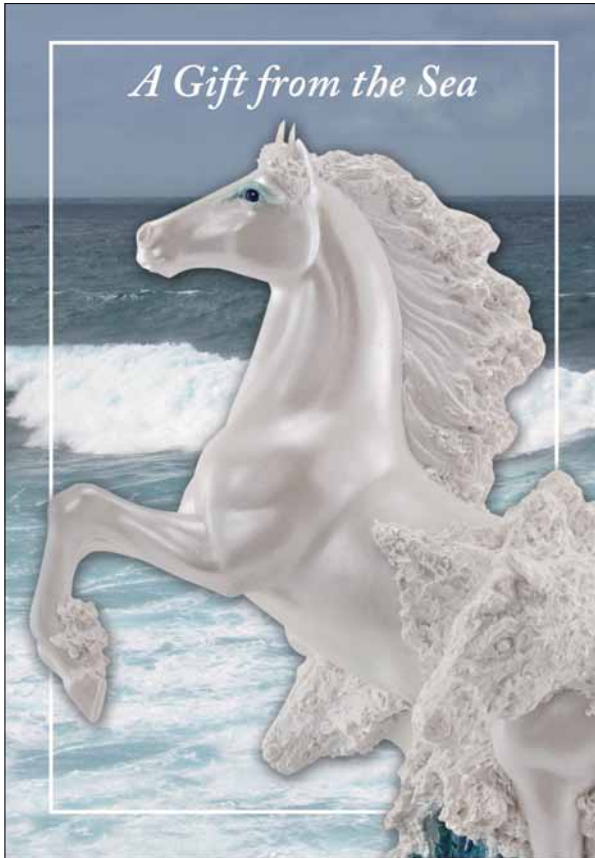


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A Gift from the Sea

Artist: Kim McElroy

According legend, the Greek god Poseidon (aka Neptune) ruled the seas from a palace on the ocean floor made of coral and gems. He was said to have a volatile temperament. When angry, he would summon storms that wrecked ships. For fun, he created monsters like octopus and squid. To demonstrate his love for his wife he created the dolphin, but he also had a wandering eye. When he pursued the goddess of fields and harvests, she told him, "If you give a gift, the most beautiful thing on the face of the earth, I will be yours." So he made a horse, and when it galloped from the sea tossing its mane and tail, she thought it was so beautiful she gasped and said she was his forever.

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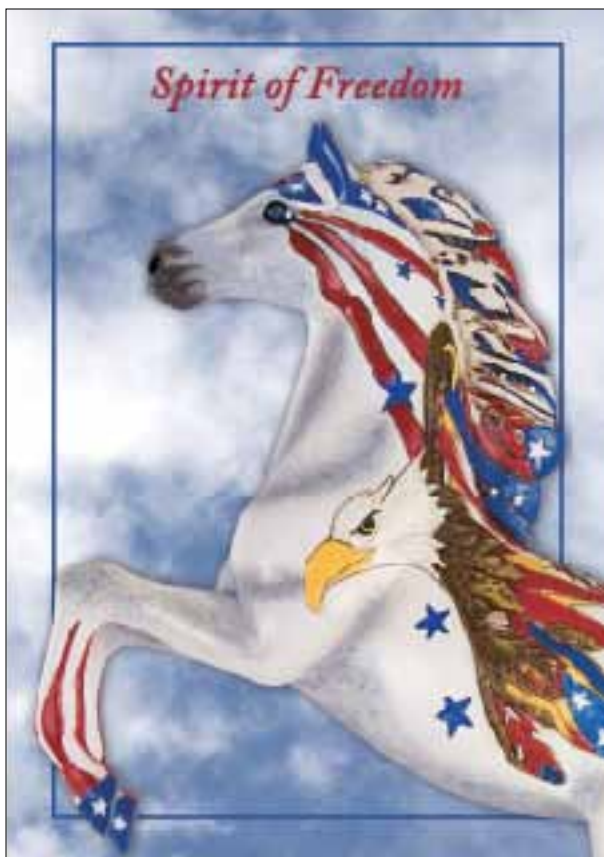
Artists: Gary Montgomery (Seminole)

Seeking a new way of rendering the inseparable relationship between the Indian and his horse, this full-blooded Seminole artist, whose great grandfather made the long walk on "The Trail of Tears" when the Seminole tribe was forced to move from the Florida Everglades to the Indian Territories of Oklahoma, turned the distinctive white markings of a Paint Horse into ghostlike portraits of his grandfather, animal spirits, and iconic images of Plains Indian warriors.

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Spirit of Freedom

Artist: Lynn Bean

In America, no bird has the symbolic power of the eagle. Native Americans considered eagles to be holy and their feathers sacred, which is why they adorned themselves with eagle feathers to show their rank in the tribe. It is said that the eagle became our national emblem when, at one of the first battles of the Revolutionary War, eagles circled in the sky above the patriots fighting below, "shrieking for freedom." Combining a bald eagle with red-white-and-blue colors and the stars and stripes of the American flag, "Spirit of Freedom" soars.

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Stands in Beauty

Artists: Fabienne Leydecker

There is a Navajo healing ceremony that bears the name "Beautyway." The term cannot be precisely translated. Its meaning has to do with being in harmony with all things, all people, all animals, and when you recognize the beauty in your surroundings, that success, well-being, and happiness will come your way. "Stands in Beauty" reminds us that beauty is everywhere, if we take the time to look around us.

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Big Ben

Artist: Valor Lee and Karlynn Keyes

Introducing "Big Ben," a bold, British horse that represents the English riding style, which is renowned throughout the world. Great Britain will welcome spectators from across the globe to celebrate the Summer 2012 Olympics in London, with three equestrian disciplines; Dressage, Eventing and Jumping. This is the only Olympic sport where men and women compete against each other on equal terms. The UK is ready to showcase their finest sport horses in the land that has enchanted Kings, Queens and commoners for centuries and is synonymous with excellence in all horse sports. "Big Ben" is also the nickname for the bell and the clock tower at the Palace of Westminster in London. This beautiful Neo-gothic clock tower is over 150 years old and is one of the most revered and recognizable symbols in the world. Celebrate all things British with "Big Ben."

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