

Greenway Carousel

Artist's Bio: Jeff Briggs, Sculptor

Jeffrey (Jeff) Briggs is the principal sculptor and designer of the new Greenway Carousel at The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Grove, which opened on the Rose Kennedy Greenway in downtown Boston on August 31, 2013.

Believing that the way we treat animals reflects how we become true stewards of the earth, much of Jeff's work focuses on creating life-like representations of animals and by doing so, helps make people aware of their environment. For example, instead of traditional horses for the Greenway Carousel, Jeff created a representative group of wild life recognizable from the land, sea, and air of Massachusetts to carry its riders. He spent three years researching and studying creatures such the lobster, cod fish, skunk, and peregrine falcon in order to sculpt their bodies as they appear moving through their natural environments. Jeff partnered with painter William Rogers of Haverhill, Massachusetts to add realistic color and texture to the Greenway Carousel characters' scales, fur, and feathers.

In 2006 Jeff piloted the design and sculpture of The Detroit River Conservancy carousel with a similarly unusual menagerie including creatures indigenous to the Detroit River area: egret, snail, loon, frog, eagle, and heron. The carousel's fulcrum is a revolving mural of the Detroit River's ecosystem with stylized accents in an Art Nouveau motif. Jeff worked as sculptor and principal designer of The Fabricon Carousel Company of New York City for over 25 years, creating numerous carousels operating in Singapore, Finland, Saudi Arabia, Bolivia, and throughout the United States.

Jeff has collaborated with his wife Lindley in their Newburyport, Massachusetts studio for the past 40 years. Together they have produced over 6,000 larger-than-life wooden butterflies, flies, dragonflies, moths, peacocks and wooden flowers for shops, galleries, and collectors throughout the country. They have also worked on projects for Disneyworld, Euro Disney, FAO Schwartz, Eddie Bauer and L.L. Bean.

Jeff holds a B.S. in education from Tufts University and a diploma in painting from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

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