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classical realism, from hounds to humans & more!

NEWS & JOURNEYS OF JOY! :: VOL. SIXTEEN, NUMBER THREE :: OCTOBER 2020

Please tell me you and yours are safe and healthy.



AUG. 6, 2020: Wow! Many caterpillars thrive on my parsley! I learn from the Facebook group, "Pollinator Friendly Yards" that they will become beautiful Black Swallowtail Butterflies! (Lepidoptera)

Black Swallowtail - Male



Black Swallowtail - Female



AUG. 9, 2020: I have a new family! The 24 caterpillars have eaten most of my parsley. I learn these caterpillars also like fennel, so I insert a stalk of fennel complete with the loose pretty greens on top.



AUG. 10, 2020: My caterpillar family is HOT! I move the pot to shade, spritz them with cool water and add a small glass of water with fresh parsley for the hungry little caterpillars! We have a heat index of 100 today!

Apple just stalled my iPhone 10, telling me I need to update my 2018 MacBook Pro in order to get my phone to work properly, or some such thing. I have purposely not upgraded from the Mohave OS to the latest OS on my computer, because MS Word 2019 does not allow me to use my favorite font, Adobe Jensen MM. That font is part of my Logo! Oh, pain ahead...

AUG. 12, 2020, 8:53AM: CATERPILLARS are ALL GONE! It was fun while you were here! LIVE ON AS BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES!!! PLEASE COME VISIT!

Democratic Presidential hopeful Joe Biden selects Kamala Harris as his Vice Presidential running mate! WOW! What speeches they each made this afternoon!!!

AUG. 14, 2020: The price of having a Doxie Hospice is Laundry, Laundry and more Laundry! Dear Beau's bloody skin mass oozes on bedding as well as our clothes and couch towels. You do not want to see the bloody side of my nightgown. He is a dear and continues to eat well and pee and poop. Laundry it is!

AUG. 21, 2020: Sadly, The New York Times states: '“It's hard to see your memories burn.” Some of California's ancient redwood trees are the latest casualties of the wildfires ravaging the state.'



AUG. 23, 2020:
I discover a second cicada, this time on our deck. The first was on our walkway and was glittery and pretty before it disappeared. This one is so big! Was I surprised to see it buzz away when I accidentally touched it with the ruler!

Please plan ahead!

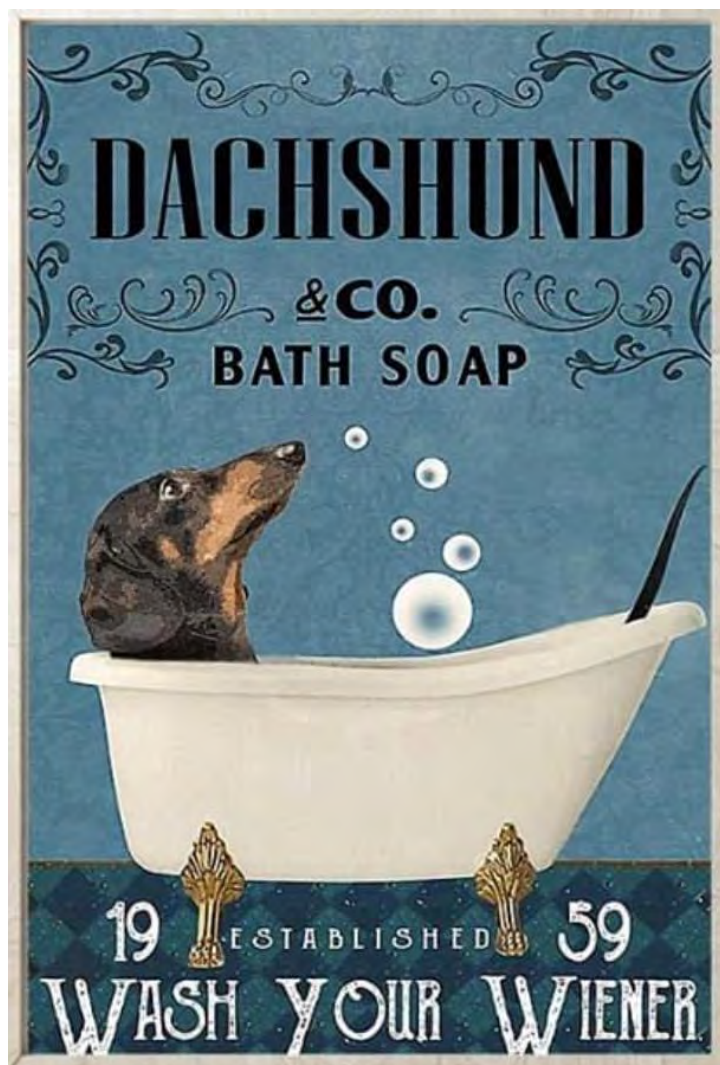
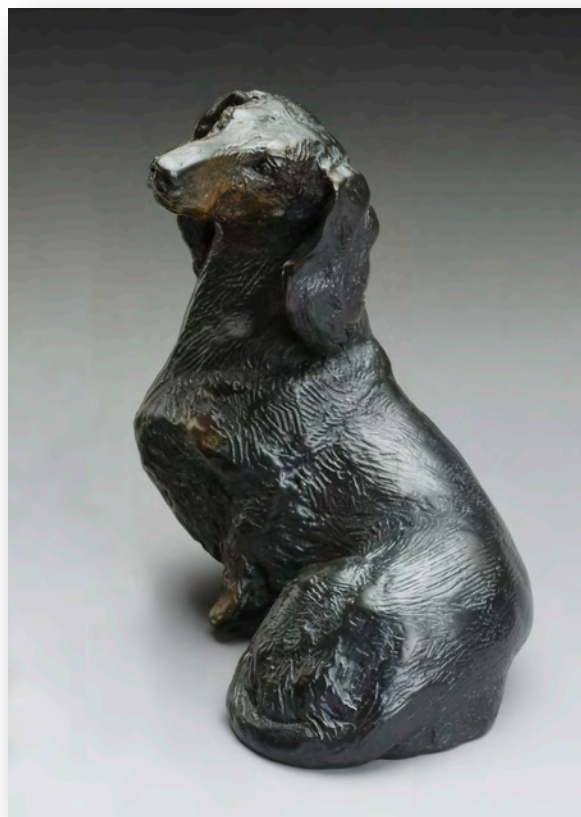
AUG. 24, 2020: Yay! A check arrives for a "So Good to See You" Long, 1:6, in Black & Tan patina, for delivery before Valentine's Day 2021!

