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Welcome Fall 2025!

Please stay cool... &

Think Holidays & Birthdays!

*Thank you to those who bought from my
first 40% off Retirement SALE!*

BRONZES below are available at the **40% off price**.
Please consider adopting. Remember, No Vet fees... ;-))

Dachshunds, Goldens, a Gordon Setter & an Akita
1:6 Scale bronzes are at last price sold.

Please click below to learn about the process of creating
a bronze sculpture:

<https://joybeckner.com/clay-to-collector/>

SL is Standard Longhair - Life-size

MS is Miniature Smooth - Life-size

MW is Miniature Wire - Life-size

ML is Miniature Long - Life-size



Sunnyside up" SS, AP2/2

MY AP!

To cast today: \$9800. Last sold for \$7000.

Your price now: **\$4200.**



"So Good to See You, Too" SL, 2/5

Shown in clay, this IS cast in Bronze.
My Inflation calculator says it would be \$10102 to cast
today. It last sold for \$8900, is now **\$5340! in bronze!**



"So Good to See You" ML, 5/10

To cast today: \$9333. Last sold for \$7650, now **\$4590!**



"Dream Chaser" - Long, 18/20

To cast today: \$1645. Last sold for \$1300, now **\$780!**



"Dream Chaser" - Wire, 8/20

To cast today: \$1645. Last sold for \$1300, now **\$780!**
This is the Wild Boar Patina.



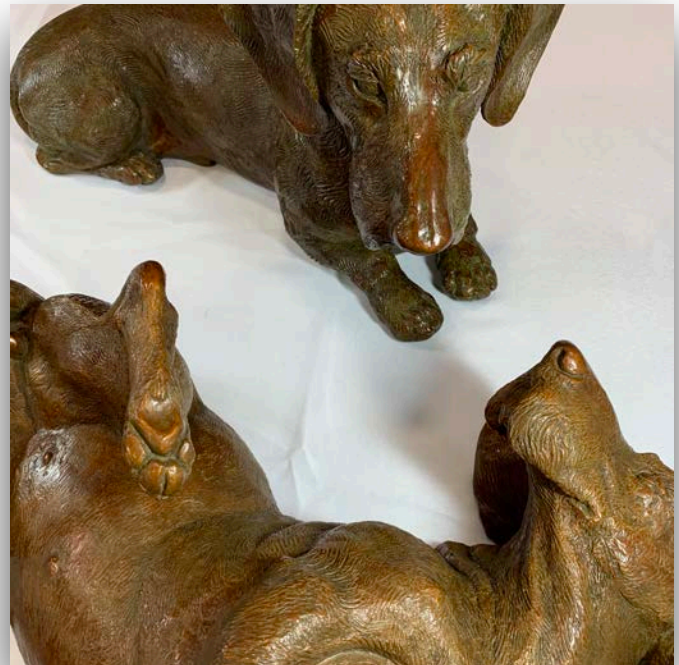
Above: "Lord of the Couch" MW, 8/20
To cast today: \$4880. Last sold for \$3600, now **\$2160!**



"A Good Life" MW, 4/5 To cast today: \$8627. Last
sold for \$7600, now **\$4560.**

"Lusty" MW:
"Lord" &
"A Good Life"

Thank you, Nola Patient,
for this title!





"Gentle Cloud" AP2/2
Half Life-size Akita





To cast today: \$6748. Last sold for \$5500, now [\\$3300.](#)

"Big Heart" 8/20

Half Life-size Gordon Setter

To cast today: \$7770. Last sold for \$6000. Now [\\$3600.](#)



"Over the Rainbow" 4/20

8 month old life-size Golden Retriever
To cast today, \$2978. Last sold for \$2300, now **\$1380!**



"Three Faces of Guinevere" 4/20

A growing Golden Retriever puppy.

To cast today: \$9529. Last sold for \$6500, now **\$3900.**

Mounted on a rotatable Mahogany base.

*Gold & Silver Jewelry is also on sale!
Please check my site and ask for pricing.*

Personal News

August 7, 2025:

“Dear Joy,

Since coming home from my work dinner, I have been staring, utterly besotted, at “*Miss Me*” who arrived tonight while I was out and my husband was here.

Knowing how excited I was to receive it, he texted me, ‘It’s here! It’s here!’ It was all I could do not to run from the restaurant and my colleagues, whom I adore.

Your sculpture could not be more perfect, light, vibrant, whimsical and True, with a capital T.”

