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"So Good to See You, Too" SL

July 24, 2026: *"So Good to See You, Too" SL* earned the Josephine Beardsley Sandor Memorial Award for \$300 in the Allied Artists of America 113th Annual Online Exhibition.

YAY! Thank you, judge(s)!



"So Good to See You" MJ

ALLIED ARTISTS OF AMERICA



ACCEPTED EXHIBITOR

RECOGNITION BADGE

I am pleased to announce that my work will be on display at
www.alliedartistsofamerica.org as part of their
113th Annual Juried Exhibition.

Online from September 1, 2026 - September 1, 2027







We SEE the **BIG BOY 4014** in person!

July 19, 2026: Brian and I head downtown to Union Station, where Union Pacific's BIG BOY 4014 is on display. I have loved steam locomotives since my dad had his O-gauge model. There were a LOT OF PEOPLE at beautiful Union Station which was once the biggest train station in the United States!

A ton of people were there to see this remarkable train!

We see another train and a Ferris wheel as we head for home. Surprise, surprise! Brian stops at IKEA on the way home.

We've never been to IKEA. What a HUGE place! We find a new kitchen faucet on sale for around \$50 and a new cutting board. Brian installs the faucet perfectly! No leaks! YAY! We love it!



July 22, 2026: Our neighbors, Pam & Carl, invite us to join them at Grant's Farm, which is owned by the Anheuser-Busch family.



Grant's Farm - The log cabin on the farm

A Buck & Two Bulls



Geese, a Zebra & a Donkey

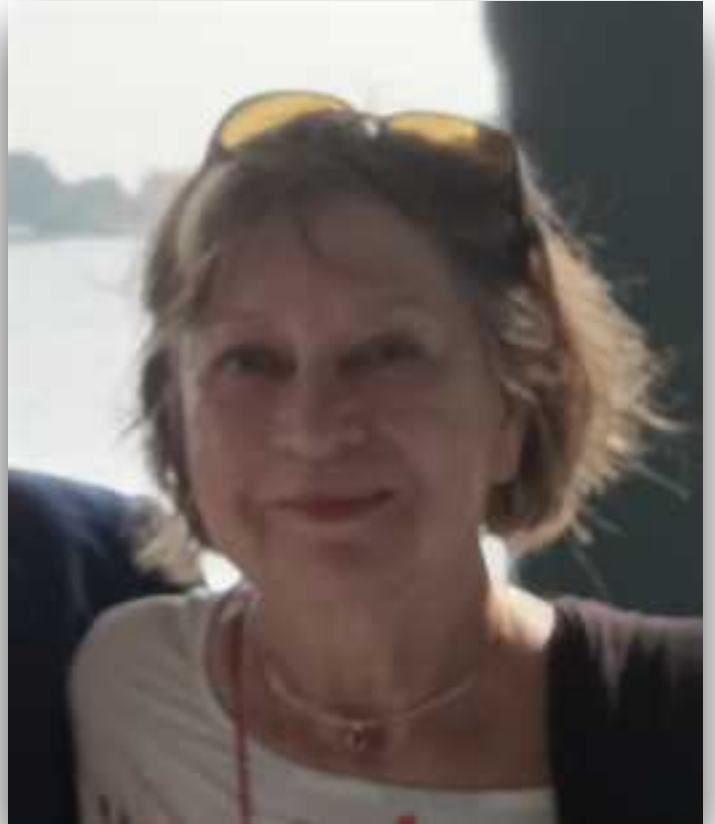


An Ostrich & Goats galore!



Finally, a Clydesdale!





July 27, 2026: My two kindergarten girlfriends recently sent pictures. It's great to see them!

Vicki Lynn Orr & Shirley Allison

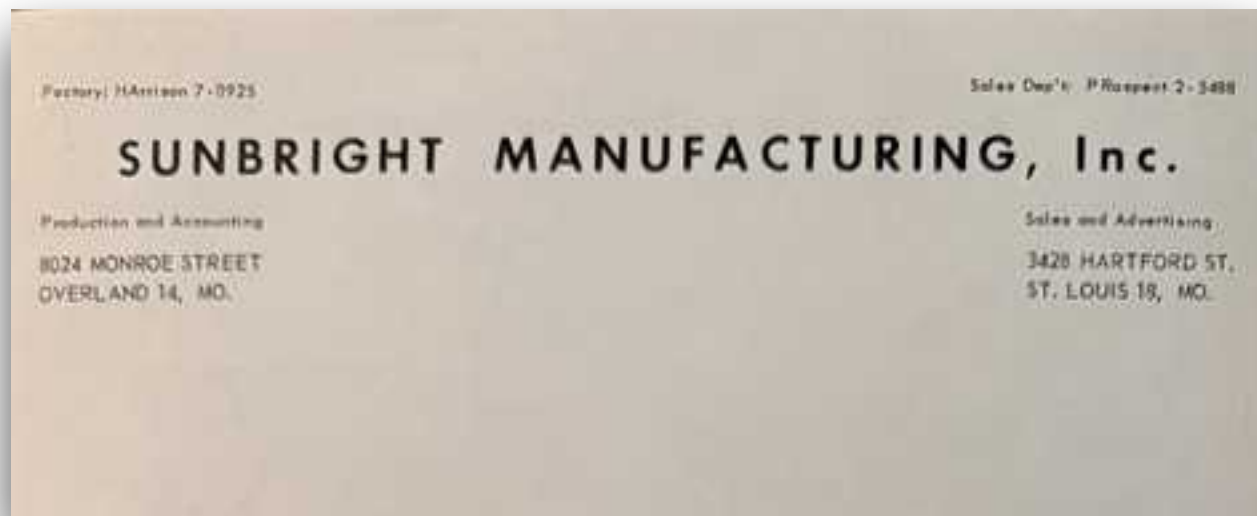
We three all lived on Monroe Street in what was then Vinita Terrace near Page & Hanley in St. Louis county.

