

HORSE PAINTINGS NEWSLETTER

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Titan is Winner of Beautiful Horses of Indiana Contest

Congratulations to Titan, the winner of the Beautiful Horses of Indiana contest! He received almost 25% of the votes, which is amazing since there were over 50 paintings to choose.

Take a moment to read Titan's story and his owner, Jessica's description of her personal dedication to horses reprinted from my website (right column).

As the winner, Titan now has his own [Café Press shop!](#) Imagine Titan earrings! Titan note cards. A Titan thermos or iPad case. Who wouldn't enjoy snuggling up in Titan PJs?

I've recently updated my [other shops](#). If you need a gift for a horse-loving friend, take a look.

The winner of the drawing for \$25 worth of merchandise from one of my shops is Lisa from Spencer, Indiana. Congrats!

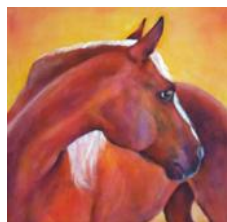
Thank you to everyone who voted! Here are the other paintings in the Top 5.



Tuscani Dundee, 18x14", oil on masonite, ©Karen Brenner, 2011



TuSpotz, 14x18", oil on masonite, ©Karen Brenner, 2011



Miss Scarlet, 16x16", oil on masonite, ©Karen Brenner, 2011



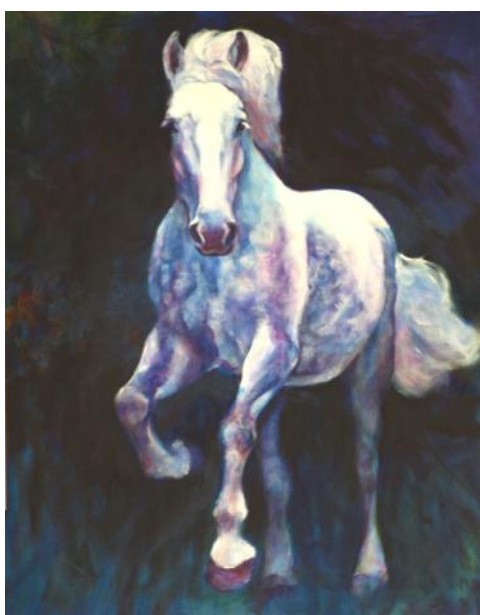
Miss Mary, 14x18", oil on masonite, ©Karen Brenner, 2011

LINKS OF THE MONTH

Evolution of Eight Paintings

My new [video](#) shows how I use many layers of translucent oil paint to create my paintings.

Do your horses recognize you? This scientific [study](#) says, YES! I know my neighbor's horse recognizes me when I horse sit. He happily moves to the side of his stall just like I taught him over a year ago whenever I feed him!



Titan, 30x24", oil on masonite, ©Karen Brenner, 2011

Meet Titan

The largest horse gets the biggest canvas! (Well, piece of masonite, actually) Titan is 18 hands tall and weighs over 2000 pounds. And he fills up this 30 x 24" painting!

Jessica, his petite owner, rides and drives Titan in shows. She is a college student who plans to make horses her life work.



Jessica & Titan

Jessica writes, "Horses are my passion. . . . No matter how hot, cold, muddy or labor intensive the situation, when it comes to horses, I take advantage of any opportunity to gain a deeper knowledge, broaden my perspective, and revel in new experiences. . . . I've learned to listen to my horses to help solve their problems, becoming a mix of teacher, dietician, doctor, builder, psychologist, farmer, maintenance worker, laborer, and - most important - partner."

Jessica's mother, Charlotte, sent a little background information about Titan:

"Titan is very curious. That curiosity and his size were constantly getting him into trouble. His previous owner had him in a 10 x 10 feet stall the majority of his life. The stall was too small and the floor had worn into a bowl shape. Titan didn't have a level surface to stand on and was constantly lame. His previous owner didn't understand the cause of the lameness or the misbehavior and simply confined him more and more to his stall. Titan was lame, bored and resentful when I brought him home. We gave him a bigger stall, regular farrier care, plenty of pasture time, horse friends and work. . . . He loves all the attention and the work . . . He is still very mischievous but in a happy, friendly way."

Titan was such a joy to photograph. Even with his enormous size and his powerful movement, I never felt scared as he cantered delightfully toward me during his photo session. What a beautiful horse!

Horse Paintings Blog Named in "Top Oil Painting Blogs"

Andrea Erins, whose "Masters in Education" blog features news about education-related topics, has just posted this topic: [Inspiration Meets Canvas: The Top 15 Oil Painting Blogs](#). And my [blog](#) was included! Thank you!

See more Horse Paintings by Karen Brenner on her [website](#).

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