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greetings! I hope this news finds you in good health.



"He (she) looks adorable!"

November 5, 2022: An email arrives with this message and picture of *"Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too"* MS shown nesting on a chair in the 94th Grand National Exhibition of American Artists Professional League at the Salmagundi Club, NYC. The show runs through November 18!



November 12, 2022: *“Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too”* MS is awarded BEST SCULPTURE in the AAPL Show at Salmagundi! Yay!



“Merry Sunshine” Half-Life, is in the 109th Annual Exhibition of the Allied Artists of America, online, through Sept. 1, 2023.

Kindly step back to July to learn what has been happening until now.



July 11, 2022: Today Dr. George Hruza performs Mohs surgery to remove a basal cell cancer from my forehead. Later today, Dr. Frank Simo performs his miraculous plastic surgery to ultimately make the scar invisible. This started as a rather weird small growth in February or March this year.



July 20, 2022: Dr. Simo's excellent hiding of the 3mm ruby size incision for the Mohs surgery.

Three months later, Dr. Simo's mastery shows. ;-))



Nov. 12, 2022: My forehead now, with no makeup, is nearly normal. Dr. Simo said it would be just six months before I could no longer see his incision. Yay, Dr. Simo!

Just for fun!

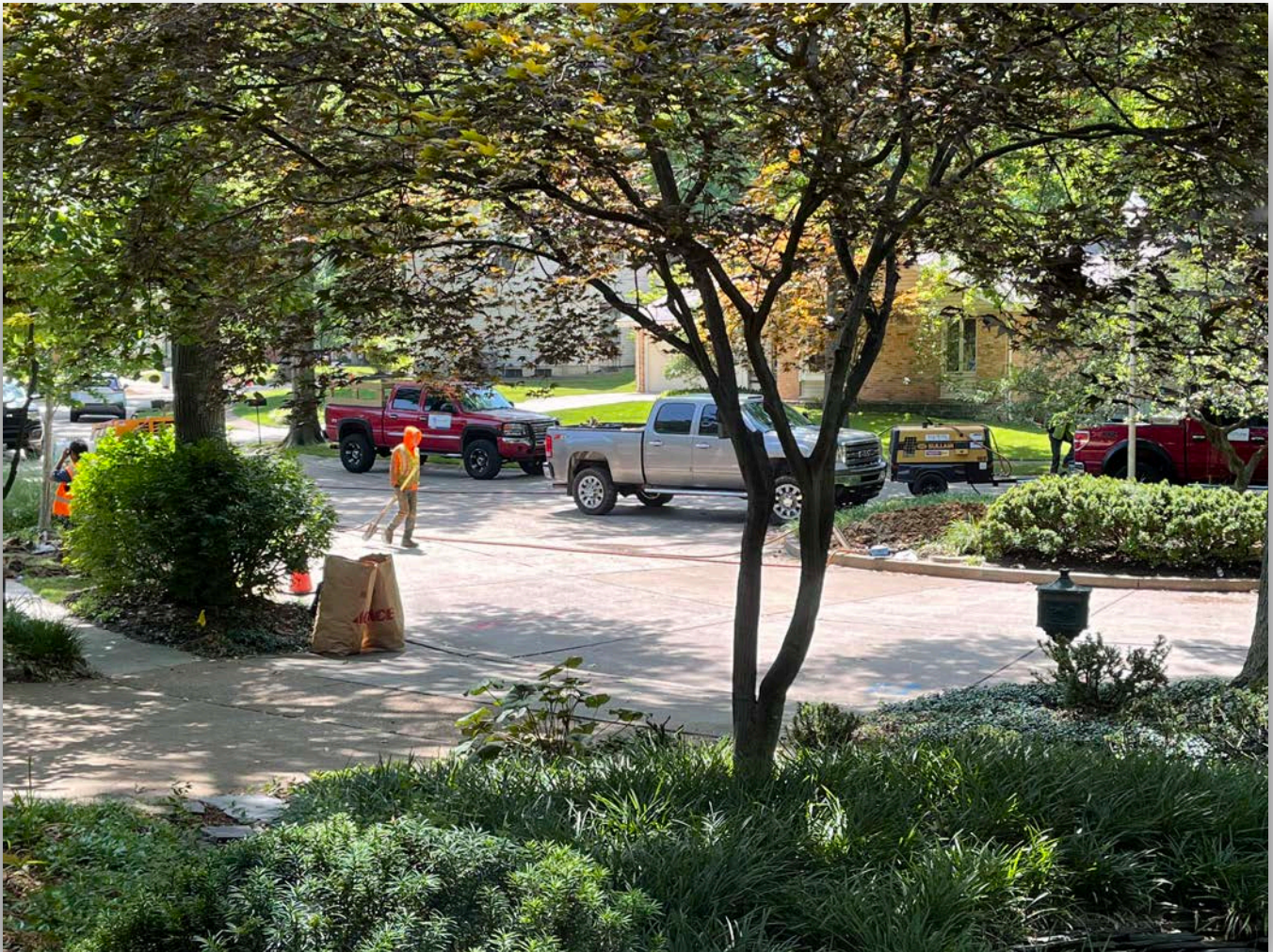
July 16, 2022: This is the first lizard I have seen in our yard in the 38+ years we have lived here. I love it!





