Lindy Lou is a replica of a Truscott fantail river launch. Truscott Boatworks, once operating out of St. Joseph, Michigan, built fantail launches just like this one that could be found on lakes and rivers throughout the United States at the turn of the century. Launches like Lindy Lou were often used like water taxis to take people to their destinations. These boats were popular from the late 1890s through the 1930s when launches plied the rivers delivering guests to resorts, taking picnickers to up-river parks and pavilions, and generally helping to fill the lazy hours of summer with relaxing diversions. Like the river launches of the 1893 Colombian Exposition in Chicago, Lindy Lou is an electric powered vessel.