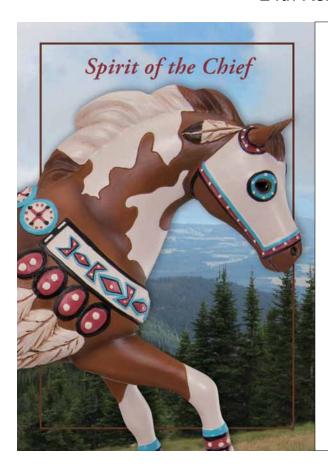
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Artist: Lorna Matsuda

Traditionally, the Chief was the greatest warrior in the tribe, and he was easy to recognize because he wore a grand eagle-feather headdress, with each feather representing a special deed or brave action. Frequently, before battle or a hunt, the Chief would adorn his prize pony with eagle feathers that reflected power, prestige and accomplishments in the belief they strengthened its spirit. "Spirit of the Chief" imagines the personal spirit-horse of a great Chief.

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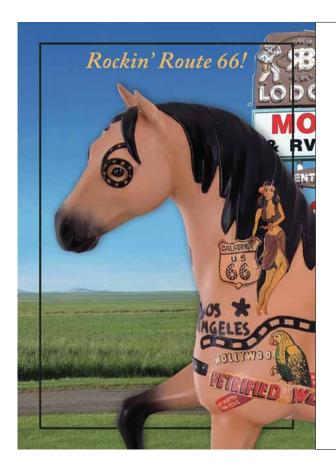
Artist: Aloma Wolfington

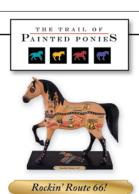
"Country Music" is all about two things that millions of people hold close to their heart: country music and horses. Some of the biggest stars that ever performed onstage at the Grand Ole Opry – George Jones, Charlie Daniels, Tanya Tucker, Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson – grew up with horses, and dreamed of becoming a cowboy or cowgirl. Horses helped them escape from the chaos of the world, and were their true companions. With musical notes blended into her spots, guitars as tributes to their musical abilities, and wearing a trick saddle, "Country Music" invites collectors into the private world these country stars shared with some of their closest friends – their beloved horses.

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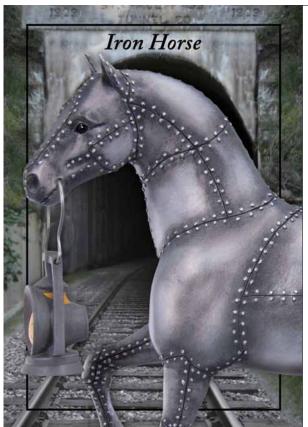
Artist: S.V. Medaris

Route 66 stretched more than halfway across the United States, from Chicago to LA. For more than a half-century it seemed that every vacationing American family took a road trip along its route to see the wonderful and whacky roadside attractions that were designed to catch the eye of passing motorists. From motor courts and Indian curio shops to fancy filling stations, Route 66 had something for everyone. If you were hungry you could eat at the world famous Big Texan Steak Ranch (put away a 72 ounce steak dinner in one hour and your bill was paid for you) or the original Bob's Big Boy eatery. Its days of glory now faded, the nostalgic attraction of the "Mother Road" lives on in songs like "Get Your Kicks, On Route 66," and this Painted Pony titled, "Rockin' Route 66!"

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Artist: Christopher Paskert

This "Iron Horse" honors the horse's contribution to the exploration and settling of America. Before the first locomotives chugged across the great plains, the horse brought explorers, surveyors, engineers, dreamers and their families westward. It was the horse who ferried supplies and information from the cities to the settlers. "Iron Horse" carries a lantern because he led the way into the great unknown, and he stands on the tracks he forged for the giant engines that would replace him – engines that even today bear his namesake.

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