



FROM THE STUDIO OF  
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Delbert and Wylma Beckham

Friends? Do you have any? Silly question. We all have friends. My best friend is also known as Mrs. Delbert Beckham. Wylma, to be more precise. Surprisingly, I have other friends too. Larry and I have known each other since high school, which was half a century ago. We are the kind of friends who will tell each other the truth even when it is uncomfortable.



Larry on the tractor and Delbert

I hope you have at least one friend like that. Friends come in all shapes and sizes and degrees. Some we know a lot about, others we see often but share only some common interests. There are work related friends like Richard, a one time co-worker from a previous career, who I encountered earlier this week and had a great few minutes with. I also have a special batch of friends that I have met through my art.

When I began this journey, I did not realize the connection that artists and collectors establish. Seldom does someone come and



Delbet hard at work at Eco-Fest  
[Shangri La Botanical Gardens](#)

simply buy and go. There is conversation about the art, and about what went into it. We talk about where it is going and how it will fit into their lives. Through these conversations we get to know each other on some level. I have also discovered how much it matters to me about the folks who buy my work, since they are taking a part of me with them when they go. Some of those friendships are casual. Wylma and I just returned from the second of two shows we try to attend in Orange, Texas; Art in the Park and Eco-Fest at Shangri La Botanical Gardens. It was so much fun to see and visit with those friends we have made over the years of going there.

**SATURDAY MAY 14TH AND SUNDAY MAY 15TH**



**Clayton Mountain ArtFest**  
 @ SUNDANCE CLUB  
 SAT. 5/14 FROM 11AM - 7PM  
 SUN. 5/15 FROM 11AM - 3PM

**FREE TO ATTEND - AWARD WINNING ARTISTS**

**DELICIOUS FOOD & BEVERAGES**

**PAINTINGS** **SCULPTURE** **PHOTOGRAPHY**  
**RESORT POOL** **RYDES** **FIBER GOODS**  
**SNOW** **JEWELRY** **BOUNCE HOUSE**  
**CONES** **MEDIA** **MASSAGES**  
**GLASS** **POTTERY** **WOODCRAFTS**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**Front Entrance**  
 To Lake Palo Pinto  
 30 MINUTES WEST OF WEATHERFORD  
 SUNDANCE CLUB  
 110 STAGG CREEK TRAIL  
 GORDON, TX 76043

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**To Abilene & Midland**  
 Hwy 191  
 Exit 370

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[Clayton Mountain ArtFest](#) Poster

In just a week or so, we will add a new destination to our list, when we travel just west of Weatherford, Texas. We will be part of the inaugural Clayton Mountain ArtFest located at the [Sundance Club](#) within the community of [7R Ranch](#) in [Gordon, Texas](#). It will be great to connect with new friends as this event unfolds from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. In fact, I have already made a new friend and we have only connected by phone. Rebecca and I share a common passion, sharing art with others, and I look forward to visiting with her face to face.





Daylily and Hummingbirds  
Special Projects for Mike & Debbie

People of all walks of life will come to see and collect art, and Wylma and I will collect a new batch of friends. Some we will probably see only once a year, while others may become like Mike and Debbie. Not only do they collect our art but they often come by to check on us. After my major surgery last year, they came to simply see how I was doing.



Aoudadd Sheep Materials



Aoudadd Sheep Critters

I have shared photos of Wylma and me, and of Larry helping me the way friends do, and photos of sculptures collected by some of my friends. Now, I would like to share some photos of pieces I am planing to take with me to [Clayton Mountain ArtFest](#). Aoudadd Sheep flourish in that part of Texas, and these little guys are what I call caricatures of the real thing. They are made from parts of an aerator which is pulled behind a tractor to loosen up packed soil and promote better growth of the grasses. "Conversation Bench" is made with replicas of old John Deere seats and parts of a conveyor belt frame. It will make a great addition to a garden setting to sit and relax with a friend.





Habitat I

These newsletters start forming in my head, like my sculptures, before I ever pick up my pencil and pad. The process takes me a couple of weeks from discovering a theme to the last paragraph. Just last night (It is Wednesday morning, May 4, as I write this final paragraph.) a light bulb came on as to how to wrap this edition up.

This newsletter has been about you. Yes... You! I want to thank you for allowing it to come to your inbox. I also want to thank you for coming out to see me at home and the shows we do and supporting my work.

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If you would like to forward or share this newsletter with others, that would be wonderful.

*Until next time...*

*May there always be flowers and friends in your life.*



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