

# JKß – JOY KROEGER BECKNER – JKß

*classical realism, from hounds to humans & more!*

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*Happy 2024!*



Jan. 1, 2024: This is a great way to personalize your presentation of "Squirrel Season." Thank you, Tim!



*chocolate Isle surprise!*

Jan. 9, 2023: Wonderful! This gal, whom I have never met, assures me she knows me, Here we are in the chocolate isle at Whole Foods. She is Kasey Bergh, who worked in the fashion office at Famous Barr downtown, about 10 years after I moved on...



Jan. 10, 2023: Brian's chocolate cake.

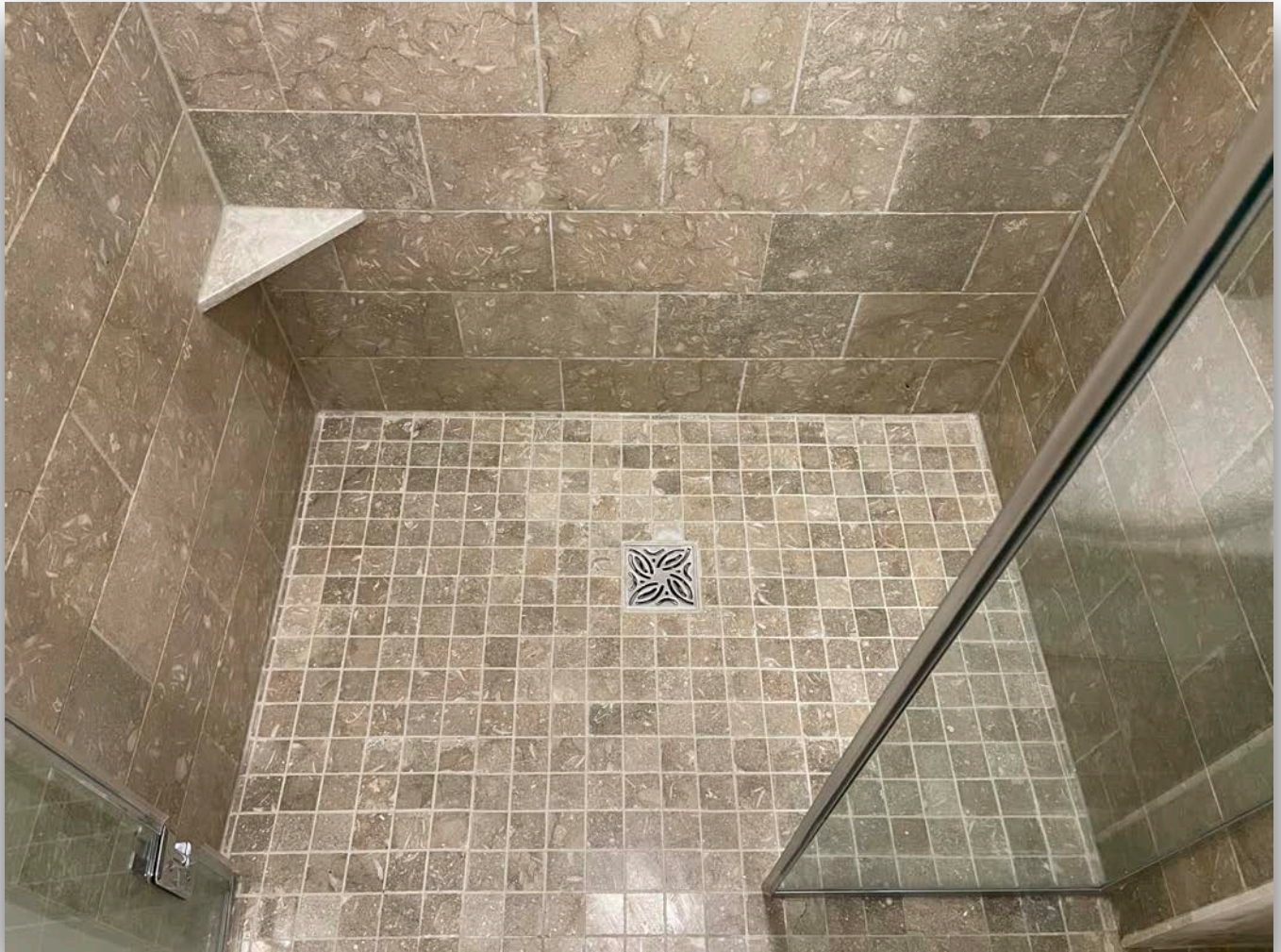


*The view from our bedroom window at 8:10am.*

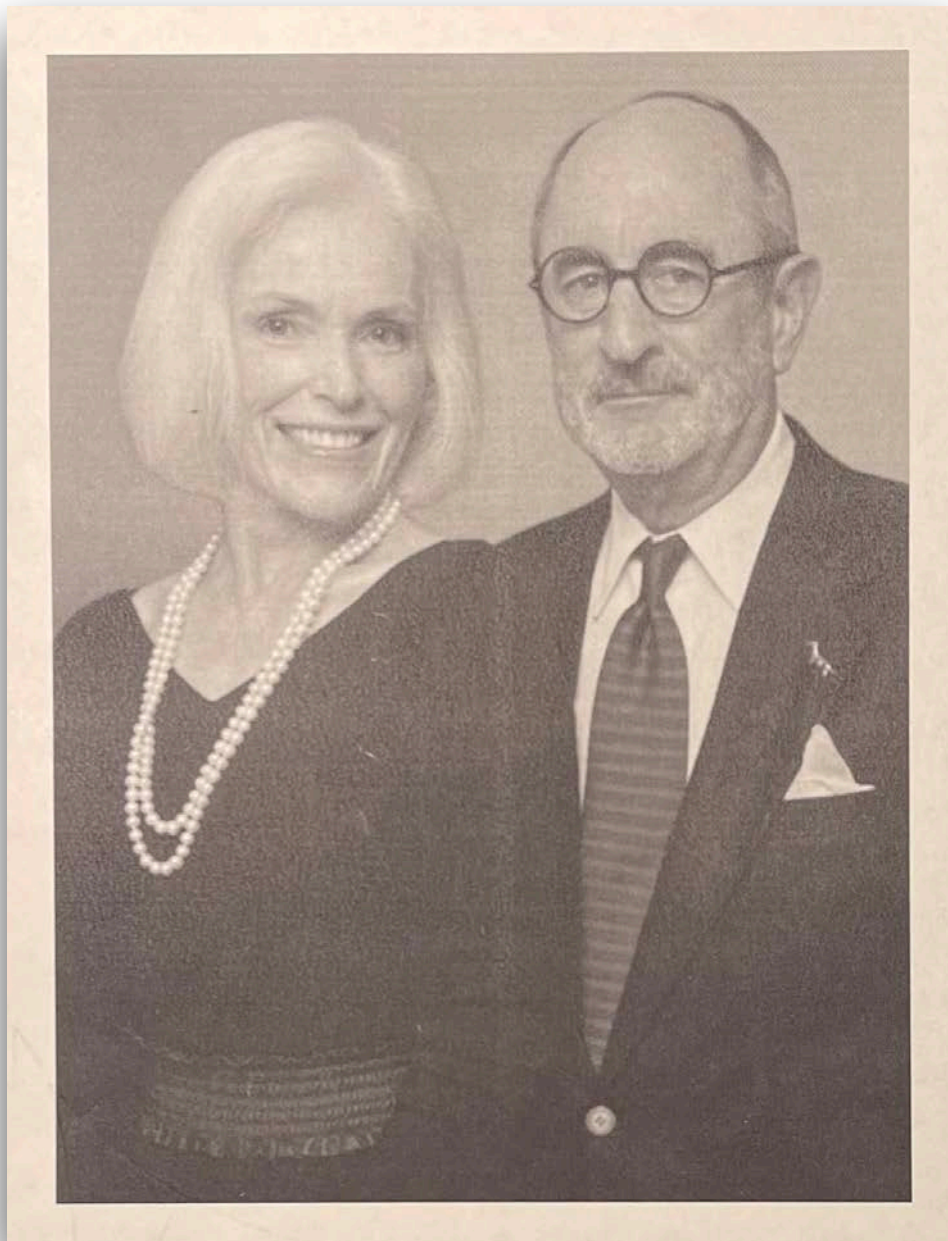
Jan. 14, 2024, -6 degrees Fahrenheit! It is too cold for comfort! We are SOOOO lucky to have central heat and indoor plumbing. My! What my grandparents endured!



Jan. 14, 2024, 5:01pm: The view from the door at my Club Pilates class. Wow!



Jan. 15, 2023: Whew! Our master bath shower grout has been completely fixed! Thank you, Brendon, of Grout Medic! Between us, we got the color right for the grout and caulk.




