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Friends,

please join me at the Society of Animal Artists Exhibition & more!

*Please order early
to be assured your holiday gifts are available!*



"Over the Rainbow"

SEPTEMBER 13, 2019: WOW! Three orders today! "Over the Rainbow" will soon be at home in Chicago!

Thank you, Tom!



"Inspiration" Smooth & Long

"Inspiration" Smooth and Long, in Pewter, will soon have a new home in Brazil!

OOPS! Cristina's finances suddenly changed, but I thought I'd show these to you anyway.
Smooth, Long and Wire coats are available in pewter and some are in bronze.



SEPTEMBER 13TH is a GREAT DAY!
This is the third order today!

In the early to mid-nineties, the National Cosmetology Association commissioned me to sculpt thirteen bas-relief portraits of inductees into for their Hall of Fame. The NCA has since become the Professional Beauty Association and is now located in Arizona. During the move, at least two of my portraits mysteriously disappeared. I am happy they just ordered another bronze of "Madame C.J. Walker" and "Michael M. Renzulli" who is the founder of Sally Beauty Supply.



Thank you, Lori Rayhorn, Director, Accounting & Archives, at Pro Beauty Association for ordering so I can hopefully get these to you yet this year!!!



"Cozy" Long



"Cozy" Wire

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019: Yay! All five each of "Cozy" Long and "Cozy" Wire are wax chased! These small editions are just TEN each, plus One Artist's Proof. These must be cast before Christmas!!!

See "Cozy" Smoothies in the SAA show coming up!



"Dream Chaser" Long

1:6 SCALE: 7"L X 2"W X 3.5"H

BRONZE ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©1999

I recently realized that only one more "Dream Chaser" Long is available in the edition, Number 12/20!



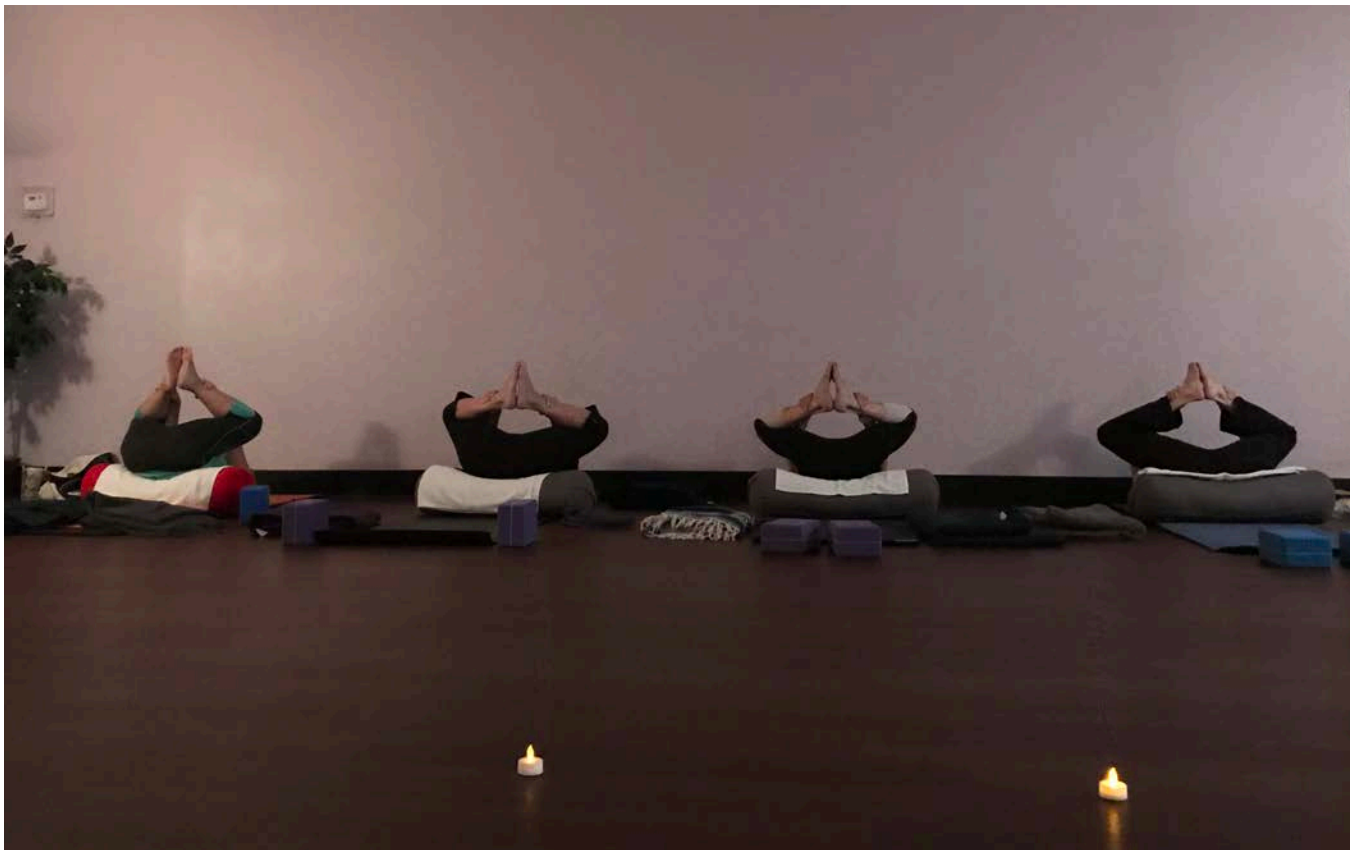
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019, 4PM: I finish the better part of two full afternoons creating a base for the very last "Dream Chaser" Long! I had no idea I could make this from a "Squirrel Season" back. Number 12/20 is the last Dream Chaser Long, and the **ONLY ONE** to have a base that I made almost entirely by HAND!

