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Butterflies Run Free

Artist: Jesse Leach

Coated with the orange and black-veined wings of the colorful and beautiful Monarch Butterfly, this Pony pays homage to this amazing symbol of freedom. Each year, millions of Monarch butterflies flee the seasonal cold in the eastern United States, and migrate several thousand miles to spend the winter in the warm mountainous fir forests of Mexico, returning in the spring.

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Spot

Artist: Janee Hughes

Horses and Dalmatians are said to take to each like ducks to water, which is how these black-spotted dogs came to be associated with the old-time fire halls, and why, in the early fire-fighting days, they often rode on the fire engines alongside firemen. "Spot" is a brilliant and playful merging of canine and equine friends.

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The Grey Ghost



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The Grey Ghost

Artist: Thomas Kulina

A little known Native American legend tells of a mighty stallion, recognizable by its grey and black coat and red and white adornments, that sometimes appears galloping across the western skies as a warning of turbulent weather ahead. The story crosses tribal lines, as plains warriors would search for “the grey ghost” before planning an attack, and pueblo farmers would plant or harvest in accordance with a sighting. Although ominous in its presence, this mystical pony was believed to have prevented catastrophes and spared many lives.

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Magical Mystery Mare



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Magical Mystery Mare

Artist: Lorna Matsuda

Known for its flamboyant “blanket” of white spots, the Appaloosa’s coloring makes it unique in the horse world. Often there is no need for adornment – fancy saddles or bridles – as the pattern of its coat, splendidly displayed in “Magical Mystery Mare,” can sometimes take on a life of its own, transforming it into a work-of-art in its own right.

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