

"small talk"

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Club Olszewski, Inc.

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We are really glad you joined Club Olszewski. Your notes and letters were inspirational to us. Wish we had room to thank each one of you but we have so much to tell you.

First, we challenge you to find the new pieces. The following will be added this year to the regular series:

Gentleman's Fox Hunt - Historical Series	-	\$145
Hunt With Hounds (Resculpted) - Women's	-	145
Chinese Temple Lion - Oriental Series	-	85
Hummingbird - Wildlife Series	-	85
Hummingbird Pendant	-	125

For those Hummel enthusiasts:

Baker (\$100), Waiter (\$100) and Cinderella (\$115) plus the Market Square (\$100), the Flower Stand (\$35), and you can own your own Hotel for \$110.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs are now for sale in the retail stores for prices ranging from \$595, the old price, to \$700, the new price. In September the Wishing Well (\$40) will be available. Newsflash....."Prince Charming" will woo Snow away from those mini dudes.

The Three Little Pigs: The Little Sticks Pig (\$75) is out now and The Little Straw Pig (\$75) should be in the stores very soon.

Pinocchio Series: Gepetto & Figaro (\$90), Gideon (\$75) and the Gepetto Toy Shop (\$95) should be out in July or August. Sometime in September: J. W. Foulfellow (\$95), Jiminy Cricket (\$95) and Pinocchio (\$75) will be added. New releases for next year will include Stromboli the Puppeteer, the Blue Fairy, Monstro the Whale, Pinocchio's Raft and the Street Wagon. How exciting, we can hardly wait. Can you?

Night Before Christmas: Yule Tide Tree (\$90), Sugar Plum Girl (\$70) and Sugar Plum Boy (\$70) are coming into the stores now. St. Nicholas (\$95), Eight Tiny Reindeer (\$110), Mama & Papa (\$110) and the Up to the Husetop display (\$95) will also be available this summer.

Speaking for ourselves, we'll have to find another job to appease our appetite for Bob's miniatures.

We asked Bob to describe himself. He stated: "I put my family first!" Along with being a hard worker, he takes pride in a job well done and is grateful for his talents - we are too! He likes to solve problems, is curious, conservative and a risk taker; BUT he isn't afraid to leave a bad situation. Bob is very dedicated to his job - as if we didn't know - and has only missed work once (due to illness) since July of 1979.

Bob also has a great sense of humor. To prove that we had him finish this sentence: I'd give anything to meet --- "Van Gogh, when he had two ears!" He also wanted to meet Robinson Crusoe, Rene Lalique and John F. Kennedy. As you can see, art isn't Bob's only interest.

The best part of traveling for Bob is doing promotions and speaking with his many collectors and "fans". He loves traveling throughout these beautiful United States. The worst part is airports, taking the bus home and jet lag.

Enjoyment in any job makes work FUN and that's why we started this Club!

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Speaking of beginnings, ours started four years ago with an idea given to us by Bob's brother Ray. We met Ray and his wife Betty at one of the promotions in Ohio. Ray told us that there was a great need for a club for Bob, but we had to convince Bob. After consulting with Bob at another promotion, we were armed with facts from the National Association of Fan Clubs. Bob was a bit apprehensive knowing this would mean a lot of work for us. He emphasized that he wanted us to have FUN. We will, we will was our response. His signature on our agreement paved the way for Club Olszewski.

After lots of frustrated years and great anticipation, we are finally incorporated and have our non-profit status. **WE ARE NOW HAVING FUN!!!**

The Medallion was considered as a logo, but the children would not be recognizable when scaled down. Jacci, your Pres., came up with two sketches. Wallie, your Vice-Pres., cast the deciding vote for our logo. Bob loves it! Hope you do too. Bob's famous "smirk" is now registered and copyrighted. Don't change facial expressions on us now, Bob!

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This spring we were at a promotion and were quite surprised that they only had M. I. Hummel miniatures for sale. Bob promised that this would not happen again, as his "fans" and collectors are enthusiasts of all his work. At this promotion a question from the audience was asked, "Of all the M. I Hummel figurines you sculpted, which is your favorite?" Think about this - Bob's answer was "Visiting An Invalid, because she has such determination, not only in her 'step' but in her features as well!"

