

## Holiday 2008

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Welcome to The Trail of Painted Ponies, where the inspirational power of the horse is imaginatively expressed by some of the finest artists in the country. What began as a fantastic public art exhibition in Santa Fe, New Mexico has expanded to new ranges with the introduction of a select line of high-quality figurines that honor the spirit of original Painted Ponies. Each Painted Pony is crafted with exquisite attention to detail, and each is a miniature work-of-art in its own right, which is why Painted Ponies figurines have become one of the most beloved collectibles in America.



*Let it Snow*

“During the holidays as a child, all I wanted for Christmas was a big fluffy snowfall so I could build a perfect snowman, decorated with a hat and scarf, sticks for arms, a carrot for a nose, and big black buttons of coal. Living in the Midwest, coal wasn’t readily available, so mom always had a tin full of buttons for the occasion.” Now, as an adult, this Iowa artist still finds something magical about “big fluffy snowfalls,” and created a Pony designed to take everyone back to a time and place where they too waited with anticipation for the holidays and the chance to build that perfect snowman.

Artist: **Vickie Knepper**  
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*Peppermint Twist*

According to legend, candy canes were created to symbolize Jesus, their shape representing the letter J. But to most people the hard, cane-shaped candy, traditionally with red and white stripes and flavored with peppermint, is as much an ornament as a confection – a sweet treat to munch as well as to decorate a tree.

The artist who created this tasty Holiday Pony hails from Alabama keeps out a bowl of candy canes and swirls at Christmas time... and often long past.

Artist: **Leslie Gates**  
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*Wooden Toy Horse*

*T*his delightful Holiday Pony captures a classic Christmas moment of a jolly Santa sitting at a table in his cozy house at the North Pole, reviewing his naughty or nice list, checking it twice, and from time to time letting out a "Ho, ho, ho!" as images of children's wishes – toy trains, biplanes, dolls and cars – fill his head.

The artist who created this captivating Holiday Pony has worked as a graphics illustrator for National Geographic Magazine.  
Artist: [Johanna Enriquez](#)  
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*'Twas the Night Before  
Christmas*

*W*ith a sleigh full of toys and reindeer so quick. A bowl full of jelly, it could only be St. Nick. He hopped into the seat of his apple red sleigh, Calling out to his reindeer, "Up, up and away!" Dashing through the night with a bag full of toys, He brought happiness and hope to every girl and boy.

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