July 20, 2022: Another mystery is on our siding.
A locust, maybe???

July 23, 2022: Without Internet for several days, Brian buys the New York Times and Wall Street Journal for \$9.79 with tax! What a surprise!



The i3 Broadband men dig holes to install fibre. This company, i3, was started about 9 months ago in Illinois. I've learned they are only in Illinois & Missouri.

Little did we think they would accidentally destroy the AT&T cable and that we would be without internet for from July 15-20, 6 days!

AT&T came quickly, dug more holes and got us up to speed late today. Yay!



"Sunnyside up" smooth, 1:6 scale

1:6 Scale, 4.5"L x 2.5"W x 1.5"H, 99.99% Pure Silver
Edition of 10 total in Sterling and/or 99.99% Pure Silver Combined.
Bronze, Edition of 99 & 9 Artist's Proofs.

July 28, 2022: Thank you, Alex, for commissioning my work in this very special metal! This particular piece weighs 20.25 ounces, a pound and a quarter!! **DOUBLE WOW!!!** I ship it today.

July 29, 2022: After two historic floods in the St. Louis area, we finally have a day with a high of a mere 82 degrees! Humidity is reasonable, too, so I dig invasive liriope from my walkway, and place the rest of my mulch. Oh, how I wish I had known to plant natives 30-35 years ago. [Live & Learn to Help our Pollinators!](#)



August 3, 2022, 7:25am: Surprise Lilies greet me this morning!

August 14, 2022, 10am: Two weeks ago I gave my 6"x36" white foam roller to a friend who desperately needed to release tension from her body. My new roller arrived, and today, in a Zoom class, I lie on the floor rolling my spine with knees bent, and Coltz humps my lower legs! Brian says he has "Traumatic Sperm Build up." It is hysterical!

Coltz is hysterical... as is Brian!

August 17, 2022, 7:30am: Today is a rather dark, dreary, drippy day. We take Coltz out hoping he will piddle just outside our front porch. When he didn't, Brian, in his long royal blue hooded robe, walks him across the driveway. Brian then takes off his Cole-Haan house slippers and, bare footed, walks Coltz down the street to do his business. I wish I had my phone handy so I could have taken a picture.

2022 DCA Week & Westminster

More Reasons to Give Thanks

GCHB Turning First & Goal He Scores

Could not have been more proud of Coltz' performance at 2022 DCA and Westminster. Although he did not earn any final placements, his outline and movement around the ring were superb. A real stand out. Coltz has been adopted by Joy and Brian Beckner, making him the luckiest dog on the planet! We are hoping he will be the model for future bronze sculptures for which Joy is so well known.



