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Child's Play *in Santa Fe*

2006 year end update from Carrie Quade

A truly divinely guided decision was made to move to the southwest... It feels as if I was always meant to be here... the sky, the landscape, the colors, the artistic community, the vastness, the weather... all have been a great inspiration for me. Besides my sculpture, I am painting and doing some exciting clayprints. To quote a friend..."a volcano of creativity." I am truly inspired here. Now let me share with you some of the excitement I've been enjoying...

First, my kilns are now up and running. This is great news, as I will be continuing my work with the SADDLEPEOPLE. Can't wait to see how they are doing! As this year closes there will be a 6ft. tall SADDLEWOMAN beginning her career.

It has been a wonderful year for Big Charlie Black, Charlotte and the entire fox family. As you may recall, Big Charlie #1 was installed in Mesa, AZ. Big Charlie #2 can be found in the Benson Sculpture Garden in Loveland, CO. And most recently Big Charlie #3 has a new home at the John Gilbert Reese Center at Ohio State University. He loves being the talk of the town wherever he goes, and has had several great articles written about him.

Charlotte continues to charm audiences, now with an Award of Excellence at the Society of Animal Artists 46th Annual Exhibition. She will also be included in the Art and the Animal Tour, with shows in VT., CO., AZ., WI., NC., and SC.

Charlotte, Scarlett and the fox babies have reached, or will soon reach the end of their editions. I will be sorry to see them retire, but coming this spring, I will be introducing Charlotte's sister "Petal, and the rest of the brood," and "Mrs. Charlie Black and Family." I am also planning a series of miniatures and small sculptures for a late spring release. It is so exciting to see these ideas come to completion in the studio.

We are also hoping to finalize the plans for a Galapagos or Aldabra Tortoise sculpture for the Philadelphia Zoo's Outdoor Tortoise Exhibit entrance.

In August I had the honor of being invited back to show at Sculpture in the Park. I chose this time to premier my next large sculpture, GUM DROPS; a camarasaurus dinosaur being offered gum drops by an admiring little boy. This sculpture produced a whole new market of admirers, all under the age of 4! A great sized sculpture for children's gardens, museums and playgrounds. Trying to get those gumdrops out of the little boys hands can take hours!

NOW THE REALLY GREAT NEWS! It was truly a privilege to have my first showing at last year's Sculpture in the Park, and to have Big Charlie purchased for permanent installation... a dream come true! So, I am thrilled to announce Gum Drops has also been chosen for purchase by the Loveland High Plains Arts Council, for permanent installation in the Benson Sculpture Garden this year. Two purchases in two consecutive years in my first two years at the show... I could hardly have dreamed of this honor!

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! Both Big Charlie Black and Gum Drops have also been accepted for inclusion in the Sculpture Walk, in Sioux Falls, SD.

What a great year 2006 has been. Thank you to all for the support this year, and a special thanks to my patrons, collectors, friends and fellow artists who took the leap of faith with me! Thank you. Let's see what '07 brings.



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