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Hummel Expo 90 tidbits from Wallie: I really enjoyed meeting so many of you old and new fans. * Bob is presently working on "picky" Goldilocks & the 3 Bears. Have you ever noticed that you just can't please some people? * Snow White will have 2 more sections - a Queen's Tower and a Garden for the Well. New figurines planned for that series are the Witch with the apple and the Queen. * I was very excited to hear that Bob is also working on a nativity scene. * Wish I could tell you about the FUTURE plans for the Hummel Village. All I can say is: "Das ist WUNDERBAR!" * Bob foresees a lot more jewelry added to the Olszewski line. * Temporarily discontinued: Western Bluebird, Cherry Pickers, Autumn Blue Jay, I Do, Summer Days, Carrousel Days and Kuan Yin. Resculpted: The OLD Hunt With the Hounds. * Bob's gold What Now? tie tack went for \$6,300 at the auction. WOW! * The winner of the raffle of Dick Hunt's book was Don Fick.

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There is a Robert Olszewski Study Group in Toledo, Ohio you should know about. They promote interest in, educate and share information about the miniatures. They are also planning the First National Robert Olszewski Convention. It will be held in Toledo, Ohio on May 17, 18 and 19, 1991. Contact their co-ordinator, Marlene Shoalts, 23614 St. Rt. #579, Curtice, Ohio 43412 for further information.

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Guess who wanted to join our club? BOB! No we didn't accept his money, after all he is The Master Artist whom we are honoring. We didn't mail him his membership packette because we knew we were going to be at a spring promotion and wanted to see his reaction to our Club logo. Bob put on his famous smirk and said Jacci did capture his personality. He loved everything and is very enthusiastic about his "Fan

Club". His children, Meredith and David, and his mom are our Honorary Members. When his children got our mailing, Bob was curious since the return address was from the Club. He had to wait until they read their mail. Their comment was, "YOU HAVE A FAN CLUB?!?" After all, Bob is just "Dad" at home.

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We have learned from a reliable source that Bob is quite a cook and does use the microwave in his new house. We understand that he now "freezes and nukes" everything. Do you have a good meatloaf recipe, Bob?

You'll love this story, it once again shows Bob's uniqueness and sense of humor. When Bob was in college, he had such a taste for meatloaf and didn't know what to do. Since Mom was a long distance call, ingenious Bob randomly dialed a number. He spoke with a woman and told her that he was Bob Olszewski, a student at the University. He went on to explain that he had a craving for meatloaf and wondered if she had a good recipe. Feeling sorry for the poor, starving college student, she told him yes and proceeded to give him the recipe. That night Bob had a great meatloaf dinner and even surprised a friend with his gourmet cooking!

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We extend a speedy recovery to Bob's mother and hope the card and floral arrangement we sent on behalf of the Club brought a smile to her face and brightened her day.

GET WELL SOON, ANN!

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Bob has asked us to get a picture of each member of the club. We need your response and your picture - no 8x10 or 5x7's - just a regular photo of yourself. Please send us TWO snapshots, one for Bob and one for club records. On the back of each, please print your name and membership number. If you don't do this, one day we'll be at a promotion and capture you in your worst pose!

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Goebel will be coming out with a newsletter, hopefully later this year. They would love to mail a copy to our members. If you **DO NOT** wish to be on their mailing list, please notify us by August 1st and we will not submit your name and address.

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We are now offering "spouse" memberships. Your better half will receive a **badge, membership certificate and card** for only **\$5.00 a year**. There will only be ONE copy per couple on the newsletters, biography and photo. Spouse members will have the same number as the primary member and their memberships run concurrently with the primary member's. To obtain ALL the benefits of membership, we will, of course, accept FULL memberships from spouses for \$12.50/year.

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In keeping with our non-profit status, we are planning a display of Olszewski miniatures at the local library. The exhibit will run from September 7 until the 28th. In coordination with this, we have reserved the conference room for Sunday, September 16th. We will be showing two short videos and have FUN surprises for you. Hope you can join us!

