

THE TRAIL OF
PAINTED PONIES



E-NEWSLETTER



Welcome to *The Trail of Painted Ponies* and the Official Collectors Guide 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!

Please visit: www.trailofpaintedponies.com

WHAT'S NEW

Retirement Comes to Eight Painted Ponies

For people, retirement comes when a person stops working. For *Painted Ponies*, retirement comes twice a year. This year we are putting eight figurines out to pasture, some of them have been with us from the beginning... [Click Here](#).

Winter 2009 Ponies Available for Pre-Order

We feel the Winter 2009 Release is one of the most diverse and strongest releases yet. With it, we are bringing eight new and delightful *Painted Ponies* into the world - six resin and two ceramic Ponies... [Click Here](#).

Winter 2009 Autographed Editions Available for Pre-Order

With every new release, *The Trail of Painted Ponies* creates an Official Autographed Edition. This edition was created as a way for collectors of *Painted Ponies* figurines to enhance the value of their collections. For more information... [Click Here](#).

Holiday Design Contest

With each New Year it is our pleasure to announce the winners of the Holiday Design Contest. During the Holidays, carefully opening each design submission that we receive at *The Trail of Painted Ponies* offices has become a much anticipated Holiday tradition.

It is our pleasure to acknowledge what we consider to be the most outstanding *Holiday Painted Ponies* for 2008... [Click Here](#).

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Happy New Year!

As we look back on 2008, we all agree that it really was quite a year. This was a year filled with unprecedented challenges in so many ways and yet, *The Trail of Painted Ponies* has remained a bright spot in the world of art and collectibles. It seems that these miniature works of art have become even more important in lifting spirits and connecting families and friends. Read more and view slide show.... [Click Here](#)

TREASURES FROM THE VAULT

Welcome to The Vault!

This is where all of the treasures from *The Trail of Painted Ponies* are kept, safely under lock and key. For centuries, vaults have protected the most valuable assets in the world. In the American West, vaults were essential in secretly protecting gold, silver, precious jewels and countless works of art.

Collectors are invited to take a look inside The Vault and discover timeless treasures from *The Trail*.

To visit, [Click Here or Phone: 1 \(877\) 459-5701](#)

OFFICIAL PAINTED PONIES STORE

20% Off Retired Ponies.

Get them while you can and save!

During the month of January receive 20% off any Retired *Painted Pony* purchased from the *Official Painted Ponies Store*.

To receive your savings enter promotional code:

RETIRED2009 on the information page when checking out. *Please note: Offer expires January 31st., 2009.*

[Click Here or Phone Toll Free: 1 \(800\) 500-5779](#)

The Official Painted Ponies Store offers FREE Standard Shipping on Orders of Orders of \$75 or more if shipped within the Continental US.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS 2009

Top 10 New Year's Resolutions for Trail of Painted Ponies Collectors!

We have created an easy to use checklist to help you accomplish your New Year's Resolutions in 2009.

- 1. This year I will take the time to organize artfully display my *Painted Ponies* collection and send photos to *The Trail of Painted Ponies*.
- 2. I will stay in touch and send *Trail of Painted Ponies E-Cards* to all of my friends and family on a regular basis.
- 3. This year I will visit more museums and local galleries.
- 4. I will continue to give gifts of *Painted Ponies* that have real meaning to my family and friends.
- 5. This year I will collect *Autographed Edition Painted Ponies* and add value to my collection.
- 6. Each Holiday I will decorate with my *Painted Ponies* Collection and send photos to *The Trail of Painted Ponies*.
- 7. I will spend 30 minutes a day being creative... sketching, drawing, painting, designing or writing.
- 8. I will unleash my "inner artist" and submit some designs to *The Trail of Painted Ponies*.
- 9. And, this is the year that I will have some fun and attend some *Painted Ponies* Artists Signings and Workshops.
- 10. Finally, I will be thankful for my friends, family and my community and I will support all of them in every way.

Happy New Year from *The Trail of Painted Ponies*!

Recipe of the Month

Cowboy Caviar & Tortilla Chips



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Out with the old "Chips and Salsa" and in with the new "Cowboy Caviar"!

Perfect for all of the celebrations in the New Year...from football games to family parties, this incredible dip will have them "two-steppin" to the table for more!