While shredding our 2016 income tax papers, I find this photo of Brian and me. I have no idea when it was taken, but it reminds me of “American Gothic.” Brian says all it needs is for him to have a pitchfork.

It is printed on my dad’s Sunbright Mfg., letterhead for his lantern-making side job. The paper is likely 50 years old.

Today I run across the application to show my sculpture at the Missouri Athletic Club. What a surprise!

In the 60s, while working at Famous-Barr, I coordinated fashion shows that were held at the Missouri Athletic Club in downtown St. Louis.

To my happy surprise, the collector I met that night shares this page of the Missouri Athletic Club "Cherry Diamond" magazine for June 2000. Thank you, Gloria!

  
MISSOURI ATHLETIC CLUB

**AMERICA IN PAINT & BRONZE**  
Saturday, April 1, 2000

- I will attend opening night
- Please reserve a room for 1 for March 31, 2000 (\$70 per night)
- Please reserve a room for 1 for April 1, 2000 (\$70 per night)
- Please reserve a room for 2 for March 31, 2000 (\$75 per night)
- Please reserve a room for 2 for April 1, 2000 (\$75 per night)
- Number of pieces of artwork to show

YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE IS APPRECIATED

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE# \_\_\_\_\_  
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WE WILL REQUIRE A BIO AND PHOTOS OF ARTWORK  
BY JANUARY 1, 2000.





*Artist Joy Kroeger Beckner plays with her work*

## *Freezing Rain...*

**Jan. 22, 2024:** Freezing rain falls. Office work today and Sleepy time... We are LUCKY to have heat, water and electricity. An Oregon woman I know is not so lucky.



Jan. 24, 2024: Mark Benvenuto, president of AMSA, the American Medallic Art Association LIKES my medals, "*Inspiration*" Smooth and "*Inspiration*" Wire! One will be on his coming poster and the other on a poster this summer! Thank you, Mark!

I modeled these medals directly in wax at actual size. They are 3 3/8"W x 2 3/4"H x 3/8"D, Bronze or Fine Pewter ©2012.



©Joy Beckner, "*Life's a Ball*". Life-sized miniature smooth dachshund sculpture in bronze, 25.25 x 11.75 x 8 inches. <https://joybeckner.com/>

Jan. 23, 2024: "*Life's a Ball! MS*" will be featured by Team Art

Biz Success. Thank you, Alyson Stanfield and Kristyn!  
More information when I know more. ;-))

Brian calls me to watch a firetruck sliding down a street in Imperial, MO. I think it only hit one car, and fortunately did not crash into a house. Thank you, KSDK for the video. Search KSDK Firetruck sliding on ice to watch it.

## *Cardiac catheterization is coming up!*

Per doctors' instructions, this evening I stop Eliquis until after my Friday, Jan. 26, 10am Cardiac Catheterization to learn what is best for my less than happy heart. I am lucky to have a good atrial fibrillation doctor and cardiologist. A doctor friend's cardiologist is scheduled for a second opinion soon after the Cardiac Cath.

I feel well enough to contact my English gallery about returning my work. PLUS, it looks like our government will be operational for at least 6 weeks before another possible shutdown. I need "*Squirrel Season*" *Smooth* returned for a very patient collector who gave me a deposit quite a while ago. I do not want to have another mold made and cast anything until I know I have a collector for it.

**Jan. 28, 2024:** The Cardiac Catheterization was pretty easy, long and, as usual, tiring. Happily, my cardiologist

prescribed two new medications in lieu of a pacemaker. YAY! He prescribed the first medication as a generic. It was to be \$1996 for a three month supply! Yikes! By the end of the day, Walgreens had gotten approval for the brand name Farxiga, which costs \$698.49 for a 90 day supply. YES! I'll have to wait until tomorrow to find out the cost of the second med.

*A DEAR  
OLD  
friend...*

Brian toys with the idea of our driving to visit his former boss, Charley Lowery, in Stillwater, OK. Charley will be 99 on May 25 this year. He is in Primrose



retirement home, in Stillwater, OK. A mutual friend tells Brian that Charley is not doing well, not eating by himself nor sleeping well. Our plans to visit are on hold. His friend thinks Charley has about 10 days. This photo is from Dec. 2022, when we last visited Charley, a week before Charley had a mild stroke. What a sweetheart he is. ;-))



## *"Lord of the Couch" MW*

**Jan. 31, 2024:** *"Lord of the Couch" MW* is in the Seaside Animals in Art Show 2024. The show is from Feb.1 - 29 at Seaside Art Gallery, 2716 S. Virginia Dare Trail, Nags Head, NC. and online at [seaside art.com](http://seasideart.com).

