



What's New at the Carousel!



As we enter into our 29th year in operation, we find ourselves facing the realities of the time, which include the necessity to engage in the repair and refurbishment of our 106 year old Carousel framework. Over so many years of continual motion, parts understandably begin to wear out.

In the past, we have been fortunate to have an eager team of volunteers ready and willing to come forward and tackle any task needed. We are now, however, facing the reality that people, like machines, also wear out over time and our team of volunteers, while still strong in the faith and supportive of the dream, are no longer able to step up as they have for so many years.

We have now found it necessary to hire a Carousel Maintenance Engineer to oversee the refurbishment project and to keep a continual eye on the machinery.

We are fortunate to have found an enthusiastic young man, Gregor Banister, who is excited to take on this task!

We also consider ourselves fortunate in having been gifted with a collection of antique carousel parts to use in the replacement of our worn components. Replacement began during our annual shutdown period in January and will continue on a regular basis over time.

We can already feel and hear the difference in a much smoother and quieter ride and we look forward with great anticipation to the additional improvements that we are sure to experience!

A major refurbishment and the hiring of a Maintenance Engineer, however, doesn't come cheap and we are now busy brainstorming new ideas to generate income and to invite our community to be involved in the process.

As we approach our 30th anniversary, we look back on the rich history of A Carousel For Missoula, at the amazing creation that became a reality due to a community's willingness to support the dream of a dreamer, a man who knew what a gift the Carousel would be to our community and what it would come to mean to those who experience its magic.

The Carousel is so much more than just a fun place to bring the kids. It represents all that makes Missoula special. The Carousel embodies joy and optimism and community spirit. It is a testament to what can be accomplished when people join forces for good.

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Through 29 years of helping to celebrate first dates, graduations, weddings, birthdays, special accomplishments, retirements, and so much more, the Carousel has become a place to celebrate all of life's milestones.

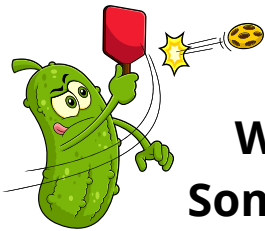
It is such an integral part of Missoula and a truly precious treasure that must be lovingly and diligently protected and preserved to ensure that it will continue to be a special part of all of our lives for generations to come.



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**Free Rides were sponsored by the
AOH of Missoula on Saturday, March 16th
Thank You AOH for helping Missoula
to celebrate a glorious St. Paddy's Day
at the Carousel!**



Who's Up For Some Pickleball?!

The Carousel Staff and Board of Directors are excited to join with Peak Missoula to create the first Pickleball Tournament to benefit the Carousel and Dragon Hollow Play area!

You can register a team, or sign up to be a part of a team soon through Peak Missoula.

Participants will receive a swag bag, an opportunity to engage in some fun time on the court and the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to keep our ponies spinning!

Whether you are a seasoned player, a beginner, or just someone who would like to give this increasingly popular sport a try, please sign up to join us on the weekend of June 22nd/23rd at the Peak Pickleball Club.

We Appreciate Your Support!



KIDS DAY!



More Free Rides coming on Kids Day!

Our annual Kids Day will be here before you know it! Every year we celebrate our birthday by offering free rides to all kids and kids at heart.

(Sponsored by HobbyHorse Arts & the Carousel)

As always, Kids Day will be on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend during regular operating hours



Around the bend...



The Annual Fairytale & Superhero Festival is coming soon!

You guessed it - yet another free gift from the Carousel to our community -

We are excited to once again begin planning for our annual Fairytale & Superhero Festival to be held on Sunday, July 21st from 10-12 near Dragon Hollow Play area.

We invite all of our little fans to dress as a favorite fairytale character or superhero, or to simply come as your are, and enjoy a magical time with adult princesses and superheroes, as well as with multiple community superheroes such as the Missoula Police Department, the Missoula Fire Department and many more!

There will be children's activities, stories, songs and dancing - rain or shine!

