

# JKß – JOY KROEGER BECKNER – JKß

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

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*Enjoy Spring  
with Brian and me in  
San Miguel de Allende,  
Mexico!*

March 19, 2022:  
Happiness in the Jardin!







March 20, 2022: Pigeons gather at a fountain in the Jardin opposite of the big church, the Parroquia.

March 21, 2022,  
5:15pm: This lovely  
textural contrast is  
on our walk to  
Chorro to see the  
great egrets.

A Jacaranda tree  
blooms below.





Two humongous Rubber Trees and their Roots!



Ahhhh, great egrets are nesting.

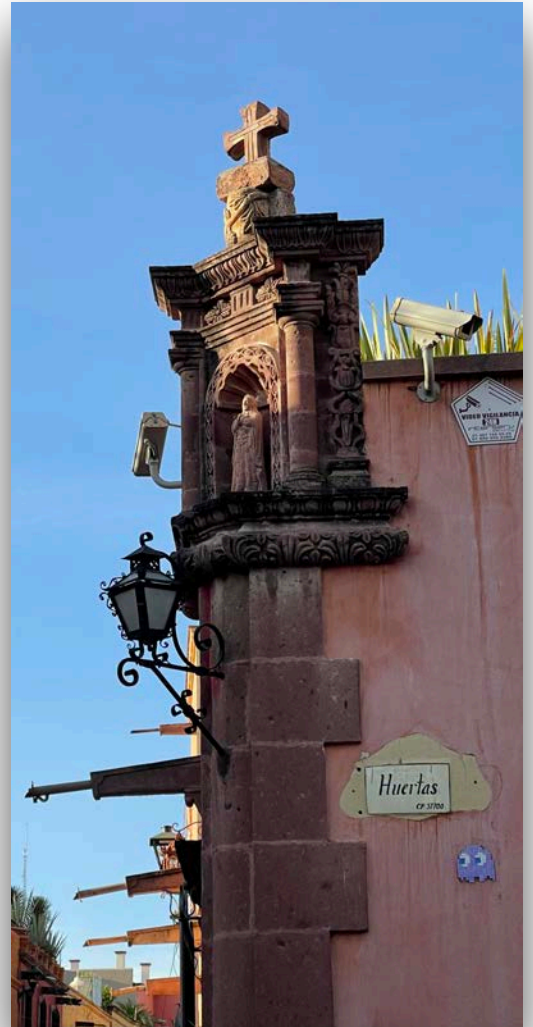




“A Great Egret brings a stick to its nest above the Chorro near Parque Juarez.” Photo and copy by our friend, Jim Quinn, above.



Roof drains and more along our walk home.





# Artistic Selfies

MARCH 2022



Richard Becker



Joy Beckner



Heather Blume



Lindley Briggs



Art Ellis



Amanullah Haiderzad



Keiko Kubata-Miura



Jim Licaretz



Janice MacDonald



James MaloneBeach



Polly Purvis



Jeanne Stevens-Sollman



Phil Sollman &  
Jeanne Stevens-Sollman



Geer Steyn



Heather Szczepiorkowski



Susan Taylor



Met Wacks  
sculpt by Eugene Daub



Eva Wohn



Lorraine Wright



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My metal, "Inspiration," second from top left, is on this new American Medallic Sculpture Association poster. Thank you!



*"Inspiration"*

"Inspiration" is available in Smooth, Long and Wire coats,  
in bronze with display, or in pewter.  
Each is approximately 3 5/16" wide. Select Red or Blue Ribbon!





A hummer and  
a sweet girl in  
the Jardin ...





## *The Instituto Allende*

March 22, 2022: Bill Kohn, my would be painting teacher at Washington University, was here on sabbatical in the mid 60s. In the 80s, Brian and I fell in love with Bill's huge painting of the Grand Canyon that was displayed at Duffs, a St. Louis restaurant. Bill, he introduced us to San Miguel. We first came in 2001.

We walk by the Instituto to get Brian's vehicle to drive to see our friends, Nonnie and Edvard Markeset. Nonnie is one of my two Mac gurus.

It has been three years since we have seen them.

What a lovely evening with them on their patio.



Brian is now the proud owner of Ed's book, "A Young Man's Journey" the story of how he came from his native Norway to live in San Miguel.

I look forward to reading it too.

