

SPIKE

Carvers: The Fanning Garage Grinders
Lake Pleasant, NY

Sponsors: The Maggs, Schoff & Welch Families



Since each animal on the carousel is designed differently, their mounted heights are also different. Who takes you up the highest? You guessed it! It's Spike!

A year had passed since The Garage Grinders had completed the Large Mouth Bass. At this time the carousel Board was at a loss for design ideas for the porcupine. They contacted Eileen Fanning, hoping that she would at least consider lending her design talents one more time. Unable to resist a bit of carousel sweet-talk, and with prodding from her daughters, Eileen finally agreed to undertake a second carving. A friendly, fun-loving, strawberry-eating porcupine! The Fanning Garage Grinders now have not one, but two breathtaking creations at The Adirondack Carousel. Their contribution is a gift of joy to future generations.

PORCUPINE

Porcupines belong to the rodent family. The only rodent bigger than the porcupine is the beaver. They can weigh 20 pounds and grow to 3 feet long. They have short stocky legs and are rounded in shape. Porcupines eat whatever is available by season like plants, leaves, roots, berries and bark. They live in wooded areas, can climb trees and swim. A porcupine has 30,000 quills! That's a lot! Their quills are made of keratin, just like our fingernails. Porcupines don't shoot or throw their quills out. Their quills are hollow, loosely attached, and sharp. Porcupines would really prefer to keep their quills. Let them go on their way.