Collect an individual “I Rode the Carousel” card from each of the FIVE participating Greater Binghamton carousels. The Recreation Park carousel is closed for renovations, but is scheduled to reopen on August 29, 2011. So there will be FIVE TO RIDE this year and SIX when the Recreation Park Carousel reopens on August 29, 2011. Cards are available at each site throughout the summer.

After you have collected all of your cards from the participating sites, they may be validated at any of the park sites to receive a commemorative “I Rode the Carousel Circuit” button. You need only ONE card from each participating site. The carousel button includes the words “Susquehanna Heritage Area” as the carousels are significant historic resources of the beautiful Susquehanna Heritage Area.

Remember when you visit the C. Fred Johnson Park carousel to take note of the newly restored carousel enclosure.

Operating hours and locations for the carousels are listed in the carousel brochure which is available from the Greater Binghamton Convention & Visitors Bureau 607.772.8860 and on their website at www.visitbinghamton.org. Brochures are also available at the Roberson Museum and Science Center and at the Binghamton Visitor Center 607.772.0660, Endicott Visitor Center 607.757.5355, and at each carousel when open.

Unique carousel animals exist on our special collection of historic carousels. Always check with individual parks if you are planning a special group trip or have any questions about the park facilities. Their phone numbers are found in the brochure or on the Convention Bureau website: www.visitbinghamton.org

Seasonal hours of operation sometimes change so publications may not be accurate. Inclement weather and mechanical problems can cause temporary closures. If this occurs and you are unable to return at a later time, your visit will be honored by the park directly or by calling one of the telephone numbers below.

Each carousel ride is FREE of charge and has been so since their donation by the great industrial benefactor, George F. Johnson and his family.

Learn more about “Ride the Carousel Circuit” by calling the Town of Union Parks Department at 607.786.2970, the City of Binghamton Parks Department at 607.772.7017, the Village of Endicott at 607.757.0856 or the Village of Johnson City at 607.797.3031 during their regular business hours.

Website addresses for Visitor Center Hours & Community Information:
Roberson Museum and Science Center & Binghamton Visitor Center www.roberson.org; Endicott Visitor Center www.endicottny.com; Greater Binghamton Convention & Visitors Bureau www.visitbinghamton.org

***SPECIAL HINTS FOR THE SERIOUS CIRCUIT RIDER***
If you are planning a day trip to Ride the Carousel Circuit we suggest starting out in the Endicott area and finishing at Binghamton’s Ross Park before the 5:00 pm closing. The Endicott carousel at George W. Johnson Park opens at 10:00 am and the West Endicott Park & Highland Park carousels open at noon. You should be able to plan your visits around the published operating hours. Have Fun!