

“Let us love winter, for it is the spring of genius.”

Winter Solstice Dec. 21, 2020! The shortest day of the year. Wishing you all the most warmest of Holidays, a very Merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year with peace, joy, and love.

EVENTS AND MY NEWS FLASHES

My Etsy shop!

Continuing to send miles of heart smiles into the new year...be sure to check it out.

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/Animal-CritterArt>



Check out *Fur Shui's* 2nd release: *Larger format and Kindle.*
To purchase: [Fur Shui](#)

Check out my fun art on Etsy! Great for all occasions... Valentine's Day is next up! Send out some heart hugs.

WHERE?

Still painting plein air! This small oil painting is of the sunset at Carpinteria Beach, "Good night, Sleep tight". I have 3 small "gift" paintings in The Gift Show at Carpinteria Art Center. All available for sale on line! Here's the link to one of my 3 paintings up for sale:

<https://carpinteriaartscenter.org/items/2020GI060>



WHO, HOW, AND WHAT?

Winter solstice has an extra "star"!

On the shortest day of the year for the Northern Hemisphere Jupiter and Saturn will form rare "Christmas Star" on winter solstice Dec. 21.2020!

1 hour after sunset look into the Southwest sky, at just above the horizon and you could see a large bright "star" which is Jupiter and Saturn coming near to each other

You can watch this on line courtesy of Lowell Observatory: <https://astronomy.com/>

Beginning at 7 P.M. EST on December 21, Lowell astronomers and educators will share spectacular live views of Jupiter and Saturn through observatory telescopes while discussing the nature of conjunctions.

HOLIDAY FUN:

Here are the "Best Dog Breeds for All 12 Horoscope Signs" from FamilyMinded.com: https://www.familyminded.com/s/best-dog-breeds-for-horoscope-signs-35f412c-75d39432a?utm_campaign=horoscopedogbreeds-97f2407c029f4511&utm_medium=cp-c&utm_source=oat&utm_term=NEWS_US

IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT ADOPTING A DOG THIS HOLIDAY SEASON: Remember, you have to commit to a lifelong relationship with your new fur companion (best not to "give" a fur folk to someone, let them choose for themselves!): [all about adopting a dog: https://www.familyminded.com/s/everything-to-know-about-dog-adoption-87be842e88a444a1](https://www.familyminded.com/s/everything-to-know-about-dog-adoption-87be842e88a444a1)

For those cool cats out there:

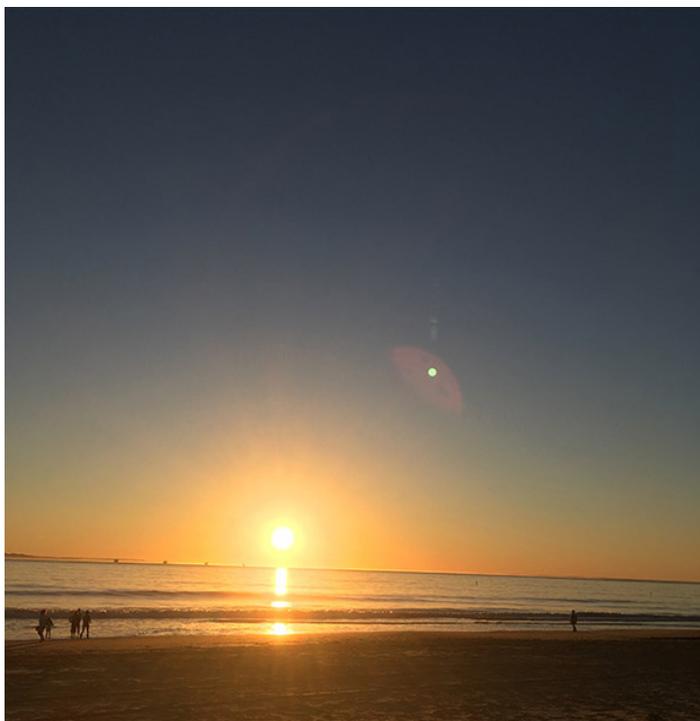
Here Kitty, kitty...here are some fun toys for your cats from Insider.com: <https://www.insider.com/gifts-for-cats>

Tell me about you and your fur folk's "story"! Join my **Fur Folk Soul Stories Facebook group.** This is the spot for the **Portrait Contest.**

Please join the talk, and love for all things "nature"...what's your "story"? Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/576338039691377/>

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL!

This is a short "Speak", just wanting to thank you all for being in my life, and wishing you much peace, love, warmth, light and good health this holiday season. May the new year bring you magical moments, loving fur folk hugs...and hugs from all folks too! Missing "hugs"! Sending you my aloha, my thanks, my best!



Sunset at Carpinteria Beach, Sweet Dreams!



My cat Makana is NOT loving his Santa Hat...ho, ho, ho!