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The Unicorn's Garden

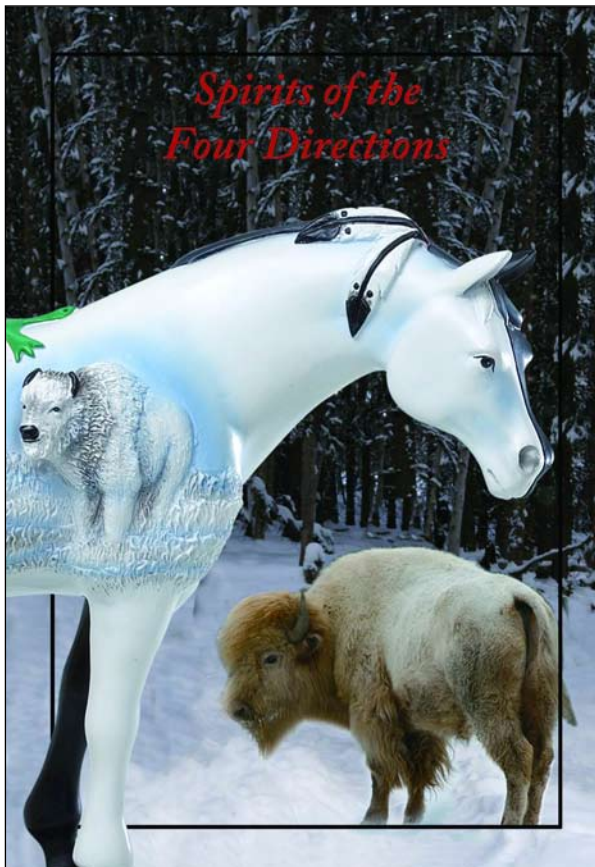
Artist: Jennifer MacNeill-Traylor

In the 16th century, in the Netherlands, a series of fabulous tapestries were created, each featuring a unicorn – that mysterious and beautiful, white, horse-like creature with a single horn extending from its forehead – in a magical setting. These tapestries were of such breathtaking magnificence that since that time they have been displayed in prestigious museums around the world. Inspired by one of these tapestries, “The Unicorn’s Garden” depicts a unicorn resting in a glorious paradise-garden where each plant and flower is shown in its prime, although in reality they actually blossom in different seasons.

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Spirits of the Four Directions

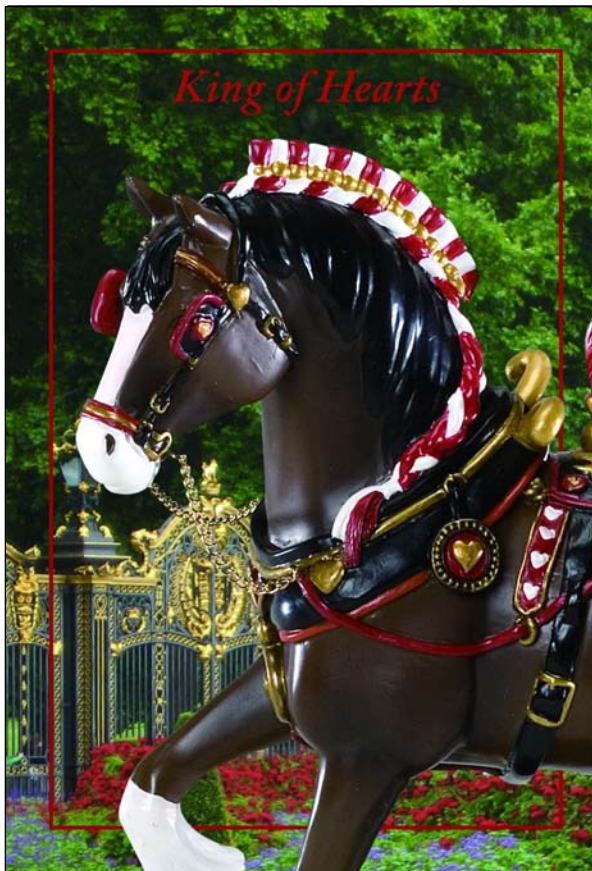
Artist: Janet Snyder

Within the spiritual teachings of Native Americans, the Medicine Wheel symbolizes the sacred circle of life. It has four basic directions, each associated with a different color, each represented by an animal spirit guide, each offering its own lessons. North is white and is represented by the buffalo, whose gift is wisdom. East is yellow and is represented by the eagle, whose gift is illumination. South is red and is represented by the wolf, whose gift is adaptability. West is black and is represented by the bear, whose gift is strength. Rich with symbolism, “Spirits of the Four Directions” offers another way of looking at the world, and giving meaning to our lives.