"So Good to See You" Long

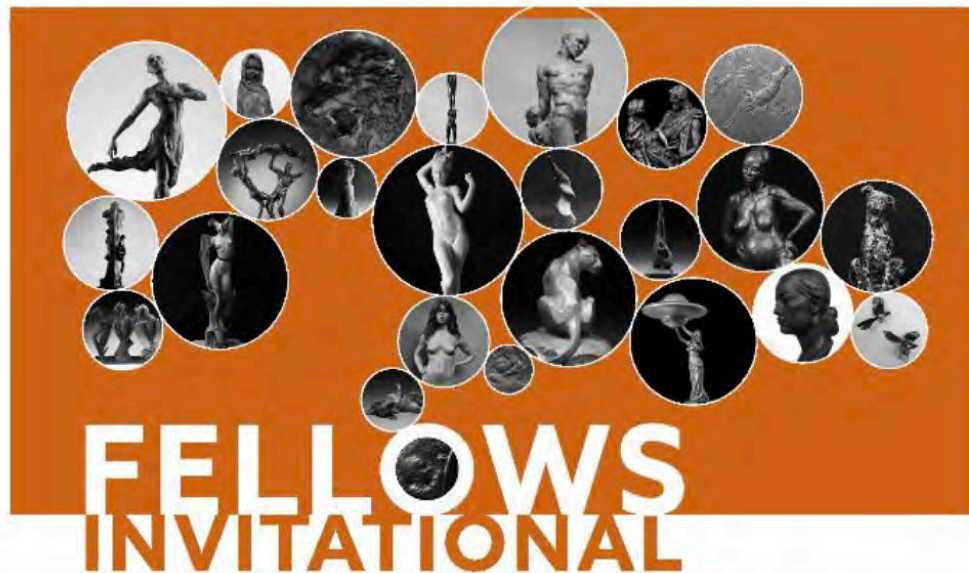
2.5"L x 2 7/8"H x 1.75"

BRONZE ED: 50 & 5 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2009

AVAILABLE IN RED PATINA, TOO



AUG. 24, 2020: The National Sculpture Society Fellows Invitational poster arrives. "A Good Life" MW is just above the "O" in Fellows. See the show LIVE at National Sculpture Society, NYC.



The National Sculpture Society is pleased to present the *Fellows Invitational*. The exhibition features the works of 25 Fellow members of the Society and is on view from August 24 through October 30.

Anthony Antonios, Joy Kroeger Beckner, John Belardo, Paige Bradley, LeaAnn Cogswell, Eugene Daub, Thomas Durham, Carter Jones, Kirsten Kokkin, Jim Licaretz, Gwen Marcus, Janice Mauro, Lawrence Noble, Leo E. Osborne, Louise Peterson, Gary Lee Price, Tanya Ragir, Paul Rhymer, Rosetta, Sandy Scott, LeRoy Transfield, Kent Ullberg, Garland Weeks, Wesley Wofford and Rod Zullo.

