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"MARY ANN LEE CONSERVATION CAROUSEL" TO OPEN AT ST. LOUIS ZOO

The St. Louis Zoo will launch the Mary Ann Lee Conservation Carousel on Thursday, May 22, at 9 a.m. The new attraction will feature colorful hand-carved wooden animals, representing protected and endangered species at the St. Louis Zoo, plus two chariots that are ADA accessible.

"We believe that children will be delighted with this one-of-a-kind attraction," says Dr. Jeffrey Bonner, president of the Zoo. "We hope that the Conservation Carousel will provide fun and a new awareness of wild animals and the need to protect their future."

Conservation Carousel animals include a Humboldt penguin, polar bear, red panda, poison dart frog, capybara, caterpillar, ostrich, Asian elephant and other charming figures. The ride also includes a series of hand-painted murals of endangered species in natural habitats.

With its nostalgic sights and sounds, the new Conservation Carousel will be sheltered in a three-tier structure that will protect it from the elements and make it usable for most of the year. It will be located on the north side of the Zoo near the polar bears.

A ticket to ride the Conservation Carousel is \$2.00. Children under 42 inches tall must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying adults are free.

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Between May 23 and September 1, the ride will be free to all between 8 and 9 a.m.

Carousel Works of Mansfield, Ohio is creating the Zoo's new attraction. A number of North American zoos operate carousels.

Mary Ann Lee, a St. Louis philanthropist and generous St. Louis Zoo supporter, has provided the significant financial contribution that made the carousel possible. A. G. Edwards has made a generous commitment to this effort, as well as a number of local families and businesses. The Zoo is making the carousel animals available as commemorative gift opportunities. The project will amount to about \$1.2 million, including installation, construction of the pavilion and site work.

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