Please, ORDER NOW for Christmas!



All these chased waxes are ready to ship to my foundry in Eaton, CO, when the weather cools.

Butterflies --- Just for fun!



Sonya Hulsey, my yoga release teacher, snapped this shot of our butterflies. Who would have thought?

Please listen to CUTV News interview me about my work:

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/cutvnewsradio/2019/08/22/cutv-news-radio-spotlights-sculptor-joy-beckner>



"A Good Life" MW

20.5"L x 10.75"D x 5.75"H, APPROX. 25, BRONZE ED. 5 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOF ©2018

SEPT. 15-28, 2019: "A Good Life" MW is in the 34th Annual Bosque Art Classic in Clifton, TX.

Photo by Don Casper



*The Society of Animal Artists
at
The Briscoe Western Art
Museum,
San Antonio, TX*

SEPT. 20, 2019 – JAN. 1, 2020

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019, 7:07AM CDT: The plane pushes off the gate, headed toward Phoenix.

9:46AM MDT: Clouds cast long, early morning shadows over Tonto National Forest. Glass glitters in the low sunlight as we approach Phoenix, AZ.

One of my favorite Whole Foods produce men sits one row behind me. What a nice surprise!



9:59AM MT: Tonto National Forest, Rio Verde, AZ

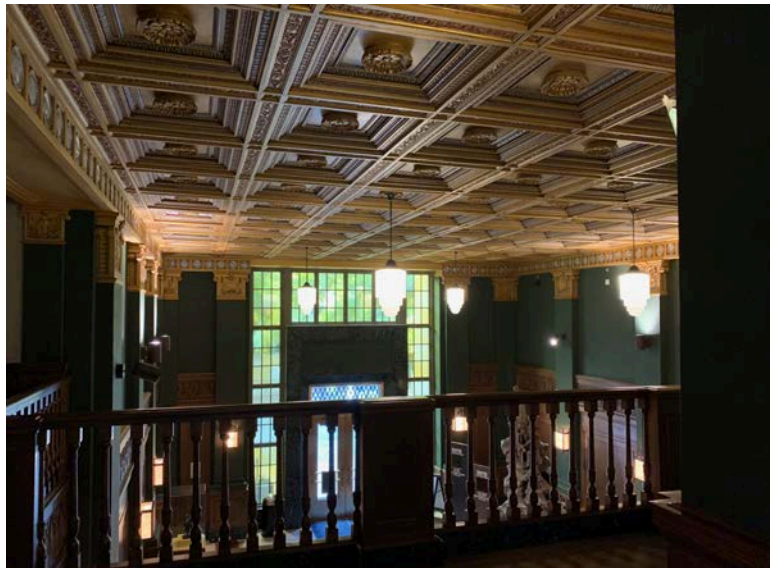
The Phoenix airport is my home until 12:25PM when the next flight departs for San Antonio.

5:30PM CDT: My friend Steve Sinclair picks me up from the airport. We meet his wife Karen and drive to the Briscoe, scene of the SAA events for 2019! It is sunny and HOT!

Steve snaps this shot of me in front of Herb Mignery's magnificent bronze.

Thank you, Steve and Karen!





The Briscoe's entry ceiling is exquisite to my eye.

The Society of Animal Artists show is at the beautiful Briscoe Museum through December 31, 2019. Please come see this beautiful museum filled with amazing art, including a wall size glass-enclosed case with stirrups, a model of the Alamo, George Catlin prints from the 1800s, and abundant paintings and sculptures.



"Cozy" Smooth, as seen in the Society of Animal Artists show at the Briscoe through January 1, 2020.

The Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch, San Antonio, Tx

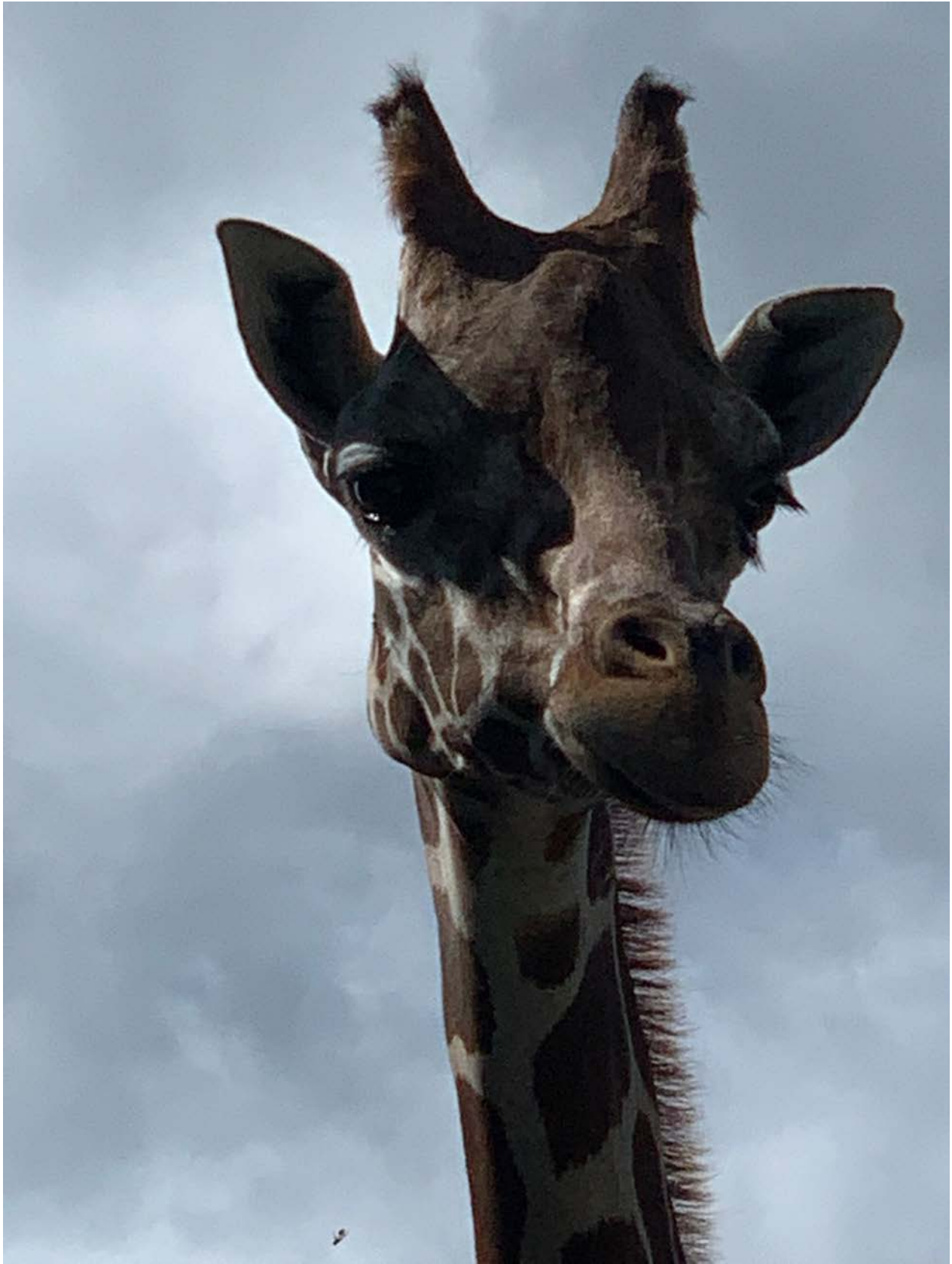
SEPTEMBER 20, 2019: The Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch is well worth the price of admission, \$22, and just \$20 for seniors! Coupons are on the web! This drive through park lets you see African animals, often up close. I have the good fortune of riding with Cynthie Fisher and Jocelyn Russell, both of whom have been to Africa. Cynthie is an expert!!!



The Bongo is a large species of antelope that is found inhabiting the jungles and forests of Eastern, Western and Central Africa. They are the largest forest-dwelling antelope species and one of the most distinctive, with a chestnut colored coat and long horns that spiral as high as 90cm in males.



An Ostrich eyes food and a friend in Jocelyn Russell.



Oh, to have those eyelashes!

I wish I could share all my photos from the Natural Bridge Ranch.



Oops! Here is one more photo from the petting zoo at Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch.

You must go to appreciate it!

