



*dhSeadragon*  
Distinctive Designs, LLC



## **Happy 2019 from dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs, LLC!**

The tinsel and bright lights have been packed away for another year. Visiting friends and family have returned home. The holiday crunch is officially over! Sitting back with a cup of hot cider, I am reflecting on 2018 and all the smile worthy occasions.

Anyone who knows me knows of my mission to make the world a brighter place one smile at a time. I best accomplish this goal through my art business, dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs LLC, with my metal wildlife sculptures and custom pet portraits. 2018 was a good year for spreading smiles with business growth, shows, donations/charities, and lots of fantastic creations!

**NB\***as a side note, if you would like to help me spread smiles by sharing this newsletter with friends, please do, but do not forward using your e-mail client. Instead, please go to the link at the bottom of this page and use the system to forward\* ~ thank you



In business news, dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs became an LLC and the name and logo were registered as trademark. I became a juried member of the Sonoran Arts League as well as a juried artist at the Coupeville Arts Festival on Whidbey Island in Washington. The dhSeadragon website and Etsy store saw many updates and improvements, and dhSeadragon can now be followed on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. That's a lot of smiles!



2018 found dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs at the Boulders Resort and Spa, The Gallery at el Pedregal, the Sonoran Arts League shows All Creatures Great and Small and Hidden in the Hills, the Shemer Art Center shows Beloved Beasts and Furry friends, The Coupeville Festival of Art on Whidbey Island in Washington, and the Lost Our Home Holiday Champagne Brunch & Auction. Which event/s did you share smiles at?