WHAT: Fellows Invitational

WHERE: National Sculpture Society
6 East 39th Street
Suite 903
New York, NY 10016

WHEN: August 24 - October 30, 2020

HOURS: Mon - Fri: 10:00am to 5:00pm (by appointment)

CONTACT: (212) 764-5645 ext. 103

MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE GALLERY.



A Good Life, MW

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

A Good Life, MW, (Miniature Wirehaired Dachshund) was commissioned by an English lady, and is the latest version of my second canine sculpture, the life-sized *A Good Life, SS* (Standard Smooth.) I modeled the original after my old girl Anna, who died when I was 2/3 finished. A breeder came to my rescue when she offered me a retired showgirl. Thus, this is a combination of Anna and Lizzie. To get the pose, I moved and stretched on the bed to see what I felt a dog could do. After all, we are all variations on a theme. Enjoy!

Below, please see the original *A Good Life, SS* that I modeled after Anna and Lizzie in 1996.



A Good Life, SS
25"L x 13"D x 8.5"H, BRONZE ©1996

NUMBER 6/20, BELOW, IS AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE ACQUISITION. THINK HOLIDAYS!!!





"Sunnyside up" Smooth

1:6 SCALE: 4.5"L x 2.5"W x 1.5"H, BRONZE ED: 99 & 9 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2007

LIFE SIZE STANDARD SMOOTH AND 1:6 SCALE WIRE & LONG ARE AVAILABLE.

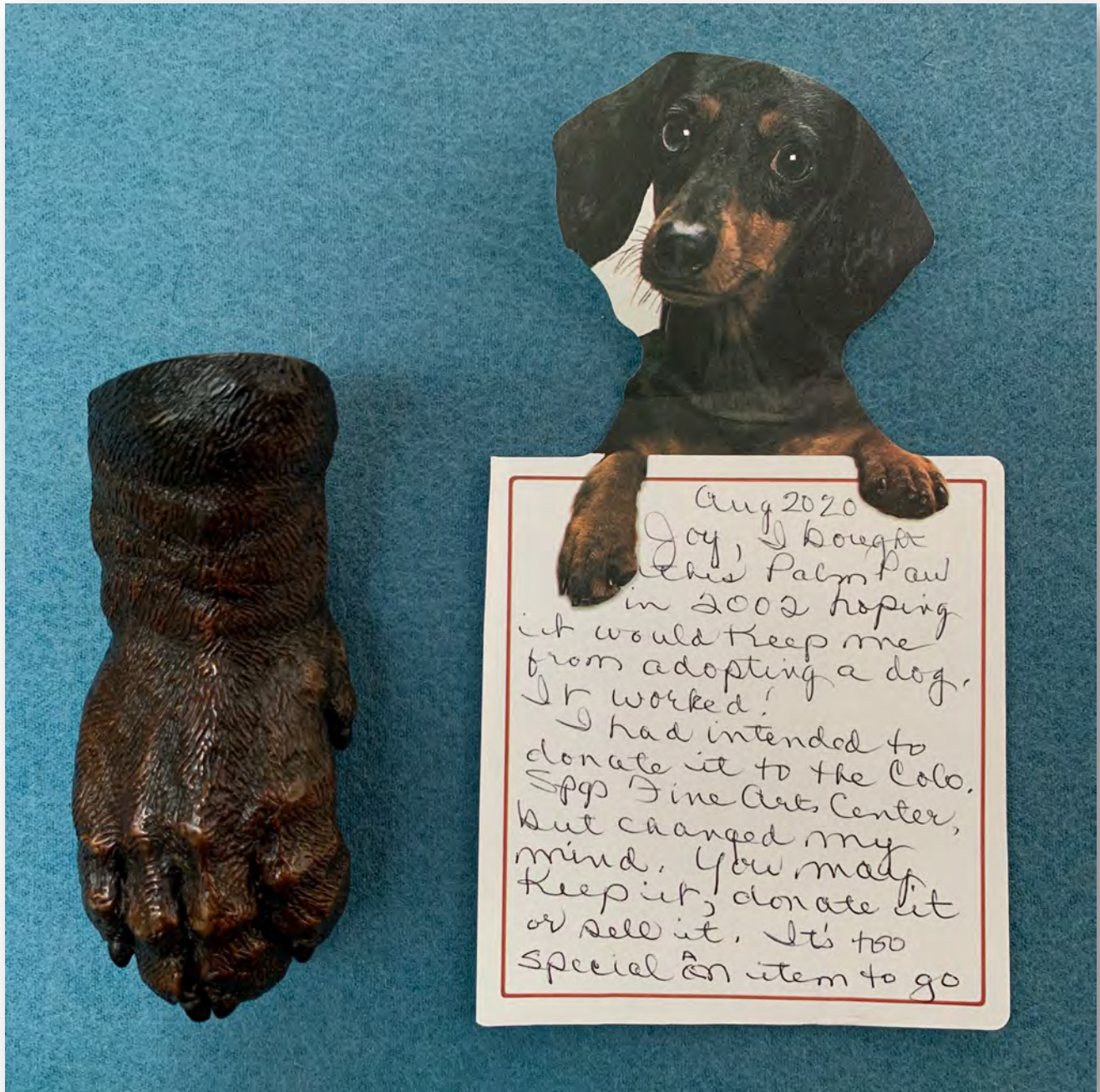
AUG. 25, 2020: Victoria Armstrong Evans, owner of Dogs in Art, Wiltshire, England, sells "Sunnyside Up" 1:6 Scale, Smooth, 47/99 and, she sends UPS and Customs forms for me to simply print. E-A-S-Y! Thank you! Thank you!

