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**Greetings from Lowell**



Welcome friends! I hope you are all having a nice summer. We have a great collection of articles for you in this issue of my **Lowell Davis Collectors Newsletter** but first I have some very sad information to relay to you.

A long time friend and resident of Red Oak II, Tom Klinginsmith, passed away on Saturday, June 29, 2008 after a sudden illness. See my story “**Sad Day**

at Red Oak II” in this newsletter. We all miss him so much!!

On a happier note, I celebrated my 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday in June. Family and long time friends joined me at Red Oak II in the afternoon/evening on June 8 to help me celebrate.

I have been continuing my painting but my wrist has been giving me problems (carpel tunnel the doctor tells me) and makes it difficult to do fine detail work for any length of time. I am giving it lots of exercise working on Rose’s Japanese garden in back of our Belle Star house as well as other chores around Red Oak II.

I hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter. Your comments and suggestions for future issues are greatly appreciated. Please email them to: [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net).

Just a reminder that you can view and download all issues of this newsletter from my Red Oak II Missouri web site: [www.redoakiimissouri.com](http://www.redoakiimissouri.com).

I hope that many of you will visit Red Oak II this summer. A good time to visit is in September around the Midwest Gathering of the Artists which this year is from September 12 to 14.

Your friend,

Lowell Davis

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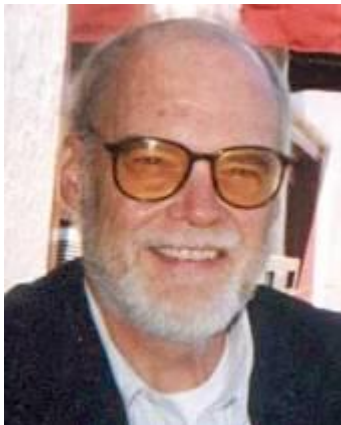
#### Sad Day at Red Oak II

by Lowell Davis



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I have one full time neighbor. Now there are several fine folks that have purchased property here in Red Oak II, and will be moving here soon. But, for right now, I have only one neighbor, that's a man whom I could talk with, dream out loud with, and work together with on Red Oak II projects. His name is "Tom Klinginsmith".



Tom Klinginsmith

Now Tom is my attorney, and long, long time friend as well as neighbor. Tom passed away Saturday night, June 28, 2008. Now I could fill pages, telling you the praises of this fine man. But out of this sadness, comes this one beautiful short story.

Saturday, June 28th, was Tom's daughter's wedding day. After the wedding, and an exhausting day, Tom with his wife Carol, returned home late that evening. They found Tom's golden retriever Sandy, friend and companion of 14 years, with her life quickly ebbing away. From the moment Tom & Carol returned home, until 2:00 A.M. in the morning, Tom held Sandy in his arms, comforting and caressing her. Finally Tom climbed the stairs to bed, telling Carol that he had made a pallet for Sandy, and she was sleeping comfortably. But, just as Tom and Carol were dozing off to sleep, they heard a couple of loud crashes and a big kerrthunk! They both jumped out of bed and went to the stairs, to find that Sandy had tried to climb up the stairs to Tom, and had fallen backwards. Tom, once again held Sandy in his arms, petting her head and saying, "Ole gal, thanks for all the good years!" Then Sandy died peacefully in Tom's arms. Tom carried his friend out and put her in his old truck so as to bury her in the morning, and then Tom returned to bed. The next morning, Carol told me that when Tom got back in bed with her, she could feel him trembling. She thought he was sobbing over the loss of his friend, Sandy. Instead he was having a heart attack in his sleep. Tom died an hour after his beloved dog Sandy. I've lost my dear friend and neighbor. Tom was the most generous, humble, honest and kind man that I have ever met. And I loved him and I'm sure going to miss him! But I know Tom and his dog Sandy, are now walking the fields of Heaven, smiling down at Red Oak II!

