

THE TRAIL OF
PAINTED PONIES



COLLECTORS CLUB



Welcome to The Trail of Painted Ponies and the Official Collectors Club E-Newsletter! Each month it will be our pleasure to share insider information from The Trail. This E-Newsletter is our free gift to collectors and we hope it is enjoyed all year long. Happy Trails!

WHAT'S NEW

Four Seasons Collection

The Trail of Painted Ponies is celebrating the beauty of the four seasons with a special collection of four Painted Ponies: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Each Painted Pony in The Four Seasons Collection is a limited edition of ONLY 20,000. To Shop, [Click Here.](#)

The Trail Gallery

The Trail Gallery was created to celebrate the American West and the exquisite art and unparalleled experiences that this Land of Legends provides for discerning travelers and distinguished residents.

The Home & Ranch Collection invites you to surround yourself with the comfortable elegance of this romantic Western lifestyle. To visit The Trail Gallery, please [Click Here.](#)

Treasures from the Vault

As a special offering to our valued Trail of Painted collectors, and to accommodate collectors new to The Trail who missed out on Painted Pony merchandise when it was first introduced, we are announcing a new section on our Official Website: **Treasures from the Vault.** This month we will be featuring the Dillard's Exclusive "Kindred Spirits" figurine and 500 piece "Kindred Spirits" jigsaw puzzle. We will also be featuring a rare and retired "Fallen Heroes Memorial Pony" figurine and frame set, as well as many other hard-to-find figurines and merchandise from The Trail of Painted Ponies. To visit our **Treasures from the Vault**, please [Click Here.](#)

OFFICIAL PAINTED PONIES STORE

Four Seasons Autographed Edition Ponies

In response to requests from our enthusiastic collectors, we are delighted to announce that The Trail of Painted Ponies has created the only "Official Autographed Editions" figurines. Serious collectors have been searching for a way to collect figurines that are hand-signed and hand-numbered by the artists that created the original works of art from The Trail of Painted Ponies... Now they can, and they are available exclusively through our website store! To Shop, [Click Here.](#)

\$10.00 Discount is no April Fool's Day Joke!

Why are people so tired on April 1? Because they have just finished a 31-day March. Or so the joke goes. But our April Special is no joke. Spend \$50 or more on the official online Painted Ponies Store and you will receive \$10 off! Please enter the **Promotional Code: SAVE10** when ordering. To shop, [Click Here.](#)

Please note: This offer expires on April 31, 2008.

This offer is not valid with any other promotion. The Four Seasons Collection Pony is not included in this offer.

This offer excludes shipping and handling costs.

PUBLISHING FROM THE TRAIL

Ride the Sky from The Trail of Painted Ponies

Ride the Sky falls into the hugely popular "inspirational book" category. But it is refreshingly different. One hundred pages in length, it contains dazzling photographs of over 40 Painted Ponies, many never published before, perfectly matched with inspiring quotations designed to lift your spirits, put a smile on your face, encourage you to live your life artfully. To purchase, please [Click Here.](#)

To send an E-greeting Card of a page from *Ride the Sky*, please [Click Here.](#)

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Collector of the Month

My First Pony Story by Beth

I acquired my first painted pony back in July of 2007. It was the [Paint Your Own Pony Kit](#). Because I would be painting this one myself, I wanted it to be very special. Today I have just decided on what I going to design. My husband and I are both teachers. I taught art for 16 of these 21 years and am now teaching deaf and hard of hearing students. So my first pony will be a Teacher Pony. My husband and I purchased it from a friend who owns a store in Tennessee.



Paint Your Own
Pony Kit

Artist of the Month

Leslie Gates

This month we are shining the spotlight on Alabama artist Leslie Gates, a finalist in the America the Beautiful competition, whose "Tip Toe Through the Tulips" was honored as the choice for Spring Pony in the new Four Seasons Collection. Working primarily with acrylics while exploring the moods and interactions of her animal subjects, she is an expert at capturing precious, private moments in the lives of animals - "moments that make us feel a little like an intruder." Appropriately, all her pieces begin with an under-painting - a color or subtle design she lets "peek through subsequent layers of paint."



Leslie Gates

Philanthropy of the Month

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters is one of the largest, oldest and most effective youth mentoring programs in the United States. They have been a leader in one-on-one youth service for more than a century. They have helped develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people. Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors children ages 6 through 18 in communities across the country. National research has shown that positive relationships between youth and their Big Brothers and Big Sisters mentors have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives. For more information on Big Brothers Big Sisters, please [Click Here](#).



Call for Painted Pony Photographs from Collectors Across the Country and Around the World

Announcing a call for photographs of friends with their Painted Ponies. Collectors across and country and around the world are invited to send the cutest, most clever, most dramatic photos of you with a Painted Pony. It may be posted on the homepage of our website next month. Digital photographs preferred. Please send to: info@trailofpaintedponies.com



Collector News

American Collectors Insurance understands that your collectibles have not only sentimental value, but monetary value as well. A collectibles policy from American Collectors Insurance will provide you with excellent customer service from insurance specialists. In the event of a loss, you can expect friendly, hassle-free claims service and prompt payment on your insured collection. For more information, please [Click Here](#).

Custom Painted Ponies Corral

Buy Straight from the Artists - The Trail of Painted Ponies is pleased to provide our collectors with the unique opportunity to buy custom Painted Ponies directly from our Official Painted Ponies Artists. To visit, [Click Here](#).

OFFICIAL COLLECTORS CLUB

Collectors everywhere are invited to discover all of the invaluable information, special discounts and exclusive opportunities that the Official Collectors Club provides. Simply click on any of the links below:

1. [The Collectors Checklist](#)
2. [Wish List](#)
3. [The Custom Painted Ponies Corral](#)
4. [The Collectors Forum](#)
5. [E-Greeting Cards](#)
6. [Screen Savers](#)
7. [Q & A from The Trail](#)
8. [Original Painted Ponies](#)

COMING NEXT MONTH

The popularity of "Maple Leaf Pony," a figurine distributed exclusively in Canada, has prompted interest in an exclusive Australian Pony. Next month we will announce details of a competition designed to produce an Australian Painted Pony that will be available exclusively Down Under. Let all your mates know what's coming and break out the brushes!