Please join us!

Or perhaps consider tabling or sponsoring

Contact Tracy at mslacarousel.com or 406-549-8382 for information



Annual Ride-a-Thon!

Yet another fun way to Support the Carousel while having a whopping good time will be coming in the fall!

One of the Carousel's most successful fundraisers over the past several years has been a Ride-a-Thon, during which board members and others ride ponies and make phone calls to raise operational funds for the Carousel and Dragon Hollow. This year we will be inviting the community to take part as well!

Start planning now to put together a team of riders (no experience necessary) to help us keep our ponies fed and well cared for.

Teams will pay a small registration fee and will collect sponsors to pledge Carousel donations. There will be prizes awarded throughout the event for the most donations received, the most money generated, the largest donations received and many other fun accomplishments!

The Carousel will keep spinning and at least one member from each team must be on board during each ride. It will be an evening of laughter, much yeehawing, friendly competition and a really fun way to support your Missoula Carousel!

This is a great way for Carousel lovers to share the opportunity to support a cause that is dear to their hearts.

If you would like to donate time, funds, refreshments or a prize during the event, please let us know.

Welcome Ibey Sprinkler & Landscaping!

We are happy to welcome Ibey Sprinkler & Landscaping as our newest Sponsor of the Month! We are so excited to have you on board and look forward to riding together into 2024!



April/August Sponsors of the Month needed

We have two openings for our Sponsor of the Month program. The months available are April and August

Our monthly sponsors provide operational funds to the Carousel in return for Marketing Recognition in Carousel advertising both at the Carousel and through our media sponsors:

KPAX, The Missoulian and Mountain Broadcasting.

In addition, monthly sponsors receive either 150 free ride coupons or a one and one half hour private rental at the Carousel!

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Sponsor of the Month, or are ready to sign up your company for this unique opportunity, please call Tracy at 406-549-8382

A New Quarter Horse is Coming to Town!

"We spent hundreds of hours in Chuck's garage building Carousel ponies," remembers John Thompson, our head artist who has been with the project since its early days. "Chuck and I worked with all the horse adopters to design the horses. Probably the most fun we had was working with the four classes that designed the penny ponies."

We are now in the process of generating ideas for a special quarter horse to join the herd!

Watch for more on this idea coming soon!



2023 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 every day for their generous support.



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For several years, A Carousel for Missoula has participated in the Missoula Gives campaign. We will be doing so again in 2024.

If you are planning to give to the Carousel this year, you might consider making your donation as part of this event.

The Missoula Community Foundation operates Missoula Gives as a way for non profits to use social media to gather donations. This year's Missoula Gives will be held from 5pm, May 2nd - 7pm May 3rd. Anyone may donate by credit card through the Missoula Gives platform, powered by GiveGab. Your donation to the Carousel is tax deductible.

Simply go to www.missoulagives.org and select A Carousel For Missoula.

We are so grateful for your support!

Missoula Gives is one of many, many ways you can contribute to the health and sustainability of the Carousel. Thank you for all you have done and all you continue to do!

Psst...we are now hiring for summer; pass it on!



A CAROUSEL FOR MISSOULA IS HIRING FOR THE SUMMER!

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB WHERE THE FUN NEVER STOPS?

➤ INFORMATION

- Looking for Carousel Operators
- No prior experience necessary - All training provided
- Benefits include working with great people in a fun, relaxed environment, flexible schedules and much appreciation!

➤ SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL

- Be team players
- Enjoy interacting with children/the public
- Be dependable, neat & friendly
- Be safety conscious
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be willing and able to jump onto the moving platform

➤ APPLY NOW

Pick up an application at the Carousel gift shop,
email mslacarousel@gmail.com or scan here to apply



Schedule your next party at the Carousel!

We offer party times every day of the week, both during and outside of normal operating hours. See our website for details and party options or call the Carousel office at 406-549-8382 We look forward to celebrating with you!