

HORSE PAINTINGS NEWSLETTER

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“Beautiful Horses of Indiana” Off to a Great Start!

During June I photographed 50+ horses for my new series of paintings, "Beautiful Horses of Indiana." WOW - they have LOTS of BEAUTIFUL horses! It was such a fun trip! And each day I was amazed by the horses I got to meet.

You'll get to see each horse during the next year as I create -- and post online -- a painting of each exquisite equine! It's going to be an exciting year of painting.

I took over 8,000 photos; there were 53 horses on my itinerary. Thank goodness for digital cameras. Even though I spent every evening on my trip sorting through the day's photos deleting the bad shots, I ended up with about a thousand to review and make "final" decisions on compositions for the paintings. Sometimes I change my mind right before I start a painting, so these "final" decisions might change in the future.

I've been drawing and painting Indiana horses since my return. It takes months to complete each painting. This week I finished the first one! (See column on right.) And I am almost done doing the initial sketch for number 15. So progress is being made.

You can watch the series progress on the [Beautiful Horses of Indiana](#) web page, or follow my [Horse Paintings blog](#). There will be 52 more paintings coming soon.

First Painting in Beautiful Horses of Indiana is Done!



TuSpotz, an Arab Paint mare, is featured in the first “Beautiful Horses of Indiana” painting. Read TuSpotz story on the [Beautiful Horses of Indiana web page](#).

New paintings will be posted each week! Check back often!

Just one Paddington Bear painting is not enough . . .



You might remember Paddington Bear from the “Beautiful Horses of Pennsylvania” series. He’s one of the cutest horse I’ve ever met, and he is my sister’s favorite from that trip — perhaps influenced by the fact that she is a school librarian and he’s named after a very famous fictional character. I had so many adorable photos of this guy, I couldn’t resist one more painting of him.

You’ll find his original painting on [page 2](#) of the Pennsylvania series.

Friesians and Andalusians Star in This Year’s Robin Hood movie

Have you seen this year’s [Robin Hood](#) movie? My friend Sandy, who LOVES Friesians and I (who loves all horses — but especially Andalusians) went to see it this summer. Let me tell you it is now one of my favorite movies ever! The horses were galloping across beautiful countryside throughout the movie! I think there were people in the movie too, but I’m not sure....Our eyes were glued on the horses. I’ve never in my life seen that many Friesians together at one time. Of course there was also a sprinkling of Andalusians — for the Royalty (and for that big name actor, whatz’is name, who played a secondary role to the horses).

Friesians at the Ohio State Fair

Sandy, my friend who LOVES Friesians, invited me to go with her to a Friesian show in Columbus. We didn’t realize until we arrived on the grounds that the Ohio State Fair was going on at the same time and venue! We had fun! I didn’t take many photos, since it was congested outside the arena with fairgoers, and my camera isn’t a fan of the inside. But here are a few:



Note the Sky Ride in the first photo! The second one accentuates my camera’s distaste for indoor photograph, and in the third shot a team of Friesians head back to the stables.

FUN LINK OF THE MONTH

A Shiny Coat for Your Cat

You’ll often find armor for horses at museums, but have you ever seen armor for cats? *Mental Floss* featured artist Jeff DeBoer’s classic cat armor on their website, and left me scratching to see more! I know my cat Skeeter would love to wear this armor as he sauntered down the road past the neighborhood canines! [Check it out](#).

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

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