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Big Bone news!

Feb. 16, 2024, 9:30am: Today is quite a day, getting a bone density scan, an x-ray of my lower back and meeting my new, very efficient Bone health doctor, Dr. Kathleen Lowe. She is thorough in finding out about my supplements and what she believes will be better for my bones.



By the time our appointment, plus the x-ray and something else were finished, it starts snowing, BIG time! It is a 12-15 mile drive home from the doctor in south county. Traffic moves at 25-30mph on the interstate, and all is well. I get home safely. ;-)) The photo above is out the back window into the common ground. Today is only the second time it has snowed in the St. Louis area this winter.



Feb. 17, 2024: A longtime collector/friend sends this photo of his new cat that loves nesting with “Siesta” SS. Thank you, Steve.



"Siesta" MS nests with "Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too."

Feb. 19, 2024: I see Dr. Begegni's Nurse Practitioner who states I appear to be doing well on the cancer med Dr. B. Prescribed. GOOD!

Feb. 20, 2024: *"Squirrel Season" Smooth* and other works are on their way home from my English gallery via DHL. Thank you, Victoria, for your help with this. *"Squirrel Season" Smooth* is now available by special order. Thank you for your patience, dear collector, Lisa.

Feb. 21, 2024: It is 74 degrees driving home from Union, MO where Brian is having a new muffler installed on his 2007 FJ Cruiser.

Feb. 22, 2024: Doctor appointments are oh so much fun! Dr. James Smith wants me to take Entresto instead of Losartan. I trust I will soon find out exactly how much it is at Walgreens. Then, I hope to go to www.canadapharmacy.com and get it for much less.



WOW! What a surprise to find the Dachshund Club of St. Louis posted this 100th anniversary cake along with my *“Dream Chasers - Best of Breed.”* A great memory. Thank you. DCSTL!



Feb. 28, 2024: Yesterday's Rescued Daffodils! It is 25 degrees this sunny morning!

Oh my! Brian comes home from a visit with a mutual friend and learns our eye doctor's wife recently had a 7 hour surgery to remove cancer from her tongue! Now she has a feeding tube.

Later, I deliver flowers to our doctor's wife and she is doing much better. I could mostly understand her when she talked.

We are very lucky



March 4, 2024: I feel up to cutting back half of my grasses.

Our dear nearly 99-year-old friend, Charlie Lowery passed away around 9:30 this morning. His funeral will be Tuesday, March 12, in Stillwater, OK.

March 5, 2024: My appointment goes well with Dr. Michael Rich, for a second opinion regarding my heart. He approves of the medications my first cardiologist recommended. I like both of them. Now what do I do???



March 7, 2024: My cousin Wayne is 90 years old. I believe Wayne is my oldest living cousin. ;-)) He still cracks me up!

March 8, 2024: Yay! I enter two shows. Hopefully my work will get in and sell...

Come, ride with us to Stillwater, Oklahoma.

March 11, 2024: Brian worked for Charlie in 1964-1968 when Charlie managed Bates Brothers, a natural shoulder mens clothing store on the campus of Oklahoma State University.

9:17am: We drive toward Stillwater, Oklahoma for Charlie's funeral tomorrow. It's a pleasant day with some sunshine. Most trees have not leafed, except invasive Bradford Pears bloom profusely. One redbud is in full bloom!

1:01pm: Brian announces we are halfway to Stillwater. The temperature is 66 degrees - in March!

In Oklahoma we spend \$5 for an interstate pass and are told to keep the receipt for a refund just down the road we get to the next pay station and are given a refund of \$2.25. What gives? It seems like it would cost the state less to simply charge less in the first place.???

2:53pm: To our left are the silhouette of two cattle. Brian quips, "They are makin' bacon." Actually, they are making a calf. ;-))

3:54pm: We detour through downtown Pawhuska where parts of "*Killers of the Flower Moon*" was filmed.

3:56pm: Just like that, we are now on the Prairie.



MAR 30, 2022
STILLWATER

US 60 is covered with huge windmills on both sides. The Drummonds own the land. When Brian grew up there were oil wells all over this land. He worked in the Burbank oil fields in the summer of '65.