This delicious salsa is made with black-eyed peas, fresh tomatoes, sweet onions, and fresh avocado.

- 2 (15.5 ounce) cans black-eyed peas or black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 chopped fresh tomatoes
- 1 chopped medium sweet onion
- 1/2 cup chopped Jalapeno Peppers
- 8 ounces Newman's Italian dressing
- 2 chopped avocados
- 2 sprigs of chopped Cilantro

Dash of Cayenne pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, combine black-eyed peas (or black beans), fresh tomatoes, sweet onion, Jalapeno Peppers, Italian dressing, and Cayenne pepper. Sprinkle avocados and Cilantro on top.

Cowboy Caviar is perfect served with Blue or Yellow Corn Tortilla Chips.

OFFICIAL COLLECTOR'S GUIDE

Collector of the Month

Kim Arnold

Collector Kim Arnold from Enid, Oklahoma, loves the beauty and artfulness of each *Painted Pony*. She recently visited Blazin Trails at the Cowboy Marketplace in Las Vegas to meet Vickie Knepper, the artist of "Wounded Knee."



To be considered for Collector of the Month email: info@trailofpaintedponies.com

Artist of the Month

Chad Brady

It's a Western tradition for American cowboys to ride saddles that are decorated with elegant, delicately carved floral and geometric patterns, and in some cases embroidered with gold and silver ornaments. With this in mind, Virginia artist and craftsman Chad Brady, whose uncle has been a cobbler for over 30 years making fancy chaps for rodeo cowboys, keeps the spirit alive with a *Painted Pony* he has beautifully tooled with floral, oak leaf and acorn patterns. View figurine...[Click Here.](#)



Carved in History

Philanthropy of the Month

Thank you for shopping on the *Official Painted Ponies Store*. *The Trail of Painted Ponies* donates a percentage of the proceeds from each order to organizations that support the arts, education, animals and the environment.

Over the past year *The Trail of Painted Ponies* has been proud to support the following Philanthropic Organizations across the country.

The Boulder County Horse Association, Stone County Humane Society, United Way of Otero County, Equine Welfare Foundation, World Children's Center, TAPS - Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, La Paloma Family Services, Inc., Special Olympics, Big Brothers Big Sisters, The Humane Society of the United States, 4H Pepperell Trailblazers and Dressage 4 Kids.

Retailer of the Month

American Candle

The fine retailer American Candle hosted an exciting Artist Signing Event in Bartonville, Pennsylvania. This fun event featured talented artist



Lynn Bean, who has created "Copper Enchantment," "Bunkhouse Bronco," "Fetish Pony," "Gingerbread Pony," "Petroglyph Pony" and "Golden Feather Pony." Lynn enjoyed meeting many collectors during this event, and signing their ponies and *Trail of Painted Ponies* books.

Painted Pony Poetry Winner Announced

It was hard enough to narrow all the poetry submissions we received down to ten. To have to select just three for awards would have been almost impossible – which is why we invited you, *Painted Ponies* lovers from across America, to vote for your favorite.

And so, the top three vote-getters in the 2008 *Trail of Painted Ponies Poetry Contest* are...

★ **First Place** *An Old Cowboys Memories* by Lonnie Faubion [Click Here.](#)

★ **Second Place:**
My Painted Ponies by Holly Graffuis [Click Here.](#)

★ **Third Place:**
Dream Horse: A Painted Pony by Cathy Bryant [Click Here.](#)

Share your Holiday Stories

Did you receive a *Painted Pony* over the Holidays? We would love to hear your story about *Painted Ponies* gifts you have received. Stories and photos may be featured on our website. To share your Holiday Stories email: info@trailofpaintedponies.com.

Come Visit our President's Blog!

Direct from the President of *The Trail of Painted Ponies*, this Blog will provide you with a private channel to musings and messages from inside *The Trail*. To visit, [Click Here.](#)

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.](#)

Most Requested...

Collectors everywhere are invited to discover all of the invaluable information, special discounts and exclusive opportunities that the [Official Collector's Guide](#) provides. To view additional features in the Official Collector's Guide... [Click Here.](#)

COMING NEXT MONTH

Who's Who and What's New along *The Trail of Painted Ponies*.

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