SEPTEMBER 26, 2019: WOW! After 25 years of not pouring my own waxes, I pour two test waxes and two respectable waxes for the Professional Beauty Association. What a concentrated challenge this is!

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019: Yay! I chase Madame C.J. Walker and Michael Renzulli for Pro Beauty. Now, wait for cool weather the ship to my foundry. YAY!!! My canine waxes arrive safely at my foundry.

Waxes & Taxes!

OCTOBER 4, 2019: Yay! Our accountant comes with our 2018 tax forms. We sign and I write checks to the IRS and MO Department of Revenue. I am so happy this is behind me.

OCTOBER 7, 2019, 73 DEGREES, 4PM: This nice cool day I ship the Pro Beauty waxes and my originals of the three coats of "Cozy" to my foundry in Colorado.

OCTOBER 8, 2019, TUESDAY: This comfortable day, I start taking in my houseplants. Many are root bound and need loads of attention. In my quest to find my soil sieve, I stumble across a box labeled "Cosmetology Molds - 1993." Hooray! The three molds are of Arnold Miller, Sydell Miller and Jacob Yahm. Pro Beauty Association said they would like these three, too!



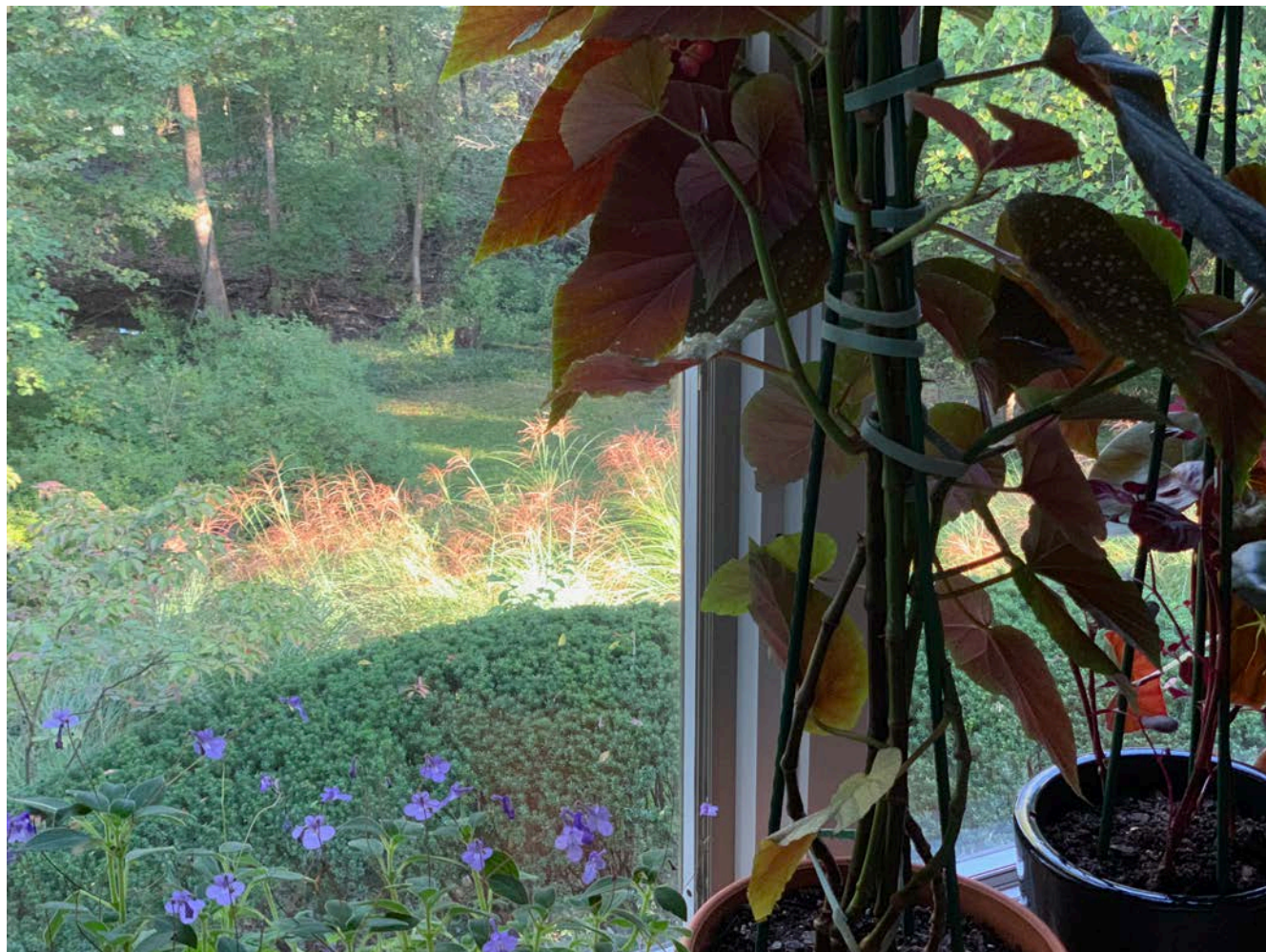
"Squirrel Season" Smooth

OCTOBER 10, 2019: Yay! "Squirrel Season" Smooth, 1:6 Scale, has been juried into the 91st Grand National Exhibit of the American Artists Professional League. The show will be at the Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY, from November 11 to November 22, 2019.

