



NEWS

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The Ronald McDonald House of Spokane places the first of twenty six painted carousel characters on the streets of Spokane.

The “Carousel on Parade” will be the second Community Art Project to feature painted fiberglass characters that will be displayed on the streets of down town Spokane and auctioned to the highest bidder to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Spokane.

The two characters being placed today are:



◆ “Straight out of a Fairy Tale” by local author and artist Nona Hengen. This unique animal began as a fiberglass giraffe and was altered by Nona to become an Okapi. The Okapi is a cousin of the giraffe which lives in Africa.

◆ “Yippee Yi Ki Eh, Coffee Latte!” by Bette Largent. Bette is the President of the National Carousel Association and has been restoring our local carousel for over seventeen years.

Date: Today - September 10, 2006

Place: South entrance of River Park Square Mall

Time: 10:30 a.m.



Children from the Discovery School will be joining us. The Discovery school has adopted the project and their kids from Kindergarten through sixth grade will be the official care takers of the animals. They will be keeping the animals clean and reporting any damage that needs repairing.

The remaining carousel animals will be on the streets of down town by November 11, 2006 through March 2007. Look for maps at local sponsors and area businesses.