Thank you, Ed!

## Madeleine Albright, 1947, Prague



March 23, 2022: Madeleine Albright dies at age 84.

Madeleine Jana Korbel Albright was an American diplomat who served as the 64th United States secretary of state from 1997 to 2001 under President Bill Clinton. She was the first female secretary of state in U.S. history. Albright immigrated with her family to the United States in 1948 from Communist Czechoslovakia. [Wikipedia](#)

*Her family got out just in time. Cheers!*



March 24, 2022: This afternoon, we walk through the Artesanias Market on our way to Fabrica la Aurora.

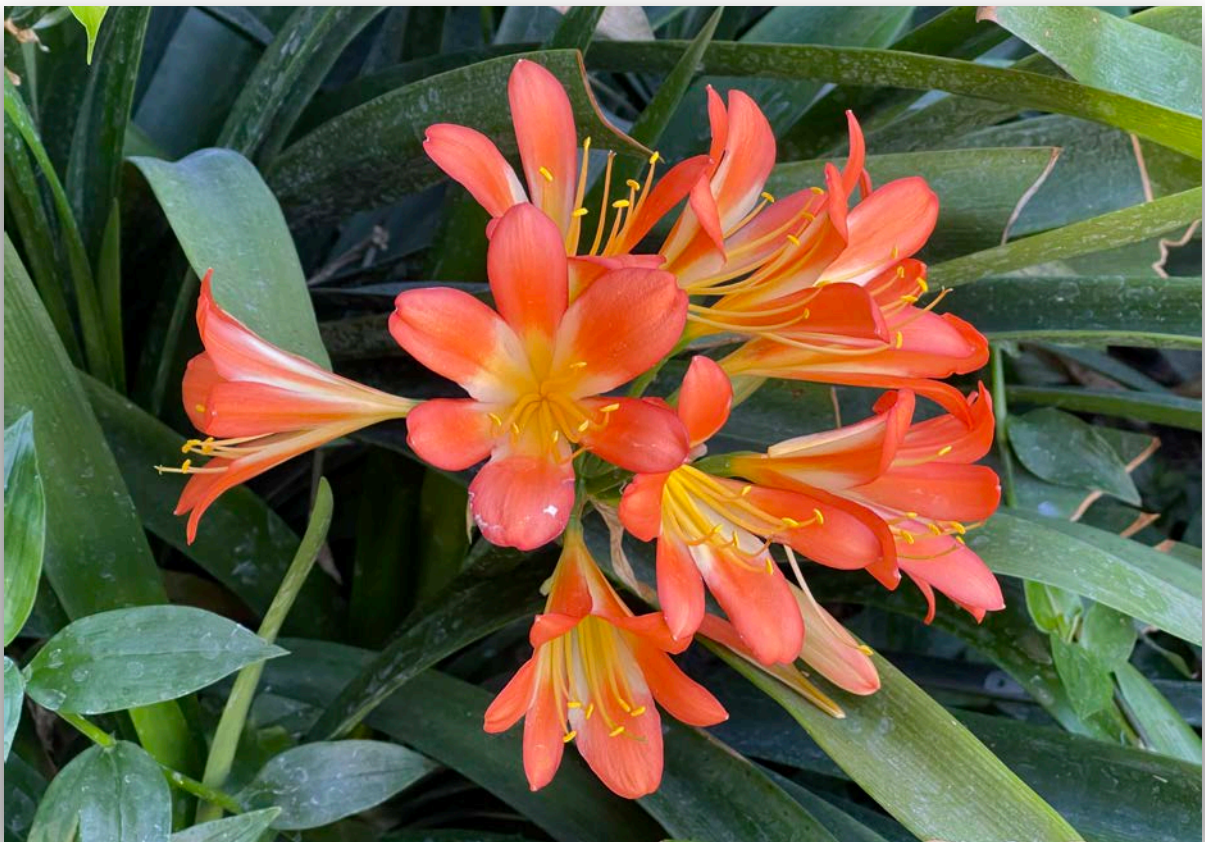


What used to be a textile factory, today houses canvases, sculptures and artisan products of artists of San Miguel. Above is an original textile making machine at Fabric de la Aurora.



A Panederia, bakery, on Calzada de la Aurora.







March 25, 2022: Sue Lawrence, my Pilates Reformer teacher has a piece of new equipment secured to opposite walls!