Happy Plumbing Fix - in just an Hour!!

AUG. 26, 2020, 7:45AM: Master plumber, Tom Leaver, arrives to discover the source of a leak below our tie wall. Within an hour he finds a solution: two shut off valves to my studio sink, and I sigh with huge relief. He charges \$200 and oh, is it well worth it for peace of mind.

This winter our water bills were exorbitant, \$380 for three months in the winter! In early March, Missouri American Water discovered a running toilet, which we fixed. Recently, I discovered water leaking from a PVC pipe at the bottom of our tie wall. Time to call a good plumber! He is worth every penny for peace of mind. So what if I have to turn on the two valves to use my studio sink! I can live with that for as little as I use that sink. Life is good. This is not a permanent fix, but it is oh so much better than it was!

Happy National Dog Day!



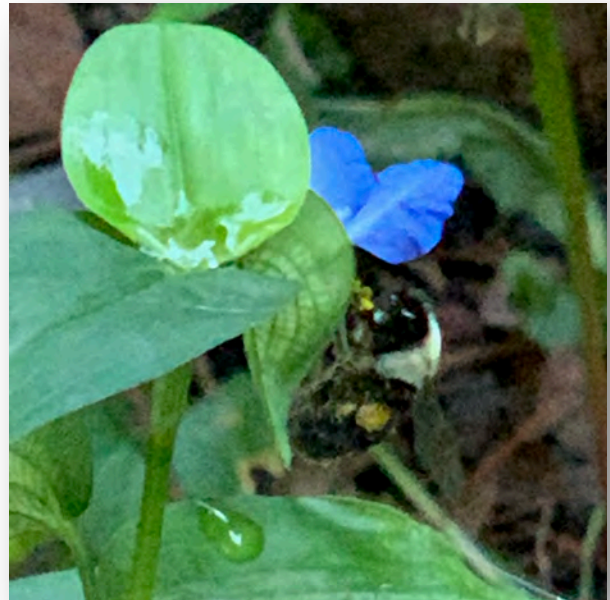
A small box arrives with this sweet note and an early life-size standard smooth "Palm Paw." The note continues on the back: "to a thrift store or consignment gallery (if I suddenly go to heaven!) I've enjoyed having it; it's time to let go. As you can see from the paper, I still love Dachshunds!

Strength for the Journey, Dee"

I haven't held one of my Palm Paws for a very long time. It is weighty and feels exactly like Beau's right front foot, top and bottom! I can make it for you in a red or black & tan patina.

*Bees LOVE this volunteer flower:
commelina communis.*

As it turns out, this plant is not native. It is commonly known as an Asiatic dayflower. Fortunately, it is an annual, so next spring, I will plant something native in its place.



Caught! Just after the act!



AUG. 27, 6:52PM:

Brian tells me a deer is eating my flowers. What flowers? Then I remember my Aunt Florence's fragrant blooming hosta just to the right of our front door. She ate the bud! The older blossom is still with us. ;-))

Deer Off is something I need to spray more often.



Happy Beau!

AUG. 28, 2020: Beau has acupuncture to loosen his back and hips. He is happier since the vet loosened him up. His advice, "Rub Beau's back while you watch TV, and every other time you can."

WOW UPS!

AUG. 29, 2020: Victoria Armstrong Evan, my English Gallery owner, paid my PayPal invoice for the "Sunnyside Up" Smooth that I shipped Wednesday, August 26, 2020! The bronze arrived in England yesterday! YAY! UPS!!! While today's exchange rate is not the same as Wednesday, it looks like it only cost around \$85US to get the small package to England in TWO DAYS!!

