

"small talk"

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Dear FANS, we wanted you to know that we are well over 100 members strong! We are ecstatic to inform you that OHIO has the most members - 33 of you! The next is Bob's home state of Pennsylvania and then, Michigan. The Valentine Gift pendant is THE figurine that 17 of you purchased as your first piece. Capodimonte, Chipping Sparrow and the 1980 Set of Olszewski's were the minis that are tied for second place in the "first purchase" category. All of the preceding information was based on the first 100 Charter members. Eighteen of you gave no answer, so you have to go to your room and read the rest of this newsletter there!

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It was nice to see new and cherished friends at the Plate & Collectible Show in South Bend, IN. It sure was an impressive show! We enjoyed Bob's seminars and Wallie was especially pleased to learn that Bob took her suggestion of building a Church in the Hummel Bavarian Village. It would be nice if he named it St. Waltraud in her honor! Speaking of the Bavarian Village, all you FANS better have the Little Fiddler in the balcony as Bob made it especially for him. The Little Fiddler has a certain aura and, after all, it's just romantic Bob fiddling away. Our highlight of the show was having breakfast with Bob and sharing ideas for upcoming events.

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We'd like to share with you that the Olszewski name is coming off the copyrighted pieces. Be assured that they are still Bob's work.

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In our last newsletter we gave you a tentative schedule of the dates of the new releases. BE PATIENT! Bob is a stickler for detail and won't release anything until he is satisfied with the quality of the work. Aren't we lucky that he is a perfectionist? Have you inspected the Night Before Xmas series? Bob stated, "THE BEST IS YET TO COME". We can't believe that you can top this, Bob. Did you know that he started working on this particular creation back in 1972? He originated it as a paper mache' project for his jr. high students.

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The storybook lane figurines all have the epoxy coating on them. They are meant to be held. Bob wants you to read those classic story books to your children or grandchildren and have them hold that particular mini in their minute hands. The unbeatable combination of story and figurine will have a greater impact on the child. Only Bob the storyteller would have that foresight.

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This is a sad time for us since we had to take down our month long library display. It was a treat to watch the people's response while setting it up. Some would do a real slow walk past and try not to be conspicuous, while others would just stop and stare! The cutest reaction came from a group of teenagers walking by. The one girl dragged her friends back to the display and stated, "See, I told you Mickey Mouse was there." Even the librarians were mesmerized by the minuteness, detail and variety of Bob's labor of love. Jacci told enough of her clientele about it that she is sure a lot of them are converted to the "World of Olszewski".

Our intimate "Get-Together" was held at the Middleburgh Hts. Library during one of Cleveland's MONSOON seasons! Living up to the postman's motto, Wallie's mailman couldn't be kept away. Our feeling is that the Postman will probably be his first figurine...another person stung by Olszewski fever! We had such a positive response from the attendees, that we just might do it again next year! Bob's personal photos, ranging from age 5 to the present, were the highlight of the day. Between the two of us with lots of help from our families, the collage, blue ribbons, club favors, Olszewski "wallets", bumper stickers, unique name badges and videos were only a few of the items that were created for Bob's attending fans.

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Many of you inquired as to the availability of back issues of "small talk". All previous newsletters are obtainable for the nominal fee of \$2.00 each. For our Fans in Canada, you must send a US Bank Money Order for the above.

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We asked Bob, "If you learned one thing in life, it's..." He responded, "Don't take anyone or anything for granted. I've learned my limitations, no matter how hard you try there's only so much you can do on your own, there's only so

many places you can be and it's OK. Everyone has self-esteem -respect it. I dislike people who are poor listeners or interrupt you when you are talking. It's OK if they don't agree, but at least they should give you the courtesy of listening to what you have to say."

