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Walter used to run highway equipment until the shop got going, and then he retired to work in the shop.

They began restoring the horses on their own with his knowledge in furniture restoration and her knowledge in painting. He sands them and orders any replacement parts from a local carver from Portland and she does all the painting by hand with oil-base paints. "It takes a lot of work on some of them to get them going again. It all depends on the condition they're in. One of them had 32 coats of paint on it that had to be stripped off. Once in a while we get one with its original paint on it, but that's getting really scarce. And when they're that way why we leave it," comments Mary.

The Yourees attend carousel conventions on both coasts and have acquired horses from all over, even Old Mexico. If you are a lover of carousel horses or country antiques, be sure to visit the Yourees shop, Cast Iron and Cast Offs out on Henrici Rd. South.



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