OCTOBER 11, 2019: The first two Pro Beauty waxes arrive safely at my foundry in Eaton, CO! Wax cannot melt, nor freeze for fear of cracking. Finding perfect shipping dates is all about planning and *good luck!*

Today is a perfect, rainy day to pour waxes of the next three 1993 plaques.

2PM: Brian arrives home after a quick drive to see his 94-year-old friend, Charlie Lowery, who lives in Stillwater, OK, where he cares for his differently abled son. Charlie is AMAZING!!!! It's great to see Brian and to learn that he saw Jocelyn Russell's life-and-a-half-sized racing "Secretariat" on a flatbed truck in Joplin, MO heading east to Kentucky! SMALL WORLD!!! Surprises never cease!!!



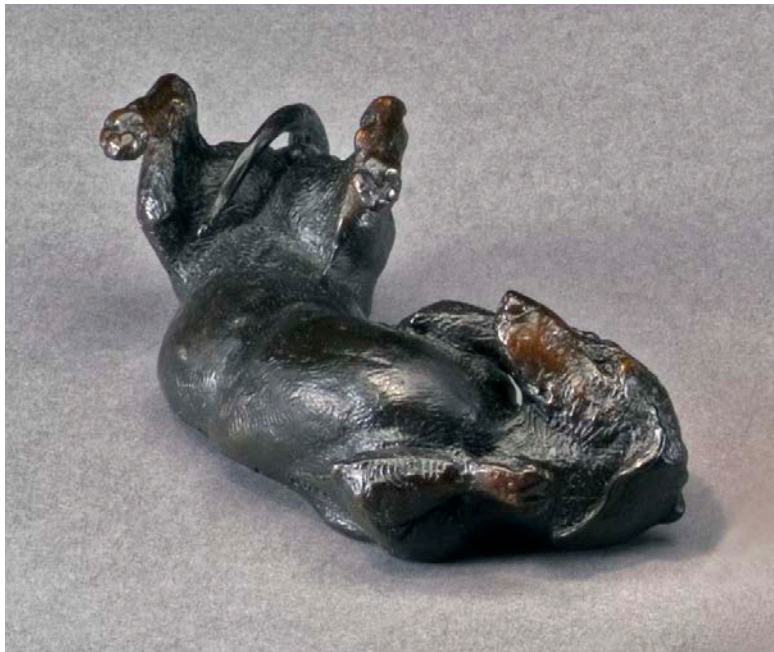
OCTOBER 12, 2019, 8:25AM, 35.9 DEGREES: My botanical garden is off the deck and inside. The photo above shows just a bit of my new view to the back.



The 1993 National Cosmetology Assn. Hall of Fame plaques are above. NCA is now Professional Beauty Assn.

OCT. 12, 2019, NOON TO SEVEN: I chase the three waxes of the Pro Beauty Assn. plaques. I take a half hour break and finish at 7PM. What a day! Brian's beef stew is nearly ready. THANK YOU, BRIAN!

OCT. 13, 2019: This morning I pack the three waxes, and this afternoon I finish pulling weeds. Better now than having many more to pull in spring, right? I am pooped. More stew please. ;-))