Date : Sunday, September 16, 1990
Time : 2:00 pm.
Where: Cuyhoga County Library
MIDDLEBURGH HTS. Branch
15600 East Bagley Rd.
Middleburgh Hts., Ohio 44130

Middleburgh Hts. is a western suburb of Cleveland, Ohio. The library is located one half mile east of the Interstate 71 - Bagley Rd. exit. Nothing fancy, just getting together. Do hope you can attend!

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Unfortunately the only appearance date that we have right now for Bob is:

South Bend Plate and Collectible Show
July 13, 14, & 15. South Bend, Indiana
(Not sure Bob will be there the 15th)

As soon as we receive Bob's promotion schedule from the studio, we'll do a special mailing.

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miniaturely yours,

Jacqui *Wallie*

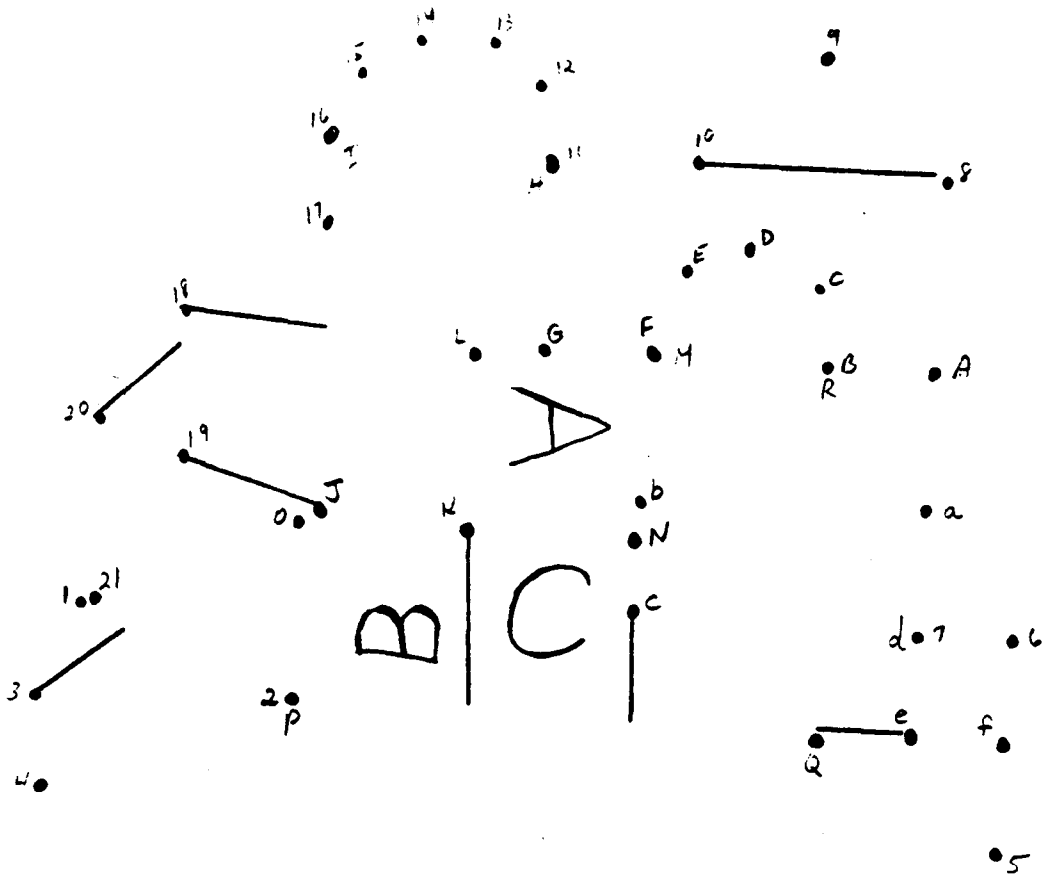
JUST FOR FUN!

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WHAT'S NEW?



DOT Instructions: Connect #1-21 with yellow colored pencil
Connect A-R with pink colored pencil
Connect a-f with blue colored pencil



WHAT'S MY NAME?

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Instructions: Exchange the numbers for letters by using your telephone dial as your code.

Example: #2 = A, B or C?

ENJOY! - The answer will appear in the next newsletter.