

"small talk"

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How can you recognize true Olszewski fans? They wear their Club Olszewski badges at Bob's promotions! It made us so proud to see you fans wearing them at the South Bend show. Many attendees asked where they could get this button, but we told them, "These are only for the members of Club Olszewski, Bob's Fan Club." It was great seeing so many familiar faces at South Bend. We want to apologize for not remembering everyone's names. It's always fun to meet new members, especially when they are "badged." When you're standing in line at one of Bob's promotions and see another fan wearing a badge, introduce yourself - you'll find FANS have a great many things in common. "Seasoned" collectors can share a lot of information with new addicts.

How about this for friendship? Pat F. gave Deborah H. membership to our club for her birthday! When you're this enthusiastic about these minis, your joy is compounded when it's shared! Neat idea and a great gift too, Pat!

Speaking of friendships, we asked Bob to complete this sentence, I'm a good friend because... He took his time and said, "I'm friends with people for the right reasons. I'm not a people user, I'm a systems user. If I'm your friend, I'm your friend."

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In our last issue we stated, "Your Prez and Vice-Prez jetted to California again before it falls in the ocean." Not too long after that issue got mailed out, earthquakes rocked California. For you fans out west, we promise - no more predictions!

Our Southern fans reported their minis did just fine during Himacane Andrew. [Couldn't be a hericane, ladies don't act like that!] We didn't know Himacane Andrew would be so destructive while searching for Fergie & the kids.

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"George and I really enjoyed our European vacation. One of the highlights was looking for Olszewski's. We did find two German 'Miniaturen' Merry Wanderer Plaques but nothing else unusual. That's OK because when you pay \$2 for a cup of coffee and it costs \$50 to fill up the gas tank EACH DAY (we covered 3,000 miles), you don't have too much money left for luxuries. We went to my KinderWay town, Dinkelsbuhl, and saw many things Bob could have added to the Bavarian village. Too bad it's coming to an end. My hope was that Jacci would surprise me with a FINISHED newsletter but, like a true friend, she didn't want me to miss out on all the FUN!"

- Wallie -

GETTING TO KNOW BOB DEPARTMENT

Guess what his favorite pig out food is? Do you know Bob's favorite fast food? Sounds like we're hungry, doesn't it? Bob can't say no to Lay's Potato Chips. He stops for fries and a Coke at McDonald's.

What is our honorary's way of getting service in a restaurant? When Bob waits for service or the check and they ignore him, all he does is raise his arm way over his head. [He must remember that from his school days.] Sit there like that and you'll be amazed how fast your waitress comes. We tried it and got lots of dumb stares from the patrons, but it worked! Try it! Tell 'em Bob sent you!

Bob told us: "A friend of mine that I used to teach with visited me. His parents collect my work and I wanted to have them on my mailing list, which is 1500 right now. Anyway, I wanted his folks to be on this list. Along with their address the card said, 'To the man who has tennis shoes from angels'. I read it and asked what it meant. He was surprised I had forgotten and told me, 'Remember when you were teaching and you didn't have enough money to buy a new pair of tennis shoes? You told us you prayed for a pair and got them.' Is that neat? I said, oh yea, the man who has tennis shoes from angels. They sure kidded me about that."

This story is from the good old days when signing wasn't limited. The next person in line at Bob's promotion was a little old lady with a BIG CASE of LOTS OF MINIATURES to be signed. While charming her in his special way, Bob proceeded to add his signature to her collection. All of a sudden she started to cry. Bob asked, "Did I say something to upset you?" Her reply was, "I'm just so happy you're not a jerk!"

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The July 15, 1992 issue of the Antique Trader had a great, 3 page article entitled "The Secondary Market of Artist Robert Olszewski and Goebel Miniatures" by Dean A. Genth. If you do not subscribe to this publication and wish to have a copy of the story, send a business size SASE (29 cents) to us and we'll mail you a copy. Another article you might have missed appeared in the August, 1991 issue of Collector's mart magazine entitled "At Home With Robert Olszewski". A 29 cent SASE will bring this story to you. If you wish both copies, send us a 52 cent SASE and we'll gladly mail them out to you.

