The Arts and Crafts Building

This exciting structure overlooks Upper Shawme Lake. It houses exhibits of American craftsmen, their tools and their work. Featured in the glassed-in rotunda is an authentic, old-fashioned carousel, completely restored and running, for the delight of young and old.
the CAROUSEL
This authentic, completely restored carousel was originally built in Riverside, Rhode Island in 1912 by Charles I. D. Looff who created the first Coney Island carousel in 1876. The animals and gondolas represent some of the finest examples of the "merry-go-round" art.
Many of the craftsmen who carved animals for early carousels were true artists. Some of the finest examples of this art are being exhibited in the Rotunda at Heritage Plantation. Included are a rabbit, a frog, a bear and other animals, as well as the ones pictured on the next pages.
Visitors can ride the carousel and listen to the old-time music.

A huge Bengal Tiger roars, but don’t worry, he’s friendly.
The Golden Bicycle
A dragon design made about 1900.