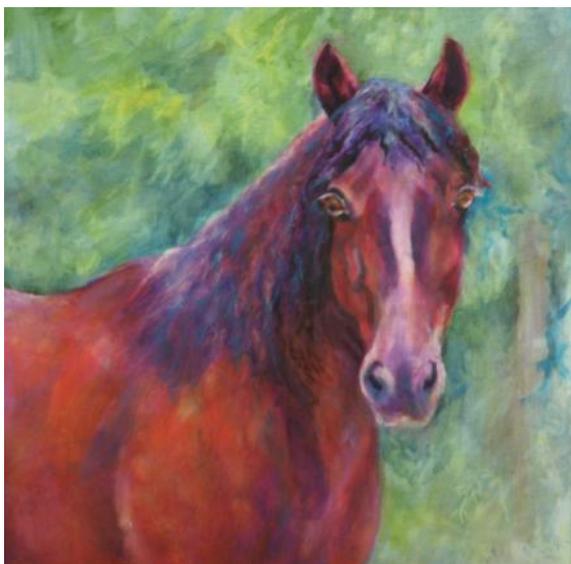


## HORSE PAINTINGS NEWSLETTER

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## Kola — Wild Mustang Now Tame Beauty in Indiana



*Kola, 14"x18", oil on masonite, ©Karen Brenner, 2011*

## VOTE!

Vote for your favorite Beautiful Horses of Indiana painting!

Everyone can vote one time online during April.

The painting with the most votes will get its own Café Press shop.

And one lucky voter's name will be drawn to win a \$25 gift certificate for Karen's Café Press Shops.

Winners will be announced by May 15, 2011.

[Vote Now!](#)

I've been privileged to meet some very beautiful mustangs that were rounded up by the BLM, and Kola is one of them! He has a star quality that is hard to describe. He sparkles; his dapples accentuate his fit, lean body; he is dashing!

Melinda, his owner, nominated him for the Beautiful Horses of Indiana project, writing: "Kola always elicits remarks from people saying they didn't know mustangs could be such good-looking horses. His conformation is very correct (looking most like a Morgan), body condition probably a 5. He was not captured and gelded until almost a 3-year-old, so retains some prominence of jaw and arch of neck commonly associated with stallions. He has lovely 'soft' eyes, fine and wavy full mane and tail."

Mustangs are once again in the news as TheHorse.com reports that the BLM is accepting proposals through May 25 from people interested in creating wild horse sanctuaries in the West. To find out more visit [TheHorse.com](http://TheHorse.com).

If you are interested in adopting a Mustang, the BLM's National Wild Horse and Burro [Adoption Schedule](#) lists upcoming events throughout the USA. I have attended auctions in Columbus, Ohio, and Riverton, WY. If you get a chance, it's an amazing opportunity to see some very neat horses. One I saw in Wyoming looked just like my Andalusian mare. Below is one of my paintings based on my visit to [Riverton Honor Farm](#), where inmates train Mustangs as part of their rehabilitation.



*Mustang Line Up, 48"x20", oil on masonite, ©Karen Brenner*

## LINKS OF THE MONTH

### The making of a horse . . .

Imagine a theatre production with galloping horses being ridden on stage! [War Horse](#), now playing in London, features amazingly designed, life-size horse puppets that do just that. The artists who created the puppets give you an inside look at the making of a horse in this [TED Talk](#).

### Keen on "Green"

Kudos to the Cincinnati Zoo for their innovative use of their parking lot! They're topping off their lots with [solar power canopies](#) that will generate 20% of their annual power! And I imagine it takes a lot of energy to keep their critters from around the globe happy in Ohio!

And did you see the "Solarball" invented by a student that uses condensation to turn dirty water into clean water? It's still in the testing stages, but could eventually make a world of difference — in remote regions of the world! Want to see it in action? Watch this [CNN video](#).

Thank you to everyone who came to the Women in Art Market at the Eiteljorg Museum to see the Beautiful Horses of Indiana paintings on exhibit! It was fun to visit with so many Indiana horse owners, their friends and family, and visitors who stopped by the display.

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

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

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