Thank you for your newest photos, dear friends!

Aug. 10, 2026: Brian is slowly recovering from many itchy, painful bug bites that he thinks he got while walking several days ago in Queeny Park.

Weather here in Chesterfield, MO, is predicted to be in the mid-90s with high humidity through Wednesday. These are memories of my childhood, but I am happy we are fortunate to have air conditioning now. No living in the basement! ;-))

It actually gets near 101 with high humidity.



My dad's last letterhead...

Aug. 13, 2026: This is the last of my dad's letterheads from his lighting business at our Monroe house where I grew up. I use the fronts and backs to save buying paper. But, this is the last...

I have been trying to update my website with a relatively recent show. It is a challenge to use WordPress. In time, I will likely change over to SculpVU.

If you wish to print the articles, "*Living with Your Dog*" by Charlotte Peltz, NOW would be the time to print them. Here is the link:

<https://joybeckner.com/living-with-your-dog/>

Aug. 14, 2026: I continue to try to find women who would enjoy a very relaxing Wall Yoga class since Sonya is no longer teaching. So far, I have found three. A pilates class friend will join after her feet heal. A good teacher from Webster is willing to drive west if enough students make it worth her while. ;-))

Aug. 15, 2026: A dear, longtime San Antonio, Texas collector sends a picture of his "Pals." His cat Deedle is with his "Siesta, SS." Thank you, Steve!!!

"Pals" "Siesta SS" & Deedle, the cat!



My 40% off retirement sale continues...

All 1:6 scale bronzes are 40% off!

Brian, my Mr. Tidy

Aug. 19, 2026: Brian's desk is always so tidy, unlike mine because I tend to save everything.

It is fun to go through stuff on my desk, but also time to start clearing out even kind collectors' sweet notes from when they bought a piece or two.

*Thank you for your kind cards
and notes!*

I also find lovely notes and cards from 2023 when I joined the Wildwood Garden club. The ladies were so uplifting regarding my heart issues then. Thank you!

Aug. 20, 2026, 7:11am: Our neighbor Pam kindly sends me her picture of five deer in our circle. Love it! Yes, it's recycle day. ;-))



Several months ago, the wall yoga teacher from whom I have taken classes since 2019, had some mental difficulty and canceled classes. I miss her.

I've been trying to find a nearby yoga studio for my Sunday morning Foam Roller teacher, Diana, to use for a wall yoga class, and I think I finally have found one. If Diana and the studio owner can agree on times to have classes for a reasonable price, I will definitely go. I need to

work it in with my Pilates and Osteostrong classes. I must keep moving...

Aug. 23,
2026,
8:21am,
Sunday:
Brian
prepares
to ride
with his
buddies.





Aug. 24, 2026: I think this is a sparrow or a wren who has come to visit.

I put the saucer out in case it wants some water.



Aug. 25, 2026, 12:33pm: A barred owl visits in our hemlock

The Light!



Oh my! The light is gorgeous on my arrangement of a wine bottle with a dried Hydrangea from our neighbor Pam, and a small turquoise dog that we got in Mexico years ago.

I LOVE the Light!



Aug. 26, 2026: Dolly Parton dies at age 80. Dolly was amazing in that she helped so many people. A good person has passed.

Whoops!

August 31, 2026, 4:25pm: My right rear tire is FLAT! I borrow Brian's vehicle to go to my Pilates class.

Sept. 1, 2026, 8:30am: Brian inflates the tire and I follow him to Plaza Tire. Hopefully it will be ready later today. The culprit is a very small key that was stuck in the tire.

Good News - Wall Yoga!

Sept. 2, 2026: Since a good wall yoga teacher quit teaching a couple of months ago, I have been trying to find a studio in which my Sunday morning foam roller teacher could teach a very relaxing wall yoga class. We are scheduled for this class today, Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 3:30! The location is pretty close for everyone who expressed interest. I so look forward to this class! Thank you, Diana Lia Barrios for driving all the way from Webster Groves to teach this class! Oops! Time to go to class! ;-))

Diana's new yoga class!

Diana's class is wonderful! I hope to get a few more students who want to take her class.

Sept. 3, 2026, 9:30am: Plaza Tire replaces all four tire pressure monitors for \$374! This is much less than the dealership. As a bonus, the little thumb operated gadget on my steering wheel works again. Yay!

I call Elco Chevrolet to set a time to have my anti-lock brakes checked. Sept. 22, at 9:30am is the earliest they can get me in. Brian wants to check something tomorrow morning when it is cooler. Please brakes, keep me safe.

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Happy Labor Day, everyone!

Stay safe and cool...

Please consider ordering a bronze and/or a silver piece of jewelry while they are still available.

Thank you for reading my news!

I dearly appreciate that you
are in my life.

Sincerely,

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