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greetings! I hope you are healthy and happy.



*Please journey with
me from October into
November!*

Oct. 10, 2021, Sunday,
6:35am CDT: Brian and I
cross the Missouri River
on our way to Loveland,
CO, where we arrive at
7:48pm MDT. It's a twelve
hour drive!

Oct. 11, 2021: We take "So
Good to See You, Too" SL to
Dan, my mold maker. He
thinks he can mold it and
have two waxes for me by
Thursday of next week
when we will make
another mad 900+ dash to
Loveland.

Nancy Palm, left, my dear
metal chaser of 15-20
years. I check 3 "Dreaming
of Tomatoes, Two" MS, 2
"So Good to See You, Too" SS,
and 2 "Merry Sunshine" half
life-size.



A cowboy greets us before dinner in Ft. Collins.

I hope Dale Cisek, my long time patina man, can complete all 7 pieces before we return.

October 12, 2021,
Tuesday, 5:07am, MDT,
48 degrees: We are on the road and expect to be home around 7pm, CDT, depending on chaos and speed bumps. Wow! Traffic is unreal on I-25 at this hour. We normally take a scenic route home, but this is shorter. My heated seat feels good.



10:01am: Kansas joins Montana in Big Sky country! I LOVE the clouds and windmills!

11:53am, CDT: It is 5 hours and 30 minutes from Loveland, CO to Hays, KS.



4:39pm: “Cozy” *Smooth* has been accepted by The American Artists Professional League for its 93 Annual Exhibition at the Salmagundi Club, NYC.

7:30pm: Whew! We are home.

Making a Sterling Silver “Dreaming of Tomatoes” Smooth

Oct. 14, 2021: Between yesterday and today I chase three “*Dreaming of Tomatoes*” *Smooth*, 1:6 scale. Tomorrow, I will take two to my local jeweler to have them cast in sterling silver. The other will go to my good Ft. Collins mold maker for a new mold.

Oct. 15, 2021: I’m sad that our neighbors of 37 years sold their house and moved to a retirement facility. For the past two days people picked up items they purchased from their online estate sale. Yesterday, the final pickup was a trash hauler. The hauler first said they would take unsold furniture to a charity, but when there was too much for their truck they broke it with hammers to consolidate it to take to a landfill. What a waste of furniture and landfill space. Sad.



I take two “*Dreaming of Tomatoes*” 1:6 Scale waxes to my jeweler to cast in sterling.

Oct. 18, 2021: Colin Powell dies today of complications of Covid-19. He was 84, and a magnificent human being, having served under 5 presidents and has a history of 35 years in the military. What a gentle soul he was.

My Eyes

My eyes are finally back to normal with no flakiness or red soreness around them. After trying for at least a month to figure out what product was causing this condition, I settle on new eye drops prescribed by my good Dr. Byron Santos: "Refresh Plus" in individual vials with NO preservatives. Good bye, Blink. You were good until you were not.

Oct. 19, 2021: My lumbar bone density has improved. My longtime excellent Dr. Varsha Rathod tells me to continue Pilates and weight bearing exercise, Osteostrong.

Thank you, Osteostrong!

Oct. 21, 2021: All 23 houseplants, plus parsley and basil, are inside.

Oct. 23, 2021: My eyes feel and look at least 10 years younger. Gone are bags, redness, and soreness. Thank you, Dr. Santos for recommending “Refresh Plus” Eyedrops!

Another mad dash to work in colorado...



Oct. 24, 2021, 5:33am: We are on the road to Colorado; the Missouri River is blurry.



Dachshund Club of America Genius

A sweet gal whom I met at DCA orders “*Deli’s Open*” Smooth to pick up at DCA in May 2022. She has a great idea: Order and pay a deposit now, pay balance at DCA and take home. Save MO sales tax and shipping fees! Thank you, Eline, for this great Idea!



Oct. 25, 2021: I love this view from our room in the LaQuinta Loveland.



This raw wax of "*Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too*" MS needs chasing. The rings created by the 3D print, along with seam lines, need to be chased (fixed). I personally chase each of my waxes before taking them to my foundry. It's quite a tedious, lengthy job.



Oct. 27, 2021, 2:32 pm: Above are three chased waxes. I brushed each with “Desolve It” to further pull the surfaces together. It IS quite a process to make a bronze, even before a foundry sees it.

Yes, above you see a wax of “*So Good to See You, Too*” SS, Standard Smooth.

“*So Good to See You, Too*” SL (Standard Long) has been commissioned. Delivery? 6-8 weeks for raw cast. Then metal chasing, patina and foam in place boxes for each.

The original clay “*So Good to See You, Too*” SL is at right.



Oct. 28, 8:56am, MDT: Today, in Eaton, CO, it is sunny, windy and 49 degrees, up from 39 degrees in Loveland. We head home from Dragon Castings where we drop off 4 waxes, one of which I finished chasing at 9pm last night! Dragon is running 6 - 8 weeks for raw casting. We take home 1 "*So Good to See You, Too*" SS, 2 "*Merry Sunshine*" Half life-size, and "*Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too*" MS. All are in custom foam-in-place boxes. We barely squeeze the boxes, the waxes and all of our stuff in my Tahoe.

