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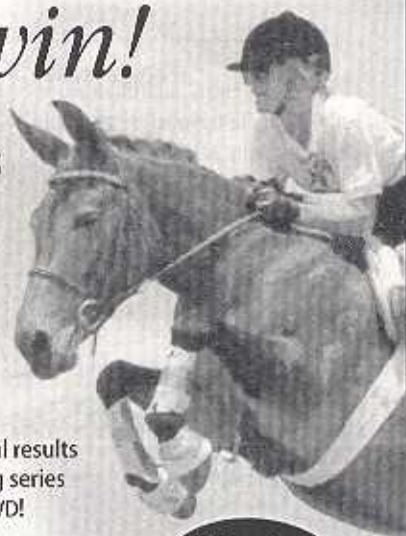
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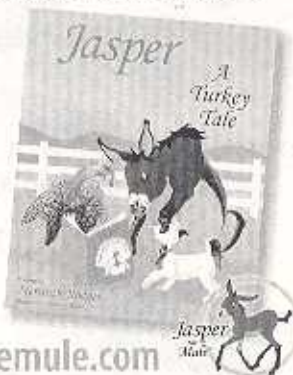
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Shades of Familiarity

The featured artist at the 16th annual Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale in Denver, Colorado, Karmel Timmons enjoys drawing scenes to which every horse owner can relate.

INTERVIEW BY JENNIFER DENISON

Artist: Karmel Timmons

Hometown: Elbert, Colorado

Years as a professional artist: 8

Education: I'm a self-taught artist, but I did take some college classes and quickly decided art school wasn't for me. I had my own ideas about art, and I didn't want anyone to tell me how to do it. I learned the basics, though, and that was very helpful.

Media: When I was in school, I worked in several media so I could have a well-rounded background, but I always felt more comfortable with my pencil. I want to pursue painting someday, but I know I'll always work in pencil to some degree.

Western background: My father was in the U.S. Navy and we moved almost every year, so I didn't get to grow up around horses. After I met my husband, Matt, and moved to the country when I was around 30, we bought four horses and were really excited about living that lifestyle. However, we soon realized how much time is required to really take horsemanship seriously. With all of the time we spent traveling, owning horses was just unrealistic for us, so we made the difficult decision to sell them.

Vested in the vaquero: Colorado trainer Mindy Bower introduced me to the vaquero and buckaroo. She commissioned me to draw a horse in a two-rein, which I'd never seen. She explained the steps involved in making a finished bridle horse. I found the history very interesting, and I like drawing horses and gear with historical significance.

Mindy and her brother-in-law, Buck Brannaman, have served as subjects for some of my drawings. Their passion for



Charmayne James on Barrel Racing

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Heart of Gold, 16 by 23 inches

Newest piece: The piece I've created for the Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale is the largest drawing I have ever done. It shows a horse in each of the three stages of bridle-horse training. It took a long time to draw, but it'll be beautiful on opening night.

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Ranch Hands, 18 by 24½ inches

preserving the legacy of the vaquero is infectious, and watching them ride and work cattle at events such as The Californios Ranch Roping & Stock Horse Contest is amazing.

Inspirations: I'm inspired by a good-looking horse with a great expression, but not necessarily a nicely groomed horse. I like my art to tell the story of real horses, working horses that aren't always picture-perfect. When I capture a horse's mood or what he's thinking, people get it because they've seen the same thing in their horses.

Earliest childhood art memory: When I was a child, my mother was working on getting an art degree, so she always had art stuff lying around. The coolest thing, however, was when the babysitter brought all kinds of paper and crayons to keep us out of her hair. It worked, and I still think of her when I smell crayons.

Biggest inhibitor of creativity: Deadlines! It's hard to explain to people how far in advance I have to think. Most people believe that artists are free, but that's not the case at all.

Ups and downs: The biggest challenge of working with pencil is the time-consuming nature of the medium. Having the patience to sit there, day in and day out, to achieve the final product can be mentally challenging, but I've trained myself to concentrate and keep the pencil on the paper. The best part of working in pencil is the control. I know exactly how the pencil is going to go on and how to achieve certain textures.

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