Thank you, Susan!

August 13, 2025: My 1pm eye doctor appointment goes well. My eyes have improved slightly, but WOW! The dilation is so intense I am surprised I can see to drive home even with sunglasses! Brian surprises me with a beautiful drive for dinner to Labadie, MO. It is 8:52pm and my eyes are still somewhat dilated. At least I need no new prescription lenses. Thank you, Dr. Donahoe.

warning to my good collector friends...

August 17, 2025: A couple of months ago, I thought I was doing myself a favor by ordering some memory supplements on line. Long story, but these things started my Afib again. I slowly deleted these from my routine. This weekend is the first that my heart feels almost normal again. Be careful; do not order memory boosters on line. Check with your personal doctors. My big boo boo... BUT, I am better again, thank goodness!

WOW!!! 60% Import Fee???

August 20, 2025: A potential United Kingdom collector of “*Big Heart*” writes that there is a **60% import fee** on “Luxury Goods,” including shipping! Even with my having it on sale and by my absorbing half of his overseas shipping costs, he still cannot afford it. What a shock this world is going through. He chose to buy his wife a new puppy instead...

August 22, 2025: A nurse practitioner assures me that my heart is beating at a good rate. Happiness! Thank you for the EKG!

August 25, 2025: I’m glad I am not in Phoenix today...



A giant dust storm approaches the Phoenix metro area as a monsoon storm pushes the dust into the air, Monday, Aug. 25, 2025, in Phoenix. (AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin)

August 29, 2025: Wow! Our temperatures are in the 70s and low 80s with low humidity. This is MUCH BETTER than the heat wave of a couple of weeks ago.

My blood pressure is still low. Although 2 Metoprolol were prescribed initially, my doc's nurse Mandy recommends going from 1 Metoprolol daily to no Metoprolol for a few days to see if it improves still more. I'll try anything to have more energy. I hope this works and that my heart still works afterwards. Thank you, Mandy!

Sept. 1, 2025: Labor Day is laborious! Brian and I wash windows today. Thankfully, we can stay inside to wash the Pella windows that were installed probably around 30+ years ago! No climbing ladders! He opens the windows and cleans the outsides and insides while I clean the removable panes that provide insulation!

Sept. 5, 2025: Yay! In addition to stopping Metoprolol and, at the advice of my cardiologist, I cut all of my Entresto pills in half and take half pills each morning and evening. Today is the second day for half Entrestos. My blood pressure has improved. ;-)) I seem to have more energy. Yay!

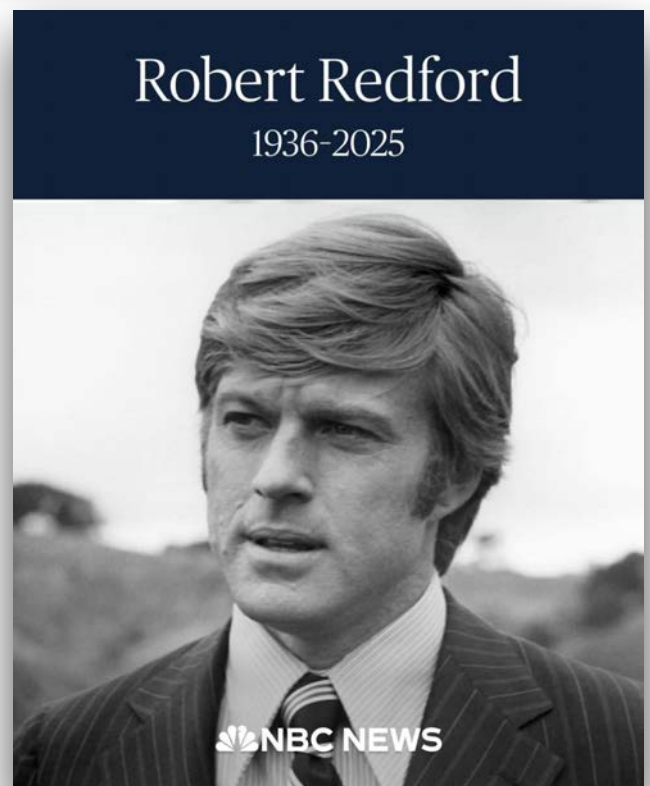
Sept. 9, 2025: I send more info to the Aiken Center for the Arts for their 2025 exhibition, *"Over Land and Sea"* scheduled for October 23 - November 29, 2025. I will show only 1:6 Scale miniatures.

