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May 1, 2023

Happy Birthday, Brian!

May your back and neck feel good very soon!

I love you very much!

Please step back to March...

My Breast saga continues.

March 20, 2023: Rhonda, the nurse, is cheerful and absolutely wonderful. We talk dogs while Dr. Jodie Chang takes the painless biopsy, and keeps taking samples that do not hurt. Just click, click, click. Each click means she has another sample. “Better to take too many samples than having the next doc want more on another day.”

DCA – 2023

March 22, 2023: The Dachshund Club of America National Specialty is at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Brian and I pack my Tahoe, drive about 30 minutes and set up my three tables in the huge Purina Events Center.

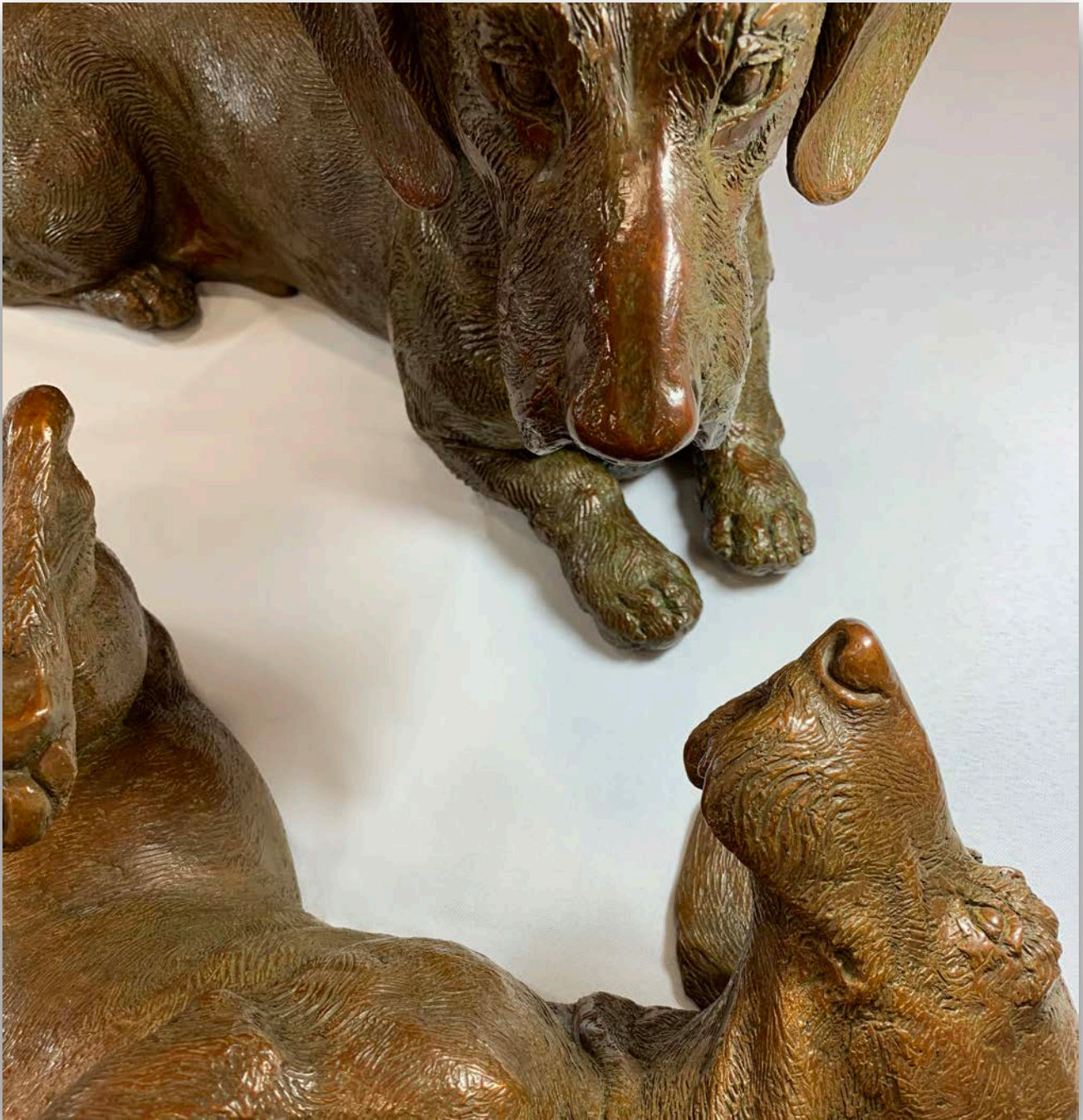
March 24, 2023: Dr. Julie Margenthaler, my cancer surgeon, and I play phone tag. MyChart to the rescue! I learn that March 29th I will have a bilateral partial mastectomy to remove a small cancer in each breast. I'm glad we found this early.



"A Good Life" Wire

1:6 Scale, 4 3/4"L x 1 3/8"H x 2 1/2"D
Bronze, Edition 50 & 5 Artist's Proofs (c)2011

Thank you, Jo, for ordering number 11/50
"A Good Life" Wire,
1:6 Scale.



Lusty

“A Good Life” and “Lord of the Couch”

Breeder Nola Patient titled this union of Life-size Miniature Wires.



"Lord of the Couch" Wire

1:6 Scale: 4 1/8"L x 2 3/8"H x 1 1/2"D
Bronze, Ed. 99 & 9 Artist's Proofs (c)2003

Thank you, Gayle, for acquiring "Lord" in the Red patina
that is shown on "Lusty" above.



"Sweet Roll" Smooth

1:6 Scale: 3 3/4"L x 1 3/4"W x 1 3/8"H
Bronze, Edition 99 & 9 Artist's Proofs (c)2006

Thank you, Sandy, for acquiring "*Sweet Roll*" for your collection.

