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About the cover

The cover, "Barnyard Buddies," was painted in oil by Mary Henson, an artist represented at the Hayden Hays Gallery, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The piece was part of the Annual Spring All Gallery Juried Show, in May 2009. Her inspiration was taken from a photo captured at a truck farm near Pueblo, Colorado. Mary started her art career in floral design, primarily for weddings and events, and later evolved into figurative animal renderings and portraits. Her training began at The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and has progressed by attending many workshops by nationally known artists. She loves photographing animals in their natural habitats around the world—most recently in Brazil, Greece, Central America, and countries located in the western Mediterranean. Mary can be reached by E-mail at haydenhaysgallery@att.net.