

First I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to judge your beautiful ponies. I was surprised to find no Native Ponies for me! LOL! I was also surprised to find that out of 13 entries there were two HEART ponies, and two FLOWER POWER ponies!!! I have been at this for three days now, not wanting to miss any little detail! So I devised my own point system by category. Under this system EVERYBODY won a category and your certificate of awards will be made for this way of judging. I have a mini blue ribbon rosette with a teeny gold horse for each of you that is just the right size to 'pin' on your ponies. My winners this way were as follows.

Ponies:

Decorated

Most Inspiring:

Desert Sand

Most Unique: Life Without

Best Fit To Form: Bushman's Dream

Most Fun Pony: Sun, Sand and Surf

Most Colorful: Queen of Hearts (no name submitted)

Painted on PYOP Pony:

Most Inspiring: Timeless Zone

Most Unique: Timeless Zone.

Best Fit To Form: Timeless Zone.

Most Fun Pony: Ribbons and Bows.

Most Colorful: Flower Power

Paper Form Ponies

Most Inspiring: New Beginnings

Most Unique: Chocolate Unicorn (no name submitted)

Best Fit to Form: Love of My Life

Most Fun Pony: Flower Power

Most Colorful: Sunflower Pony

Next I devised a new point schedule. This point schedule allowed me to judge each pony individually with points for various things. Most Inspiring Pony = 10 points; Best Fit on Form = 9 points; Most Unique Idea = 8 points, Skill With Which I t Was Presented = 7 points; Most Fun Pony = 6 points, Best Use of Color = 5 points; Most Colorful Pony = 4.5 points; Degree of Difficulty in Making = 3.5 points,

Actual PYOP Pony Form = 1 1/2 points and Paper Form pony = 1/2 point. Then my placements were as follows

Decorated Ponies.

1st: Bushman's Dream 19 points

2nd Life Within 18.5 points

3rd: Queen of Hearts 17.5 points:

4th: Sun, Sand and Surf 16.5 points.

5th: Desert Sand 11.5 points

Painted on PYOP Pony

1st: Timeless Zone 26.5 points

2nd: Ribbons and Bows 18 points

3rd: Flower Power 16.5 points

.Paper Forms..

1st: New Beginnings 18 points

2nd: Love of My Life 17.5 points

3rd: Chocolate Unicorn 16 points

4th: Flower Power 16 points

5th: Sunflower Pony 14 points

My Best Overall Ponies using this point schedule would then be as follows.

Best In Show: Timeless Zone

Reserve to Best In Show: Bushman's Dream

1st Runner Up: Life Within

2nd Runner Up: TIE: Ribbons and Bows, New Beginnings

3rd Runner Up: TIE: Queen of Hearts, Love of My Life

4th Runner Up: TIE: Sun, Sand and Surf, Flower Power (pyop)

5th Runner Up: TIE: Chocolate Unicorn, Flower Power (paper)

6th Runner Up: Sunflower Pony

7th Runner Up: Desert Sand

I would like to say here that Desert Sand, although unfinished, did the most talking to me. What I heard were the shifting whispering sands telling the story

of a soldier who was lost. I really liked the simplicity of this pony. I think you all did extremely well with your first attempt at painting a pony! I was very impressed!