"Dear to my Heart"

Long

1 7/8"W x 1 1/2"H x 1 1/8"D

Sterling Silver
Ed. 20 & 2 Artists Proofs

March 25, 2023, Saturday: The magical 87-year-old Jackie adorns herself with *"Dear to My Heart" Long Sterling Silver Pendant* on an adjustable sterling silver chain.



Thank you very much, Jackie!
You made my day!

DCA is earlier than usual this year and many persons are showing their dogs in venues closer to their home rather than here. Next year DCA will be held here at Purina, in May. Hopefully there will be fewer competing shows so more folks come to centrally located Gray Summit, MO.

March 27, 2023: This First Day of Spring is 69 degrees! It is a gorgeous day!



Goodbye Cancer!!!

March 29, 2023: Today is my big day for two partial mastectomies, also known as lumpectomies. The day is long and, ultimately, the anesthesia works perfectly! Thank you, Brian, for your delicious 15-Bean soup for dinner.

March 30, 2023: Dr. Varsha Rathod, my wonderful doctor since 2000, recommended Dr. Julie Margenthaler for my surgery. They are both excellent! My incisions are matched perfectly on each side, and Dr. Julie also took a look at my lymph nodes. These two doctors are the BEST!!! And... I have had NO PAIN today with no special meds! May no pain continue... ;-)) I love my heart doctors, too, Dr. Andrew Krainik and Dr. James Smith, and my eye doctor, Dr. Byron Santos and my dentist, and my skin doc.

I am lucky!

I may not lift anything heavier than 10 pounds for a week. I am ready to relax a bit. Exercise will start again next week. ;-))

4:43 pm: The New York Times reports:

Trump is indicted!

6:07pm: *Gwyneth Paltrow is found not at fault in skí crash trial. Good for her!*



Thank you to the Wildwood Garden Society ladies and our next door neighbor Pam, for the two beautiful Hydrangeas!

April 4, 2023: It is 89 degrees outside, 77 inside without AC. It is entirely too early for this kind of heat!!! I planted these double flowered daffodils many years ago.

April 5, 2023: Medical Happiness! I finally decide on a new primary care doctor. I have been with Dr. Varsha Rathod since 2000. She helped me navigate through 3 bouts with A-Fib and introduced me to Dr. Julie Margenthaler.

Dear Varsha brings us several small tofu dishes she made this morning. She is encouraging us to eat more plant based food. The two we tried are very delicious. I must make tofu "egg" salad and tofu "Feta!" The rest we shall have for dinner tomorrow night.



Dr. Margenthaler writes that my CANCER is GONE!!

Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate!

April 6, 2023: The Wildwood Garden Society event this month is at





Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate which bought Bissinger's. We see the small factory and sample a treat! We ALL buy more chocolate.

The factory has some fascinating very old Bissinger's equipment. Next we head to Herbaria, where natural soap is made. You can find Herbaria soaps at Whole Foods!

Nô, Nô, Nô to Underwire Bras!!!

April 7, 2023: Dr. Varsha thanks me for some Micro Meadows micro greens, and she then shares with me that wearing an underwire bra is NOT good for you. Underwire bras prevent lymph nodes from draining. Who Knew??? I learn something every time I visit Varsha. Her mother, Bakula, makes wonderful masala chai tea! When I finish all of my matcha green tea, I will switch or alternate between the two. I think Brian will like it too.

April 10, 2023: Wow! Thirty years ago we added my studio with a great room on top, to our house! We have had our couch for 30 years! It has had a lot of doggie love and today, we find a new couch. Yay!

April 11, 2023: Dr. Julie Margenthaler tells me that I will be getting a call from an oncologist who will set up times for Radiation. How much? How often? To be determined...

April 12, 2023: The oncologist can see me May 8th. Dr. Varsha wants me to see an occupational therapist about my swollen lymph.

April 13, 2023: We drive an hour to Edwardsville, IL to look at oak end tables at Mary Jane's Solid Oak Furniture.

My cousin Donny Boeker's wife, Nancy Jo, passed away last night. I will drive to the Visitation on Sunday, April 16.

April 18, 2023: GOT JUNK picks up our 30 year old couch.

April 20, 2023: Our new couch arrives. Yay! Photos when all is organized.

April 23, 2023: We drive to Mary Jane's Solid Oak Furniture in Edwardsville, IL and order two custom width end tables. 15 weeks.



April 26, 2023: *“Dream Chaser” Wire* is shown through June 26, 2023, in the 2023 Spring Members Online show of the American Artists Professional League, aapl.org. Enjoy!



"Dreaming of Tomatoes" Long & "Siesta" Long

1:6 Scale Bronze

April 29 - May 27, 2023

32nd International Miniature Show, Seaside Art Gallery,
Nags Head, NC. Enjoy! I had fun with these images.



"Merry Sunshine"

Half Life-size

April 29, 2023: *"Merry Sunshine"* half life-size, is a welcome addition to the 90th Annual welcome addition to the 90th Annual National Juried Exhibition of the Hudson Valley Art Association. The show will take place at the historic Lyme Art Association Gallery, Old Lyme, CT. The show is from June 23 through August 10, 2023.

May 1, 2023, 9am: I see the occupational therapist who explains the importance of lymph to my sleepy self. She gives me two foam filled, lumpy packs to put over my scars in my bra. Weird. We make 5 more appointments to see her over the next 5 weeks.

Happy Birthday, Brian!!!

May 1, 2023!

Where do you want to go for dinner tonight?

May 8, 2023: I will meet with the two oncologists to learn about the possibility of radiation.

I will get to the studio to chase waxes, and maybe make something new, soon.

More to come...

Happy May everyone!

Thank you for being in my life.

Please stay well...

Sincerely,

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