



## Fall 2019

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*A smile is happiness you find right under your nose! - Tom Wilson*

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Ahhh fall! As we don our cozy sweatshirts, Mother Nature puts on her brilliant hues of reds, oranges, and gold. The cooler temperatures seem to bring out the better side of people (particularly if they have a pumpkin spice latte in hand). With the good vibes flowing, I am inspired to get out, share some laughs, and then go play (uh, I mean work) in my studio.

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Looking for some playful critters to add to your art collection? Here are a few sure to make you smile.



*Smorgasbord*



*Li'l Stud*



*Gotcha!*

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**Smorgasbord** Some cool facts about bats. Bats are the only mammal that can fly. Some bats hibernate while others migrate. Predators include owls, snakes, and bobcats. Big Brown bats can fly nearly 40 mph. They use echolocation to avoid obstacles and to catch insects while in flight. Some plant species have blossoms with evolved acoustic features that make the echo of the bat call more distinguishable to pollinators such as the Sandborn Long Nose bat. Leaf Nosed bats have large ears that can hear the footsteps of a cricket. Spotted bats huge ears roll up while resting, then when active fill with blood and inflate. A Pallid bat has a voracious appetite and can eat half its body weight in insects in one night.

**Li'l Stud** You know the saying, "enjoy the simple pleasures in life", this was one of those moments. A friend of mine had been driving through the countryside enjoying the day when she happened upon a mama horse with a brand new baby. The baby was so new he still had iodine on his bellybutton! He had just realized what those long legs were for. He raced around and around, back and forth, jumping and bucking and kicking up dust. Had my friend driven on she would have missed all the fun, but as it was, ended up with some pretty fantastic pictures and a huge smile! Here's a reminder to take a moment for the simple pleasures in life and find your smile.

**Gotcha!** Anyone who has spent some time in Arizona has probably come across javelina. They look like wild pigs (although, I do not think they are actually in the pig family). These feisty critters can be precarious to be around as they have a tendency to charge first, ask questions later. While working on this piece, I was reminded of an evening with a friend who was visiting from North Carolina. We had been sitting on a terrace overlooking the city when a group of javelina wandered out of the nearby scrub brush. They had several small babies with them which made it hard to curb our urge to gush over the cuteness of the piglets and walk away.

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Well, ya know what they say...any news is good news...

# ARCADIA NEWS

AWARD WINNING NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS SINCE 1993

That's right, dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs, LLC is in print once more! This time I was mentioned in the Arcadia News as an artist and paw reader at the Fury Friends show at the Shemer Art Center. Wait...paw reader? Cool! Hidden talents even I didn't know about

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The weather is great, go out and play! While you're out and about, go see some dhSeadragon art in person.



**Silent Vigil** is proudly displayed with a collection of fine works by or created in honor of veterans. The show runs Nov. 1-Dec. 2 at the Sonoran Arts League-Center for the Arts 7100 E. Cave Creek Rd. Suite 144. Silent Vigil is a *thank you* to those people who watch over our country and fight to protect our rights such as; life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

**Besos Locos (Crazy Kisses) and Caballo Sonriendo (Laughing Horse)** Have you been hiking over by the Shaw Butte Visitor Center (in Moon Valley off 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Thunderbird) and saw the 8 ½ foot tall, abstract horses? Yep, those are mine-some of my first creations. They were originally created on a lark after driving through south Phoenix and being inspired by the graffiti I found there. With the help of some Hispanic friends we came up with words to adorn the playful pair. Crazy Kisses is filled with words of passion, hugs, kisses, and romance, while her brother is all about action verbs such as; twirling, laughing, singing, and playing.

**Brix Spoiled Dog Winery** in Langley WA is a wonderful place to stop in for some fortified grape juice. It couldn't be in a more scenic location and the Krug's will make you feel like a part of the



family. Be sure to give belly rubs to the spoiled dogs, one of which is Brix. He has had his portrait done by dhSeadragon and it hangs in the tasting room. Bonus question Q: do you know what brix means? (hint, it's the sweetest name ever) 5881 Maxwellton Rd., Langley WA on Whidbey Island.

**Nevermore!** The Poisoned Pen is Scottsdale recently acquired a dhSeadragon original. Nevermore! Is a nod to the Edgar Allen Poe story, The Raven. Stop in and say hi to the knowledgeable staff and let them guide you to your next "can't live without it" mystery series. Visit with the numerous authors that frequent the shop, and of course, enjoy the ambiance of this fun, eclectic, soon to be your favorite too, haven for mystery and mayhem (books).

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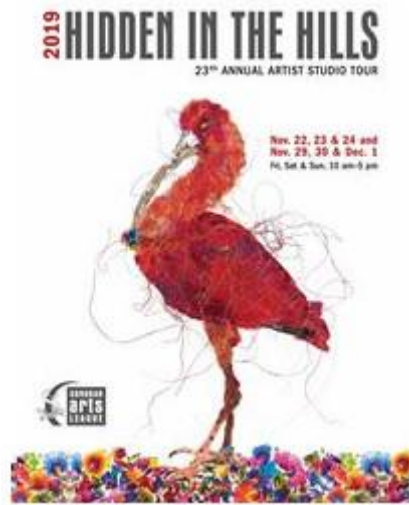
**2019 Phoenix Home & Garden Home Tour 11/9/2019** It is that time of year when Phoenix Home & Garden spot lights some pretty spectacular luxury homes for their self-guided annual home tour. Meet some of the Valley's leading design professionals, magazine editors, and art directors. Visit five of Arizona's most distinguished homes and imagine how some of the furniture and artwork would look in your home. dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs will be placed throughout the tour. For ticket information visit <https://www.phgmag.com/event/phoenix-home-garden-2019-home-tour/> For information on any dhSeadragon sculptures seen at the show, please visit <https://www.dhseadragon.com>

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Some upcoming dates to put on your calendar.

23<sup>rd</sup> annual **Hidden in the Hills** Nov 22, 23, 24 and 29, 30, Dec 1. Host, Images Studio, is located at 6925 Windstone Trail in Scottsdale, AZ 85266 and is studio #17 on the Hidden in the Hills map.

**Artists for Animals** Dec 6-Jan 17 at the West Valley Arts HQ 16126 N Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ 85379 there will be a visit from some of the Wildlife World Zoo animals during the open reception Dec 6 from 6-8 pm



Keep an eye out for dhSeadragon information in the beautiful 2019 Hidden in the Hills directory. This gorgeous coffee table style book is a collectors “must have” for Arizona artists. It begins distribution Saturday Oct. 5.

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Pictured are some of the newest dhSeadragon sculptures-some of which are still available.

From left to right: *Moondrops*, *Garden Level Flat Whistle Pig Over Ice*, *Sassy in Crushed Velvet*, *Windsong*



Check out my Etsy online store for pet food bowl holders, animal magnets.

One the table now: A crow or two, and a bobcat...or three, as well as a number of animal themed ornaments.

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**dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs LLC is a supporter of animal conservation efforts. As such, a portion of all sales go toward organizations that care for, and find homes for pets or rehabilitate, and give voices to our wildlife through safe havens and education.**

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In closing, a quote from Les Giblin:

*If you are not using your smile, you're like a man with a million dollars in the bank and no checkbook.*

All the best!

Dadra Hunt

aka *dhSeadragon*

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