**Winter 2008**
**Eleventh Release**

**Crazy Horse**
History books describe Crazy Horse as a respected war leader who fought against the U.S. government in an effort to preserve the traditions and values of the Great Sioux Nation. The horse he rode in battle was a proud, white horse, a symbol of strength, courage, and freedom. The horseback rider, with lightning dappling down his cheek and a turquoise earring in one ear, looked up to see a red-backed hawk fly overhead. When he realized the dream to his medicine man, this ancient symbol became a harbinger of his future greatness in battle. A lifetime of victories on the battlefield followed, culminating with his triumph over George Armstrong Custer at the Little Bighorn.

*Artist: CJ Wells*

**Serenity**
It's said that serenity is not freedom from the storm, but peace amid the storm. With that in mind, this California artist set out to decorate her Pony with designs that put the heart at ease. She was inspired by such classically popular patterns as Blue Willow, a design that has graced our dinner tables for centuries. The charming imagery of the star-crossed lovers evokes pastoral strolls down shady lanes past white cottages and ponds dappled with lilies.

*Artist: Le Mar*

**Dreamwalker**
Drawing on his Cherokee heritage, this Arizona artist, whose large, spiritually powerful portraits have been exhibited in the world's finest galleries, has created a visual interpretation of the traditional tale of the “Dreamwalker.” It is a story about a medicine man who is told in a vision that “the discovery of power will come through the ways of animals.” Shortly thereafter he sets out on a trek across the Great Plains, to the East, where Illumination lives. He carries a pipe with him. He has many encounters. He draws on the ways of animals. “The way of the earth finds the way of the sun. Dragonflies are signs of a natural spring. Butterflies are signs of a natural harvest. Butterfly maidens are believed to help pollinate crops. Nothing could grow without the harvest. Butterfly maidens are signs of a natural spring. Butterflies are signs of a natural harvest. Butterfly maidens are believed to help pollinate crops. Nothing could grow without the harvest.”

*Artist: Star Liana York*

**Trail of Honor**
At this time in our history, it is important to acknowledge all the men and women who have served, and are serving, in our armed forces. The inspiration for this Pony came from a Virginia-based artist while attending a Powwow. She imagined a Painted Pony horse forms. The American flag and an Eagle staff carried proudly by two Native American veterans of foreign wars symbolize the American Dream. The flag is a symbol of the dreams and aspirations of our forefathers and the courage they possessed to fight for their dreams. The flag and the Eagle staff are symbols of a proud people who have fought against the United States government, but who proudly fought to protect America. The flag and the Eagle staff are symbols of a proud people who have fought against the United States government, but who proudly fought to protect America.

*Artist: Donna Archer*

**Indian Summer**
An agricultural people, the Hopi have sustained themselves for millennia in the Northern Arizona desert without the benefit of rivers or streams. The Hopi Way is to work hard, pray, sing, take part in ceremonies, and create images they believe will summon help from spirit beings. This Hopi artist has incorporated a variety of traditional Hopi symbols into his design, all of which revolve around rain and moisture, and a successful harvest. Butterfly maidens are believed to help pollinate crops. Nothing could grow without the sun. Dragonflies are signs of a natural spring.

*Artist: Buddy Tuhonahwe*

**Twilight Hunters**
It’s a crisp, icy evening and there’s a scent on the wind. The cold silence is spilt by a piercing chorus of howls, followed by the shuffle of padded feet crunching though the snow. The pack picks up the pace. Their breath makes small clouds. The twilight hunters are prowling for prey in the last light of day…. With this scene in mind, this New Mexico western and wildlife artist set out to decorate her Pony with designs that put the heart at ease. It’s said that serenity is not freedom from the storm, but peace amid the storm. With that in mind, this California artist set out to decorate her Pony with designs that put the heart at ease. She was inspired by such classically popular patterns as Blue Willow, a design that has graced our dinner tables for centuries. The charming imagery of the star-crossed lovers evokes pastoral strolls down shady lanes past white cottages and ponds dappled with lilies.

*Artist: Lori Musil*

**Prairie Horizon**
This fine artist from Colorado has a long fascination with the history and lore of the Nez Perce Indians - expert horsemen with a sophisticated knowledge of breeding who were credited with developing the Appaloosa. Using a distinctive artistic style that combines bold colors with geometric shapes, circles, triangles, and arrows that connect his design to the title — a horizon line encircles the horse, grass and trees, canyons and rivers are rendered in an abstract way — he breathes new life and excitement into his stylized interpretation of a breed of horse known for its unique color and variety of spots.

*Artist: Bob Conrats*

**Wish Upon a Star**
Although no unicorn sightings have been reported in centuries, this mysteriously beautiful creature is alive and well in legend and myth, and in our hearts and minds. Believed to be a fabulous hybrid with the body of a white horse, the cloven hooves of a goat, a lion’s tail, and a slender, golden spiral horn on its forehead, the unicorn is an animal of good omen and magical qualities. It is reported to appear to true believers when the time is right. The perfect gift for unicorn lovers, “Wish Upon a Star” was created by the multi-talented artist who sculpted all the original Painted Pony horse forms.

*Artist: Star Liana York*