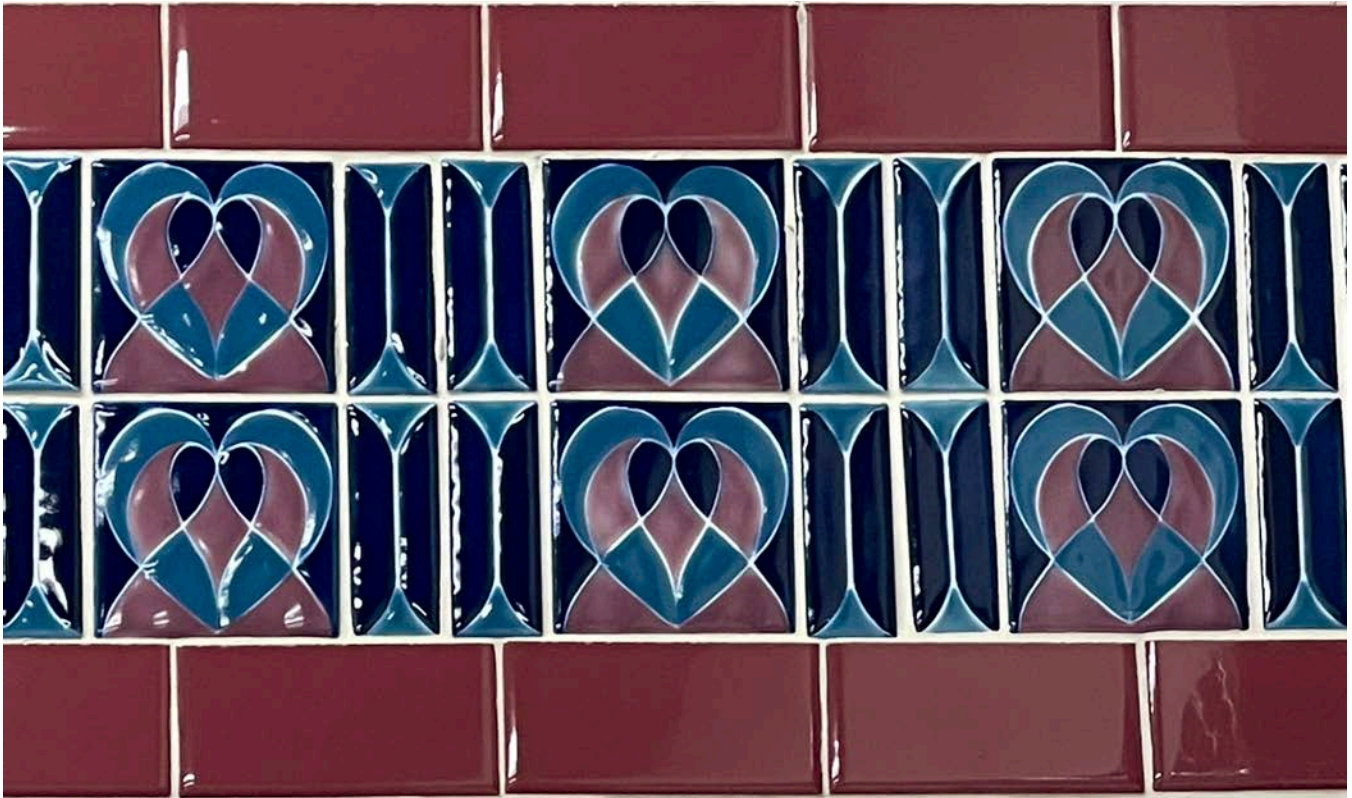
Flowers and foliage glow in a Guadiana Park.





Brian discovers the difference between doves and pigeons. Pigeons land on buildings and doves love trees. Doves are smaller with a slightly longer, curved beak. They are pale grey-ish white with dark feathers on the ends of their wings. And, doves' sounds are very soothing sound.

March 28, 2022, 6:37am, 53 degrees F: We're off toward home!



9:43am: Beautiful tile borders the ceiling at a Loves gas station in Encinal. Regular is \$3.899. Premium is almost \$5 a gallon.

9:59am: We cross through an inspection station where a waggly tailed German Shepard inspects the vehicle in front of us. A human waves us through. ;-))

An hour north of Laredo on I-35, hotels in Cotullo, TX, are far more reasonably priced than in Laredo.