GCHS TurningPt Simple Acts of Kindness Return

Ari won an Award of Merit at the 2022 Westminster Kennel Club Show (handled beautifully by Joe Metheny; pictured). She is currently ranked #11 in Breed rankings. Tough to get ahead when you have to share the limelight with Rizzo's The Princess Bride Litter and Rendani who she will be bred to in 2023.

We're hoping for some babies as beautiful as her mother GCHG TurningPt Ain't No Other Woman Like You and her father GCHP2 Hildisvin Wurdig Bacardi SS.

GCHB TurningPt Maxin' K's on Scherz Day

Twiggy is such a consistently good performer. She loves to show. Thanks to Lynne Allen who gave her an Award of Merit at the 2022 CODC Host Show #1 at DCA this year. Twiggy was shown by Barbara Waldkirch and Tracey Lancaster (pictured). Currently, Twiggy is enjoying Barn Hunt and Scent Work training. If we can find a willing handler, she will try her nose at Field Trials this fall. Twiggy is full of energy. She needs a job. She is an absolute JOY to own!! Our goal for her is to become a VC and a mama dog in 2024.



Above are pictures Coltz' breeder, Dr. Randy Eltringham, will have in an ad in the forthcoming Fall Dachshund Club of America newsletter.

At the top, Coltz is shown by Joe Metheny. Coltz is GCHB, Grand Champion Bronze, Turning Point First & Goal He Scores!



"A Squirrel's Dream"

August 20, 2022, Noon: Today is my 60th Normandy High School Reunion! At our 55th, a classmate commissioned the 4 foot long bronze White Oak Acorn, "A Squirrel's Dream." I wanted to say hello! We meet for lunch with 8 others from our class of around 400, at the Boathouse in Forest Park. I learn there is space available for the dinner tonight and sign up to go. The day and evening are fun and I am glad I went. I wish I had taken pictures,

My younger cousin Opal



Opal Boeker Jones

August 24, 2022: Shortly after our June 5th, 2022 Boeker family reunion, Opal was diagnosed with Stage Four Pancreatic Cancer. She lost 20 pounds and finally was able to get chemo early this week. Today, she asked her husband to take her off Life-Support.

I'm very sad. I remember watching my dear friend and sculpture teacher, Jaye Gregory, go through chemo, complete with a port below her collarbone for the chemo, and it was not pretty. I do not know Opal well, but I always knew she was a good person. I'm sad to realize we may have another reunion sooner rather than later.

August 28, 2022: Opals' husband Mike tells me she weighs just 90 pounds, down from 134 pounds at the reunion, nearly three months ago. Her nurse practitioner said she has about 3-6 days to live.

Sept. 2, 2022, Friday: Mike called to let me know Opal passed away around 1:30am today. Her funeral will be a week from today.

A invitation arrives inviting me to a Celebration of Life for Bobby Page, a fine gentleman who was once my metal chaser. If we lived Loveland, CO, Brian and I would definitely attend.

Sept. 8, 2022: Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-reigning monarch dies today at age 96. She was queen for 70 years!



"Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too" MS

Sept. 12, 2022: Good news! The American Artists Professional League has accepted "*Dreaming of Tomatoes, Too*" MS, for their 94th Annual Grand National Show which will run from November 7 - 18 at the Salmagundi Club of NY!

and ...

Drum Roll, please...



"Cozy" Wire, 1:6 Scale

"Cozy" Wire, 1:6 Scale, earns BEST IN SHOW in the 38th Annual Exhibition of the Council for the Arts, 103 North Main Street, Chambersburg, PA. The show runs through Nov. 4, 2022.

Thank you, jurors!



Sept. 17, 2022: *“Siesta” Smooth, 1:6 Scale, 51/99*, is sold! My new collector picks it up along with *“A Good Life” MW, 2/5*, for her friend, John, a gentleman I met around 20 years ago at Earthdog or Field Trials. Thank you, Kim & John!!!