WOW UPS! YOU ROCK!!!



Happy Beau enjoys his heating pad!

After the heating pad, Beau practically skips into the kitchen for his dinner. It's the most energy he's shown in a long time.

*The Allied Artists of America
107th Annual Exhibition*



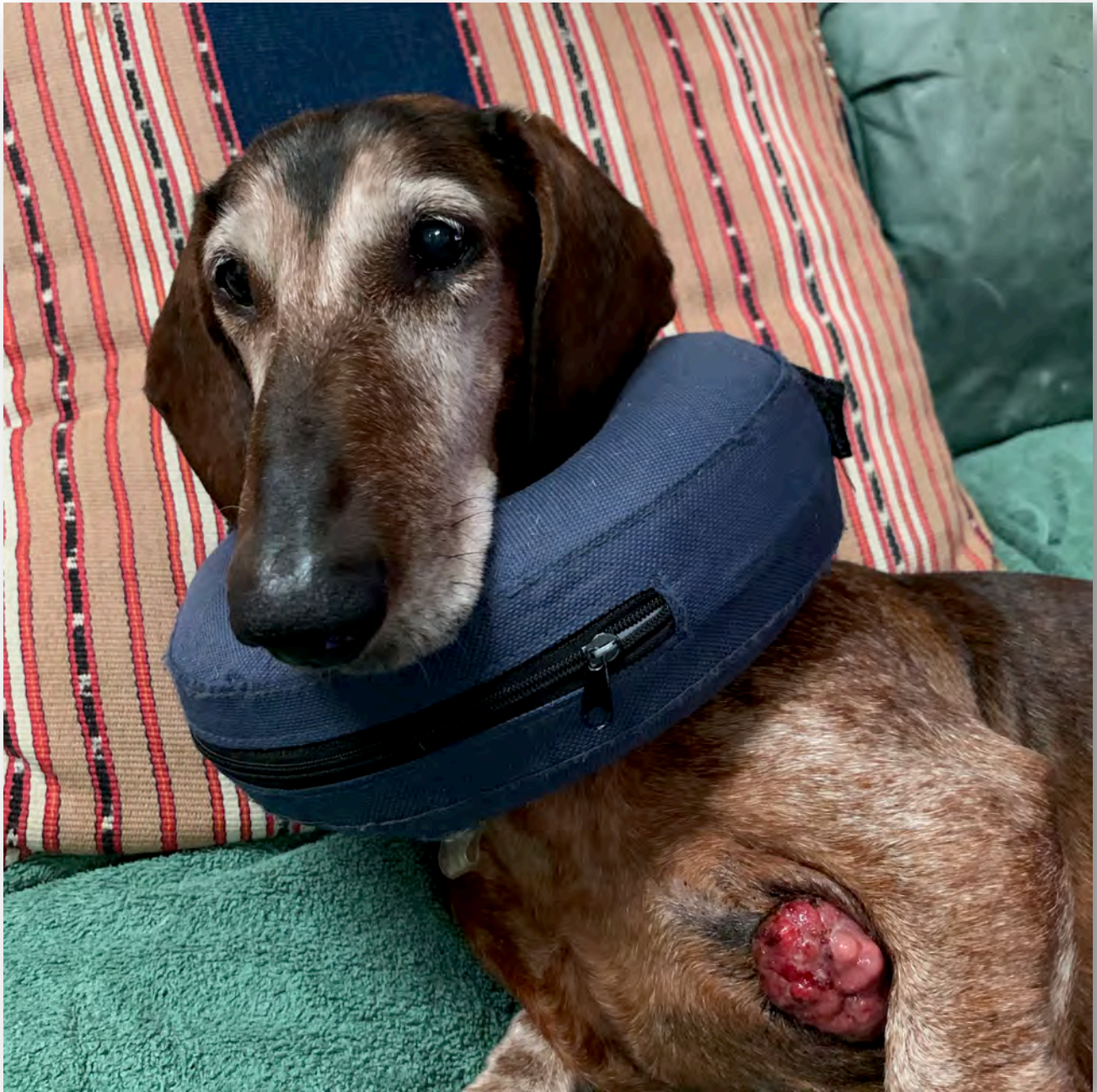
"A Good Life" SS, 6/20

STANDARD SMOOTH, 25"L X 13"D X 8.5", 28#, BRONZE ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©1996

Winner of the Mary Kay and Paul Jeynes Award for an Animal Bronze Sculpture,
Plus \$500!

Thank you, Juror of Awards, Mr. Harry Bower!

See this online at www.alliedartistofamerica.org
Through August 30, 2021!



Beau's skin mass...