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King of Hearts

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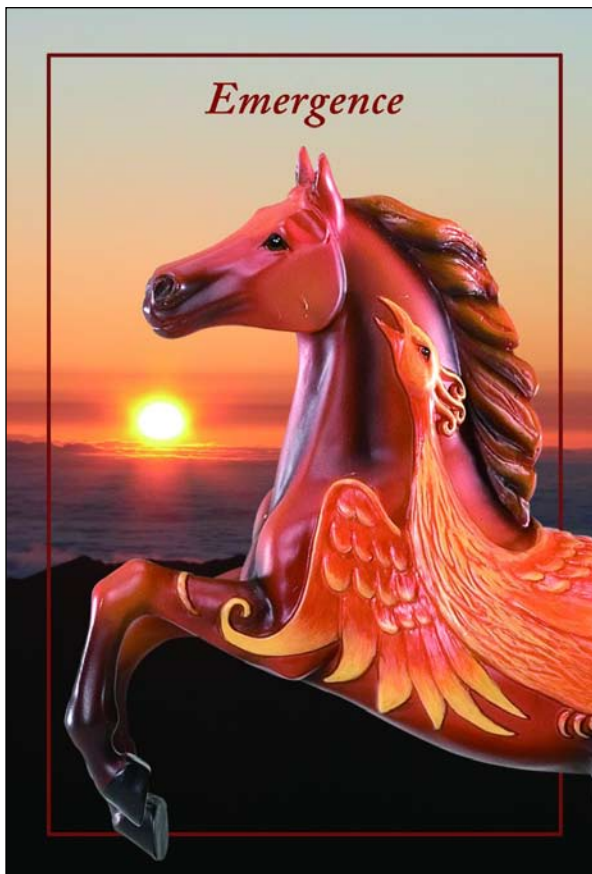
Artist: Karlynn Keyes

Long ago, and far away, a majestic horse was born in the small, picturesque town of Clydesdale, Scotland. Three hundred years later, this enormous draught horse has become one of the world's most famous "gentle giants" and one of the most beloved horses in America. With grace, elegance and an effortless gate, the Clydesdale is so handsome that you are sure to fall in love. Decked out in the finest, fancy, red and gold tack, this Painted Pony will surely steal your heart...that is why he is the "King of Hearts."

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Emergence

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Emergence

Artist: Jennifer MacNeill-Traylor

According to legend, there once existed a stunningly beautiful firebird with brilliant feathers of gold and scarlet, said to be as large as an eagle, who lived on dew drops and whose cry was so enchanting the sun would stop to listen. It lived a long time, and at the end of its life it would build a nest of aromatic branches and spices, set it afire and allow itself to be consumed by the flames... only to arise from the ashes and begin life anew, more beautiful than ever. The moral to the story of the Phoenix, as well as "Emergence," is that within us all lay powers of regeneration, and no matter the challenges that confront us, we all have the capacity to begin life anew.

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Standing on Guard

Artists: Royal Canadian Mounted Police
and Fabienne Leydecker

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have proudly served Canada and its people since 1873. This colourful tradition continues with a spectacle known around the world as the Musical Ride. In keeping with tradition, the Musical Ride is performed by a full troop of thirty-two riders who are first and foremost police officers, along with their awe-inspiring horses. The Musical Ride consists of a stunning variety of intricate figures and cavalry drill, choreographed to music. "Standing on Guard" is a tribute to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Musical Ride, where months of training and practice make horse and rider one.

*To learn more about the RCMP please Google:
Royal Canadian Mounted Police.*

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