

## Winter 2020




*Feelin' Lucky...Well Are Ya...Punk*

Most of the decorations have been stowed away, yet the lights remain aglow. I'm not sure why exactly, but I think it's because it makes me happy to see them sparkling in the dark. (There is a parallel there I am sure). Maybe my neighbors concur as I have never seen the street look quite so festive.

This year will certainly make the history books and my mission, to make the world a brighter place one smile at a time, has never seemed more important. My metal wildlife sculptures and custom metal pet portraits, helps me achieve my goal.

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Despite all the closures this year, dhSeadragon sculptures were well received by a wider audience through social media and online shows.

The world seems a smaller place when you can talk to a fellow in Ireland about his wildlife photography and a gal in Japan about her maltepool all in the same day. Such is the miracle of social media. dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs can be found in all the usual heavy hitters: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Linked In, and even a small video on You Tube (thank you Ryan Nicholson for the brilliant music and lyrics, Frieda and Ray Hendricks for letting Stevie be my muse, and Mary Westheimer for your mad editing skills). 

Watch for updates on the dhSeadragon website and the virtual storefront on Etsy as well.



Through two new affiliates and a couple long time associations, dhSeadragon sculptures were displayed in four virtual shows this year. Thank you to the National Sculpture Society, American Women Artists, Sonoran Arts League, and Lost Our Home Pet Rescue for providing the platforms.



dhSeadragon art also had a presence in two live shows as well. Thanks to the newly redesigned Sonoran Arts League Center for the Arts 7100 E. Cave Creek Rd Suite 144, Cave Creek AZ 85331 for putting on *The Sculpture Show* and Images Studio 6925 E. Windstone Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85266 for hosting *Hidden in the Hills 2020* six day extravaganza.



Need to get out? I hear ya!

Take a walk in some scenic foothills, peruse fine art, sip a little wine, or lose yourself in a good book. Here are some calming places to regroup.



**dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs** Strolling through the galleries on Main Street or enjoying the ambiance of the Thursday Night Art Walk? Be sure to swing into On the Edge Gallery. This artist owned gallery features over 40 of Arizona's finest artists (including yours truly). You are sure to find something to make you smile. 7045 E Main Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

**Besos Locos (Crazy Kisses) and Caballo Sonriendo (Laughing Horse)** Have you been hiking over by the North Mountain Visitor Center (7<sup>th</sup> 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. 12950 N 7<sup>th</sup> St, Phoenix, AZ 85022

**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). 4014 N. Goldwater Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

## A look back at the smiling faces of 2020

This year saw 39 smiling faces emerge from metal, not to mention a small pod of orca ornaments, several bands of wild horse magnets and ornaments, a pack of coyote ornaments, and a constellation of sea star ornaments. Most of them have found forever homes but check out [www.dhSeadragon.com](http://www.dhSeadragon.com) Stately Statues Gallery for your chance to purchase a one of a kind original work of art. Or visit the home page to request a commission.





### **Wow! dhSeadragon makes these too?!**

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 or On the Edge Gallery on Main St. to find the one that got away.

How about a wild life magnet or ornament?

Show the love with special pet food bowl stands in three different sizes and styles. Stainless steel bowls included. \*ask about "supersizing" with toys, treats, maybe even a pet portrait gift certificate.





One on the table now: *Ginger* the Pitbull and *Coco Chanel* the Maltese pet portraits. A couple chickens *Stink Eye* and *Whaaa Whaaat??!!* Possibly a trio of orcas *California Dreaming* and *Variables* my first attempt at interpreting dreams and making them tangible.

Closing thought; looking forward to continuing my mission to make the world a brighter place one smile at a time in 2021! Thank you for your continued support!

All the best!

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aka *dhSeadragon*