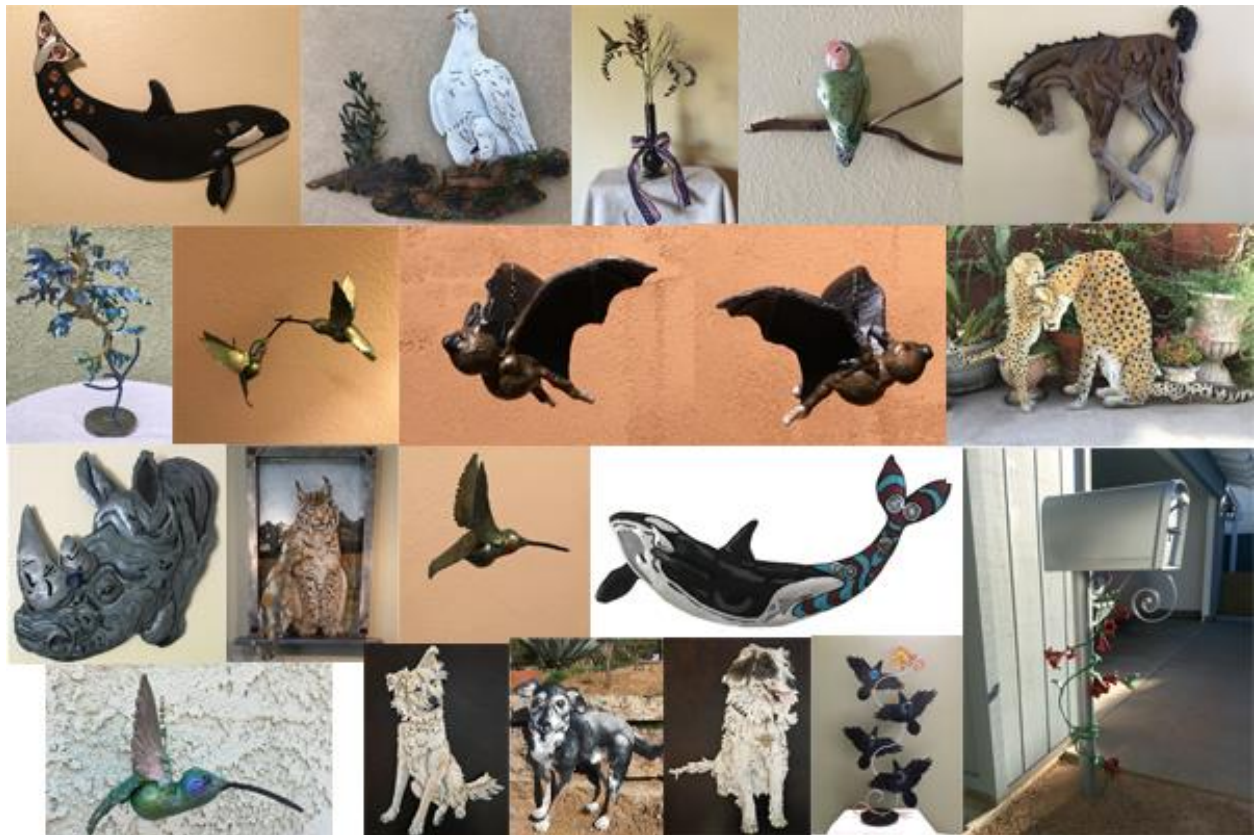


During the Hidden in the Hills show, the first annual hummingbird naming contest was initiated. During the show I gathered names in a decorated box for the glittery hummingbird. On the last day of the show I did a blind draw and the winning ticket not only got to name the bird but got to take it home. There

were a lot of wonderful names in the box such as: *Majestix, Verde Rose, Wayne, and Chance!* but the congratulations goes to Cindy of Scottsdale with the fabulous name, *Parsippany*. When asked why the name Parsippany? She smiled and replied that the word is not only fun to say, but the place also holds fond memories of yummy Italian food and great golfing adventures. You had me at Italian food Cindy!



As a wildlife and pet artist, I am a supporter of organizations that help in animal rescue, rehabilitation, and education. It is because of my patrons, my friends that I am able to donate a portion of my proceeds to do what I can to preserve and protect the animals that are such a big part of my life. These are a few organizations that make my heart smile. The Whale Museum of Friday Harbor for their work with the resident orcas and marine life of the Salish Sea. Lost Our Home Pet Rescue and the AZ Humane Society for their work in pet care and adoption. The Salt River Wild Horse Management Group keeping our wild horse herds strong and healthy. Liberty Wildlife and Wild at Heart working with our Sonoran raptors and wildlife. The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and the Ellen Fund for their specific work with elephants, rhinos, and gorillas, but wildlife in general. If you are still looking for end-of-year charitable donations, these are some pretty good ones to check out.



This past year dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs saw a bunch of new, smiling faces, emerge from metal and become statues. Some of those broke the wall mountings and evolved into 3D statues. While most have found forever homes, there are still some waiting for adoption. Check out [www.dhseadragon.com](http://www.dhseadragon.com) Stately Statues.

There were numerous food bowl stands created including a couple custom bowl holders for some extra special fur kids. The feeding stations can be found at the dhSeadragon Etsy Shop. They come in small, medium, and large in three different styles. The Western Doggy, Royal Doggy, and Nautical Doggy are customizable. They can be upgraded to Deluxe (filled with toys and treats), or the Ultimate (toys, treats, and a gift certificate for a custom pet portrait).

Speaking of custom pet portraits, see Furry Friends at dhSeadragon.com to look at previous works. Then go to the home page to commission your own pets portrait in the section marked *What can I create for you?*



## DOGS' DAY IN THE GARDEN

Looking for a fun way to get out and enjoy the day and share your smile? Here are a couple suggestions:

Dogs' Day at the Desert Botanical Gardens, Sat. Jan. 19 from 8-2 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy, PHX. Stop by and say hi. I will be working on painting one of two new dog commissions, a Shi Tzu named Milou (me'lou). I will also have some of my dog food bowl stands available.

The Gallery at el Pedregal, 11-6 Wed-Sun, 1-8 Friday, with art parties every 2nd Sat of the month.  
34505 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale

The Spoiled Dog Winery, see website for hours. 5801 Maxwelton Rd., Langley, WA on Whidbey Island.

Check the [dhSeadragon.com](http://dhSeadragon.com) announcement page for more upcoming events and new smiling faces such as the two horse magnets that were my first commission of the year! Also watch for a buffalo, a larger horse sculpture, and a series of 3D baby whale sculptures.

Looking forward to continuing on my mission to make the world a bright place one smile at a time in 2019! Thank you for your continued support-

All the best!

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