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*Surprise! Happy valentine's Day!*



*Family Health - First*

*Art - Second*

*Biz - Third*

February 17, 2023: Alyson Stanfield, Art Biz Coach, inspires me to write this when she wrote about her father's illness.

I am taking my time to get my body in order, so I can go to DCA, the Dachshund Club of America National Specialty at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. I've learned to respect my body and get it in order. I'll take care of everything else in good time.

March 16th, I will have surgery for a (hopefully) small cancer in my breast. **Happily, this surgery has been postponed. Please see my notes later.**



February 18, 2023:

Jimmy Carter, 98, opts for Hospice Care. Our 39th president has decided to forgo further medical treatment and will “spend his remaining time at home with his family,” the Carter Center announced.

2021 Photo by Erin Schaff  
The New York Times



*"Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too" MS*

February 20, 2023: Thank you, Leslie, for ordering "*Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too*" MS, bronze to cuddle with your "*Siesta*" MS.

They love to cuddle in our home.

*Enjoy!*



Feb. 24, 2023: "*Sweet Roll*" SS has been accepted as my donation to the Queeny Park, Tails & Trails Dog Park. **St. Louis County Parks** person Don Gerling and I will soon discuss placement and mounting with "*Life's a Ball!*" SS. Smiles!



## *Surprises!*

March 2, 2023: Kathy, a nurse who walks by our house lives about three blocks from us. I do not know her, but we recently talked while I was pruning.

She knows of my breast cancer diagnosis and surprises Brian with these beautiful tulips while I was at a Garden Club meeting today.

The Garden Club gals sent a surprising number of greeting cards!

*Thank you everyone!*



*Tulips are opening!*



March 6, 2023: Yesterday I finished cutting back all of my big grasses (*miscanthus gracillimus*). It was a two afternoon project. I used to cut them back by hand with my dad's hand cycle, but several years ago, Brian kindly gave me an electric saw. It makes life so much easier, and this job can be completed much faster. ;-))

If you live locally and would like a start of the grasses, please let me know. Bring a shovel. They are easier to dig now rather than when in full growth.



March 8, 2023: My Sonicare toothbrush dies. I follow instructions to remove the lithium battery, complete with hammering the toothbrush inside a towel. Little did I think the inside would be so complex! The battery goes to Batteries Plus for recycling.





# Plant Guide For Pet Owners



## Poisonous Plants

- Daffodil
- Castor Bean
- Easter Lily
- Sago Palm
- Star Gazer Lily
- Tiger Lily
- Cyclamen
- Azalea



## Toxic Plants

- Aloe
- Begonia
- Bird of Paradise
- Bougainvillea
- Calla Lily
- Carnation
- Chrysanthemum
- Coleus
- Cosmos
- Dumb cane
- Elephant ear
- Fleabane
- Gardenia
- Geranium
- Hibiscus
- Hydrangea
- Iris
- Mother-In-Law Tongue
- Pansy
- Peace Lily
- Pinks (Dianthus)
- Plumbago
- Poinsettia
- Primrose

## Pet-Friendly Plants

- Alyssum
- Blue Daisy
- Boston Fern
- Bottlebrush tree
- Camellia
- Canna
- Ceolsia Plumosa
- Christmas Cactus
- Coreopsis
- Echevaria Succulents
- Gerber Daisy
- Gloxinia
- Impatiens
- Marigold
- Nasturtium
- Pampas Grass
- Persian Violet
- Petunia
- Polkadot Plant/Baby Tears
- Rose
- Snap Dragons
- Spider Plant
- Star Jasmine
- Sunflower
- Sword Fern
- Viola
- Zinnia



I found this list on FaceBook. I hope you find it helpful.

