

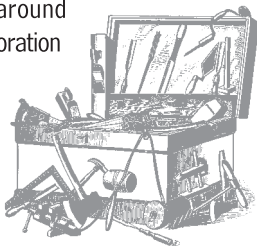


BOB WISSMANN PERFORMING SOME DENTAL WORK

MAINTENANCE

The carousel gets heavy use and demands constant maintenance. We are lucky to have a source for replacement gears and bearings which wear out with great regularity. Daily inspection as well as weekly greasing and painting and repair of the horses have been in the hands of Bob Wissmann since 1995. About every five years North Fork Welding steps in to completely inspect and repair the inner workings of the machine. The employees run checks at the start of each day and the carousel is inspected by New York State each year to insure the safety of our operation.

The Greenport Village Carousel Committee is currently engaged in long term fund raising plans to create art work for the rounding boards showing scenes of our area as it would have looked around the turn of the last century. Restoration of the wooden horses is also being considered. Please watch for opportunities to donate time and/or money to our efforts.



MEMORIES
to last a lifetime...

.. THE RULES ..

- The line for the ride forms, single file, along the fence to the RIGHT of the front gate. For safety reasons please keep the gate clear.
- Everyone wears a seatbelt.
- Rings may only be grabbed from the outside row of horses. All rings must be returned to the bucket at the end of each game.
- Only one rider of any age per horse. Adults wishing to put infants on horses must stand on the platform beside them.
- Each child under four who is riding free must have a paying adult with them.
- Everyone exits after each ride except the winner of the brass ring.
- Everyone exits by the rear gate. Please do not climb over the fence.
- Safety gates may be opened by employees only.
- No smoking in the building. No food or drinks on the ride. Please keep dogs outside the building.

SCHEDULE

SCHOOL CLOSING THRU LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Open Every Day: 10 – 9 • Labor Day: 10 – 6

LABOR DAY THRU COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

Friday Evening: 4 – 9 • Saturday: 10 – 9 • Sunday: 10 – 6
Columbus Day: 10 – 6

COLUMBUS DAY THRU NOVEMBER 30TH

Saturday & Sunday: 10 – 6 • CLOSED Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER 1ST THRU EASTER

Saturday & Sunday: 11 – 5 • CLOSED Christmas Day

EASTER TO MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Saturday & Sunday: 10 – 6 • CLOSED Easter Sunday

MEMORIAL DAY THRU SCHOOL CLOSING

Friday Evening: 4 – 9 • Saturday: 10 – 9 • Sunday: 10 – 6
Memorial Day: 10 – 6

The carousel is open for all Greenport School holidays except where noted.

LAST RIDE STARTS 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLOSING
PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

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NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Carousel



Memories to last a lifetime...



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CAROUSEL

Information



THE HORSES

The carousel has thirty-six horses, all jumpers, as well as two sleighs. Eighteen of them are hand carved Herschell horses and could well be original to the ride. The four small wooden horses seen on the inside row are "Dare" style and may have been carved around the turn of the last century. Twelve of the horses are cast aluminum; a technique started in the 1930's to try to make sturdier legs for the wooden horses and eventually expanded to casting the entire horse. Finally, there are two newer fiberglass ones.

We ask you to be careful of our antique ride and its hand carved horses.



THREE HANDCARVED HORSES



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THE JESSE OWEN CAROUSEL HOUSE

THE HOUSE

Our current home as well as the other park structures were designed by SHOP/Sharples Holden Pasquelli Architects and are built of glass, steel and ipe wood.

The carousel house is named for Jesse Owen, the first operator of the carousel in Greenport. Jesse was devoted to running it through both of its temporary locations. Unfortunately we lost him just before its permanent home was completed. The carousel house was dedicated to his memory on June 29, 2001.

The mechanism for the ring game was designed and created by North Fork Welding of Greenport. Give it a try. If you catch the brass ring you'll win a free ride!



RING BAR

THE HISTORY

The carousel is a Herschell Spillman portable machine. It was built around 1920 at North Tonawanda, NY. The first owner is unknown due to a fire at the factory which destroyed early records but it would have been used by a traveling amusement concern and is constructed to be easily disassembled to be moved from town to town.

Grumman purchased it in the 1950's and set it up at their Calverton plant to be used for company picnics and community activities. Many Grumman employees and their families have made the journey to Greenport to relive the memories made on our ride while it was there.

In 1995 Northrup-Grumman closed the plant and offered to donate the carousel to a local community through a friendly competition. Former Mayor Kapell, with the help of the children of Greenport School, won it for our village. Thanks to the efforts of local contractors it was moved to a temporary home at Stidd Industries on Carpenter Street. It found a second home in a shed at the corner of Front and Third Streets while waiting for completion of its permanent home as the center piece of Mitchell Park.

LETTERS TO NORTHRUP GRUMMAN FROM GREENPORT SCHOOL 3RD & 4TH GRADERS

Dear Grumman,

How are you today? May Greenport have this carousel? We need it! Please. There is nothing in this town for kids and it would be nice. I'd love a carousel. If you let us have it that would be nice. Please!

From the desk of Mark DeLano

Dear Grumman,

We're asking nicely so could we please, please, please have the carousel. Because you don't need it.

Katria Nieves

Dear Mr. Grumman,

If we get your carousel we will put it in a big building and clean it every time it gets dirty.

Your Friend, Adam Nitsch