The F.D.A. approves second booster shots by Pfizer and Moderna.

10:59am, Devine, TX: When did box cars become mostly obsolete? I wish I had counted all of these flat cars. We are off I-35 on our way to hopefully see some bluebonnets.



[Bandera, TX](#), home to the Leather Bank and the Fickle Pickle, has just 900 people, and this downtown is kind of a small resort with

decorative art on each lamp post. A few redbuds bloom along the way to Kerrville, TX.

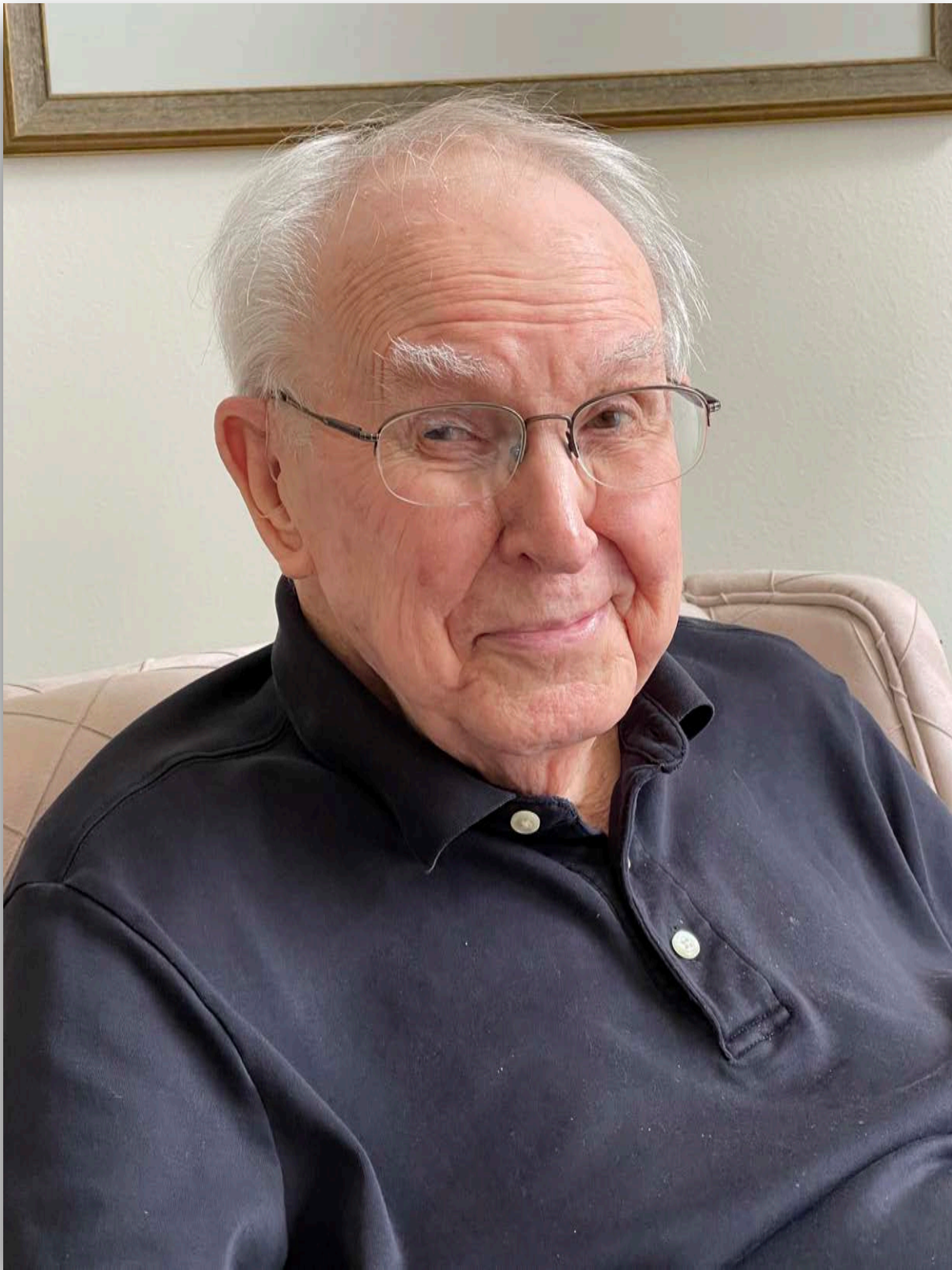


Kerrville, TX: Bill's BBQ brisket, pickles, beans and slaw are fabulous!