We don't foresee any collectors not listening to Bob for he is a comical storyteller. This is one of our favorites. Bob states, "Regular things drive me crazy." As a teacher, Bob had dull weekly staff meetings. On one of those scheduled days, Bob met the principal in the hall and asked, "Is this going to be boring?" The principal replied, "You know me!" Bob then proceeded to the art department & painted some great looking eyeballs on his eyelids. Little did he realize what would ensue. The true-to-form meeting started. Bob put on his glasses and closed his eyes. The result of his *lopsided eyeballs* was total hysteria!

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We are still awaiting two pictures from many of you. If you have not mailed yours, won't you take a few minutes to do so? We would like a complete member album by the conference. Also, Bob has an "enquiring" mind and would appreciate knowing your occupation. If you have any adventurous travel stories while going to see him at a promotion, please send them as well. Bob is extremely interested in his Fans, and the Club is his channel to accumulate this information.

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On July 19, 1990, Club Olszewski received a beautiful thank you note which reads:

To the Fan Club,

I want to send to you all a great Thank You for your support and thoughtfulness during these difficult times. Mom and I are making plans to leave tomorrow for California where she will stay with us while she gets better.

My Very Warmest Regards,

Bob Olszewski

We have talked to Bob, and his Mom is now living with them until she fully recuperates. Additional good wishes may be sent to: Mrs. Ann Simonoff, c/o Robert Olszewski, Goebel Miniatures Studio, 4820 Adhor Lane, Camarillo, CA 93010. "Mom" is feeling well enough to cook up some great family recipes and Meredith, David and Bob are elated.

The displays have enhanced our collections. Bob's first, the Snow White "Cozy Cottage", added a new dimension to story telling. Merely 1,200 of you are privileged enough to own this piece of real estate!

The Empress Garden was Bob's hardest display to carve. Have you had a chance to examine this Oriental environment? It has great impressive detail. Speaking of displays, the solution to Wallie's fun page in Issue 2 is "Building Block Castle Display". Have you seen one yet? Your dot to dot was a super idea, Wallie, so what do you have planned for us next? --- "I'm not telling!"

It's Jacci's turn this month. Lucky me! This time I hope to stimulate your minds, but make sure they are on a *mini* wavelength. The task is a bit easier when you have a computer. Enjoy the 'tiny teaser'. The answer will be in Issue 4.

We have numerous ideas for you FANS. Making the Club FUN, knowledgeable and promoting Bob is our main objective. We'll steal Bob's line, "The best is yet to come."

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Here is another of Bob's escapades that we had to edit. Just kidding! Bob partied the night before a scheduled talk. The next morning he and the rep had to travel three hours. Since Bob didn't get much sleep the night before, he asked the rep if he could catch 40 winks in the back seat of the car. The rep agreed and even supplied a pillow for Bob. Upon arriving at their destination, a radio station, Bob looked a mess. His hair was out of place and his face had "road maps" on it due to his crouched sleeping position. The receptionist greeted them with the offer of a much needed cup of coffee. She promptly went across the highway for the eye opener. Having accomplished that goal, she inquired, "So, are you ready to talk about VD?" Bob's jaw dropped and for once he was speechless! The rep, however, slapped Bob on the back and boldly stated, "Yes, this is the Southeast rep." Apparently she had pulled the wrong file and couldn't apologize enough for the embarrassment. With only 10 minutes to air time, they filled her in on Bob, his actual profession and that he was not a VD specialist. Everyone had a hard time composing themselves during the radio broadcast.

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Before we give you Bob's appearance schedule, we'd like to reveal that currently only 50 M. I. Hummel Cinderellas have been signed. Presently 3% of his work bears his signature. Bob speculates that by next year it will drop to only 1/4%. Don't believe Bob's statement, "It's not worth as much with a Polish name on it!" If there is a promotion in your area, take advantage of it and become one of the select collectors to own a signed Olszewski miniature figurine.

