

Hi Everyone,

November 30, 2022

As we head into the Christmas season, I hope this finds everyone well, having had a great Thanksgiving and excited to be receiving this looooong overdue newsletter!

We started putting an update together last year, but the ponies in process kept telling us to "wait for me, wait for me". One pony in particular was especially vocal! Come visit during our open house (December 16 & 17 - details below) to see who that might have been. We are now working on our 26th pony, and below is a picture poster of the first 18 in their vibrant colors.

Reno frequently posts on Instagram, so for those of you on instagram, look for her at: "countess_of_the_stable".



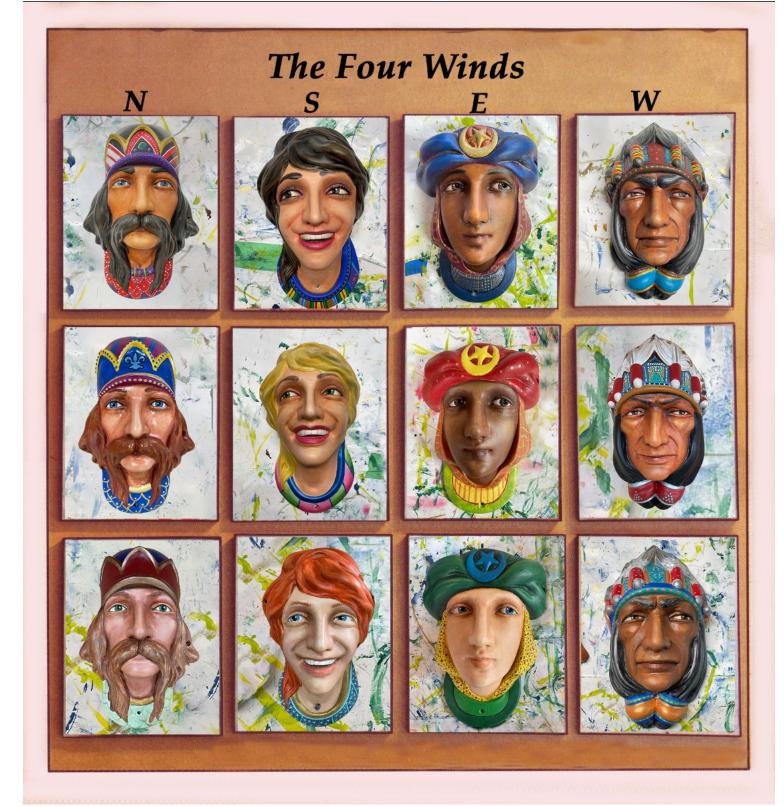
Not only have the ponies been chomping at the bit, but so has the mechanism. Although we did have about a year long 'slow down', we have really bounced back and estimate 60%+ of the whole restoration process has been accomplished. Our volunteers have been absolute rock stars!!!

The restoration results are just incredible, it is so exciting, and overwhelming to see the ponies and all the other parts coming together, with new life back into it all. In addition to the horses, we have finished restoring most of the sweeps, much of the rounding boards, the massive center pole, the electrical components and all of the Rounding Board Shields.



A stellar group of local businesses - all an invaluable part of the *Gear & Grease Gang*!

Just to show a bit more diversity and the incredible artistic talent of our *Painters of the Lost Arts*, below is a "poster" of the *Four Winds* Faces from the Rounding Board Shields. Come see them and get some insight into Ward Olver, one of Allan Herschell's lead artists, who created this Americanized version of the *Anemoi*, the Wind Gods from Greek Mythology.





And, we have a new addition to the project - an original c1920 single seat chariot panel that will be the decorative facade of our ADA, wheelchair compatible chariot. This is an exciting piece of our restoration and upcoming operation, and has come about by the donation of the panel (at the 2021 NCA convention by Dale Doctor) and a wonderful grant from **CAL** to get the panel restored and the chariot built.

(See the in-process restoration at our Dec 16-17th event).

Sir Hops-a-Lot

We also had an interloper this past year. The Kennewick *Gesa Carousel* of Dreams asked us to paint for them their newly carved Easter Rabbit -*Sir Hops-a-Lot.* A special treat and honor for our painters. Here is a picture of the final results, but you have to journey to Kennewick around Easter to see him for real.





Mountain West Bank's <u>BIG DAY</u> - at the Sandpoint Branch Friday December 2nd - Share in the Holiday Festivities 11:00am - 2:00pm "STORYTIME" with Sandpoint Rodeo Queen Maddie Gunter Hot Cocoa, stories and pic-a-book -- coffee & cookies all day

Donate food items for the Bonner County Food Bank Take your picture with Santa's Sleigh and his "reindeer" ponies (Chariot & Ponies will be on dislay all of December)





Bizarre Bizarre CAL's Super Store

Open all December 11:00-3:00 M-S Support CAL and all the work they do for our community -- check out their great holiday offerings.

Also, say hi to two of our resident (unrestored) ponies, all decked out for the holidays! Artworks Gallery Annual Holiday Reception Friday December 2nd 5:00-7:30pm

214 N. First Ave Check out the artwork of 30+ member artists AND visit with the Carousel's Christmas Pony - *Protégé*



Carousel Reception & Open House

at our Pioneer Square Shop 819 Hwy 2 (The log building just West of Winter Ridge) **Reception** Friday December 16th - 5:00pm - 8:00pm **Open House** Saturday December 17th - 11:00am - 5:00pm There is parking (limited) on both the front & back sides of the building, and we have access on each side. There is also street parking on Superior Street.



Meg Marchiando working on the outside row pony from the *Calvary Row*. Join us at the open house to see these three and their other friends in the herd!



Location Update

City of Sandpoint | City Council Meeting | 10/20/2021

The (public input) Planning Process for Sandpoint's City Parks Plan commenced during April, 2019, and the plan was adopted by the City Council in September 2020. The Carousel was shown in two potential locations - on the <u>City Beach Plan</u> and on the <u>Downtown Waterfront Plan (Sandcreek)</u>.

After presenting to the City Council (December 2020), we had multiple meetings with city staff into October 2021, and it became clear that the Sandcreek location was the superior and ideal location for the Carousel Pavilion, and an associated Arts/Event center that we call, *The Stable*.

The Sandcreek site is an exciting location, and we have been working this past year with the *Boden Architecture* team here in Sandpoint to develop a dynamic preliminary concept for the Carousel's New home and the associated Stable. (Still potential, it has not yet gone to City Council for approval).



Winter View of the Sandcreek Site from the Power House. We will be presenting a project update and details on this latest step of our efforts to the City Council on Dec 7th, and then releasing the preliminary renderings Dec 8th. Stay tuned, and come to our open house event and chat with us about the building, the location, and of course to visit with the ponies!

> Warmest Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!!! Reno & Clay and all the ponies!



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