

Summer 2021



Pet Portraits and Vignettes

So...I sat down today to compose a newsletter. Often I look back on previous posts to see where I left off. I realized with a start, I have not sent out a newsletter this year and more than half the year has flown by – how did that happen?

Despite the whirring sound of the hands on the clock, I am reminded that I need to take a moment to sit back, take a deep breath, and send a smile out to my family, friends, and the friends I have not yet met.






The best way I know how to do this is through my art work, dhSeadragon Distinctive Designs. The funny faces and playful poses of the metal wildlife sculptures and custom metal pet portraits help me to achieve my goal to *make the world a brighter place one smile at a time!*



Gotcha!

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I am always amazed at technology. What seemed crazy, futuristic fantasies in shows like Star Trek and Firefly years ago, seem so possible today...just ask my Alexa!

The world seems a smaller place when you can talk to a fellow in Spain about his sculptures and a gal in California about her pet themed wine bottle labels all in the same morning. 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). <https://youtu.be/JVDI3i1wrQg>     

Watch for updates on the dhSeadragon website www.dhseadragon.com (thank you Chris for making it shine!) and the virtual storefront on Etsy as well.



Besides the web page and the virtual store front, dhSeadragon art is displayed on virtual platforms and links through Sonoran Arts League, On the Edge Gallery, National Sculpture Society, and American Women Artists.



Although life has changed as we knew it, there is still nothing like physically being present, enjoying laughs together, and just taking in the beauty that surrounds us.

dhSeadragon art will be at a number of live venues this year. The first one is going on right now in fact!

If you are out by Carmichael, CA be sure to stop into the Sacramento Fine Arts Center 5330-B Gibbons Dr. Carmichael, CA 95608. Their *Animal House* show runs Aug. 3-29



Next up is the *Furry Friends* show on the lawn at Shemer Art Center. 5005 E. Camelback Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85018 Saturday Sept 25 from 8am-2pm.



FURRY FRIENDS

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Can you believe *Hidden in the Hills* is just around the corner? dhSeadragon art will be available at Images Studio again this year 6925 E. Windstone Trl, Scottsdale, AZ 85266 Nov 19, 20, 21 & 26, 27, 28 10-5 daily.

25th Annual Hidden in the Hills Artist Studio Tour is set for November 19, 20 & 21 and November 26, 27 & 28!



"Barrio Viejo" by Jon Linton

Want to get out but not ready for big crowds yet?

Take a walk in some scenic foothills, peruse fine art, sip a little wine, enjoy a cup o' joe, 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 (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. 12950 N 7th St, Phoenix, AZ 85022

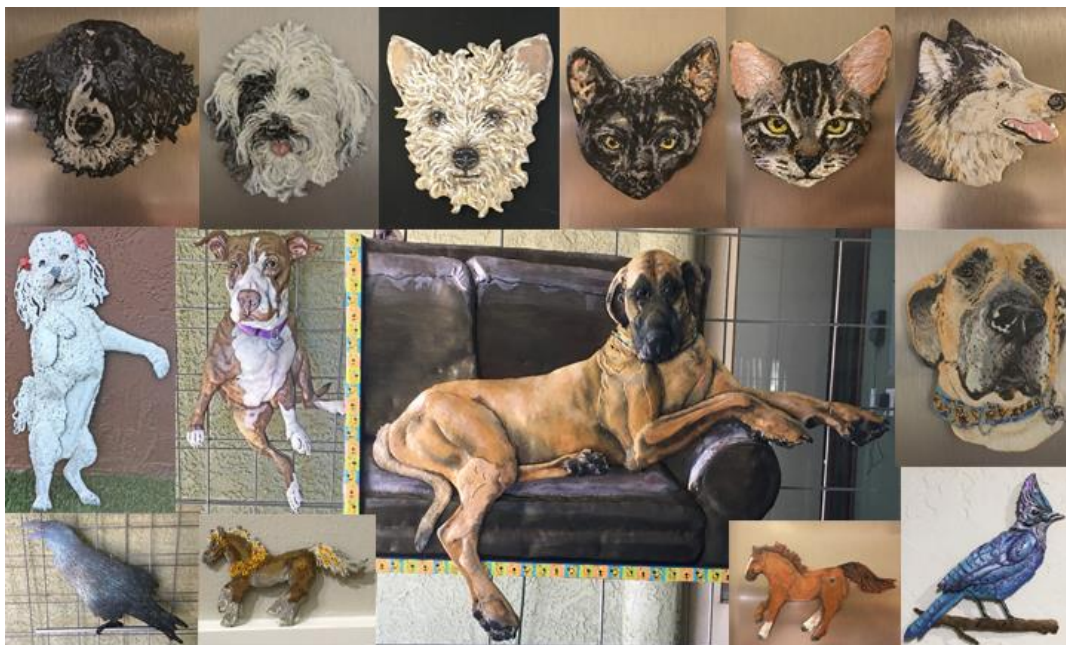
Brix Spoiled Dog Winery in Langley WA is a wonderful place to stop in for some fortified grape juice. It couldn't be in a more scenic location and the Krug's will make you feel like a part of the family. Be sure to give belly rubs to the spoiled dogs, one of which is Brix. He has had his portrait done 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

Pet Portraits Echo Coffee at 2902 N. 68th St #135, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 has always been a treasured local spot for a cup o’ joe and a homemade tasty treat. Not only do they make some heavenly pastries and my favorite bee sting latte’ (adapted from my favorite latte’ from Mukilteo Roasters on Whidbey in WA) they are also involved in pet charities, donating a % of all purchases. dhSeadragon vignettes are on display there, and my crew give two tails up and a ruff for the doggy biscuits.

Some of the new faces to emerge from the art table this year

Coco (Puff) Chanel, Ginger, Duke XLG, London, Have A Stellar Day, and vignettes of *Reina, Peeps, Kenji (Kenny G), Spooky, & Tiggy, Wolfie,* and *Duke XLG* as well as a couple of very special horse magnets modeled after therapy horses *Hope* and *Carinou* at Hunkapi Farms. Most of them have found forever homes but check out 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 to see 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. 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? There are herds of wild horses, pods of Orcas, constellations of star fish, packs of coyotes and pastures of steer. Nocona the puma vignette will soon to be joined by other animal friends.

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.



Yay! We created some smiles!

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.

Thanks to you and your patronage, we are able to send support to organizations that selflessly work to create a better life for our pets and wildlife.



One the table now: *Washington Bob*, *Dusty*, and *Bobby* the cats as well as *Roquefort*, and *Finn* the pups. A couple chickens *Stink Eye* and *Whaaa Whaaat??!!* a trio of Hyenas *You So Funny*, an Arabian horse in full costume *Wild Heart*, and *Variables* my first attempt at interpreting dreams and making them tangible.

Closing thought; **On Planet Earth, man had always assumed that he was more intelligent than dolphins because he had achieved so much-the wheel, New York, wars, and so on-while all the dolphins had ever done was muck about in the water having a good time. But conversely, the dolphins had always believed that they were far more intelligent than man-for precisely the same reasons.**

Douglas Adams-The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Thank you for your continued support-all the best!

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