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BOB'S APPEARANCES:

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| <u>10/4:</u> (2-4 & 7-9 pm)
C.E. Chappel & Sons
Shoppingtown Mall
DeWitt, NY 13214 | <u>10/21:</u> (12:30 & 3:30 pm)
Seven Dwarfs Card & Gift
11539 S. Hickman-Mills
Kansas City, MO 64134 |
| <u>10/5:</u> (1:30, 3:30, 7:30 pm)
Stardust, Inc.
Roosevelt Shopping Center
Garden City, NY 11530. | <u>11/3:</u> (11:00 & 2:00 pm)
Tickled Pink
4905 S.W. Scholls Rd.
Portland, OR |
| <u>10/6:</u> (11:00 am)
Little Elegance
1214 Willowbrook Mall
Wayne, NJ
(2:30 pm)
Little Elegance
297 Woodbridge Center
Woodbridge, NJ | <u>11/16:</u> (1:00 & 6:00 pm)
Carol's Crafts
125 S. Van Buren
Nashville, IN 47447 |
| <u>10/19:</u> (3:00 & 6:00 pm)
Rosemary's Collectibles
19158 Fort St.
Riverview, MI 48192 | <u>11/17:</u> (11:00 am & 2:00 pm)
Serendipity Show
1203 Old Town Village
Dallas, TX 75206 |
| <u>10/20:</u> (12:00 & 3:30 pm)
Pinocchio's
465 S. Main St.
Frankenmuth, MI 48734 | <u>11/18:</u> (1:00 & 3:00 pm)
Amy's Hallmark
8001 S. Orange Blossom Tr
Florida Mall. Space 312
Orlando, FL 32809 |
| | <u>11/19:</u> (6:00 & 9:00 pm)
Heirlooms of Tomorrow
2178 1/2 N.E. 123rd St.
N. Miami, FL 33181 |

Check with the store for exact day and time!


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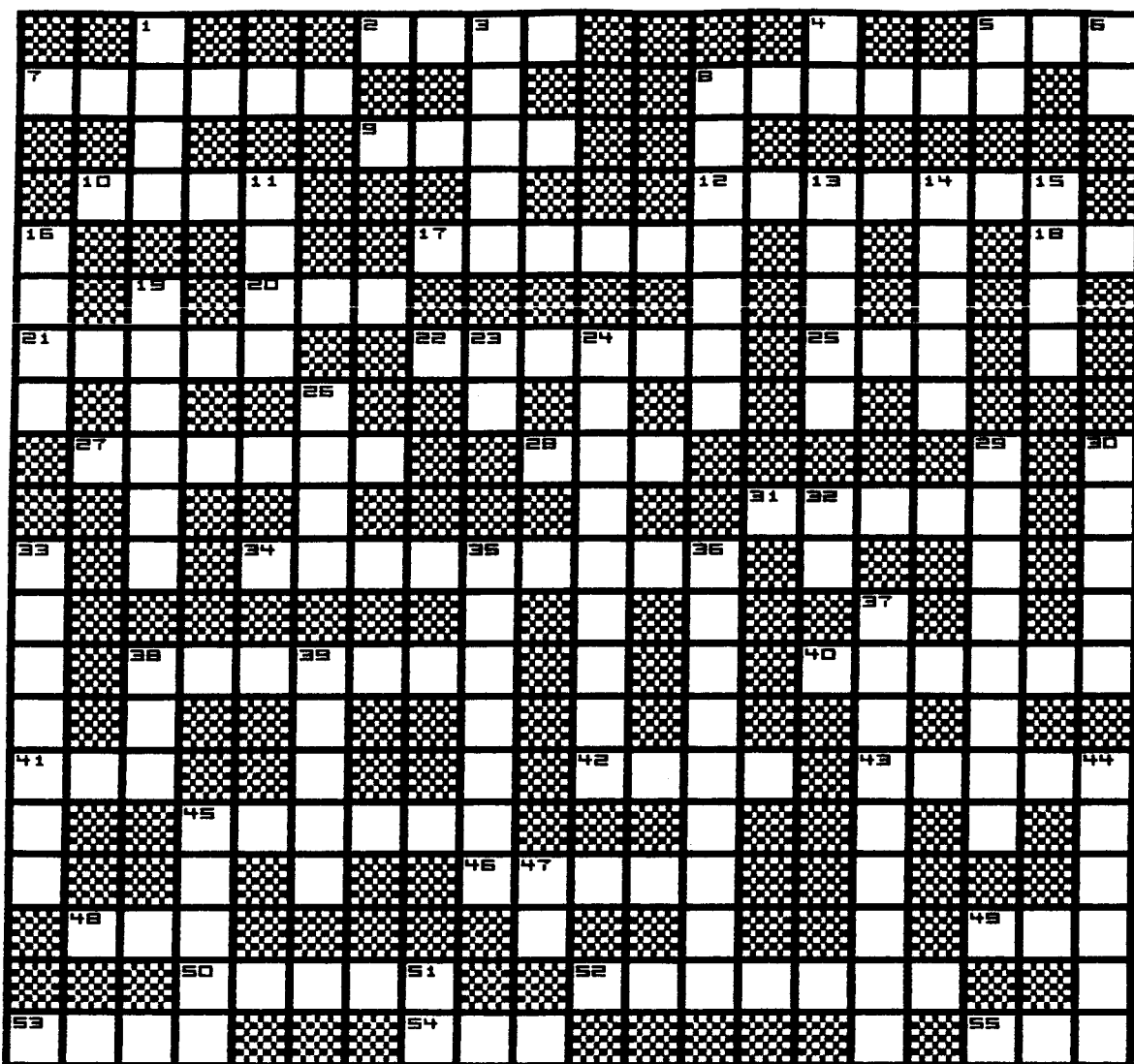