The New York Times reruns a 2018 article, "The Insect Apocalypse is Here" Too true.

2:29pm: 63 degrees: A north wind must be blowing 50 mph. Trucks and trailers weave trying to stay straight. Rain is predicted from KC all the way home. We'll drive in rain in daylight tomorrow. I book a room in Topeka, KS, for tonight.

Oct. 29, 2021, 8:15am, 51 degrees: Thank goodness winds are minimal today, so far. Yesterday winds were as high as 60 mph and we could hardly open the car doors.

12:17pm: We are home from Topeka in 4 hours and 2 minutes.

Nov. 2, 2021: Sharon, our dear San Miguel de Allende landlady, sold the little one bedroom apartment we've rented since 2017. We'll miss staying with Sharon, but I'm glad Brian found a place for February and March 2022.



"Her Life's a Ball!" above, earns an Honorable Mention for Sculpture in the 88th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C., the Mansion at Strathmore, Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD. See *"Sweet Dreams II"* in this show too: Nov. 21, 2021 - Jan. 8, 2022: <https://www.mpsgs.org/MPSGS-Artworks1-2021.htm>



"Life's a Ball!" Wire and *"Cozy" Wire*, 1:6 Scale, are off to Denmark.
Thank you, Ann Laura.

Nov. 3, 2021, 8:13am, 32 degrees:
It's TOO early to be this cold!

My hydrangeas are lucky I picked them yesterday!

Nov. 5, 2021: Don Casper photographs my my newly cast works.



"Dreaming of Tomatoes" Smooth

1:6 Scale, 2.78"L x 1"H x 2"D, Sterling Silver Ed. 9 & 1 Artist's Proof (c)1998
Sterling Silver, Ed. 9 & Y 1 AP (c)1998 Special Order



"Coming & Going" Smooth

3 3/4" x 1 5/8" x 1" :: Sterling Silver (c)2001

Available in Wire and Long. May be made into a pendant!



"Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too" MS

Approx. 14.5"W x 5"H x 8.75"D, Bronze Ed. 9 & 9 Artist's Proofs, 2021 (c)2007

Thank you, Doreen, for commissioning this mirrored version
of *"Dreaming of Tomatoes" MS*.

*"So Good to See You,
Too!" SS*

16"W x 15"H x 12"D,
Bronze Ed. 9 & 1 Artist's
Proof 2021 (c)2000

Thanks, Emily, for
commissioning this
mirrored version of *"So
Good to See You."*



"Merry Sunshine" Half life-size

Approx. 21"Wx14"Dx10.5"H, Bronze Ed. 5 & 1 Artist's Proof (c)2011
Shown with *"Merry Sunshine"* Quarter life-size, and a Quarter.



Nov. 8, 2021: This is the first time I remember seeing “Mare’s Tail” clouds. Gorgeous!

Nov. 10, 2021: Brian thinks this Heirloom tomato is worthy of a photograph. It IS spectacular, especially for November. Thank you, Whole Foods, for this treat!





"Lord of the Couch" MW

16.5"L x 7.75"W x 9.25"H, Bronze Ed. 20 & 2 Artist's Proofs (c)2001

Nov. 16, 2021: *"Lord of the Couch" MW*, 9/20, is SOLD! Thank you Jeremy Hildt, owner of Hildt Gallery, in the Drake Hotel, Chicago, IL.

WOW!

A Frida Kahlo self portrait fetches \$34.9 Million dollars at Sotheby's.



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“Cozy” Long and *“Cozy” Wire* are also for immediate adoption.



“A Good Life” SS

My multiple award winning *“A Good Life” SS, Standard Smooth*, Number 6/20, is available on the secondary market. She'd love to be loved at home with you.

Please email for a current photo and more information.

Soon, my new website will be up. until then, kindly check my site for more pieces and email me for information.

Please... order your Christmas and Holiday gifts now.

See, touch and be touched by my work in these shows...

Nov. 21, 2021 - Jan. 8, 2022: 88th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C., the Mansion at Strathmore, Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD.

Thru June 2022: Performance in Sculpture, David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa, FL.

Thru August 1, 2022: Allied Artists of America, 107th Annual Exhibition.

Online: See the award winners works here: <https://cdn.flipsnack.com/widget/v2/widget.html?hash=1pioas8hp8&bgcolor=EEEEEE&t=1540204623&play=1>

Into Perpetuity -

2020: National Sculpture Society: Fellows Invitational Exhibition. Online: www.nationalsculpture.org

2021: The 15th ARC Salon Finalists, images and awards are posted on their site here: <https://www.artrenewal.org/Salon/Finalists>

Thank you. Stay strong and...

Happy Thanksgiving!

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