



# THE BRASS RING

A CAROUSEL FOR MISSOULA ~ NEWSLETTER

December 2022

*We Invite You To Share In Our Magic and Thank You for Your Support!*



Celebrate the Holidays with **A Carousel for Missoula** ornament! This 2022 Inaugural edition is limited to stock on hand ~ now available in our Gift Shop and online. Hand-crafted in the United States by famed keepsake manufacturer, Beacon Design ~ this is the start of a very special collection. *Hmm..which pony should we feature next year??* Don't miss out on the first installment of the series!

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*Happy Holidays from the Carousel!*



*Thank You!*

As I come full circle to the end of my first year at A Carousel For Missoula, I am ever so aware that this Carousel, with the spirit of community involvement that it embodies, is truly a magical place. It is such a joy to "work" in this environment that is so unlike any other.

I would like to extend a heartfelt *Thank You* to the Missoula community, our longtime loyal supporters and all of our new friends for all that you have done, and continue to do, to allow us to keep generating smiles!

It is because of all of you, who are so generously willing to share your resources and your time, that we are able to keep our ponies up and running year after year for the enjoyment of all children and children at heart!

Tracy Ursery  
Executive Director



# What's Happening at the Carousel?



It may be cold and still outside, but it is warm & lively inside!

Our ponies are up and running seven days a week, from at least 12:00-5:00 pm.

We continue to host parties both during and outside of operating hours so be sure to keep us in mind when planning your next event or fun family gathering.

We would love to host you!



Thanks to the generosity of our amazing Sponsor of the Month, **Milodragovich, Dale & Steinbrenner, P.C.**, we are pleased to offer FREE RIDES on Christmas Day from 11-3. Feel free to drop in and take a spin, or just to say hello!

Would you like to help?

**Community Volunteers Are Needed to Provide Rides - training is provided.**

**Call 406-549-8382!**



**In conjunction with the Missoula on Main New Years Eve Celebration, We invite you to join us for Free Rides from 11:00-5:30 courtesy of the Stephen and Margaret Grinnell Family Fund of Montana Community Foundation**

**YEE HAW!**

**Thank you Grinnell Family!**



Thank you to our Breakfast with Santa sponsor **Morrison-Maierle!**



## A Hungry Dragon is coming soon!

Our Solar Powered Recycling and Garbage Dragon is hibernating somewhere a little warmer for the winter but will be making his way into his new lair next spring. Rumor has it that he will be awakening with a mighty roar! Stay tuned for further details as his arrival grows closer!

Additional Sponsors are still needed:

Contact Tracy @  
mslacarousel@gmail.com



## WE WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 8-20TH

It is time once again for our ponies to take a well deserved rest! During the weeks of January 8-20th, the Carousel will be closed while we are working to clean, repaint and repair Missoula's treasure. We hope that you will visit us in late January to see the ponies finely restored and ready to run for another year!

If you would like to help with pony washing on Monday, January 9th,  
please volunteer at [mslacarousel@gmail.com](mailto:mslacarousel@gmail.com)



## Woodcarving Class

Have you always dreamed of carving your own Carousel animal, or perhaps just wondered how our Carousel artists create their works of art?

Now is your chance to learn the art of woodcarving! Our Pony Keepers are happy to announce that they are offering a woodcarving class which is open to all skill levels. Classes will be two hours in length on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm and will run for 6 weeks, beginning January 16th right here at the Carousel.

All supplies and tools will be provided and you will be able to take home your finished product.

Call us at 406-549-8382 to sign up. Space is limited to eight participants. Participants must be at least 18 years of age, or accompanied by an adult participant.

# *How to Become Involved!*



## **\* Become a Carousel Sponsor of the Month!**

A Carousel for Missoula is offering you or your business the opportunity to partner with us in a unique way. For an investment of \$1200, you may choose to sponsor the Carousel and Dragon Hollow for one full month.

Your sponsorship includes the following:

- Carousel advertisements will be provided by our media sponsors. Each advertisement will include the information that you are the Carousel's sponsor of the month.  
Frequency is as follows :
  - Missoulian Newspaper: 18 inch ad once a quarter, with the logos of the three sponsors for that quarter.
  - KPAX: Approximately ten times during the month on KPAX's CBS station and on its CW station. This is a \$450 value.
  - Mountain FM 102.5 Radio: At least 28 commercials per month.
- Sign at the Carousel displaying your business name and/or logo
- One Hundred ride coupons to be used as you wish or a one and one half hour private rental of the Carousel

This is an excellent opportunity for your company to provide support to two of Missoula's most treasured attractions and to receive recognition for your generosity. You are welcome to commit for one-year, or for as many years as you choose.