AUG. 31, 2020: Sorry if I scare you with Beau's sebaceous skin mass. Have any of you experienced this sort of thing with your dogs? For several years it has been slowly growing from a small scab. When the scab went bye-bye our vet seemed to think it was an improvement. Since March it has grown from about 3/4 inch diameter to this. At age 14 1/2, Beau has a Stage Four heart murmur. We have been advised to make him comfortable. Hydrogen Peroxide applied with cotton balls is a good friend.

Hydrogen Peroxide is also my friend in the laundry. It works miracles on bloody towels and bedding. Of course, Beau gets a bath at least twice weekly as do the towels on the couch and our bed.

Since Beau's skin issue, I have much more appreciation for those who care for their elders and for parents, who care for their children. These folks are unbelievably patient! On March 10, 2020, our vet wrote in Beau's records that through aspiration he found sebaceous material with few adenocytes. No Mast cells = no cancer! He checked since then with the same results.

My personal Artist's Proofs may be available for a premium price, if the edition is sold out. Certainly I cannot take them with me, so please ask if you have an interest in a bronze that is sold out.

SEPT. 3, 2020, 8AM: Metropolitan Forestry prunes our trees. Yay!

Happiness
is the new rich.

Inner peace
is the new success.

Health
is the new wealth.

Kindness
is the new cool.

Ouch! You may recall...

JUNE 29, 2020, EARLY AFTERNOON: I slip and fall on our wet wooden steps beside my topiary of Edgar. I land on my right hip, but my left foot stays on the step above where I land. My left knee is NOT happy! I was going to move the sprinkler to a new watering spot. Although my left knee was not happy, I could still walk. Photo after the fall...



My doctor's nurse recommended ice for my knee. Ten minutes on, twenty minutes off, to curb swelling. It's good to know, and, it worked, then.

SEPT. 3, 2020: What works BETTER is Physical Therapy! After about a month of twice- weekly PT, my knee and hip are finally just about as good as new! Well, almost...



SEPT. 6, 2020: Beau says, "Licking plates is hard work! I licked six plates last night..." We served guests Barney's BBQ, last evening. He's tired from the activity and licking, even today!

colorado update

You may remember that my work is cast in Colorado where my good independent contractors live.

Dan Ochs, of Loveland, CO, has recently been making my larger than 1:6 scale molds. Two weeks ago he had back surgery; two rods, screws and 32 staples were installed. Please send positive thoughts for Dan. He's young; I imagine he's only in his fifties.

Dan tells me Loveland has been over 100 degrees for the last couple of days. Fires to the west have made air quality very poor with gray ashy skies. In two days the temp is predicted to drop to 30 degrees and snow is predicted. Please wish everyone safety.



Labor Day 2020 --- Wild Fires!

Recently Australia burned; now, California, Oregon, Washington state and Colorado burn. I'm sad.

SEPT. 7, 2020: It's Labor Day. This is the worst wildfire season ever. Over two-dozen fires have burned over two million acres so far. Wish for safety for those displaced by the fires.

My incredible painter friend Margret Short lives in Lake Oswego, Oregon, not far from Portland. She and her husband are at Level One, which means to prepare to leave. It's VERY scary.

Margret writes, "Our air is still unbelievably thick and smelly with smoke (large particles of ash) over most of Oregon with visibility of about a block, if that. Pity the people who have health issues, heart and lung? Some of the fires are being downsized to level 2, which means 'get set'. What is so sad now is they are finding many people who perished in the fires - 33 so far and they expect to find many, many more."

SEPT. 11, 2020: In Oregon, over a million acres have been scorched so far. Over 500 thousand are under evacuation orders. That is over 10 percent of the population under evacuation orders!

9/11

SEPT. 11, 2001: I was in the kitchen around 9 or 9:30am when Katie Couric and Matt Lauer announce that the World Trade Center was hit by a plane. Brian and I are in shock.

A NYC collector writes: "I remember that day like it was today. Thinking about it brings back the sight of soot-covered survivors trudging up Park Avenue, looking shocked and dispirited. We were all in shock. And now, almost twenty years later, I still feel as angry as I did then. It really puts the current nonsense into perspective where it belongs."



What a day! On the spur of the moment, Brian and I drive over two hours through hilly country to Hermann, MO. Today was the first day in a long time that I hadn't had physical therapy or an exercise class so we could have an easy afternoon. Below is the view from our socially distanced outdoor seating at the Harvest Table restaurant.

Notice the hazy sky from fires out west. I feel so lucky. We have no fires or floods or tornadoes, for now. I feel for those with the fires, smoke and ash. Over 3 million acres have burned in California.





SEPT. 16, 2020: Happiness! “Cozy” *Smooth* has been accepted into the Council for the Arts Chambersburg 36th Annual Miniature Show. See the show live from October 2nd through November 28th, at 103 N Main St., Chambersburg, PA 17201-1637.



