

## About Our Logos



The 2010 Specialty has not one, but two logos.

Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907) was an American sculptor best known for works such as the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial on Boston Common and the General William Tecumseh Sherman monument in Manhattan's Central Park. He founded the "Cornish Colony," an art colony in western New Hampshire, and lived in Cornish for many years. He also was a Deerhound fancier.

Saint-Gaudens's Cornish property is now open to the public and is run by the National Park Service. With its incredible views and beautiful gardens that include Saint-Gaudens' work, this property is considered by many experts to be one of the most beautiful historic houses open to the public. Saint-Gaudens' two Deerhound sculptures are part of the property's permanent exhibit.

In April, 2009, I contacted the curator at the Saint-Gaudens Historic Site to tell him about the specialty and to ask whether there was any way to collaborate. As soon as I identified myself, he said, "just the person I was looking for! We have questions about Saint-Gaudens's Deerhounds!" So Elin and I went to Cornish and had the most delightful meeting with Henry Duffy, the curator, where we looked at pictures (where I thought one of the pictures was of a goat, not a Deerhound) and heard great stories about Saint-Gaudens and his dogs.

The "we" Henry meant also included a curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, where they were preparing an [exhibit](#) of Saint-Gaudens work for their new American Wing and who also had questions about the dogs.

We had a great time, to say the least, and Henry also gave us permission to use this photograph for one of our logos. The friend who helped us with the logo design also found this quote by Saint-Gaudens, which we think shows how little our dogs really have changed over the years:

*"I consider him to be  
the most beautiful dog,  
possibly the most beautiful animal,  
that I have ever seen."*

*Augustus Saint-Gaudens*

Unfortunately, the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site is only open from the end of May to October, so it will not be open during the specialty. It's also a two-hour drive from the Basin Harbor Club in western Vermont. But if you're ever in New England when it's open, it is definitely worth the trip. For more information about the Saint Gaudens Historic Site, go to

<http://www.nps.gov/saga/sgnhs.org/>

Our more traditional specialty logo was done by my neighbor, J. Ann Eldridge, who features many animals, both wild and domestic, in her prints. I am very grateful to her for her patience and her work on this logo. For more information on Ann and her prints, go to

<http://www.anneldridgeprints.com/>

*Miranda*