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Hear that intro music? It's time for Bob!



9/16/92 Phone Call From Bob

IS THIS THE FAN CLUB? - IT SURE IS, IS THIS THE MASTER ARTIST?

Yes and I'm doing very well. I'm very busy, as usual, but a good busy. I'm packing for my trip and leaving tomorrow morning.

Before we get into that let me tell you about my wonderful, wonderful vacation. Eva and I flew up to San Francisco and we Ghirardellied at Ghirardelli Square. We left there and stayed in a quaint hotel right down by the park in Sausalito. In fact, they said the furniture was from Ulysses S. Grant. Oh, we had a real nice dinner by the water.

The next day we drove up to John Muir Woods. Can you believe those huge, 1500 to 2000 year old trees? I had never been there. I brought back three giant redwood seedlings to plant. I gave one to my neighbor who's gonna plant it on that big hill behind us. I told him, 'In 200 years it'll only be about this big.' I'm going to go up that canyon behind us and plant the other two there.

From there we drove north, up the coast past Bodega Bay to Jenner. There we turned right at the Russian River and went inland. It was overcast but a beautiful drive. We crossed over to wine country and went to a real neat town called Calistoga which is only about 300 yards long. I was so relaxed that I drove 25 miles the wrong way.

The next day we went to the Beringer Winery. I'm sure any of the collectors who have been there would agree it is a beautiful winery, just gorgeous. Then we drove on down to the Robert Mondavi Winery. Before we knew it the week was over and it was time to fly home. The vacation was much needed and very much enjoyed, it really was!

As long as we are talking about my personal life, let me tell you about David. David was invited up to his friend's in Salem, OR. It was easier for his friend to pick him up at the train station than to drive a couple of hours to the airport. To keep himself occupied during the 17 hour Amtrack ride, David took along his sketch pad. While drawing, he got to talking to this guy who asked Dave's name. Guess what, he knew my work. Isn't that funny? What a small world! David's definitely improving in his work. In fact, he's entering a landscape drawing in a local art show this weekend. He and Eva went up to the art shop and had it framed. This is David's first framed piece of art and it really looks neat.

Eva is also entering with her photographs. [Did she agree to become the Fan Club's official photographer?] She's been taking tons of pictures of me. [Are they printable?] Half are, half aren't! I know, your next question will be, 'Which half, Bob???' You guys, the more you get to know me, the rougher you're getting.

Meredith just started her second year of college. She hasn't decided on a major yet. David is a junior in high school now and he'll be 17 next week. Eva just had her birthday last week.

The not so good news is that Mom's in the hospital. She went in Monday because she is losing blood and they can't locate the source. I hope to get back in touch with her today. I'm going to visit Mom at the end of my promotional tour. If any of the collectors have her address and want to drop my Mom a card, she'd love that.

As far as business goes, for the last 2 days I've had a very good visit with my friends from Goebel, Germany. I'm real pleased with the Studio. Let me just say, DON'T WORRY, WE HAVEN'T FALLEN OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH! Save your money and enjoy the beauty that is coming to you. I know people are aware the pieces haven't been coming out. We're really coming on line and doing quite well. We're continuing to do fewer pieces and it goes without saying that we're committed to quality.

Collectors really need to take seriously the "Zero Inventory" status. I mean it in the most friendly way that I can say it. I printed a new sheet and would appreciate you publishing it because pieces have moved from the "Recommendation to Buy" to the "Zero Inventory" list. In fact, the three new Hummels are all zero inventory now. What's good about this newsletter is I'm talking to this handful of people in the marketplace. This is great because they're getting the information right out of the Studio.

The Poultry Seller is going to be a limited edition of 1500, ONE TIME RELEASE ONLY, and should be out the first quarter of next year. Collectors may want to go ahead and place orders with their dealers.

All the Cherubs will be done next week. The first of them have already left and the last are going out next week. [Look for them flying over your houses.] We hope to get the bulk of the Kings out before Christmas. We also hope to have most of Dorothy and Glinda [\$245] out before Christmas. That's our plan right now and I'm overseeing the scheduling so I can say that with confidence.

