

THE CARROUSEL COURIER Jr.

HERSCHELL CARROUSEL FACTORY MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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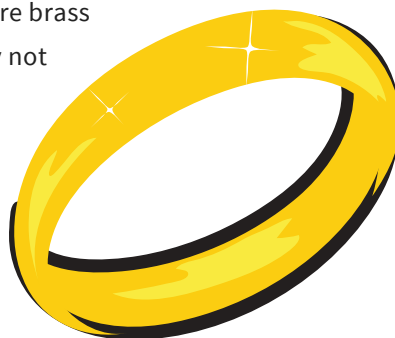


THE BRASS RING

BY MR. IAN SEPPALA

Ever wonder how someone could make a carousel more fun?

The Brass Ring is a historic game that some carousels use today. A post with a metal arm attached is placed just outside of the carousel. When riders go by the post they reach their arm out (careful not to fall off!) and try to grab the ring that is hanging off. Not all of the rings are brass though. If the rider is lucky enough and they not only managed to safely grab a ring, but a brass ring - the rider won a free carousel ride. You don't see them around as much these days. Today the game is considered to dangerous to play. But you can find them on display as part of the carousels history.



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MRS BARB'S CARROUSEL CAKE

BY MS. JENNA CURRAN

Baking is such a fantastic way to spend time with our families and loved ones. I have fond memories of my cousin Heather and I baking cookies and decorating them with icing that our grandmother would have us paint on with small plastic brushes. My grandmother was always cooking and baking for the family. The funny thing about it though is that no one in our family remembers her for actually being a great cook or baker (except for Jell-o Pretzel Princess Salad! I will include that recipe next week).

It was the memories we all make together in the kitchen that we look back on. Maybe it is because she always had us kids around and let us help that resulted in some questionable bake goods. My other grandmother never let anyone in the kitchen... she is known for having some of the absolute best pies and cream puffs.

Sharing these stories and talking about bake goods with friends over the last few weeks lead to one of our volunteers here at the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum reminding me of **Circus Parade Cake**. A cake that was previously published in *Betty Crocker's New Boys and Girls Cookbook* in 1957. A simple cake, but decorated with animals parading around the sides made of cookies, candies, fruit slices, and other confections. So why not make it a carousel cake Barb suggested.

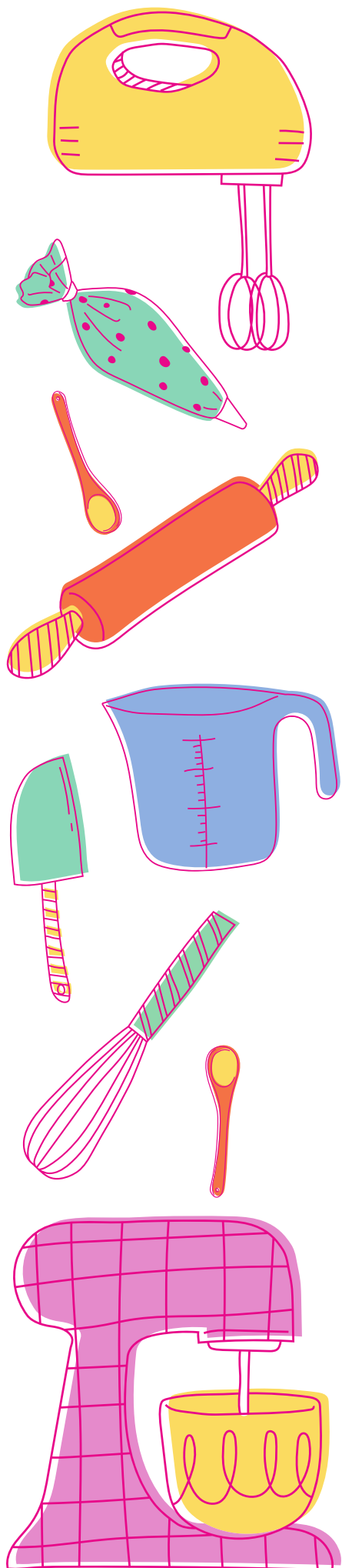
Circus Parade Cake called for one box cake mix and one can frosting. (I'll post my favorite cake recipe on the Carrousel Courier Jr. Blog on CarrouselMuseum.com for you if you would rather bake from scratch).

