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classical realism, from hounds to humans & more!

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Greetings! I hope you are healthy and happy!

what happened to September???

Please journey with from late August to early October.

August 29, 2021: I feel for the folks in Louisiana who are enduring Hurricane Ida. How is it Ida arrived exactly 16 years to the day after Hurricane Katrina? My friends there are safe, but have no power.

August 30, 2021: This hosta is from my Aunt Florence's garden. I am so happy deer missed this fragrant beauty. I spray a little Deer Off on it for insurance.

August 31, 2021: US troops are out of Afghanistan! It's been 20 years since 9/11!



10:00am: Our good arborist, Metropolitan Tree Service, removes our dying river birch we planted at least 30 years ago.

At 1:30 they have the tree down and additional branches pruned around the yard.

Notice the gray rubber liner in my pond? I have no idea why water is evaporating, or did a mole chew a hole? Mysteries abound - and projects! Next project: new bigger gutters and gutter covers.

We might finally be able to make plans to drive to Colorado! Nancy, my longtime trusted metal chaser, indicates she will have most of my seven metals ready by September 20.



Dale, my good patina man, will reserve that week to patina my pieces.

However, Dan, my good mold maker, says “sometime” he will have time to make a mold for my new *“So Good to See You, Too” SL*. I call the local guy in hopes of getting in sooner... He is busy until next spring! Everything is still up in the air. Sigh...



“Siesta” Wire

1:6 Scale: 3 3/8”L x 1.75”W x 1”H, Bronze, Ed. 30 & 3 Artist’s Proofs (c) 2016

Sept. 1, 2021: Good news! It’s a cool 67 degrees this morning, and Jaynie, who owns Dog & Horse Fine Art, asks for photos of all of my small wire-haired dachshunds for a client who needs something yesterday. After Jaynie and I jump through hoops, she decides on “Siesta” Wire. Good! I get it in UPS this afternoon.

“Siesta” Smooth, is available in life-size and also in palm-size 1:6 Scale Miniature. *“Siesta” Long* is also available in palm-size 1:6 Scale Miniature.

Please order now for the Holidays!



Sept. 2, 2021: A collector's rescue kitty often snuggles with "*Siesta*" SS.
Thank you, Steve!



Sept. 5, 2021: Today is glorious! We go for a drive that turns into a 285 mile trip!

I love this old gas station in Caledonia, MO.



A beautiful day in Cuba, MO.



The ANIMAL GROUPS exhibition closes at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan, Kansas.

Next, ANIMAL GROUPS travels from the Hansen Museum across the plains to The Sternberg Museum of Natural History at Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS.



Catch the rear of “Life’s a Ball!” MS at the right bottom of the ANIMAL GROUPS poster above.

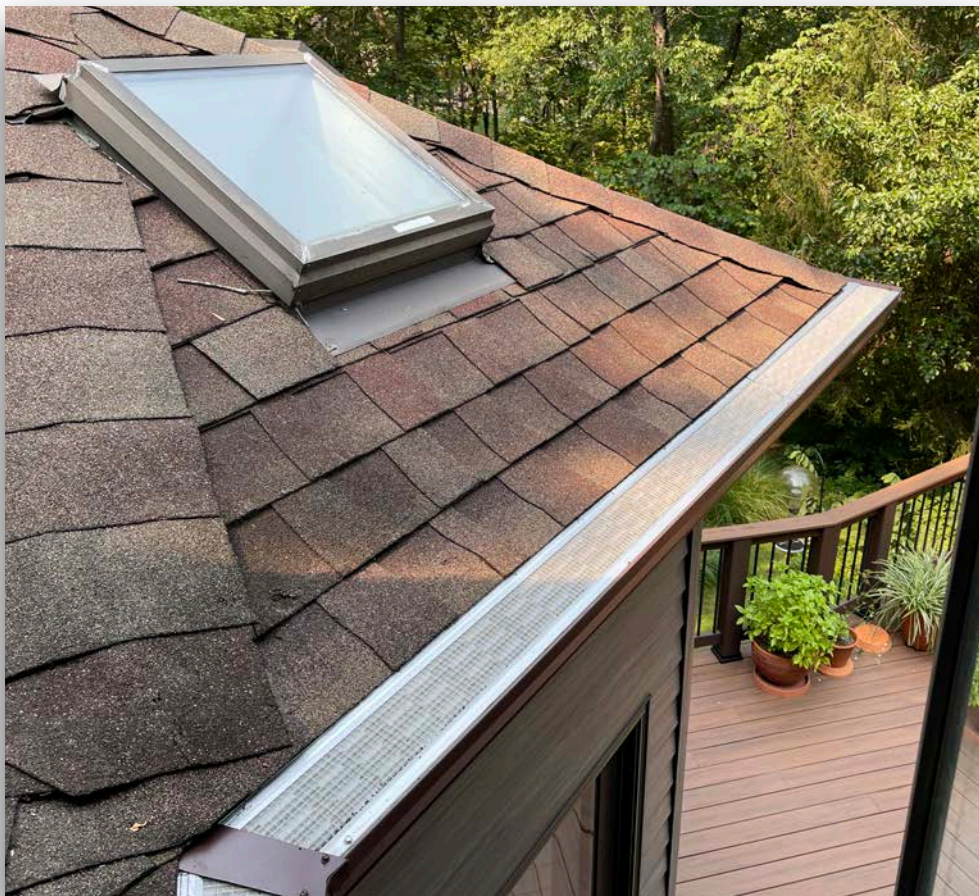
Sept. 7, 2021, 7:11pm:
What insects are on my Butterfly Milkweed? They look happy.