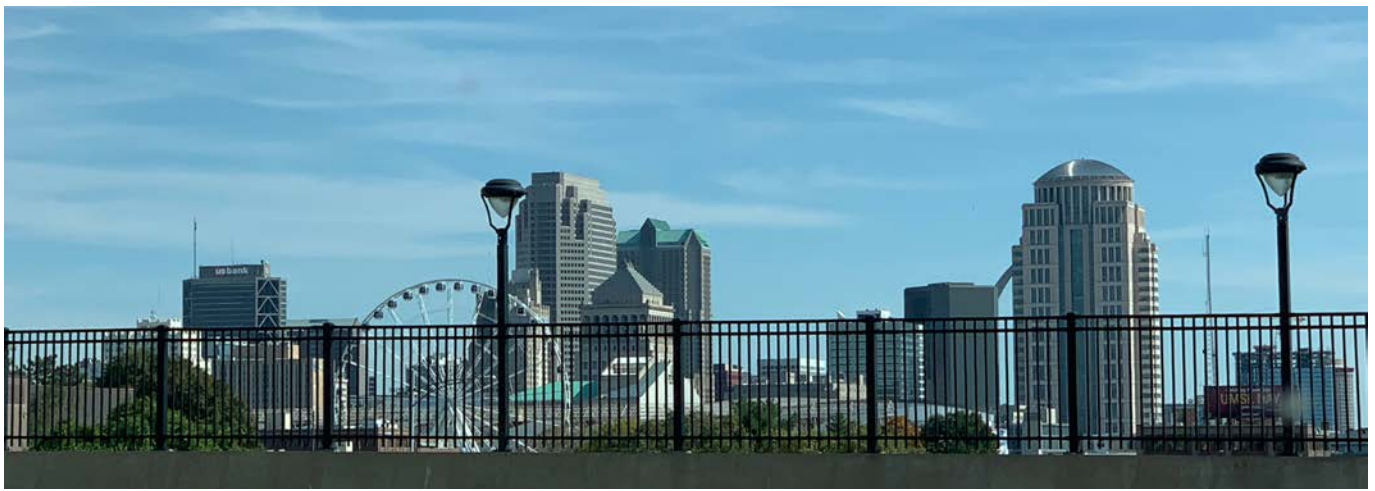


"Sweet Roll" 1:6 Scale

First Place – Sculpture!

"Sweet Roll" earns "First Place in Sculpture in the 86th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature at The Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington D.C.! *Sweet Roll, 1:6 Scale*, is available in Red or Black & Tan patina.

OCT. 14, 2019: After the Wildwood Garden Society meeting and lunch, I nap and take a much-needed yoga-stretch class. I take the packed Pro Beauty waxes to UPS. Life has been a merry-go-round!



OCT. 18, 2019: Brian and I have a date to see two St. Louis Landmarks! We head to north St. Louis to find Crown Candy Kitchen. I imagine the remaining beautiful brownstones on St. Louis Avenue in their prime.



Founded in 1913, by the grandfather of the current owner, Crown Candy Kitchen is a place one needs to see at least once! Inside are a large poster of Eddie Fisher holding a Coca Cola, and an upright scale that charged 1 cent for your weight and 5 cents for your weight and horoscope! Three short rows of small booths seat two or four persons. It is charming. Cat Neville, of "Feast TV" produced a segment about Crown Candy Kitchen. Check it out on PBS!



The owner told me the gentleman washing dishes has been working at Crown Candy for thirty years!



JUST WHISTLE!!

First on the sandwich menu is the BLT for \$11.00.

It must have a pound of bacon on it! We order one and split it. Yum! We split a chocolate malt. Yum!

After this much decadence, we need NO DINNER!!!



It is a beautiful 68-70 degrees and we find our way to the Gateway Arch National Park.

The brand new Gateway Arch Museum tells the fascinating history of St. Louis, the Eads Bridge and the Arch, the idea for which was conceived in the late 1930s.

I am lucky to have been working downtown at Famous-Barr, a May Company department store, when the Arch was topped out October 28, 1965. I believe thieves could have taken anything that day, as most FB employees were outside watching this historic event!

Thank goodness for PBS! Ken Burns' "Country Music" is a treasure everyone should see, hear and, hopefully, relate to. WOW!

OCT. 20, 2019: Anne Finucane, Director of the Chambersburg Council for the Arts, writes that “Sweet Dreams II” and “Her Life’s a Ball!” are in their 35th Annual Exhibition of Miniature Art 2019!



“Sweet Dreams II” - “Her Life’s a Ball”
Photos by Don Casper

“Big Heart”

The owner of my English gallery writes that that “an international chap” ordered “Big Heart” to be delivered in mid-November. Yay! I need to cast another one or two! Thank you!





