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## SCULPTURE HAPPENINGS :: FEBRUARY 2008 :: VOLUME FOUR, NUMBER ONE

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to my first newsletter of 2008! Brian, Edgar, Sophie and I are in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where we will be until March 1. This is Sophie's second year here and she has adapted very well. While she still barks at fireworks, she is content to do her "business" on the cobblestone street, within a block of our rental apartment. Last year it was necessary to walk her to grass two and half blocks away. What a difference a year has made!

In an effort to relax my shoulders, yesterday I went to an acupuncturist, whom I will see for two weeks. Yikes! He recommended no exercise! I had recently resumed yoga at Belles Artes, with Anabel, a former dancer with the Mexico City ballet. She is very good, and the space, shown right, is glorious!



In December, Brian and I attended the opening of the American Women Artists (AWA) Master Signature Members' Exhibition and National Competition in Scottsdale at LaKAE Gallery. As treasurer of AWA, I was among the five women who juried over 1150 works and narrowed it with great difficulty to around 200 pieces. You can see it here: <http://www.americanwomenartists.org/2007%20Show.htm>

### Dates to Remember, First Quarter 2008:

:: Jan. 4 - March 9, 2008: "Pooches and Purebreds, Canine Images in Sculpture," Jennewein Gallery, Brookgreen Gardens.



Robin Salmon, Vice President for Collections & Curator of Sculpture at Brookgreen Gardens, invited me to show "Lives to Please" and "Dreaming of Tomatoes, MS."

Brookgreen Gardens is the floral jewel of South Carolina that displays a collection

of over 800 sculptures by some of the best figurative sculptors on the planet. Click here to read more about Brookgreen Gardens. <http://www.brookgreen.org/>



:: Dec. 16 – March 1: “Sweet Roll” earned the Metzger Award for Sculpture at the St. Louis Artists’ Guild, Metzger Memorial National All Media Exhibit. See the show at Two Oak Knoll Park, Clayton, MO. “Sweet Roll” is shown right.



:: Feb. 18 - May 30: National Sculpture Society 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, 237 Park Avenue, New York, NY.



Over 200 artists entered the NSS Annual, and “Sunnyside Up” left, is one of just 54 pieces accepted for the exhibition.

:: April 8-12: Dachshund Club of America National Specialty, Sterling Hotel, Dallas, TX.

:: Through May 11: “Paws & Reflect, Art of Canines,” Canton Museum of Art, Canton, OH [www.cantonart.org](http://www.cantonart.org).

Of course, you may also see my work at these fine galleries: American Visions, St. Louis, MO; Bottoms Art Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA; Cavalier Galleries, Greenwich, CT & Nantucket, MA; Chaparral Fine Art, Bozeman, MT; Chisholm Gallery, Pine Plains, NY; Dog & Horse Fine Art, Charleston, SC; Funeria, Graton, CA; and Sculptureworks, Ft. Worth, TX.

Many thanks to Tom Harper, editor of Section C, *LET’S GO!* of *THE REVIEW*, Alliance, OH. On Dec. 27, 2007 “Life is Sweet” enjoyed a cover photo and I enjoyed a paragraph about my work in the cover article “Taking the Time to Paws & Reflect” about the “Paws & Reflect: Art of Canines” at the Canton Museum of Art, Canton, OH.



NEW! 1:6 scale miniatures:  
 1. “Squirrel Season-Long”  
 2. “Life’s a Ball-Long.”  
 3. “Sunnyside Up”



NEW! Life-sized Miniature Smoothies:



1. “Siesta, MS”  
 2. “Dreaming of Tomatoes, MS”

What’s cooking?

1. Bouvier des Flandres pendant to be cast in silver  
 2. 1:6 scale Dachshund  
 3. half life-sized Setter

♥ Just think -- You saw it here first! My friend Charlotte Peltz, whose training and nutrition articles have been on my site for several years under "Living with your Dog," has recently had her advice published by Steve Dale in newspapers from Chicago, to Newfoundland to Montreal, and, of course, on Steve's home page! In addition, The Animal News Network has recently published some of her articles. Too cool! Check out Charlotte's articles at:

[http://www.joybeckner.com/charlotte\\_peltz/article\\_links\\_charlotte\\_peltz.html](http://www.joybeckner.com/charlotte_peltz/article_links_charlotte_peltz.html)

♥ Another friend, Dr. David J. Wagner, who is the curator for "Paws & Reflect: Art of Canines," has a new book, AMERICAN WILDLIFE ART. For information, click here: [www.american-wildlife-art.com](http://www.american-wildlife-art.com).

Through March 1, the best way to reach me is email. Or, try my home phone, 636-532-3216. I will check phone messages daily, and will return calls via my new Skype, Voice Over Internet Phone. (VOIP) I look forward to hearing from you.

No one likes spam. I don't sell or rent your address to anyone, as I hate spam worse than you do!

If you prefer to not receive my quarterly newsletter, please just type "remove" in the subject line and return this message; no problem. On the other hand, if have friends you think would like to receive my newsletter, please forward it to them. Thank you!

Have a wonderful 2008! All the best for a fabulously healthy and happy new year!

Happy Valentine's Day!



*Joy*