I just looked at the samples of the Alps and Church yesterday and we have a GO on those.

(Barbara L. inquired: 'What was the first day Bob started signing the dealer plaques? I know he's doing 100 each day he signs them, but the first 100 might be a little special! Also, tell us about the 1993 date!')

I have to look it up, hold on.....the first one was signed April 28, 1992 and the last one September 9. All 1500 are signed, they're out the door!

The Olszewski Plaques are hitting the market with variations. Yea, what I did was...when I signed the plaques on the front, I made a mistake and signed 1993 on about 75 of them. Well then I looked at them and thought...well, it was a mistake. The reason I did the plaque was to say, 'Look this is art, folks, and this is done by a person.' The person goofed! So I left it on there - 1993! Well then what happened I signed them different ways. Some I signed Bob Olszewski, some I signed Robert W. Olszewski, some I printed Robert W. Olszewski. There are only about 24 or 25 of each of those variations. So I

thought it would be like a statement again on my part to say, 'This is a very personal artwork and I thought the collectors would enjoy the Easter egg hunt.'

(Carey F. asked: 'Has the Archive Release of the Autumn Blue Jay, been recarved and is there any difference between the two?')
The only difference is the trademark.

[We asked you to send us your questions. Since we received only two, it's a good indication that Bob's fans are becoming well informed. We're pleased to be able to help in that respect.]

I've got to really still watch my hand. I don't know what it's from. If I do some strenuous yardwork or when Eva and I looked at some rag rugs, you know how heavy and bulky they can be, I've got to watch handling things like that. It's not getting serious, it's just that I'm going to have to watch it. Right now it doesn't hurt at all, but it's going to be interesting to see what happens when I go out this weekend. I'm going to keep the weight off my hand by not carrying any of the big cold cast displays to the promotions.

Be careful of promises made by dealers that everything at my promotions is going to be signed. The dealer is not right. I will only guarantee the signing of everything someone purchases while in attendance. I've got to stick to that. People are trying to make exceptions and I'm just not going to allow it to happen!

My museum show is becoming a reality. We are reframing and photographing all of the paintings. We've been putting a lot of effort into that plus figuring out how we want to display pieces. The major opening will be held at the Carnegie Museum in Oxnard, CA, January, 1993. When I was 23 I had just moved out here. I rented a basement studio in this museum and it brings back old memories, so it's the perfect place to have my first showing.

What impresses me most about the fans? I'm flattered that people of such high caliber collect my work. I really mean that! I feel that my collectors are discerning and I like it.

I hate to say it, but I have to rush out of here. It's the day before my trip and this is a really hectic day for me. If our visitors hadn't been here it would have been easier. Having people go over everything for two and a half days is a long time.

Say hello to the collectors for me!

- Robert Dlszewski -

FALL 1992 ARTIST RECOMMENDATION TO BUY AT ISSUE PRICE

Historical

Capodimonte
Gentleman's Fox Hunt
Meissen Parrot
Floral Bouquet Pompadour

Americana

She Sounds The Deep
To The Bandstand

Frontier

The End of Trail
Indian Scout & Buffalo
Frontier Museum Display

Snow White

Snow White
Prince Wishing Well Disp.
House in the Woods Disp.

Pendants

Hummingbird Pendant
Daffodil Pendant

New Releases

Poultry Seller
Dorothy & Glinda
Goodbye to Oz Display
Olszewski Plaque

Wizard of Oz

Wicked Witch
Munchkins

Special Releases

Portrait of the Artist

Wild Life

Chipping Sparrow
Mallard Duck
Autumn Blue Jay
Archive Release Version

Children

Blumenkinder
"Courting"
Backyard Frolic

Night Before Christmas

Yule Tree
Christmas Display

Cinderella

Jaq
Coach Disp.

Kinderway

First Edition:
Serenade
Accordion Boy
We Congratulate
Busy Student
Winterfest

Nativity

Mother Child
Cherubs

BOOK

The Goebel Miniatures
of Robert Olszewski
by Dick Hunt

Oriental

Small Oriental Disp.
Chinese Temple Lion

Women's Series

Hunt with Hounds
On the Avenue

Three Pigs

Three Little
Pigs House Disp.