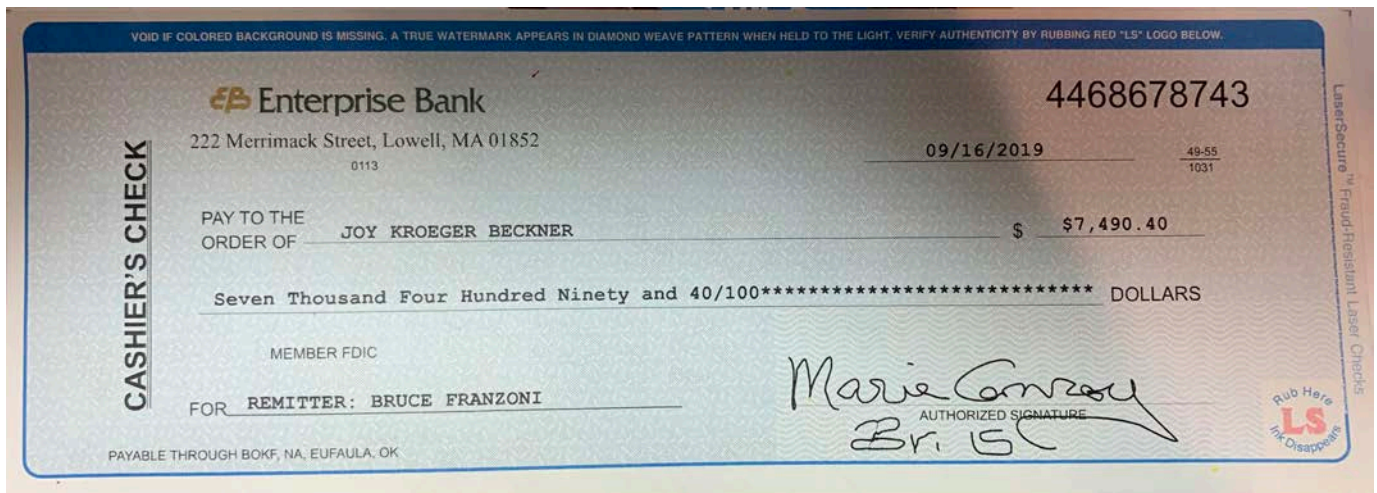
OCT. 21, 2019: My bi-annual appointment with my long time preventive medicine doctor, Dr. Rathod, went well. My spinal bone density has improved and, with my starting Osteostrong, she believes we will see bone density in my hip improve in a year. She believes in Osteostrong enough that she is going there. She said to keep doing what I am doing: Pilates reformer, Pilates mat, stretch release, and now, Osteostrong.

OCT. 22, 2019: Yay! I figured out how to set up my HP LaserJet Pro M118dw so it prints wirelessly! And, I got hold of CVS to have them stop mailing prescriptions to me! Simple Pleasures... Two down! Now, to go to the Apple store to have them show me how to delete my Trash Box from my iPhone XS. Never have I had this problem before!

OCT. 23, 2019, 9:30AM: Dr. Aaron Campbell checks my upper left rear tooth, and agrees with my dentist that it should come out. Indeed it is the most predictable solution. The tooth will come out Nov. 4, at 10am! I can hardly wait! After healing of the extra bone, he will implant a replacement tooth in March. Next a haircut! Then Pilates. Busy day!

step back to September - good news - then... a SCAM!!!

SEPT. 9, 2019: I happened to search my name and found that I am listed under Contemporary Sculptors on figurativesculptors.com It's a nice surprise. Who knew?? Then...



SEPT. 16, 2019: This check arrives for entirely too much money! When I suggest to the gal that I shred the check and she send an accurate check, she writes:

'I told my husband to put a check of \$5200 in mail to you. My intention was to reward you for the good work you put in your artworks.

However, just find out my husband made a terrible mistake and overpaid you because he didn't have full details of the transaction, been busy when he sent it.

I am very sorry for the confusion but I will like you to go ahead and deposit the check, deduct \$5200, which cover artwork, shipping as well our reward for your good work .I spoke with my husband and he will like you to send the difference back to his chief accountant. Pls get Three (3) Post office (USPS) money orders of (2)

\$1000 USD each & (1) \$290 totaling \$2290, you might be required to pay extra fee for the purchase of the money orders and money orders should be left blank, include purchase receipt and use FedEx Overnight am delivery. The blank money orders, plus purchase receipt should be packed securely have envelope sealed before getting to FedEx outlet and should be sent to the address below.

Attn: E Mark
11806 Brighton Ln
Stafford Tx 77477

FedEx First Overnight delivery cost about \$45-\$50. FedEx Overnight shipping charges can be deducted from the money remaining.

I'll appreciate if you take care of this as soon as possible and advise with the tracking number. I hope they your parking lot sorted soon. Please acknowledge this email. Thank you.

Cheers, Maria'

REALLY? Maria gave her address in Georgia, her husband is somewhere else, the bank is in MA, and the Cashiers check is payable through BOKF in Eufaula, Oklahoma. REALLY? Better Business Bureau states "No Results found." for BOKF in Eufaula, plus, their accountant is in Texas??? No replies arrive after I ask for an accurate check. Scam Avoided! YAY!