Sept. 10, 2024: Brian has been going crazy washing our oriental rugs. First the BIG one in front of our TV. Then the narrower one on which he "fixed" his motorcycle. Next will be the rug I bought well before we married 41 years ago. Coltz's and prior dachshunds' accidents will be washed away! ;-))



While my old rug is being washed and/or dried, I oil our only wooden floor that has no sealer. It's a many day project because the oil must soak in and dry.

Sept. 16, 2025: Robert Redford dies. I remember him when he was older and he started the Sundance catalog.





Sept. 19, 2025: My long time San Miguel friend Nonnie often signs off with a funny. This is today's funny. ;-))



Jim Martino is with Joy Kroeger Beckner.

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Joy Kroeger Beckner's excellent bronze Gordon Setter sculpture she named "Big Heart." I purchased this along with our then puppy as birthday presents to myself on May 6, 2010.... **See more**



Jim continues: “Just today washed and waxed the sculpture, gave it a new base and placed it in this new location. This now serves as a proper memorial to our dear Stella who had a very big heart. [2010 - 2022]”

Sept. 21, 2025: Thank you, Jim Martino, for posting your “*Big Heart*” on Facebook. I am honored. **Just one more “*Big Heart*” is available. ;-))**

Good News!

Sept. 22, 2025: My appointment with my Breast Cancer doctor goes well. She thinks there are so signs of cancer. My mammogram is scheduled for mid-October. Yay!

Sept. 23, 2025: My dermatologist states there is no sign of cancer in my forehead spot that she removed a while back. Yay!

Sept. 24, 2025: The portrait head of her late husband that my long time collector asked me to have cast is finished and mounted on a beautifully finished wooden base. The bronze is so heavy that I simply ask my good man who mounted it to seatbelt it in the back seat. I cannot share a picture of this head because I honestly cannot lift it. You will see it after I deliver it to her. She said she has “MUSCLE” coming Saturday morning at 10am to move it out of my vehicle.



Wow! I finally have ENERGY!

Sept. 26, 2025: I have enough energy to prune deadwood out of several yews that have been dying due to lack of sunlight. Our trees are bigger and shading what used to be in sunlight. ;-))

I also prune a tree in our circle. It's been a long time since I have pruned it. Now I can walk under it and not get branches in my hair. It looks good to my eyes.

WOW! Please, do NOT do this!
18 hours of sleep is TOO MUCH at once!

Sept. 27, 2026, Saturday: Around Noon, I pick up a med at Walgreens and the pharmacist suggests I get both flu and Covid shots in one arm. Pain in just one arm, right? Let me tell you, the shots were easy, but afterwards??? My left arm is painful and I take a “nap” around 3:30. I wake up at around 7:30, use the bathroom, and go back to bed and sleep, Brian says, for a total of 18 hours through Monday morning!!

For the next five days, my arm pain is definitely noticeable and I am still tired from the shots. I need to find out which Covid shot I was given. Moderna or???

Whatever you get, please do NOT get the shots in the same arm! You will thank me if you do not!

Gloria's delivery...

Oct. 1, 2025: Today I deliver the bronze portrait head that a long time collector/client had me recast. The portrait of her husband was sculpted many years ago by a sculptor unknown to me. My client is happy with the base I selected and all is well. Smiles.

Pella comes promptly at noon to fix our two wooden sliding doors. WOW! In about an hour the two guys have each door working as well as new! And, no charge for these doors that have been in for 40+ years!!!
LOVE PELLA!



