. (MPSGS) The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Phone: 301-530-0540

THRU JAN. 4, 2019: 34th Annual Miniature Art 2018, The Council for the Arts of Chambersburg, PA, 81 North Main Street, Chambersburg, PA. Phone: 717.264.6883

THRU MARCH 2020: Sculptureworks, Inc., Carmel Clay Public Library, 55 4th Avenue, Carmel, IN.

MAY 23-25, 2019: Dachshund Club of America National Specialty, Purina Farms, MO.

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

Thank you for being in my life!

May your life be healthful & beautiful!

Take good care of yourself & please keep in touch.

- Peace -

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