"A Good Life" Wire

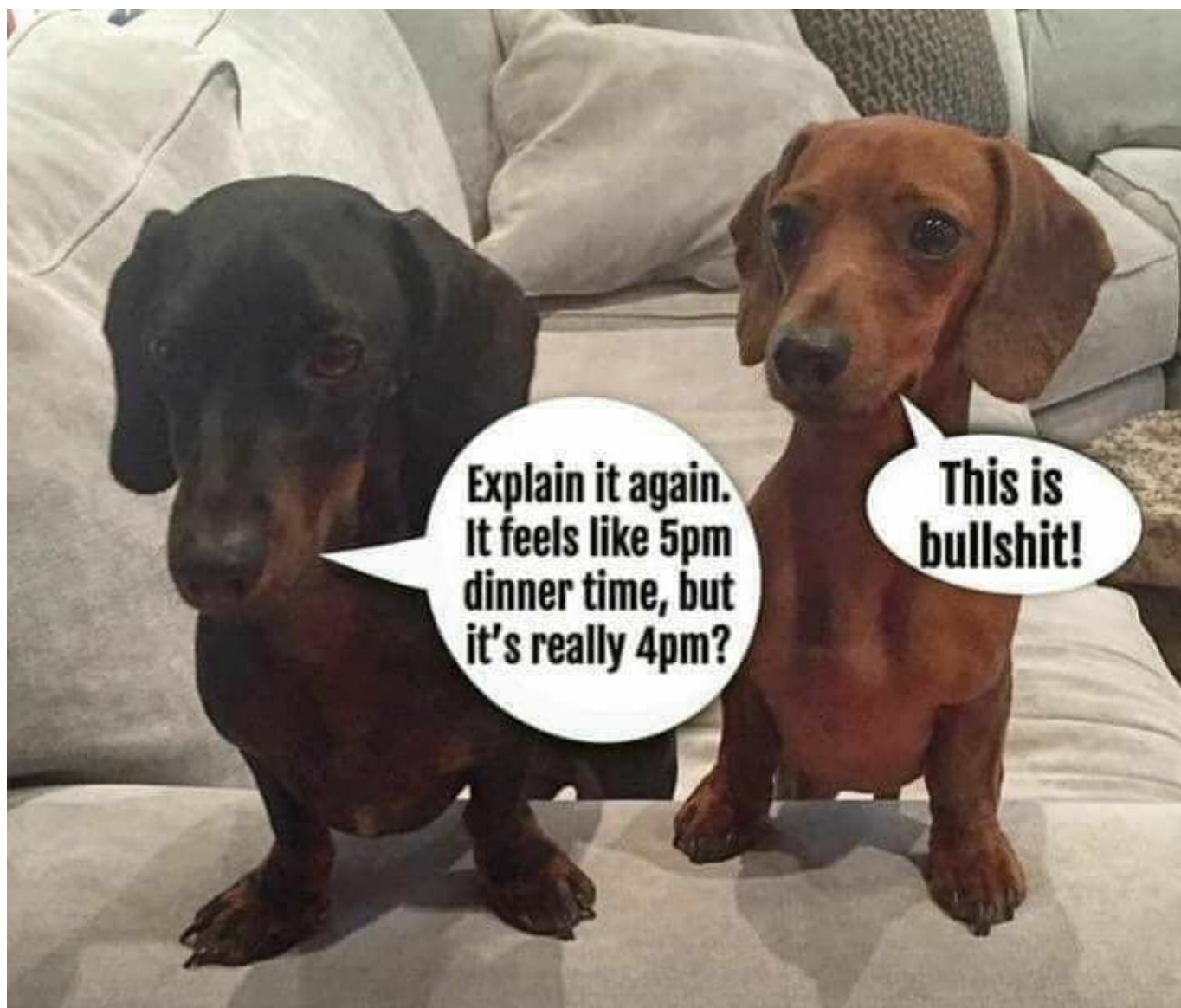
Nov. 1, 2019: "A Good Life" Wire, earned Second Place in Sculpture & Scrimshaw in the 43rd Annual International Miniature Art Show of the Miniature Art Society of Florida. Thank you!



"Sweet Dreams II" and "Life's a Ball" Wire are also in the show. Thank you!

Photos by Don Casper





NOVEMBER 3, 2019: Much to the dismay of our canine friends, Standard Time resumes in the USA!

upcoming Events:

NOV. 1 – DEC. 18, 2019: Chambersburg Council for the Arts, 35th Annual Exhibition of Miniature Art, Chambersburg Council for the Arts, 81 North Main St., Chambersburg, PA 17201

NOV. 11 - 22, 2019: American Artists Professional League, 91st Grand National Exhibition, The Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY.

NOV. 17, 2019 – JAN. 5, 2020: The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C., 86th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, The Mansion at Strathmore, 107 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD.

THRU NOV. 2019: Sculptureworks, Inc., Heber Springs Public Library, Heber Springs, AR.

THRU DEC. 31, 2019: The Society of Animal Artists, 59th Annual Art and the Animal, at the Briscoe Museum of Western Art, San Antonio, TX.

JAN. 19 – FEB. 9, 2020: The Miniature Art Society of Florida, 45 International Miniature Art Show, 1143 Michigan Blvd., Dunnegan, Florida.

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.

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Thank you for being in my life!

Strength for the journey...

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