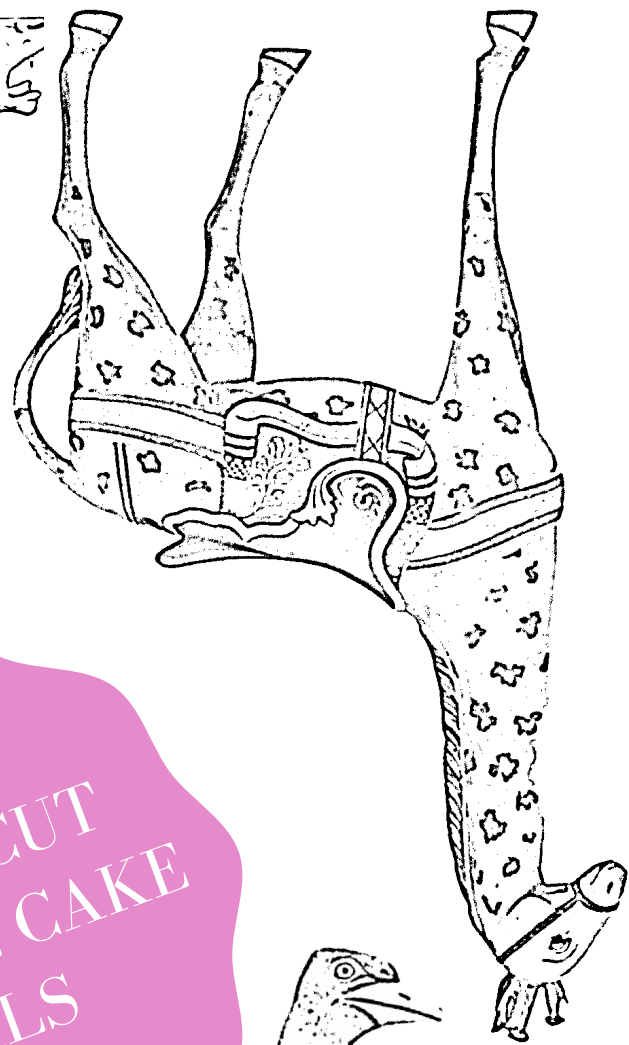
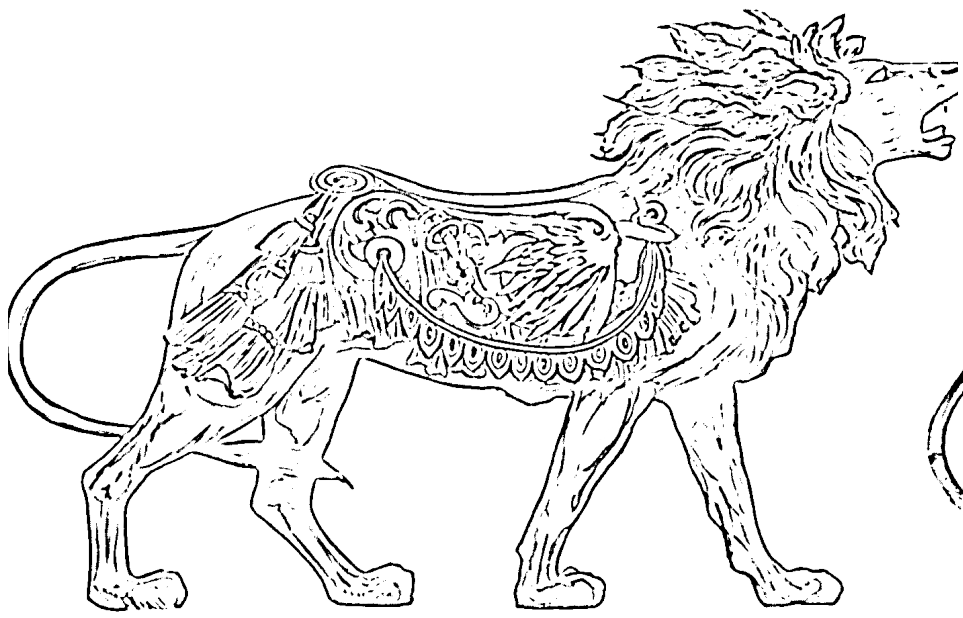
Creating your animals is the fun part. Any combination of edible delectable will work. Only, as a Carrousel Museum, we recommend using a straw or skewer behind/through each animal to act as a pole and give it that carousel look.

