American Healing ⚜ Arts Foundation

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American Healing Arts Foundation Paints Live Ponies

(SCOTTSDALE) – American Healing Arts Foundation (AHAF) a 501(c)3 non-profit charity unites with the charity, Horses Help along with the Trail of Painted Ponies for the "Painting Live Ponies" event. The gathering is held in the 2-acre sculpture garden at the Arizona Fine Art EXPO, March 17, 2012 from 1pm to 5pm.

For the "Painting Live Ponies" event, Horses Help will transport their horses and pony to the *biggest live horse painting event* of the year in Arizona. Renowned artists, Bob Coonts and Gene Dieckhoner, participating artists at the EXPO will paint the first horse. Coonts and Dieckhoner are previous winners of retired collectable sculptures of the Trail of Painted Ponies that are now valued at $400+. The second is a pony that veterans from the AHAF classes will paint in addition to any veteran attendees that would like to participate. The Children of Fallen Heroes will paint the miniature pony. The horses will be painted with washable watercolor paints that are harmless to the animals.

AHAF and Horses Help will each be signing up veterans for their classes during this event. Trail of Painted Ponies collectable horse sculptures will be for sale throughout this event in addition to pony kits for painting by AHAF. The EXPO artists are supporting AHAF and getting involved by painting original sculptures that will also be for sale during the event. Purchasing the sculptures up front is their donation to American Healing Arts Foundation. Everyone is invited to come out and have their photo taken with the horses for a small donation to the charities.

AHAF and Horses Help look to make this an annual event as well as their premiere fund raiser together. The Foundation is reaching out for sponsorship, media support, donations and volunteers for this unique and positively fun event.

AHAF offers free art classes for our U.S. Veterans by award-winning art instructors for art therapy. For the veteran that would like to take therapy to a deeper level, the Foundation also has licensed art therapists.

AHAF has also partnered with the Horses Help adding *horse therapy* to their line up of classes for veterans. The classes are held at their Therapeutic Riding Center in Phoenix. They teach riding skills to people with disabilities.

Post-traumatic stress disorder remains high for both wounded and uninjured soldiers plus the suicide and divorce rate continues to soar. Art is proven to be a great form of therapy for victims of all backgrounds. AHAF provides art therapy giving veterans the ability to interact with award-winning art instructors, witness their own creative side, the opportunity for an art career, adding encouragement, hope and healing for the future plus exercise the power of rehabilitation. These classes are also intended to reunite veterans with their fellow veterans, away from hospitals and the battlefield, in a peaceful environment.

AHAf is accepting contributions with great appreciation. If you can help, please contact AHAF at 480-717-9888 or visit www.AmericanHealingArtsFoundation.com or www.Art4Heroes.org.

The weekly classes are held at the Arizona Fine Art EXPO which begins January 19th and runs through to April 1, 2012. There are a number of different classes such as: painting, clay sculpting, art therapy, encaustic wax painting, horse sculpture painting, glass jewelry making, horse therapy, dance therapy and more. If interested in personal interviews with art instructors, art therapists or veterans, AHAF can accommodate any special needs. Photos available upon request.

What: Painting Live Ponies Event
When: Saturday, March 17, 2012 ✱ 1pm to 5pm
Where: Arizona Fine Art EXPO
Address: 26540 N. Scottsdale Rd - SW corner of Jomax & Scottsdale Roads
Directions: 5 miles north of Loop 101 & 5 miles south of Carefree
More Info: Call 480-717-9888 for event information or classes (AHAF)
More Info: Horses Help Therapeutic Classes, call 602-569-6056

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