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My World of Selfies – Part 2

In the next couple of issues of my blog, I want to share with you the selfies that I did along with my various animals.

My Cats

I sculpted over 400 different figurines over the past 30 years using all my different animals here on the farm at Red Oak II as subjects –my dogs, my chickens, my sheep, my pigs, my cows, my goats, my horses, my mules and so on but my most popular motif was my cats. This must be because there are so many cat lovers out there. My cats always accompanied me at milking time, hoping to get a drink of warm milk, inspiring the pewter selfie “Milking Time”!



"Milking Time"

Pewter Sculpture (Ltd Ed of 500)

My Dogs

I have always had dogs in my life and used them in much of my art. My most famous was Hooker. The art that I created using her as a model paid for much of the costs of creating Red Oak II. I did this selfie in porcelain of my wife Charlotte's dog Gus, taking a whiz on my leg!!



"My Wife's Dog"

Porcelain Figurine (Ltd Ed of 444)

My Sheep

I never understood why lambs always seemed to be born on the coldest night of the year. Sometimes I would need to carry the newborns into our farm house and dry them off and then let them warm up in the kitchen by the stove. The below Christmas figurine and plate show me bringing in some newly born lambs.



"Born on a Starry Night"

Porcelain Figurine (Ltd Ed of 2,500) and Collectors Plate (Ltd Ed of 7,500)

Here on our farm we still liked doing things the old fashioned way. This selfie depicts my son Jeb and me to shear our sheep with an old hand cranked shearer.



"Sheep Shearin' Time"

Porcelain Figurine (Ltd Ed of 1,200)

My Pigs



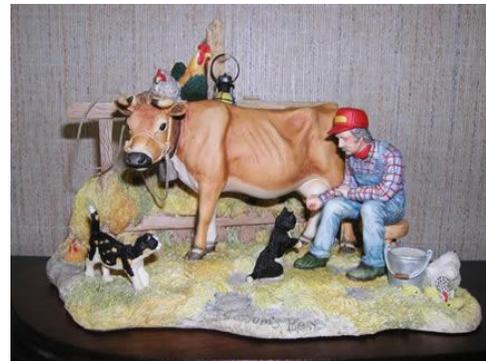
"Sooie"

Porcelain Figurine (Ltd Ed of 1,500)

When I was young most of the local farms in this area had pigs. Some of the first animals that I got when I first bought Foxfire Farm were a couple of pigs. I called one Wilbur and the other Sally. I used my pigs in many of my paintings and figurines including "Sooie" which has me slopping my hogs. I never butchered them for food, I only used them as my models. How could I tell my kids "now eat ur Wilbur 'n eggs for breakfast?"

My Cows

We always tried to keep 4 or 5 cows on our farm. My favorite cow of all time was Blossom, my Jersey cow. I used her a number of times in my art, several which were also selfies with me in them too. My favorite is "Blossom's Best" which shows me milking Blossom and giving a drink to one of my cats.



"Blossoms Best"

Porcelain Figurine (Ltd Ed of 750)

Not only do sheep seem to give birth on the coldest nights. Even Blossom gave birth to her baby Star on a cold winter night as shown in my "Blossom's Gift" Christmas figurine and plate which shows me with Blossom and baby Star.



"Blossom's Gift"

Porcelain Figurine (Ltd Ed of 2,500) and Collectors Plate (Ltd Ed of 7,500)

My Goats

Well my farm wouldn't be complete without a few goats. I liked my cows and goats to have horns. Horns make for more interesting subject matter in my paintings and sculptures. I did selfie of me and my daughter Wren and my son Jeb down in our pasture cutting down a cedar tree for our family Christmas as a Christmas figurine and plate.



"Cutting the Family Christmas Tree"

Porcelain Figurine (Ltd Ed of 2,500) and Collectors Plate (Ltd Ed of 7,500)