

FLIPPER

Carvers:

**The Fanning Garage Grinders
Lake Pleasant, NY**

Sponsor: Louis Ruben

The carousel animals were built and carved using American Basswood. Bass wood is soft and light with a straight, fine grain. Knots and other defects are uncommon.

Flipper was carved by Master Carver Eileen Fanning and her daughters Pamela and Patricia. Both daughters are award winning carvers in their own right.

When the trio heard about The Adirondack Carousel project, they were thrilled at the prospect of having their work immortalized forever in the form of such a worthwhile community project. The bass was one of the first carousel animals to be completed.



LARGEMOUTH BASS

The Largemouth Bass is a freshwater fish and the most popular game fish in North America. They are exciting to catch because they are aggressive and can put up a good fight. Bass like water temperatures around 60F. They eat aquatic plants, insects, frogs, and smaller fish. Except for humans, Bass are the top predator in the aquatic ecosystem. They themselves can be prey to larger fish, water fowl, and water snakes.

Largemouth Bass are fast swimmers and they get faster as they grow. At 20" they are able to swim at 10mph with 20mph bursts, darting and easily changing direction.