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#### Red Oak II Updates



There is always a lot going on at Red Oak II. Here are the happenings of the second quarter of 2008:

#### Lowell Davis Celebrates His 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Lowell celebrated his 71<sup>st</sup> birthday on June 8, 2008 at Red Oak II with his family and friends. Here are some photos from the celebration:



The Birthday Boy



Long time friends Danny Hensley and artist Bob Tommey



"Happy Birthday Grandpa!" (Reagan)

#### Red Oak II Renovations Continue

Renovation work continues at Red Oak II on the Black Hen diner. Here are some recent photos:



At the south end of Red Oak II, restoration work on the Dalton Family Homestead is close to completion and it received a new coat of paint as you can see from the following photos.

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Dalton Homestead and Red Barn



Dalton Homestead newly painted blue  
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We needed a blue building at Red Oak II and now we have one! Lowell says, "It looks like a piece of cake." Work at the South end of Red Oak II is now focused on converting the Chicken Museum into the Red Oak II train station.

**Legends of America features Red Oak II**

[www.legendsofamerica.com/mo-redoakii.html](http://www.legendsofamerica.com/mo-redoakii.html)

**Heavy Rainfall Continues to Plague SW Missouri**

2008 continues to be a very wet year in SW Missouri. Red Oak II has received almost 40" of precipitation in 2008, double the normal amount. Here is a photo of the Spring River flooding once again after a heavy downpour in early June:



There was also a deadly tornado in the area which passed north of Neosho (just south of Carthage) in May. One of Lowell's birthday gifts was a weather alert radio which he greatly appreciated as the Carthage severe weather sirens can not be heard out at Red Oak II.

With all this rain, the grass keeps growing so quickly that Lowell seems to always be out mowing.



**The Canadians Invade Red Oak II**

From time to time we get visitors from Canada at Red Oak II, but this year there has literally been an invasion. These Canadians are not the human kind, but rather the feathered kind, the Canada goose. This March, pairs of Canadian geese arrived and settled in at the farm ponds in the area to have their babies. This year for some reason when the young geese were able to fly, many

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of the families of Canadian geese came to the ponds at Red Oak II to continue to raise them over the summer in preparation for their fall migration.



Canadian Geese on Remus Pond

Lowell is not exactly sure why they all came to Red Oak II but it may be because it is a safer haven for them, larger ponds, more grass for them to eat or maybe it's because they like Maryann, a permanent resident of Red Oak II, who seems to bond with the Canadians each year.



Maryann (white goose) with her Canadian friends

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### **Visit to McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital to See Lowell's Paintings**

Last issue we reported that Lowell did a commission painting, Just Ignore Him, for the McCune-Brooks Regional

Hospital where Rose works. In June, we visited the hospital to see Lowell's paintings on display at the hospital.



Main entrance to McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital



Lowell Davis paintings on display in Surgery Center Lobby

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### **Lowell Davis 1<sup>st</sup> Six Figurines**

Lowell produced many great figurines which were produced in cold cast porcelain by Border Fine Arts in Scotland beginning in 1979. Among these, the first six farm animals are among the finest and are in high demand with new collectors. These are large figurines with stunning details. They tend to develop a wonderful patina with age. Here are photos of these first six figurines:



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25030 – Country Road



25034 – Slim Pickin's



25031 – Ignorance is Bliss



25035 – Broken Dreams

Do you have all of them in your collection?

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**Lowell Davis Bronzes**

We have recently acquired some awesome Lowell Davis bronzes from some collectors that were downsizing their collections. Many of these were cast by Schaefer Art Bronze Casting in Arlington TX. We have added all of these to the [www.redoakiimissouri.com](http://www.redoakiimissouri.com) web site but wanted to share some photos of a couple of Lowell's magnificent wildlife bronzes.



25032 – Blossom



25033 – Fowl Play



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**Fighting Elk** (1974 – 30 castings)



**Cardinal** (1975)



**The Good Provider** (1974 – 30 castings)



**Pair of Woodies** (1975)

We are still looking for additional Lowell Davis bronzes so if you have any for sale, please send an email with details to: [redoakiigeneralstore@att.net](mailto:redoakiigeneralstore@att.net).