**We are currently in need of a Sponsor for the month of November.**



## **\* Become a Birthday Club Sponsor**

Your \$500 donation will help to provide one lucky child per quarter with a FREE Birthday Party at the Carousel!





# *Even More Ways to Become Involved!*

**\* Make a tax deductible year end donation in any amount**



**\* Assist with Banners or Glass**

Our wish is to install colorful banners displaying Carousel images

along with the message that we are indeed OPEN, over top of our winter roll down doors - or perhaps to add an insulated glass pane or two!

**\*Sponsor a Panel or a Corbel on the east side of the Carousel building**

The horse and dragon corbels on the building were designed and carved by the Ponykeepers of A Carousel For Missoula. The corbels are available for sponsorship for \$2,500 each and the panels for \$5,000-\$10,000 for which you will receive a name/short inscription inscribed on the permanent granite plaque at the base of the wall.

**\* Help Sponsor one of our Special Events at the Carousel**

Please see opportunities under our Events tab and contact Tracy at [mslacarousel@gmail.com](mailto:mslacarousel@gmail.com) to learn more!



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# Partner with us as we go green(er)

In the summer of 2022, **Big Sky Solar and Wind** installed 32 solar panels on the southern roof of the Carousel building which have been generating energy to power our ponies throughout the fall months.

As an educational piece to accompany the solar project and provide sustainability in other ways, we will also install a "Recycling Dragon." The dragon's limestone head, carved by **John Thompson**, will be emerging from a lair located between the Carousel and Dragon Hollow Playarea. Holes in the wall of the lair will allow park guests to deposit garbage and recycling in appropriate receptacles.

The dragon will reward depositors with flashing lights and a thank you roar.

The dragon's home will be built by **Dirik Dubay from Western Montana Patio, Mike Sudik of Big Sky Solar and Wind, Cale Fyling Concrete, John Thompson and Adrian Hoyer**



We have received funding toward this project from **Northwestern Energy, the Bill and Rosemary Gallagher Foundation & Boone Karlberg, PC.**

**\*If you would like to contribute to the Recycling Dragon project,** or for additional information, please contact Tracy at 406-549-8382 or [mrlacarousel@gmail.com](mailto:mrlacarousel@gmail.com).

**Donations of \$1000 or more will receive permanent recognition on a plaque near the dragon's lair.**

## Schedule a private party for your pod

Pod Parties are a great way for you and your pod to support the Carousel and have a Great Time!

Pod Parties can be scheduled any day of the week at 10am or 5:45pm.

Call 406-549-8382 to check availability on your date of choice

**1.5 hours of Carousel fun • Up to 24 riders • \$200**



thank  
you

## to our 2022 Community Powered Donors

### \$10,000+

Penelope Oncken  
The Dennis and Phyllis Washington  
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### \$1000+

Glacier / First Security Bank  
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# 2022 Community Powered Donors continued...

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## Community Volunteers

We are deeply indebted to the many community volunteers who freely give the gifts of time and service!

To all of you who helped wash ponies and clean our building, to the fantastic Dragon Hollow clean up crew, the selfless holiday volunteer operators, our dedicated Board of Directors, our longstanding Ponykeepers and painters, gift shop volunteers, community service workers and wrangled family members -  
You are much appreciated!

## Fairytale & Superhero Festival Gratitude

We would like to thank the following organizations for helping to make our Fairytale & Superhero Festival such a success:

Your Fairy Godmother  
3 Rivers Pediatric Dentistry  
Inflated Panache  
McGowan Water  
Mismo Gymnastics  
Missoula Children's Theater  
Missoula Police Department  
Missoula Public Library

*Thank YOU for being Community Superheroes!*





# Sponsors

## OF THE MONTH

Each month, the Carousel enjoys the support of that month's sponsor. Sponsors of the Month make a financial or in-kind investment in the Carousel and Dragon Hollow to help us keep the ponies fed and the dragon happy. We are grateful everyday for their generous support.



# Free Ride Event *Sponsors*

