Circle of Wildlife
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There will be no horsing around on the Greenway Carousel. As the 36-seat ride opens up on Labor Day weekend, Boston will welcome 14 characters inspired by sea creatures from the New England Aquarium and that nest atop the Old State House. After collecting more than 175 drawings made by local elementary school students, sculptor Jeff Briggs of Newburyport spent three years researching the animals. "I had eaten it, but I had never seen a live cod fish up close," he says. "So I bought one, photographed and sketched it, and then my wife cooked it for dinner." Adding the finishing touches, painter William Rogers of Haverhill spent 15 months working on 80 total pieces. The project comes full circle on Aug. 31.

THE GREENWAY CAROUSEL opens on Aug. 31 at 10 am, $3 per ride, $25 per 10 tickets. The Tiffany & Co. Foundation gave at Carousel Park, Boston (617-292-0020) rosekennedygreenway.org