*We know it's a bit early, but since we won't correspond with you until January, we want to wish you and your whole family
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
We'll "small talk" to you in '91.*



miniaturely yours,

Wallie 



ACROSS CLUES

- 2. Uncommon
- 5. Blind ___ & the Elephant
- 7. Studio # 641-P Figurine
- 8. ___ Mouse
- 9. Out & About has a ___ Buggy
- 10. ___ Holiday
- 12. Restricted
- 17. Yearly
- 18. ___ The Avenue
- 20. Indian Scout ___ Buffalo
- 21. To Cover With Color
- 22. ___ Days
- 25. ___ Plainsman
- 27. Goebel Miniatures _____
- 28. Short for Advertisements
- 31. Chinese ___ Dragon
- 34. City where the Studio is located
- 38. What Now & Camper Bialosky are these
- 40. To Make Brown or Tan
- 41. Country Courting has this animal
- 42. Require; Urgent Want
- 43. Business Transactions
- 45. To Invent
- 46. Farmer With _____
- 48. ___ Bronco Buster
- 49. Munc_____s
- 50. Eight _____
- 52. Mythical Horselike Creature
- 53. ___-yard Frolic
- 54. ___ - Daylight Encounter
- 55. Do You Like Olszewski's?

DOWN CLUES

- 1. Cowardly _____
- 3. Spring _____
- 4. _O_, The Dwarf Who is a Physician
- 5. ___ First Horse
- 6. ___ Swimming
- 8. ___ Duck
- 11. ___ Now?
- 13. Danbury & Franklin _____-P
- 14. First Word of Studio #645-P
- 15. The Doctor & The _____
- 16. ___ dimonte
- 19. Fiddler, Madonna, & Ballerina All Have This First Name
- 23. Check _____
- 24. Olszewski _____
- 26. DeGrazia's Indian
- 29. Tang Horse & Kuan Yin Are From This Series
- 30. ___ Dove
- 32. ___ Olszewski Original
- 33. A Pre-Goebel Dancer
- 35. Permanently Withdrawn From Production
- 36. Robert _____
- 37. TM Is Short For This
- 38. Straw _____
- 39. A Lethargic Dwarf
- 44. Wildlife, Historical, Am. Frontier, Women's, etc.
- 45. ___ Up
- 47. Bottom ___ the Sixth
- 51. ___ The Bandstand