Pinocchio

Blue Fairy
Pinocchio
Geppetto's Toy Shop
Display

Rockwell

Triple Self
Check Up

Fantasia

Mickey
Dancing Brooms
Display

FALL 1992 ZERO INVENTORY FIGURINE LIST

Historical

Masquerade St. P.
Cherry Pickers

Frontier

The Bronco Buster

The Three Pigs

Little Brick Pig
Hungry Wolf

Snow White

Prince

Alice

Alice in the Garden
Down the Rabbit Hole
Cheshire Cat

Wizard of Oz

Scarecrow
Tin Man
Cowardly Lion
Oz Display

Special Releases

Olszewski (Medallion)

Wild Life

Owl-Daylight
Western Bluebird
Red Winged Blackbird
Winter Cardinal
Spring Robin
Hummingbird
Autumn Blue Jay
First Issue

Americana

The Plainsman
Blacksmith
American Bald
Eagle

Kinderway

First Edition:
Little Fiddler
Little Sweeper
Merry Wanderer
Doll Bath
Stormy Weather
Postman
Visiting An Invalid
Appletree Boy
Cinderella
Baker
Waiter
Wayside
Goose Girl
School Boy

Oriental

Kuan Yin
The Geisha
Chinese Water Dragon
Blind Men & The
Elephant

Women's Series

Dresden Dancer
Precious Years
I Do

Children's Series

Summer Days
Out And About
Carrousel Days

DeGrazia

Flower Girl
Flower Boy
My First Horse
White Dove
Wondering
Sunflower Boy
Little Madonna
Pima Drummer Boy
Festival of Lights
Merry Little Indian
Beautiful Burden
My Beautiful
Rocking Horse
Flower Girl Pendant
Adobe Display
Adobe Hacienda Disp
DeGrazia Chapel
Display

Cinderella

Cinderella

A fan told us, "Attending one of Bob's seminars is like going to church, you listen to every word!" We hope you enjoyed this issue's sermon.

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Guess who's coming to town?

BOB!

10/2: (2 & 7 pm)
Tiara Gifts
Wheaton, MD 20902
800-457-9911

10/10: (11 am & 2 pm)
Eloise's
Houston, TX 77063
800-231-9805

10/3: (11 am & 2 pm)
Amy's Hallmark
Orlando, FL 32809
407-857-4055

10/11: (1 & 4 pm)
Gifts & Accents
Overland Park, KS 66212
800-822-8856

10/4: (2 pm)
Bronze Lady
Madeira Beach, FL 33708
813-398-5994

10/16: (2 & 7 pm)
Crayon Soup Inc.
King of Prussia, PA 19406
215-265-0458

10/9: (2 & 7 pm)
Colonial Heights Pharmacy
Kingsport, TN 37663
800-541-6862

10/17: (11 am & 2 pm)
Nancy's Gifts
N. Huntington, PA 15642
412-864-0226

10/18: (2 pm)
Curio Cabinet
Worthington, OH 43085
800-331-8543

Check with the store for exact date and time!

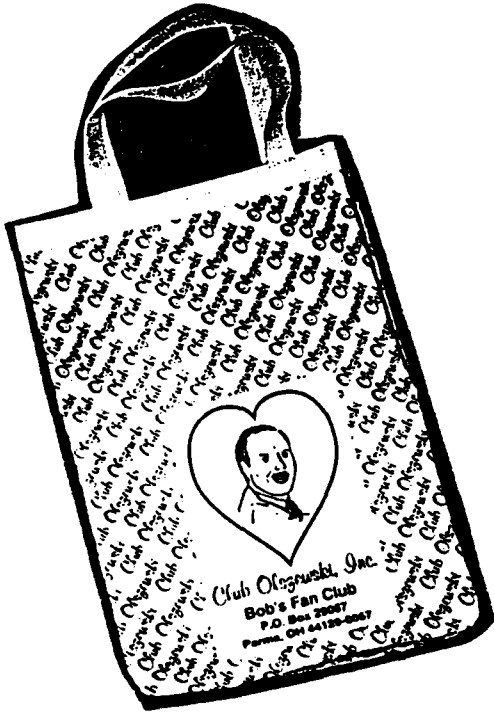
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We can tell you from experience, it's well worth several hours drive to go to one of Bob's promotions. His slide presentation this year is exceptional. Viewing it will show you how meticulous Bob is when creating a new miniature and give you a deeper appreciation of this man, his artwork and your whole collection.

