

HORSE PAINTINGS NEWSLETTER

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Meet Miss Mary—The Beautiful “Mule” of Indiana!

You are the first to see the newest painting in the Beautiful Horses of Indiana series featuring Miss Mary who lives at New Beginnings Animal Refuge (NBAR) in New Salisbury, IN. And, as you can see, she's not a horse, but a mule! And one very popular mule at that! After receiving FIVE nominations for Miss Mary, she was shoe in for the project. And because all her nominators signed up for my email newsletter, it's only appropriate to unveil her painting in this venue.



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

Meeting Miss Mary was a treat. Rolling into the farm we saw pastures dotted with equines of all sizes and ages. Donkeys, Quarter Horses, Arabians, crosses . . . What a menagerie! And then we saw Miss Mary, calmly waiting for whatever the day would bring. She'd seen it all already . . .

Before being rescued, she was horribly thin and abused; Miss Mary was no longer wanted. She had been trucked from one sale to the next — rejected by all. Unsalable. Becky, her new owner, explained that white mules and horses are not wanted by the meat market due to their propensity for melanoma. There came a day when Miss Mary was to be put down in 24 hours. But hold the phone! Through a network of caring people a home was provided for Miss Mary at [New Beginnings Animal Refuge](#).

Once she reached her new home Miss Mary, who is around 17 years old, flourished. This 16+ hh mule became an inspiration to volunteers and a companion to her fellow equine refugees. One fan wrote, “She has quickly become the QUEEN of NBAR and has an extensive following!” Miss Mary is the tallest mule I've met — her withers rose above the top of my head! I was amazed by not only her height and distinct, angular mule form, but also how docile she was. She was clearly at home at NBAR.

Miss Mary's painting will soon be added to my [Beautiful Horses of Indiana](#) web page and featured on my [blog](#). But if you'd like to see the painting in person — along with the 50 other works in this new series — come to the exhibit! The paintings will be at the Eiteljorg Museum's Women in Art Market, which will include paintings, fiber art, ceramics and more from 40 regional women artists, from 10 AM - 5 PM on Saturday, March 26, 2011. The Eiteljorg Museum The museum is located at 500 West Washington St., Indianapolis, IN.

LINK OF THE MONTH

Can Art Change the World?

Oui! In this [mind-opening video](#), French street artist, JR, documents his special art project that is making the world a better place. I really recommend watching this TED Talk presentation through to the end so you don't miss the amazing image found there. And the surprising offer that follows! Check it out!

Please forward this newsletter to friends who like horses or art!

New York Horses—

Just a Few Days Left to Nominate Yours

Nominations for the Beautiful Horses of New York series will be closing at the end of March. Do you know any New York horses? Or friends who know New York horses? Here's a link to details about the series and the easy-to-use [Nomination Form](#).

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

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