

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION & VALUATION

Carousel-Style Rocking Horse — Solid Oak Rocker Base



MARKET VALUE

\$250–450

Realistic quick-sale price, private/shop market

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$500–750

Ceiling for carousel/carnival-horse specialty collectors



*Carousel-style rocking horse
Ornate painted saddle & trim detailing
Solid oak rocker base
Shown in shop's floor display lineup
(alongside other rocking horses, sold separately)*

Carousel-Style Rocking Horse

*Ornate Painted Saddle Detailing — Solid Oak
Rocker Base*

HISTORY

Carousel-style rocking horses take their design directly from the ornate carnival and amusement-park carousel horses of the late 19th and early 20th centuries — hand-carved, hand-painted figures made famous by celebrated carving houses such as Philadelphia Toboggan Company, Dentzel, and Herschell-Spillman. Beginning in the mid-20th century, smaller-scale decorative and functional versions of these dramatic carousel horses began to be produced for the home market, typically featuring the same hallmark carousel details in miniature: brightly painted saddle blankets and tack, decorative jewels or rosettes, flowing carved manes, and rich color combinations meant to evoke the fairground original, mounted on a more practical rocking-horse base for indoor use.

This example follows that carousel-horse tradition closely, featuring an ornately painted saddle and decorative trim reminiscent of a classic carnival carousel figure, mounted on a **solid oak rocker base** — a sturdier, more substantial

rocker construction than the thinner bent-wood rockers used on many simpler production rocking horses. Companies such as S&S Woodcarvers became well known in the collector market for producing quality carousel-style rocking horses of this general type from the 1970s-1990s, and while no maker's mark has been confirmed on this example, the ornate detailing and quality of the oak base are consistent with that same collectible tradition of decorative carousel-inspired rocking horses.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ♦ Style: Carousel/carnival-horse inspired decorative rocking horse
- ♦ Saddle & Trim: Ornately painted, carousel-style detailing
- ♦ Base: Solid oak rocker construction — sturdier than typical bent-wood rockers
- ♦ Maker: Not confirmed — no mark visible; style consistent with known carousel-horse producers (e.g. S&S Woodcarvers)
- ♦ Condition: Presentable, paint and oak base intact

Collector's note: No maker's mark is confirmed on this piece, so it is valued here as a quality carousel-style decorative rocking horse rather than attributed to a specific maker. Comparable carousel-style rocking horses from known producers such as S&S Woodcarvers have sold in the \$300–800 range at auction and specialty sale, with solid oak-base examples in good painted condition trending toward the middle-to-upper end of that range; unattributed examples of similar quality and presentation are valued here somewhat more conservatively. Market Value reflects realistic private-sale/shop pricing; Estimated Worth reflects the ceiling a dedicated carousel-horse or vintage rocking-horse collector might pay for a well-preserved example like this one.

"A carnival carousel horse brought home — the painted saddle and solid oak rocker built to gallop in place for generations to come."

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