See *"Lord of the Couch" MW*, here, too: <https://joybeckner.com/artwork/lord-of-the-couch-mw-joy-beckner/>

## *Crazy Price Variations*

Good news! My second heart med is a mere \$4.84 for a three month supply at Walgreens.

Brian checked [CanadaPharmacy.com](http://CanadaPharmacy.com) for the Farxiga and found this:

Farxiga: 84 tablets for \$320.

Generic of Farxiga: 100 tablets for \$149.00

Shipping is just \$10-20.

WOW! The Farxiga price varies from \$1995+- to \$149 for the generic. It's crazy!

The GOOD news is that I feel a little more energetic on these two new meds. Let's hope that persists!

## *Aiken Center for the Arts Gallery*

I have been invited to show my work in the Aiken Center for the Arts Gallery in Aiken, SC, March 21 - April 30, 2024.

These pieces will be shown at Aiken:



*"Merry Sunshine" Quarter-Life*





Clockwise from upper left. All are 1:6 Scale, Bronze.

*“So Good to See You” Wire*  
*“A Good Life” Long*  
*“Life’s a Ball!” Long*  
*“Cozy” Smooth*  
*“Dreaming of Tomatoes” Long*

*A pound a day for 5 days! - Down!!!*

**Feb. 8, 2024:** Interestingly, after starting my two new meds, I have dropped a pound a day! Tonight, we have dinner with a doctor friend who assures me it is okay - water weight - thanks to the fact that the two new meds have diuretics. The meds? Farxiga and Spironolactone.

**Feb. 12, 2024:**

Today is President Abe Lincoln's birthday!  
Happy 215th birthday, Abe!



**AIKEN CENTER**  
for the **ARTS**

122 Laurens Street, SW  
Aiken, SC 29801  
803 - 641 - 9094

**PARTICIPATING ARTIST**

Joy Beckner, FNSS - Bronze (Realistic Pups)  
Jeff Birchill, NSS - Stone  
Beatrice Bork, Watercolor  
Carel Brest van Kempen - Acrylic/Oil  
(A very unique view of the Animal Kingdom)  
Jamie Cassaboon - Graphite  
Tim Donovan - Egg Tempera  
Lori Dunn - Scratchboard  
Martin Gates, FNSS - Wood and Stone  
Christine Knapp - Bronze (whimsical animals)  
Judy Lalingo - Acrylic (Miniatures)  
Walter Matia, FNSS - Bronze (Realistic Birds)  
Calvin Nichols - (Realistic Paper Sculpture)  
Carrie Nygren, - Oil (Large Equestrian)  
Patricia Pepin - Oil (Very Realistic Wildlife)  
Anne Peyton, Acrylic (Realistic Birds)  
John Plishka - Pastel (Realistic Wildlife)  
Jan McAllister Stommes, Oil - (Trompe l'oeil)  
Chris Wilson, Wood, Metal, Oil  
(Birds that visually are ready to take flight)  
Sherrie York, Lino Reduction Limited Prints

(Others maybe included)

**OVER LAND AND SEA**  
WILDLIFE ART FROM THE HEARTS AND HANDS OF  
INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED ARTIST AND SCULPTORS

**Aiken Center for the Arts**  
March 21 - April 30

Guest Speaker  
Ms. Robin Salmon, VP/Curator - Brookgreen Gardens  
March 22

**FEATURING SOCIETY OF ANIMAL ARTIST and NATIONAL SCULPTURE SOCIETY SCULPTORS**

Feb. 13, 2024: Yay! I've stopped loosing weight.

Today my good English gallery and I work out how to get my works back to me. Gallery owner Victoria is a sweetheart to help.

*Thank you for being in my life!*

*Please Be Well...*

I sincerely hope you are well and look forward to hearing from you.

*Please consider ordering sculpture to be picked up  
at DCA 2024!*

Please visit my site, <https://joybeckner.com>, to select your favorite works and email me at [info@joybeckner.com](mailto:info@joybeckner.com) for pricing.

I will try to answer promptly.

<https://joybeckner.com>

*The greatest gift one can give is LOVE.*

*Happy valentine's Day!*

*Love, Joy*

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Following are random thoughts and images I share at the suggestion of my web guru.