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**Lowell Davis Oil Paintings**

We also recently acquired some awesome Lowell Davis early oil paintings:



**Goldfinches** (1975)



**Taking Flight** (1977)



**Blue Jays and Chipmunk** (1975)

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**Northern Lake** (1974)



**Caboose** (1978)



**What Rat Race?** (1983)

Lowell has a story about the painting entitled **Caboose**. He once had a cat that had a litter of kittens and he named the last one to come out Caboose. They had Caboose for many years around the farm. The brown thrashers would dive bomb Caboose as in the painting.

These paintings will be scanned for production as Giclée prints on canvas. If interested, contact us at:  
[redoakiigeneralstore@att.net](mailto:redoakiigeneralstore@att.net)

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**2008 Midwest Gathering of the Artists**



The 2008 Midwest Gathering of the Artists will be held from September 12 to 14 at the Memorial Hall in Carthage Missouri. Check out the following link for more details:

[www.redoakiimissouri.com/index/links/midwest-gathering-of-the-artists](http://www.redoakiimissouri.com/index/links/midwest-gathering-of-the-artists)

We hope to see many of you at the auction and art show and hope that you will also visit Red Oak II while you are in the area.

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**Collectors Exchange**

If you have Lowell Davis art or collectibles that you would like to swap, buy or sell, just email a detailed description of the item to:  
[lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net). We will list your items so that other interested collectors can contact you.

**Wanted:**

A collector is looking for:

- Plum Tuckered Out limited edition signed print

The Lowell Davis Art Gallery is looking for:

- Wildlife and farm bronzes
- Early original paintings

If you have any of the above for sale, please send us an email at [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net) stating

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which you have, condition and asking price.

**For Sale:**

**Outstanding Opportunity for new Lowell Davis Collectors:** A long time Lowell Davis collector is looking to sell his entire collection of about 200 Lowell Davis Border Fine Arts figurines as a single lot. These figurines were displayed in cabinets and are in Mint condition. The display cabinets could be available too.

If you are interested in this collection, please send us an email at [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net).

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**Tell Us about Your Favorite Lowell Davis Art Work**

We love to hear about your favorite Lowell Davis art and what your first Lowell Davis art piece was and how it got you started collecting his art. Please send via email to: [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net). Attach photos too.

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**Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz**

This quiz will be a regular feature beginning with this issue of the Lowell Davis Collectors Newsletter. The winner will receive an 11" x 14" Lowell Davis Giclée on canvas (unframed). In case of a tie, there will be a random drawing from among all correct entries to select the winner. Lowell's website [www.redoakiimissouri.com](http://www.redoakiimissouri.com) might be helpful in answering these questions.

**Good luck and have fun!**

**Lowell Davis Collectors Quiz 2008 Q2**

To enter, send your answers to the following questions by email to [lowelldaviscollectors@att.net](mailto:lowelldaviscollectors@att.net). Entries must be received by 12:00 midnight US EDT on September 30, 2008. The winner will be announced in the next issue of this newsletter.

- 1) What are the names of five of the buildings at Lowell Davis' Red Oak II?
- 2) What are the titles of three Lowell Davis art storybooks?
- 3) What are three different media that Lowell Davis creates his art in?
- 4) What are the names of three original Lowell Davis art works recently auctioned at the Midwest Gathering of the Artists and in what years were they auctioned?
- 5) What are the names of Lowell Davis' current dog and cat?

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**Contact Us**

We really appreciate your suggestions for future articles for the Lowell Davis Collectors Newsletter. If you would like to submit an article for publication, please feel free to send us one for consideration.

Hope to see you all at Red Oak II.

Larry Sernyk



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If you have any suggestions, want to submit an article for the newsletter or want back issues, please email to:

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[redoakrose@ecarthage.com](mailto:redoakrose@ecarthage.com)

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