Sept. 25, 2022: Our neighbor told me she saw a huge buck at the end of our driveway the other morning. Sadly, that buck must love to decimate my 30 foot long topiary of Edgar.

Notice that Edgar has no nose thanks to the big buck. ;-((



As I walk around back to clip the ripped topiary, I excitedly discover an upside down box turtle!!! Where has it been? I haven't seen it for around two or three years! I turn it right side up.



When I come back from pruning Edgar, he is looking out about 5 or 8 feet from where I placed him. YAY!

I understand turtles are very territorial. It is so very good to see this. He, or maybe she, usually comes up one side of the house, crosses the front yard and goes back down to the woods on the other side of the house. I am so happy to see it!!!



"Squirrel Season" Long

Sept. 26, 2022: I am excited to receive a check for "*Squirrel Season*" Long! This is now available by Special Order.

Thank you, Beth! Enjoy!



Surprise, Surprise!

Brian surprises me with tulips! I love them and him!

We found the little barking dog in Mexico.

*"Sunnyside Up" Long, 1:6 Scale
Honorable Mention!*



Sept. 30, 2022: Yay! *"Sunnyside Up" Long, 1:6 Scale*, earns an Honorable Mention in the upcoming 89th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature from the MSPGS, Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington DC. This exhibition, at the Strathmore Mansion, North Bethesda, MD, opens November 19, 2-4pm and runs through January 7, 2023.

The show includes 651 pieces! I am honored to earn this award!

Thank you, Judge James Rogowski!



Just Hangin' Out

Sept. 30, 2022: This big guy barely moves from 9am to 1:30pm just below our back deck. NOW I know who decimated the nose of my topiary of Edgar. He is fearless!



October 14, 2022: *“Dear to my Heart”* Three Quarter Head with Long Neck, Sterling Silver Pendant and *“Sweet Dreams II”* are on their way to a long time collector. Thank you, Susan!



"Squirrel Season" Smooth

October 18, 2022: Yay! A check arrives for "Squirrel Season" Smooth, 36/50. I will have it repatinaed to black & tan when we drive to Colorado to have "Life's a Ball!" MW, molded.

Thank you, Jody!



Tower Rock

October 20, 2022: My eye appointment is wonderful! Dr. Byron Santos says my eyes are essentially the same as they were the last time. Yay! No new glasses!

While my eyes are dilated, we drive three hours to see Tower Rock near Cape Girardeau, MO. The Mississippi so VERY low that one can walk to Tower Rock which is normally an island. The last time the river was so low was 2012. Many tourists are here today.

Happy Halloween!



“Dream Chaser” Wire

6 1/2”L x 2”W x 3 1/2”H, Bronze on Bronze Base Ed. 20 & 2 Artist’s Proofs ©1999

Nov. 6, 2022: *“Dream Chaser” Wire*, 10/20, in wild boar patina, is on its way to its new home in the United Kingdom! Thank you Elaine, and thank you, Victoria of Dogs in Art, for shipping *“Dream Chaser” Wire*, 10/20, to Elaine!



"Sunnyside Up" Smooth

Nov. 15, 2022: Yay! "*Sunnyside Up*" Smooth, 45/99 is on its way to Karen in Connecticut! Thank you and your hubby for wanting him! Happy Birthday!

I now wait to get help with the proper grooming of the wire haired feet of "*Life's a Ball!*" MW, life-size *Miniature Wire*. Meanwhile, I get help with this crazy Pages document and will hopefully get my long delayed newsletter out today. ;-))

Good news for Mexicans!

The Mexico Daily News states that workers paid leave will increase from one week to up to nearly three weeks depending on the length or service. This is the first update in 52 years! Good for the workers!



Also, Mexico is setting an example for the United States! It has banned GMO corn imports and glyphosate, the main ingredient in Round Up! GOOD for the SMART people in Mexico!!! They care about their health, not just their financial wealth!

*May you and yours enjoy good health, happiness
and kind weather.*

stay healthy, my friends!
Happy Thanksgiving!

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