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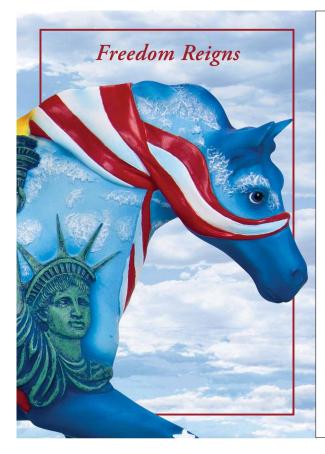


Artists: Regan Lee and Karlynn Keyes
Did you know that "Blackjack" is the most
popular casino card game in the world? This
fast-paced game of skill, also known as "21,"
arrived in America in the late 1700's, from
Europe. Ambitious gambling houses offered a
bonus payout to player's whose hands contained
the ace of spades and a black jack. Soon,
"Blackjack" became the official name of the most
exciting card game in America! We invite you to
discover the thrill of the game with "Black Jack."

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What better way of showing the Spirit of America than to remember our heritage through our nation's symbols – from the Statue of Liberty, which was given to us in honor of our ideals of freedom and liberty for all... to the Declaration of Independence, a document that provided us with a democratic government, insuring individual freedoms, equality and independence for all citizens... to the White House and Capital Building, where our leaders work to improve and secure our national heritage and principals... all wrapped up in the Stars and Stripes that we display and wave proudly in times

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of war, grief and celebration.

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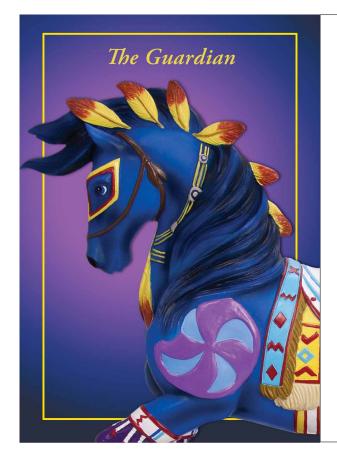
Artist: Vickie Knepper-Adrian

Expressing one's faith in the positive power of a cross by hanging it on the wall or over a door in the belief it will protect home and life, is a tradition practiced round the world. With "Crossroads," the artist pays tribute to those ornamental crosses often found in farm houses, prairie barns and Western churches that are designed with cowboy flair, and are forged by hand out of unique materials: cowhide and conchos, tooled leather and sterling silver stars, wood and nailheads.

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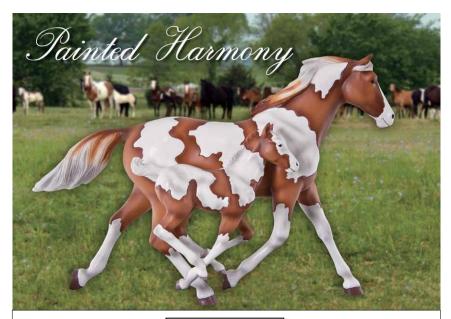
Artists: Rod Barker and Lauren Reeser "Of all the animals, the horse is the best friend of the Indian, for without it he could not go on long journeys. A horse is the Indian's most valuable piece of property. If an Indian wishes to gain something, he promises his horse that if the horse will help him he will paint it with native dyes, so that all may see that help and protection have come to him through the aid of his horse."

Brave Buffalo (Teton Sioux)

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A Tribute to the American Paint Horse...



Painted Harmony

Artist: Janee Hughes

Known for its distinctive markings, the American Paint Horse is a colorful, naturally intelligent and highly versatile Western breed. Characterized by a broad chest, well-muscled hindquarters and refined head, Paint Horses come in a variety of coat patterns. "Painted Harmony" was inspired by the close relationship between mare and foal, exemplified here by the seamless blending of this mare's coat pattern into her foal's. "Painted Harmony" was the winning design in a national competition marking the 50th anniversary of the American Paint Horse Association.

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