Thanks to Brian's long time friend, Pep Pepmiller, we stay in a lovely small cottage that is mighty modern inside. Thanks, Pep!

My dress is not as long as I thought it was. Knee highs do not work! I must wear the one pair of new pantyhose I brought. These are sized for decades ago when I weighed a mere 115 pounds! Can I get them to my waist?



March 12, 2024, 10am: Charlie's service is at First Methodist Church of Stillwater. This is the first time I have seen large TV screens in a church. Afterwards Brian meets up with friends who all worked for Charlie. I wish I had taken pictures of them.

In Loving Memory of



Charles Emory Lowery

May 30, 1925 - March 4, 2024



The happy youngster on these billboards remind us of John, Charlie's differently abled 64-year-old son who would be oh-so-excited to see these billboards!

March 13, 2024: My Reclast infusion is pretty easy, though I am very sleepy during and after the event. Hopefully my bones will be **MUCH STRONGER** in just a short time.

News to me...

I did not realize Cancer meds cause bone loss. WHY can't they come up with something to fix cancer and NOT cause another problem???



March 14, 2024: Yay! "*Siesta*" Long, 1:6 Scale, is on its way to its new home. Thank you, Ed and Brenda!

March 16, 2024: I cut back the rest of our grasses. Only a small bit of bamboo is yet to be removed before it spreads. Yay!

March 17, 2024

March 17, 2024: Mark Benvenuto, president of AMSA, the American Medallist Art Association LIKES my medals; he posted "*Inspiration*" Wire! on his new poster! Thank you!

I modeled this medal 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.

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Artworks of the American Medallic Sculpture Association

Poster 2, March 2024



Peace Pipe
George Cuhaj



Untitled
Eleanor McKelvey



Tin-bismuth Canine
Ross Pollard



John Lewis
Carter Jones



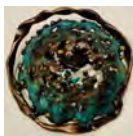
Inspiration
Joy Beckner



Pulitzer Prize medal,
JA Hall of Fame
Eugene Daub



Mary Pickford
Lynn Thomas



Save Our Planet
Keiko Kubota-Miura



Dr. Ginkgo Ogino
Mashiko



The Company of Pain
James Malone Beach



Shelter from the Storm
Jeanne Stevens-Sollman



Pandemic Selfie
Eva Wahn



The Last Plant
Jeff Briggs



Vonnegut Puzzle
Jim Licaretz



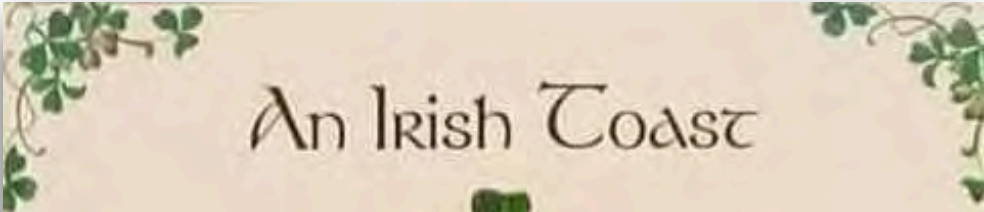
Aurora Head 2024
Lindley Briggs



Sun and Moon
Hazel Song



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An Irish Toast



There are good ships
And wood ships,
Ships that sail the sea,
But the best ships
Are friendships
And may they
Always be!



Stay healthy and Happy!



March 17, 2024: Happiness! “*Sunnyside Up*” Long, 1:6 Scale is in the PINT SIZE 2: Small Scale Artwork Exhibition at the Transmission Gallery, 770 West Grand Ave., Oakland, CA. 94612

The PINT SIZE 2 show is from April 25 - June 8, 21024.

Coming very soon...

Five of my miniature bronze dachshunds have been invited to show at the Aiken Center for the Arts, Aiken, SC. I am honored to have been invited.



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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



“Cozy” Smooth

1/6 Scale: 3 7/8”W x 3 1/3”D x 1 1/4”H, Bronze, Ed. 20 & 2 Artist’s Proofs (c)2018

Thank you Jeff Birchill and Kayla Hitchcock for inviting me
to show at Aiken.

Happy Spring!

Love, Joy

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