4:52pm: Regular gas is \$3.73 in Gatesville, TX. In early February at home, gas was \$2 something. We are amazed by all the little towns along US-84.

Fredericksburg, TX: Thad Hanna, who, with his wife Shannon, owned RS Hanna Gallery, tells me the town has changed a lot. In the past year, persons from all over the world have moved in and real estate prices have skyrocketed. Unfortunately, this sweet respected couple closed their gallery in 2021. I miss them.

March 30, Wednesday, 1:05pm, 49 degrees: We've traveled from Waco, TX and are now through Arbuckle, OK. I love the two lane roads lined with rolling hills, woods, small towns, barns and cattle along the way.



3:29pm, Stillwater, OK: We arrive at the home of our soon to be 97 year old longtime friend in Stillwater, OK. Charlie is GREAT!!!





Brian with Charlie's son, John



Charlie's grandmother hand-made this quilt in 1934.

Each female relative hand stitched a square and stitched her name in the center. Charlie's grandmother gathered the custom stitched cotton squares and hand stitched the quilt together. It is very personal and beautiful.

April 1, 2022, Friday, 2:49pm: We have our liquid Starbucks for the day. Yay! We are on I-44, 22 miles from Rolla, MO. We pass Uranus chocolate shop. Would you buy chocolate from Uranus? Charlie's other former employee friend talked about his supplements: Vitamin C & E and Noasatol. Say it fast with an emphasis on the last syllable. ;-))

Two more hours and we should be home ;-)). Happiness is sunshine and 57 degrees!

4:30pm: *We are home! Yay!*



April 11, 2022: Merry Monday! A deposit arrives for "A Good Life" MW! Thank you, John!

April 14, 2022: My miniature bronze bust of “*Scott Joplin*” has been accepted into the American Artists Professional League’s 2022 Spring Members Online Show!

Copy this link and paste it in your browser to see the show:  
<https://aaplinc.org/spring-2022-members-show>



April 15 - June 2, 2022: See “*Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too*” MS, in the Hudson Valley Art Association 89th Annual Juried Exhibition at the Lyme Art Association, Old Lyme, CT. HVAA catalog is below.

## Sculpture



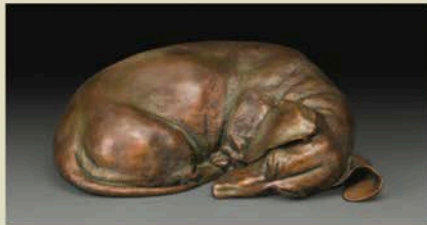
John Belardo, **Road To Serfdom**, Bronze  
25 x 15 x 16