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We're happy to report, the dues increase next April was unanimously approved by all who voiced an opinion. For our new members, when your renewal time comes AFTER April of next year, dues will increase to \$15/year but remain at \$5/year for the spouse. YOUR 1993/94 renewal gift is on order and are we EXCITED!!! We wish we could send it to you right now. Unfortunately WE have to wait for it to be created and YOU'LL have to wait for your renewal month. (Oooooo, it's so neat!)

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If you'd like to start your holiday shopping early and want a unique present, we are happy to say we have a NEW and EXCLUSIVE Club Olszewski canvas tote. It measures 13 x 17 and sells for \$10. This, as all prices quoted, includes shipping and handling. Other gift ideas are a man's or lady's watch (\$35), bumper sticker (\$1.75), token (2/\$3.00) and don't forget back issues of "small talk" are \$2.00 each. These are great gifts for the true Olszewski collector!

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Did you let your fingers do the walking through the Olszewski Theme Park? While Wallie was goofing off, Jacci worked her fingers to the bone creating a mini adventure for you. Enjoy!

Send us your questions and comments, we love hearing from you. Happy Holidays, we'll "small talk" to you next year.

miniaturely yours,

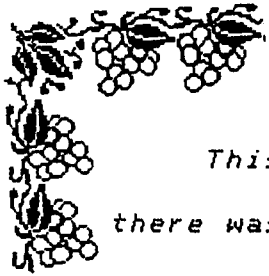


Wallie & Jacci



JUMBLED TALE BY JACCI

All capital words are Olszewski minis.
Unscrambled them to enjoy the
complete mini tale.
October, 1992



This is a mini tale for fans of all ages. Once upon a time there was a TITLLE REALLAINB named IANTSSAAA, who dreamed of being a famous "EDENRSD CRANED." She practiced under Mrs. UKAN IYN's strict rule - no NNOWLCIG NORUDA. Her hard work was rewarded with a OWNS OILYHAD. SAAATANIS traveled to a magical city named TS. SLCHNOAI. The town SKINHMCNU were decorating for the EASTIVLF FO HTSILG gala. Walking NO ETH UEENVA, she spotted a TWINRE DIALNRAC. He lead her to the RKEAB who made his famous apple cake for this event. The TREAIW brought her cake and cocoa but SAINTAAAS watched the ice skaters and thought it was a LEANRTC RKAP YUNSDA. She heard the RUGSA MLUP LIGR say, "I wish the SOURRLACE EIDR was able to work. I would really like my SIRTIF IRDE on the mystical NICURON." The UBLE RFYAI (after all it was cool outside) waved her magic wand. All the YAPPH children ran to the ride, even EOGDIN plopped on the GNAT ROSEH. Gaiety surrounded the village. The LETILT RIFDLED, MAIF MURMERD OBY and the DIAAOCRCN YOB went OT ETH AANNDSTB to play the DOINGWERN waltz. TOPPETEG, better known as NDGRFAA to all, asked STANAAASI to dance. Every HOMETR DAN LIDHC watched and agreed - this girl was the DDEERNS CANRED! When they stopped dancing, Mayor KIMYEC UMOSE handed her a bouquet of EORSS and said, "My dear girl you have the grace of LALERCDNIE. Mr. CCKHE PU is here from the SEEDRDN RANDCE troupe and wants to meet you. Hurry, go with TREEP ANP."

AANSSTAAI grew up to be the prima ballerina in the famous AEIOOTNMDFC ballet, DEERAUSAMQ - TS. BGRUSRTPEE!

The End