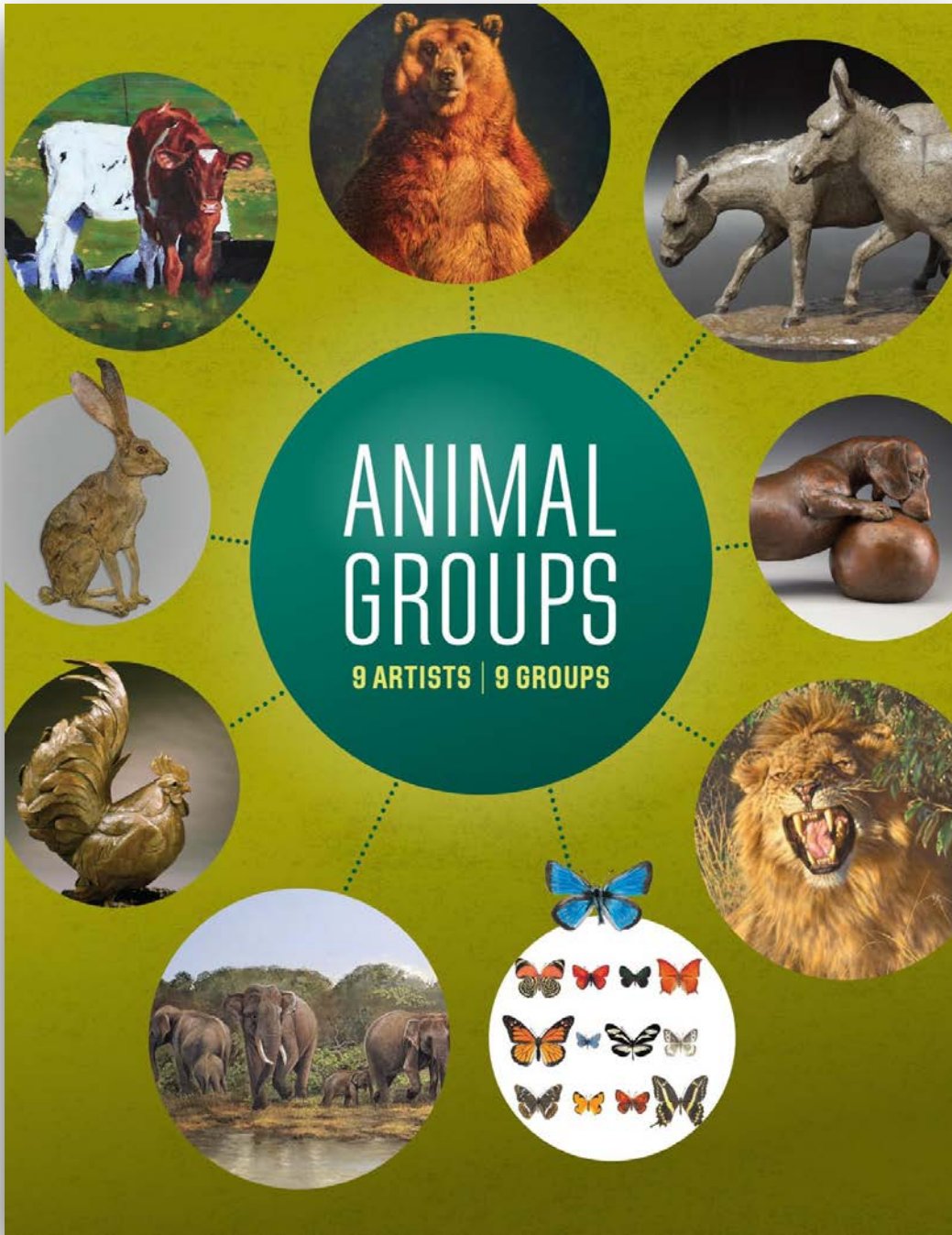
Enjoy!

**Growing old is not  
for sissies 😏**



Enjoy life. Accentuate the positive, not the negative. It sounds so trite, but a lot of people will pick out something to complain about, rather than say, “Hey, that was great!” It’s not hard to find great stuff if you look.

~ Betty White



# ANIMAL GROUPS

9 ARTISTS | 9 GROUPS











# To My Husband



When we get to the end  
of our lives together,  
the house we had,  
the cars we drove,  
the things we possessed  
won't matter.

What will matter, is that  
I had you,  
and you had me.

