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Friends, thank you for being in my life!

Miss Lizzie is no longer with us. She came through her September 19 surgery with flying colors, like brilliant colors of Indian Summer, but her issues, Addison's, heart and atypical cutaneous histiocytoma, wore her out and she passed at age sixteen years, ten and a half months. She was my dear friend, my companion, my shadow, my bed warmer, and my model. She died as elegantly and independently as she lived, by herself, in her crate. She is survived by her grandson, Ch. Retdachs Brwneyed Hansomboy, AKA Edgar, age ten and a half. Lizzie is unbelievably missed. We will meet again.

It feels very strange to tell you about sculpture now. I started this newsletter long before Lizzie had her operation. Here is more news.

National Sculpture Society elected me as a Professional Sculptor member. I am honored and thank those who voted for me.

In an effort to move closer to my foundry, our house has been on the market since August 13, but with only one looker, it may be year or more before we get there. During the frenzy of getting our house ready, I was inundated by emails and phone calls from all over the country. Why? MSNBC ran the Show Me St. Louis story, mentioned in the May newsletter, on local news, from coast to coast. Then, they ran it on everyone's home page for a week starting July 14. It was surreal. And, it was all because I follow my heart and sculpt what I love.



Miss Lizzie
11/23/89 - 10/12/06



"Siesta-Smooth" - Miss Lizzie's favorite position. A 1:6 version is in the Gilcrease Museum, "American Art in Miniature 2006" Tulsa, OK.



"Dreaming of Tomatoes" Life sized Miniature, will be in bronze next summer. "Dreaming" was modeled after Miss Anna, who passed May 7, 1996 at age twelve and one half years.



"Sweet Roll" earned the Harriet W. Frishmuth Memorial Award at the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club 110th Annual Open Exhibition. It is also in the 2006-2007 museum exhibitions of the Society of Animal Artists. Many thanks to you who have trusted me by pre-ordering "Sweet Roll." I hope to have the 1:6 scale "Sweet Roll" ready for Christmas, but it may or may not happen. I'll keep you posted.



"Siesta-Long" shown above, is available in 1:6 scale for Christmas giving. Ask about patinas.

please visit my new website.

"Scott Joplin" is in "City of Gabriels: The History of Jazz in St. Louis 1989-1973". This year long exhibit opened Sept. 29, at the Sheldon Art Galleries, St. Louis, MO.



"So Good to See You" All Life-sized Standards have all been adopted, except one. Adoptions have been almost brisk for the Life-sized Miniature. Due to the near end of this edition, and to the steadily increasing price of metal, I foresee the next casts costing more.



"Squirrel Season-Long" is due in Summer 2007.



"Life is Sweet" 48"L x 30"W x 16"H, Bronze. By Special Order.

If you prefer to not receive my occasional newsletters, please, just let me know. On the other hand, if you know of someone who would like to receive them, please pass this on; it should be easy to forward or print! Call or email with any questions.

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Thank you for your time. Treat yourself well!
Sincerely, Joy