I have included some of our **carousel animals** on the next page that you can **cut and color and tape to straws or skewers** on **page 3** to decorate your own carousel cake with!

Don't forget to share it with us!

Have an adult take a picture of your carousel cake and share it with us on social media using **#HCFM**

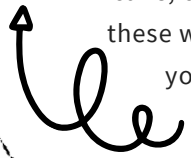




COLOR 'N' CUT
CARROUSEL CAKE
ANIMALS



You can also make your own carousel animals for your cake, or mix some these with some of your too!



THE HISTORY OF THE ALLAN HERSCHELL CARROUSEL

BY MR. IAN SEPPALA

The Allan Herschell Company began building carousels at 180 Thompson Street, the same building that the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum now lives, in the winter of 1915. The museum's "big carrousel", also known as an Allan Herschell #1 Special I was originally built in the spring of 1916 for Springbank Park in London, Ontario, Canada.

Springbank Park is the largest park in London, Ontario. It is next to the Thames River, and has hosted amusement rides and theme parks. It has been the home of Storybook Gardens since 1958. The gardens include amusement rides and other fun activities for the families year-round.

The museum's carrousel was built to run 36 horses, a chariot, and one spinning tub. Springbank Park was replacing its 1902 Herschell-Spillman 24 horse carrousel. Instead of buying 36 new horses, they used the horses from the 1902 carrousel, and bought 12 new horses. So at Springbank Park, the 1916 carrousel featured 24 1902 horses, 12 1916 horses, one chariot, and one spinning tub. The spinning tub works like a tea cup ride on a carrousel. The rider spins the tub as the carrousel is moving. Talk about getting dizzy!

The 1916 #1 Special Carrousel was sold and moved to The Beach Strip in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in the 1940's. It joined other amusement rides at The Beach Strip, including a Wild Mouse ride (which is also built by the Allan Herschell Company). The carrousel was put into storage before it was bought by the Carrousel Society of the Niagara Frontier for the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum in 1982. The carrousel has since been restored and is available to ride when the museum is open. We hope you stop in for a spin!





This ornament celebrates the Victorian Tea which enabled my granddaughter, daughter, and I to dress up & spend an enjoyable afternoon together: Herschell's frog: my first carving from woodcarving class: and the Halloween pumpkins our carvers do.
 Provided by: **Thelma Buncy**



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

A LETTER TO READERS FROM MR. ALEX

As many of you know, my wife Thelma, and I volunteer at the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum in North Tonawanda, NY. Last December, we attended the Festival of Trees at the Niagara Power Authority in Niagara Falls (NYPA). We viewed dozens of artificial evergreen trees decorated by area non-profit groups for the festival. Each tree highlighted the important facts, goals, and activities of their organizations.

This year, we would like to have an Allan Herschell Carrousel Tree, which would aim in introducing others to the unique educational and fun aspects of our museum. The trees are provided by the New York Power Authority (NYPA), and guests are invited to enjoy the all-new state-of-the-art exhibits at the Niagara Power Vista.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We would like as many people as possible to make an ornament that represents the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum. This can be a fun project for both children and adults!

GUIDELINES

Ornaments should be representative of the museum. (I.E. A photo of someone enjoying on a ride, or an event such as a birthday party)Ornaments can be 5" or smaller and can be made of paper, wood, tin, plastic, or fabric, as long as it is not too heavy to put on the tree. Ornaments may be signed if you like.

HOW TO SEND

Unfortunately, due to COVID - 19, please keep any ornaments that you make until it is safe to bring them to the museum. For right now, you may send a photo and description to: carrouselornament@gmail.com and we will post them on the Alex Rene Big Band website, and the Museum website to share.

Looking forward to seeing your beautiful ornaments!