Elisa Adams, **Cali**, Alabaster  
17 x 10 x 6



Douglas Aja, **White Mischief**, Bronze, 9.25 x 13.5 x 7



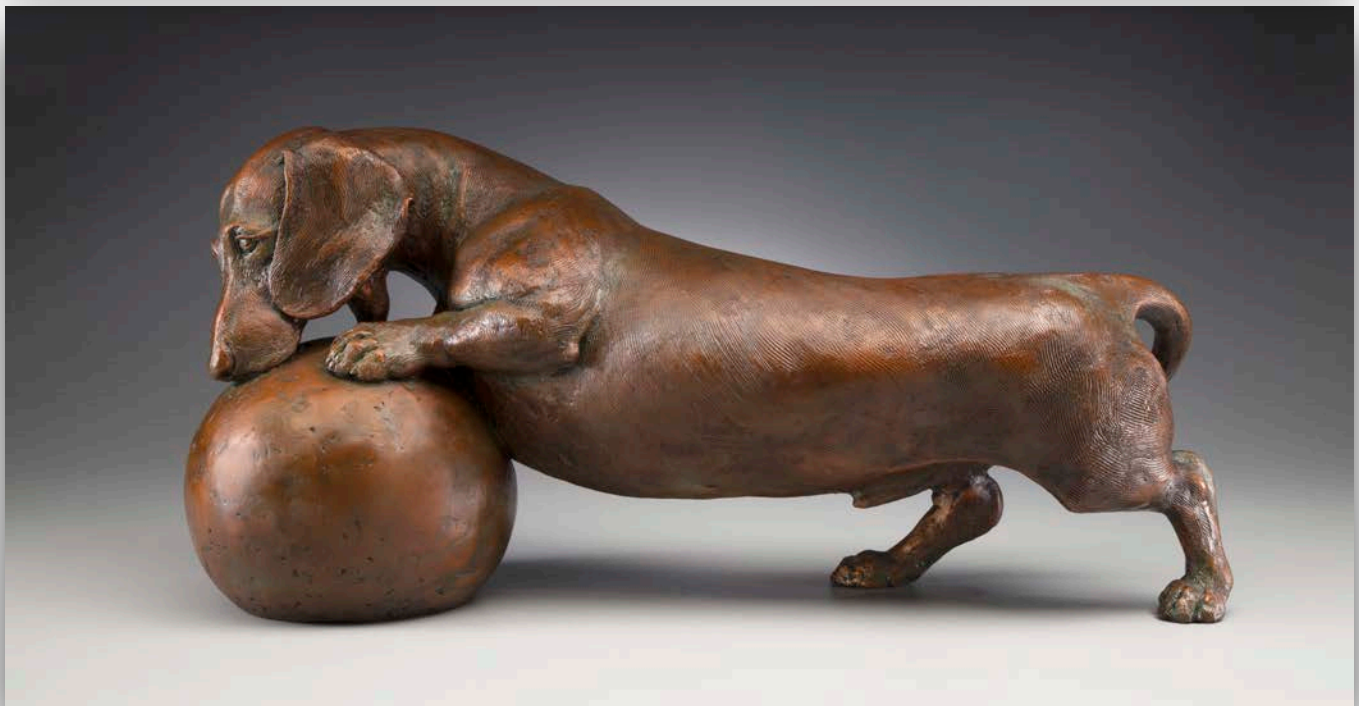
Joy Beckner, **Dreaming of Tomatoes Too, MS**, Bronze,  
5 x 14.25 x 9.25



Paige Bradley, **Surrender Containment**, Bronze  
16 x 14 x 17



James Adkins, **We Must Cultivate Our Garden**,  
Plaster Cast, 40 x 8 x 1



April 27, 2022: *"Life's a Ball!" MS, 2/5*, is settled in its new home in West Virginia! Thank you, Eliza!!!



Gretchen likes her new companion! ;-))



April 26, 2022: Woo Hoo! “*Sunnyside Up*” Smooth, 1:6 Scale. Alejandro switched his February order from Bronze to Sterling Silver!!! Thank you!

# *"Beau"*

Ch. Turningpt What was I Thinking? Bo Duke  
March 7, 2006 - April 30, 2021



*Sweet man, Beau, you us a year ago ...*

April 30, 2021, 11am: A year ago, we eased Beau across  
the Rainbow Bridge.

Thank you, Randy Eltringham, for breeding this sweet man.

*We miss you handsome man.*

*May 1, 2022*  
*Happy Birthday, Brian!*  
*Enjoy your 78th year!*

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*Attention, DCA Members!*



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**ORDER NOW TO PICK UP AT DCA!**

Thank you, Eline, for ordering “*Deli’s Open*” *Smooth*, and Randy, for ordering your new bronzes, for delivery at the Dachshund Club of America (DCA) National Specialty, this May, 2022! You saved shipping and sales tax!

*Please see, touch my works in these shows...*

April 15 - June 2, 2022: **Hudson Valley Art Association**, 89th Annual Juried Exhibition, The Lyme Art Association Gallery, Old Lyme, CT. See it here:

May 15-20, 2022: **Dachshund Club of America National Specialty**, Purina Event Center, 300 Checkerboard Dr., Gray Summit, MO 63039

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>

Thru June 2023: **Performance in Sculpture**, David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa, FL

*Into Perpetuity -*

2020: **National Sculpture Society**: Fellows Invitational Exhibition. Online: [www.nationalsculpture.org](http://www.nationalsculpture.org)

2021: **The 15th ARC Salon Finalists**, images and awards are posted on their site here: <https://www.artrenewal.org/Salon/Finalists>

*Thank you for being in my life!*

*Strength for the Journey!*

*Joy*

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