SEPT. 17, 2020: More happiness! A collector writes that she put her check in the mail for a “*Sweet Dreams II*”. It is to be a gift for a dear friend. Thank you, Kathy!



Official Portrait 2016 – Wikipedia – Primadonna-Portraits

RBG

SEPT. 18, 2020: Associate Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg dies at age 87. Her final wish is to have the new president replace her position after the election, November 3, just 47 days from today. We can all hope that her final wish is respected.



DCSTL & COVID-19

SEPT. 19, 2020: The Dachshund Club of St. Louis meeting is in Tilles Park. Most members in attendance are involved in Agility, Field Trials, or Earth Dog, as reflected by my photo (above) of a sticker on our president's vehicle. There I learn from Pam Reed Crook, who provided us with retired show boy, Ch. Turning Point What was I Thinking, AKA Beau, that breeder/friends, Marilou and Tim Callison have Covid-19. Pam said Marilou sounded terrible a week ago when they talked.

13 Dachshunds!

I call Marilou and she sounds oh so much better! YAY! Marilou, age 83, has had Covid-19 for three weeks and says she would not wish it on her worst enemy. She and Tim, who also has Covid-19, are quarantined, though Tim, in his mid-70s, tends his many tomato and vegetable plants and cooks. Together they care for their **13 smooth dachshunds**. **The dogs are various ages and available to good homes. Contact me, please, if you have an interest in a smooth coat standard dachshund.** Then, I will share Tim & Marilou's contact information with you. About ten years ago, Marilou and Tim made their retired showgirl, Ch. Rosegate Sophie Tucker, AKA Sophie, available to us. We thank you for your kindness and prayers.

SEPT. 21, 2020: Cheryl Keil, my physical therapist, is wonderful! She's at Peak Sport and Spine on Ballas Road in St. Louis, MO. She feels my hip and knee have improved enough that I need to see her only once weekly starting next week. YAY! The Peak phone number is 314-991-2562. In Missouri you need a prescription from your doctor for physical therapy.

SEPT. 22, 2020: The first day of autumn! Our neighbor Pam sends this perfectly peaceful picture she took this morning at the Missouri Botanical Garden. WOW! Thank you, Pam!



Fantastic! Glyphosate is banned in Mexico!

As of September 4, 2020, Mexico has joined the growing list of countries that have taken action to BAN cancer-linked glyphosate, the main ingredient in Bayer-Monsanto's Round Up! Fabulous news! Wake UP USA! Why poison our people?



"Dreaming of Tomatoes" Long

1:6 SCALE, 2 7/8"L x 1"H x 2"D, BRONZE EDITION OF 50 & 5 ARTISTS PROOFS ©2010

SEPT. 25, 2020: The Miniature Painters, Sculptors, Gravers Society awards "*Dreaming of Tomatoes*" Long, The Diane L. Templar Memorial Award for Best in Dogs in the MPSGS 87th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature! The exhibition will take place from November 22, 2020 through January 9, 2021 at the Strathmore Mansion in Bethesda, MD. I am honored to have my work among the 723 works that were accepted into this prestigious show. How nice is this? Thank you!

At the request of Wes Siegrist, Executive Director of Society of Animal Artists, I send a photo of my winning work to him to post on the SAA Facebook page. Thank you, Wes!

Justice Ginsberg is the first woman to lie in state in the US Capitol.

Thanks to the kind help of another internationally recognized sculptor, Don Wiegand, I discover and meet a good local, mold maker/wax pourer for my life-size pieces. Rob Mochel, who works for Jack Scharr, of Fine Art Limited, will make my next life-size molds and waxes. Jack & Rob are just twenty minutes from my home. I am loyal, but my dear Loveland, CO, mold maker had back surgery and needs time for his back to heal. Heal perfectly, Dan Ochs! Thank you for everything.

SEPT. 29, 2020: California wildfires continue. Mother Earth is definitely sending us a message.

Worldwide Covid-19 deaths top One Million and the US leads the world. *Sad.*

"Cozy" Smooth

1:6 SCALE, 3 7/8"W x 3
1/4"D x 1 1/4"H, BRONZE
ED. 20 & 2 ARTIST'S
PROOFS ©2018

AVAILABLE IN LONG AND
WIRE COATS, IN RED OR
BLACK & TAN PATINA

OCT. 1, 2020: Yay!
"Cozy" Smooth has been
accepted into the 78th
Annual Exhibition of
Audubon Artists! This
online show will run
from Nov. 1 – Dec. 31,
2020.