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Remembering *Dr. Jane*

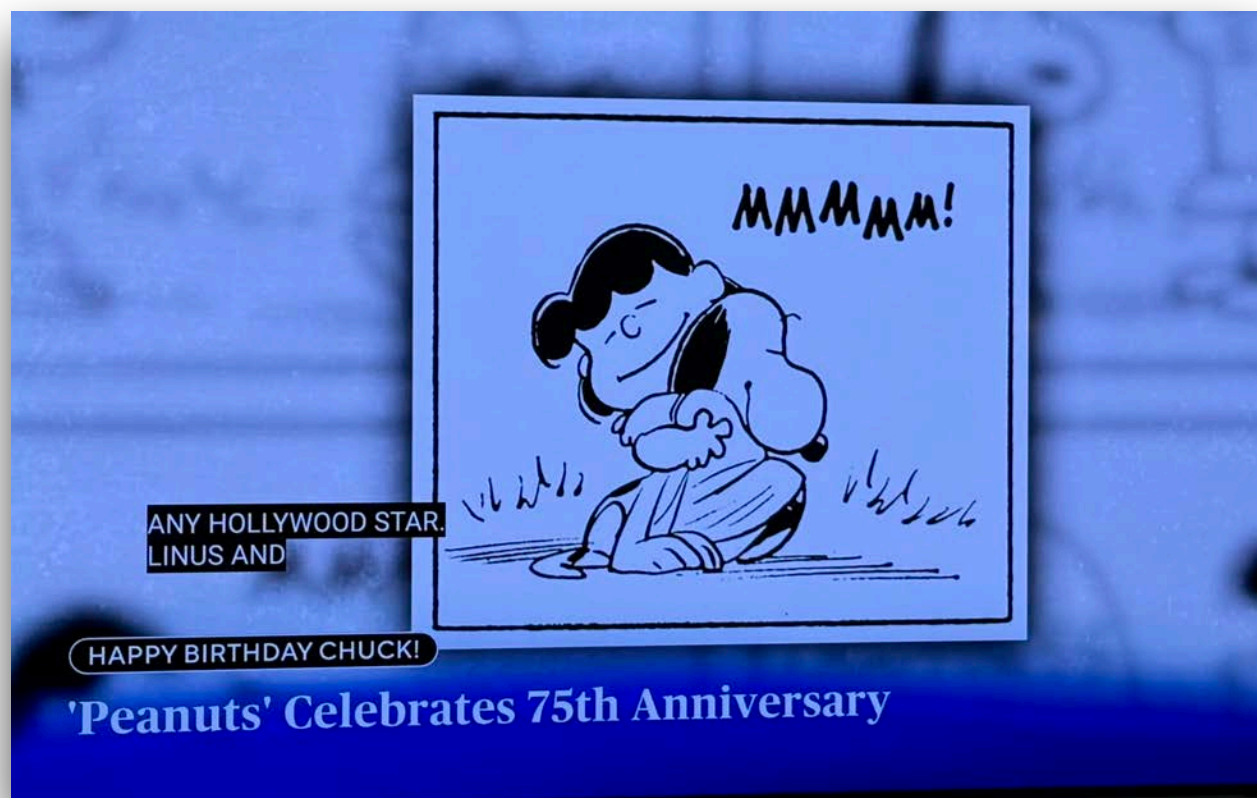
Scientist. Conservationist. Humanitarian.



Dear Joy,

On October 1, 2025, the world lost an extraordinary person: Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace. Jane passed away in her sleep from natural causes. She was in California for a speaking tour, doing what she felt most compelled to do — spreading her message of hope.

Jane's life changed the world. With courage and curiosity, she transformed science, revealing the intelligence and emotions of chimpanzees, and forever deepening our understanding of our closest living relatives. Through her pioneering research, Jane helped humanity recognize our place in the natural world and the responsibility we share to protect it.



Oct. 2, 2025: WOW! "Peanuts" is 75 years old today!!!

Oct. 5, 2025: For two days, I prune my yews that have been in the tie wall behind our house for about 40 years. Two yard waste bags are full and it's hard to tell that I have pruned anything. Next spring I must prune around 1/3 off my former EDGAR hedge. (A deer took off his nose...) If I do it now, the yews may die. Next spring, they will hopefully bounce back.

Oct. 6, 2025: Today is another day of watering, this time in the back of the house. PLEASE let it RAIN!!!! Today is the huge Harvest Moon! This is the best photo I could get with my iPhone.



Our Harvest Moon...

Oct. 9, 2025: My hearing test was Oct. 1, at Costco. Today I finally go back and order Sennheiser hearing aids at the recommendation of a long time collector/friend in San Antonio. I will be able to get them Oct. 29.

WATER, WATER, WATER

My San Antonio friend said his water bill last month was \$400! Our bill came today and is right at \$200. I can hardly wait for next month's bill.

Oct. 10, 2025: Yay! A check arrives for my Artist's Proof of "*Life's a Ball!*" MS, AP1/2. No more will be cast.

My Retirement Sale continues ...40% off

Silver & Gold Jewelry is included!

Please check my site to see jewelry and ask about the pieces in which you have an interest. I will check pricing specifically for you.

Thank you!

Have a wonderful day!

Stay healthy!

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