Mr. Alex, carrousel operator



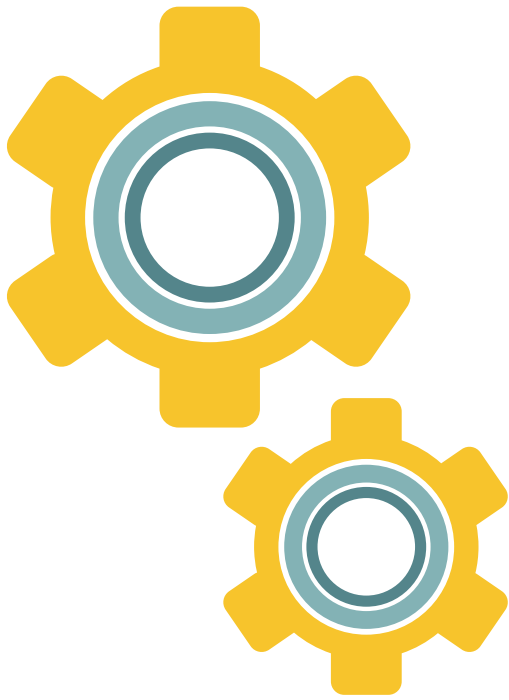
That's Mr. Alex!



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SIMPLE MACHINES

BY MS. JENNA CURRAN

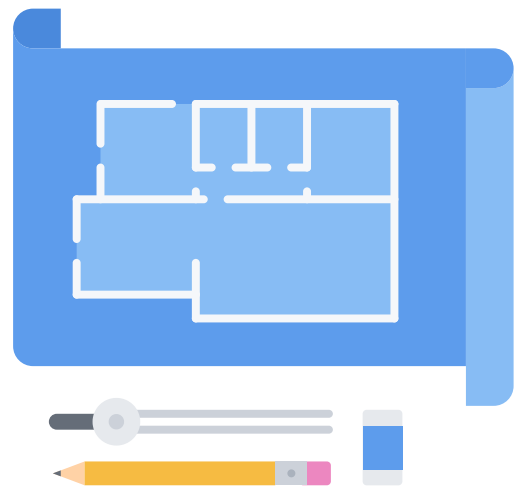


Simple machines refers to the seven devices defined by Archimedes around the third century BC. Can you name seven **simple machines**? Simple machines are commonly used together and with other inventions to form what we call **complex machines**. Our carrousel at the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum are an example of a complex machine that is made up of **simple machines**. Have you figured out the seven **simple machines** are? Turn the page upside down to see if you are right.

Lever
Inclined Plan
Pulley
Wheel & Axle
Wedge
Screw

Why would I include a gear on the page when talking about **simple machines**? Like I said, at the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum our carrouls use so many types of **simple machines**, but what makes them connect and form a **complex machines** is our gears! Have you ever been in our childrens gallery before? That is the factory's former Gear Shop. Workers in the Gear Shop were called, "Gear Heads."

Now that you are familiar with the seven simple machines I CHALLENGE YOU to design a **complex machine** that uses at least two of these **simple machines**. Have an adult take a picture of your complex machine and share with us on social media using the #HCFM.



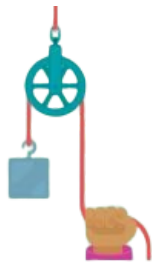
Did you know...

In 1964 Parker Brothers released a Walt Disney Mary Poppins Carousel Board game? Players need to reach the carrousel to win and could play as the Banks children, Mary, or Bert.

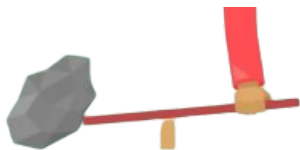


SIMPLE MACHINE MATCH

DRAW A LINE TO MATCH THE IMAGE TO THE WORD



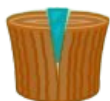
PULLEY



INCLINED PLANE



SCREW



WHEEL & AXLE



WEDGE



LEVER

SIMPLE MACHINE MATCH GRAPHICS FROM GENERATIONGENIUS.COM

LAST WEEKS ANSWERS

Looking for the answers?
 answers available next week in
 carousel courier jr. iss VI
 released April 15th!

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