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ST. LOUIS CAROUSEL IN FAUST PARK



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15189 Olive Street Road

- one mile north of U.S. Highway 40/I-64 -

Chesterfield, Missouri 63017

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Become a kid again! Ride St. Louis' antique working carousel and take a nostalgic, if circular, trip into the past to the tune of a cheerful calliope. **The St. Louis Carousel, with its more than 60 hand-carved horses, deer and chariots, will charm you with its gentle entertainment.**

Created by the Dentzel Company of Philadelphia, the carousel has had its ups and downs. It was installed in 1929 at the Forest Park Highlands, an amusement park (now site of St. Louis Community College-Forest Park). A trip to the Highlands - and a ride on the carousel - was a beloved tradition for school picnics and family outings for generations of St. Louis children.

When the Highlands burned to the ground in 1963, the carousel was the only thing left standing, its calliope muted in the

smoldering ruins. Howard C. Ohlendorf purchased the carousel to prevent it from being dismantled, and donated it to St. Louis County Parks in 1965. The department operated it during the summer months in a lovely outdoor setting at Sylvan Springs Park until 1980, when the 60-year-old carousel desperately needed restoration.



The efforts of the St. Louis County Historic Buildings Commission and the Faust Cultural Heritage Foundation made the restoration possible by raising the money needed to repair this beautiful piece of Americana and install it in a climate controlled building in 1987. It has been operated for **public enjoyment** ever since.



While carousels have been part of popular culture for thousands of years, the first documented carousel in America began operating in New England around 1800. Prior to steam power, itinerant carousels were run by horses, mules or people. Between 1880 and 1920 carousels enjoyed their greatest popularity, and continue to be **valued as art and entertainment today**.

Hours and Admission: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily (closed Mondays and the month of January). \$1 per person for "kids" of all ages. Call 636/537-0222 for more information.

Building Rental: The unique building with the exhibition room adjacent to the St. Louis Carousel is available for private events by calling 636/519-9950.

Other Faust Park Attractions: Don't miss touring Thornhill, the homestead of Missouri's Second Governor; the Historical Village, and the Butterfly House.

Accessibility: For accessibility accommodations or this card in an alternative format, call 314/868-0973 or 800/735-2966 TTY. Notice of two business days is needed for Braille or sign language interpreters.

Directions: Take Hwy 40/I-64 to exit 19, Olive/Clarkson exit. Go north on Olive Boulevard for 1 mile. Park entrance on left.