



dh Seadragon
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A dangerous duo of crows we be. Some say downright murderous if our number be three. But alas fear abates for it is just us two, and attempted murder is all we can do!

Oh boy, perhaps the rush of the holiday season, last minute everything, end of year craziness has made me a little loopy. However, when I pause to look back on 2019 and remember the “faces” that have been found in sheets of metal, the awesome people who share my love for those faces, and the smiles that have been shared...well, it has been a good year indeed! So, take a deep breath, let it out, here’s a hug and a smile. We got this!

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Happiness never decreases by being shared

Looking for a unique, one of a kind gift? Here are several ideas...



Leafy Seadragon (dh)



Silent Vigil



March Hares

Leafy Seadragon (dh) Sea dragons are near and dear to my heart. When I was a young girl my father nicknamed me Stabobo the Sea Dragon. He traveled a lot for work but when he came home he often came bearing gifts of dragons. Fast forward to college, my class was given an assignment to come up with a pseudonym for our art. My class moniker was dhSeadragon (dh for my initials and Seadragon from my nickname). To this day most of my art is still signed dhSeadragon. Fun facts about sea dragons and a nod to good dad's: The male seahorses and leafy sea dragons care for the eggs. Seahorses carry the eggs in a pouch while sea dragons carry the eggs on a brood patch on their tail.

Silent Vigil July brings to mind patriotism. After all, the Declaration of Independence was brought into being the 4th of July. It was in this month that the United States of America was formed. During this time of celebration the American flag snaps in the breeze, colorful parades march through the streets, there are picnics and barbecues, music and fireworks, baseball games and (if you are lucky) a fat slice of apple pie...with ice cream please. Symbols of American pride and freedom can be seen everywhere, the most prominent being the bald eagle. Yet while most of the country is reveling, may we be reminded that there are a lot of men and woman who are not with their loved ones, not at home, not eating pie with ice cream because they are busy protecting those very things that we are celebrating. 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.

March Hares "Take some more tea" the March Hare said to Alice very earnestly. "I've had nothing yet" Alice replied in an offended tone, "so I can't take more". "You mean you can't take less" said the Hatter: "it's very easy to take more than nothing".

March Hare was inspired by several things; I ran across the story, Alice in Wonderland, by Louis Carroll, it was the month of March, and I observed a couple of desert hares, well, acting like March Hares!

For every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Holy cow! Twelve shows this year?!

dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs are turning up everywhere! Hmm, maybe I should make a Holy cow. Oops, sorry, getting loopy again. There is still time to catch the last show of the year, Artists for Animals, at the West Valley Art Center 16126 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ 85374. Did you make it out to the open of the show and see some of the World Wildlife Zoo ambassadors? That teeny baby goat, OMG! I definitely see a baby goat sculpture in the near future.



"Turns out that although she thought the Dalai Lama was, incredibly enough, a lama, she is in fact, quite the romantic" Music and Lyrics

Need a break from the hustle and bustle, traffic, and crowds? Then searching for some dhSeadragon art might be the answer. Take a walk in some scenic foothills, sip some wine, or lose yourself in a good book. Here are a couple

of calming places to regroup.



Bachelor Buttons will be showing at the Artists for Animals show at the West Valley Art Center through January 17. A portion of the proceeds will go toward World Wildlife Zoo. It also comes with a packet of Bachelor Button seeds to start your own medicinal garden. (it is the flowers that the rhinos dig around in that have medicinal value, not the horns).

Besos Locos (Crazy Kisses) and Caballo Sonriendo (Laughing Horse) Have you been hiking over by the Shaw Butte Visitor Center (in Moon Valley off 7th Street and Thunderbird) and seen 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).

Happiness is a warm puppy – Charles Shultz



They're here! Custom pet magnets and blank greeting cards! Want your pets' image in a smaller scale keepsake? Missed the opportunity to purchase that sculpture? dhSeadragon has the solution. Working from photographs of your pet I can create 3" magnets that capture the likeness of your fur baby. Visit www.dhseadragon.com and go to the "What can I create for you" section to get started. Didn't make it out to the Phoenix Zoo for the Sassy the Okapi? Missed the debut of the burrowing owls? The sculptures have found their loving home, but you don't have to go without. Images of dhSeadragon sculptures are now available on blank greeting cards. The name of the piece and its story are on the back of the cards. Cards can be purchased individually or at a discount rate for packages of three. Go to dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs on Etsy to find the one that got away.

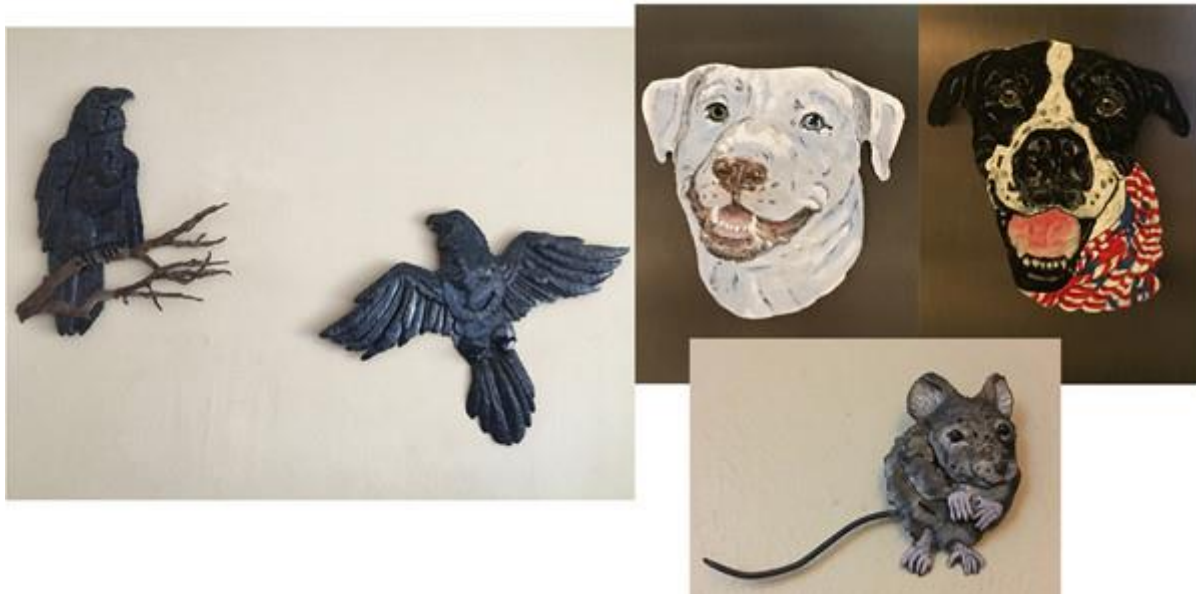
Create your own sunshine

Keep your eyes open for the spring 2020 newsletter for upcoming shows. Or visit the News section of www.dhseadragon.com

Most people are as happy as they make their minds up to be. – Abraham Lincoln

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

From left to right: *Attempted Murder, Sirius, Bumbum, and Rory*



Check out my [Etsy](#) online store for pet food bowl holders, animal magnets, and blank greeting cards.

On the table now: finishing out the year with a bobcat...or three, as well as a number of animal themed ornaments.

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.

In closing, a note of Joy from Inside Out:

All right everyone, fresh start! We're gonna have a good day, which will turn into a good week, which will turn into a good year, which will turn into a good life!

All the best!

Dadra Hunt

aka *dhSeadragon*