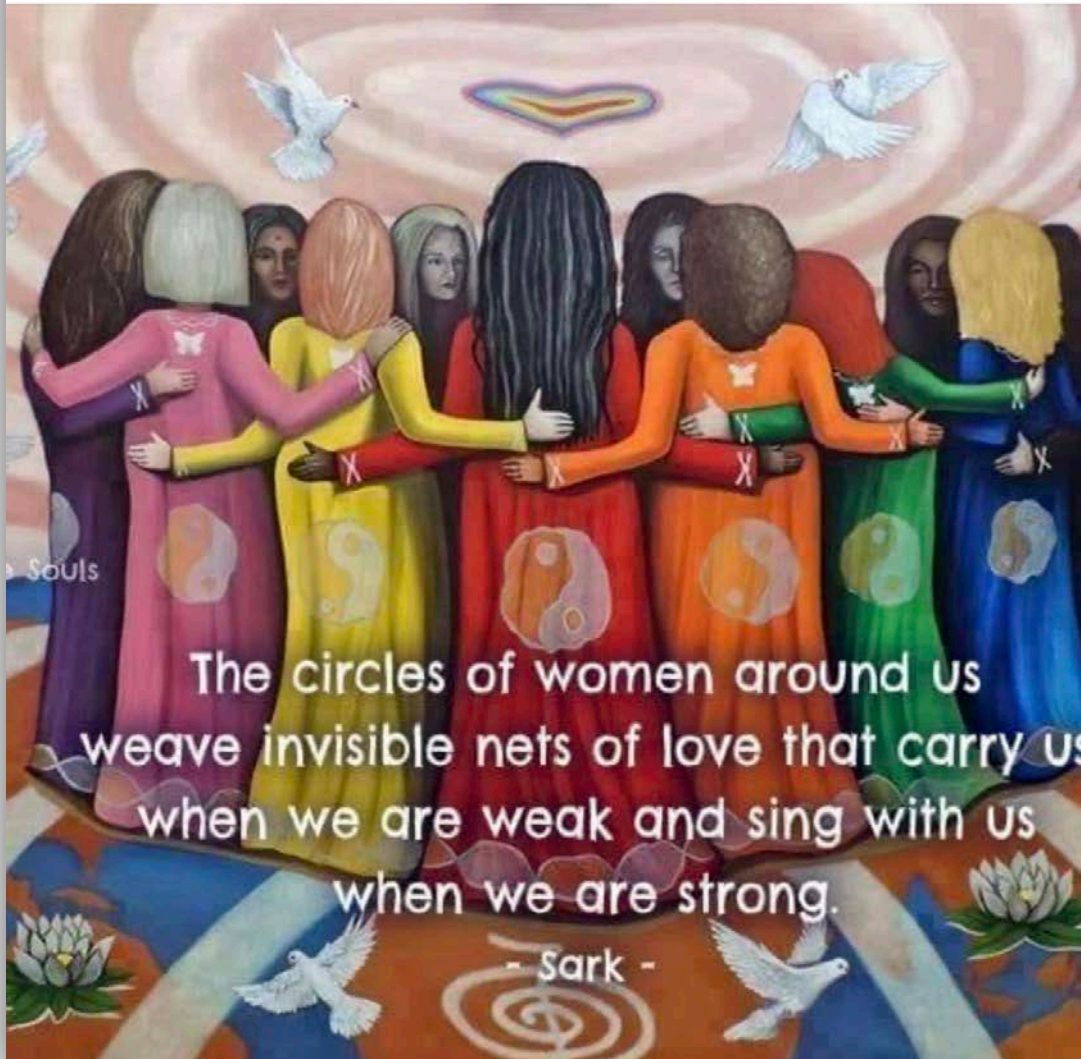


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**Happy International Women's Day <3**



A San Miguel FaceBook friend posts this lovely message.

*International Women's Day!*

*March 8, 2023*

March 9, 2023, 4:15pm: It's time for my MRI.



March 10, 2023: *"Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too, MS, 3/9"*  
is ready to be shipped.

*Happiness is a call from my breast surgeon saying  
although two "enhancements" were found in  
yesterday's MRI, I should plan to go to DCA, and,  
my surgery will be scheduled later. Yay!*

## *A possible commission...*

March 13, 2023: I have been checking prices with my reliable Colorado suppliers - mold maker, wax pourer, foundry, metal chaser and patina man - and - a new local metal chaser. I present pricing to Jonathan Kodner, owner of my local gallery. Pricing is for a potential commission for a local children's hospital. Their budget is way below actual cost, so, if they round up more money, I hope to get the commission. So far, I have spent 3 weeks thinking about it.

March 14, 2023: Tomorrow, I will have "So Good to See You, Too" ML professionally photographed. I need to get things done before my unknown surgery date.

March 16, 2023, 7:15am: Today I will have a mammogram and ultrasound of my other breast to discover exactly what my doctor calls the two less than 1/4" "enhancements" that were discovered by the MRI last week. There is Always Something, it seems.

Okay, it's time to wish you

*HAPPY St. Patrick's Day!!!*

*I look forward to seeing some of you at DCA.*

*Please stay safe and healthy.*

*Most Sincerely*

*Joy*

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