Sept. 8, 2021: Yay!
Gutterduck starts
to replace our 4"
gutters with 6"
gutters with their
best Gutterduck
gutter covers that
repel pine needles!
Please, no roof
walking Brian!
These gutters and
covers come with a
40 year warranty!

Right: Our old
gutters



Below: Our new gutters with the best Gutterduck covers that repel pine needles.



Thank you,
Vincent, Mick &
Conner!

Sept. 10, 2021: In
May our two
favorite carry out
places closed:
Barney's BBQ and
Pi Pizza.

Charlotte's Ribs
BBQ is much
closer! The ribs,
beans and coleslaw
are EXCELLENT!
One down!!!



"Her Life's a Ball!" earns Honorable Mention in the MPSGS, Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington, DC.

9/11

20th Anniversary

God Bless America!!!



Sept. 16, 2021:
Thank you, Greece!





Sept. 22, 2021: Smiles! Thank you Ann Laura from Denmark for ordering “Cozy” Wire and “Life’s a Ball!” Wire 1:6 Scale. Each is shown in Red and is available by special order in Wild Boar patina.



Sept. 27, 2021: “So Good to See You, Too” ML is approved by Alan, my new collector in Ontario. Thank you! In haste, un-retouched iPhone photos are shown. ;-))



Oct. 1, 2021: *"Dreaming of Tomatoes"* Smooth 1:6 Scale, 1/9, in Sterling silver, will head home to Finland in November. Thank you Anu! In time your *"Dreaming of Tomatoes"* in sterling will show a natural patina as you see above. I like that because there is no doubt it is cast of the real thing - Sterling Silver!





Oct. 5, 2021: WOW, WOW, WOW! A gentleman orders all of the above pieces, plus a Sterling Silver “*Coming & Going*” Smooth belt buckle for Christmas gifts!

Thank you, Beau!



Beau meet our Beau ;-))

Oct, 6, 2021: I must continue to help my web guru of 20 plus years to completely update my website. Sunday, Brian and I will drive the 900+ miles to Colorado to deliver “*So Good to See You, Too*” SL for molding. We plan to drive home Wednesday, Oct. 13. Thursday, Oct. 14 or sooner, I will wax chase two “*Dreaming of Tomatoes*” Smooth and take them to my local jeweler to cast in silver for these two delightfully unexpected and totally surprising orders!

Thank you again, Anu and Beau!

*My mold maker needs to close his mold storage unit.
NOW is the perfect time for you to order a life-size
“Merry Sunshine” or “A Squirrel’s Dream”
while the molds are available.*

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

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

Thru Nov. 17, 2021: AMSA, American Medalllic Sculptors Association, **Members Exhibition** in the McNichols Campus Library of the University of Detroit Mercy.

Thru Jan. 15, 2022: “ANIMAL GROUPS” Sternberg Museum of Natural History, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS.

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>

Please stay hydrated, healthy & happy!

Thank you for being in my life!

I hope to hear from you soon!

Joy

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"A Squirrel's Dream" is a perfect addition for your garden in 2022!