OCT. 2, 2020: Brian, Beau and I drive in the country this lazy, cloudy, cool afternoon. We travel 175 miles mostly on quiet two lane roads. Above is the Mississippi River as viewed from Louisiana, MO.

OCT. 2, 2020: Yay! Last Friday I mailed our absentee ballots and today they arrive. Thank you, MyBallotTracking.com and thank you, USPS!

President Trump tests positive for Covid-19 and is admitted to Walter Reid Hospital.

OCT. 3, 2020: Today, I am honored; a museum curator asks me to send 7-8 images for his consideration for an animal art exhibition next summer. Please keep your fingers crossed for me.

OCT. 5, 2020: I feed my growing grass seed and get my second and final Shingrix (shingles) shot. Easy. President Trump left Walter Reid after only two days. Who knows what he really had and how many others in his circle now have it?



Please help bees and butterflies every way you can!

Did I tell you I cut native Goldenrod flowers and threw the flowers in my garden in an area where the seeds will hopefully grow? Bees and butterflies will be happy for more native plants!

California's largest wildfire on record is now a million-acre "gigafire."

The August Complex Fire in Northern California has now burned an area larger than Rhode Island.



OCT. 7, 2020: A Texas lady acquires the very last cast of "So Good to See You" SS, my personal Artist's Proof 2/2.

I will have it mirrored for her and detail it. She plans to put the two bronzes, my AP and her mirrored version, on two pedestals facing each other.

The new piece will be titled "So Good to See You, Too" SS. It will be an edition of five and one Artist's Proof. It will be delivered next summer. Thank you, Emily!

*Please order your
"So Good to See You, Too"
now!*

OCT. 10, 2020: WOW! I am happy to learn that Tim and Marilou Callison are safe and sound and out of quarantine! Marilou sounds fabulous!!! We are all happy to be alive! Celebrate!

PLEASE let me KNOW if you have an interest in one of their
thirteen standard smooth dachshunds!

Five of my works will be in a museum show!

OCT. 13, 2020: Thank you, David J. Wagner, Ph.D., for inviting me to show in "Animals in Art" June 2 – Sept. 5, 2021, celebrating the grand reopening of the newly renovated Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum, Logan, KS. I am honored to be included among these fine artists: Dan Ostermiller, Tucker Bailey, Ezra Tucker and more.



"Merry Sunshine"

APPROX. 21"L X 14"D X 10"H ~ BRONZE, ED. 9 & 1 ARTIST'S PROOFS ©2011

"Merry Sunshine" is currently available in Quarter life-size (10 1/2" long), and Life-size (42" long). I will make a half life-size version of "Merry Sunshine" for this show.

*Please place your order now for delivery of your
"Merry Sunshine" half-life, next summer.*



"Sweet Dreams II"

Rests under Copper's watchful eye

Thank you, Kathy Johnson, for sharing this photo from your dear friend to whom you gave
"Sweet Dreams II".

OCT. 17, 2020: I book our room for DCA, the Dachshund Club of America National Specialty, next May 2-9, 2021, in Harrisburg, PA. Hopefully Covid-19 will be history by then.

Beau's sebaceous skin mass is now two and a half inches long and one and three-quarter inches wide. It varies from having a slight scab to draining. I wish it on no living thing.

Please order holiday gifts early!

See and be touched by my work at these Events:

THRU OCT. 30, 2020: National Sculpture Society Fellows Invitational, LIVE at NSS headquarters, 6 East 39th Street, Suite 903, New York, NY 10016. For an appointment, call 212-764-5645.

THRU NOV. 28, 2020: Council for the Arts Chambersburg 36th Annual Miniature Show. LIVE at 103 N Main St., Chambersburg, PA 17201-1637.

NOV. 1 - DEC. 31, 2020: Audubon Artists 78th Annual Exhibition. Online: www.audubonartists.com

NOV. 22, 2020 - JAN. 9, 2021: 87th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society, MPSGS. LIVE at the Bethesda Mansion, Bethesda, MD.

THRU 2020: Sculptureworks, Inc., LIVE at Heber Springs Public Library, Heber Springs, AR.

THRU JUNE 2021: Performance in Sculpture, LIVE at David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa, FL.

JULY 2 - SEPT. 5, 2021: "ANIMALS IN ART" Celebrating the Reopening of the Newly Renovated Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum, LIVE in Logan, Kansas. Curated by David J. Wagner, Ph.D.

THRU AUGUST 1, 2021: Allied Artists of America, 107th Annual Exhibition. Online: See the award winners works here:

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INTO PERPETUITY: National Sculpture Society: Fellows Favorite Exhibition.
Online: www.nationalsculpture.org

I wish you and yours good health, Peace, Love & Happiness!

Strength for the Journey!

*Sincerely,
Joy*

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