

Every Day is Earth Day in Balboa Park

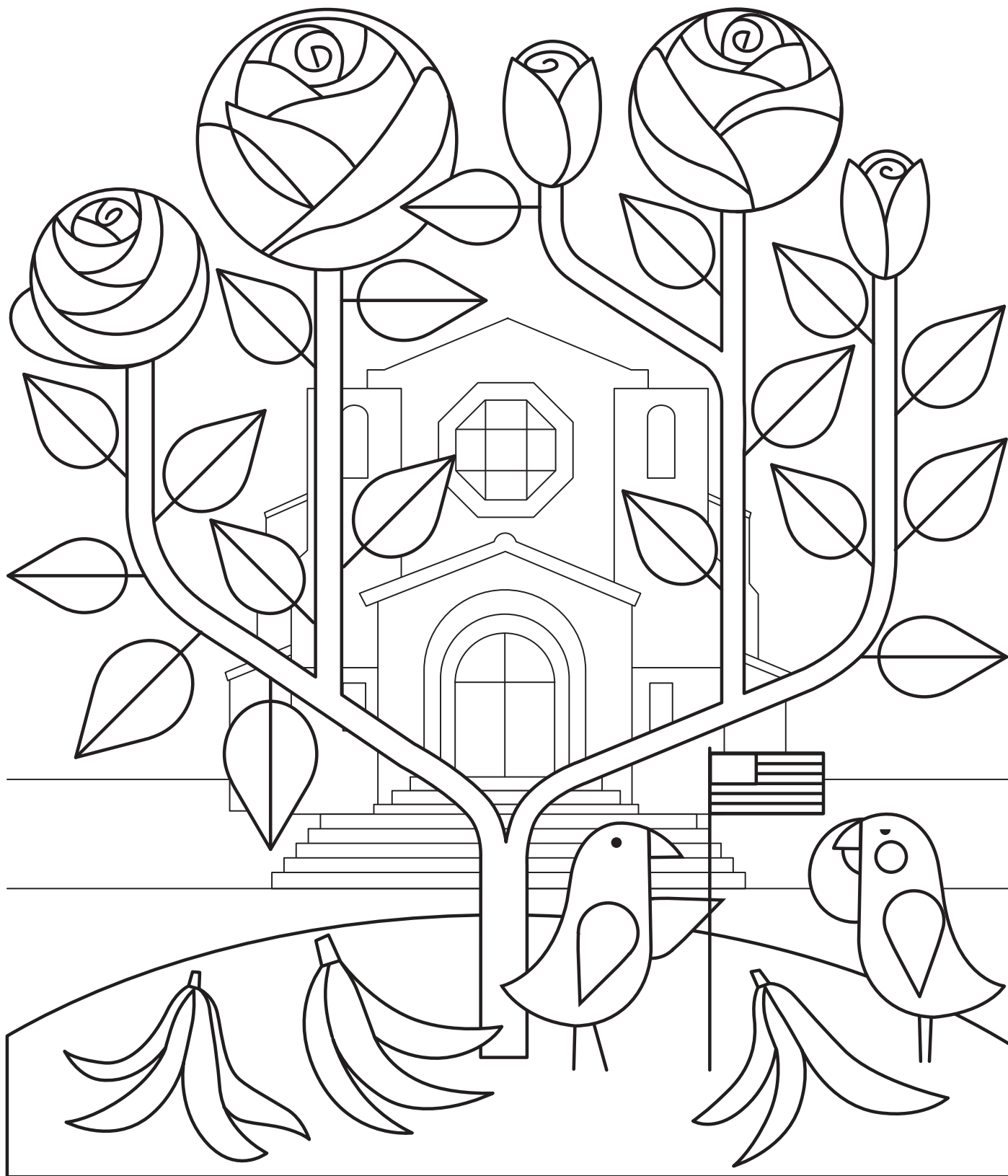
Coloring Book



Go on a Balboa Park **Sustainability Scavenger Hunt**. Be sure to write down what you find!

1. Solar energy helps power the Park, list at least one place in the Park that collects energy from the sun to produce electricity.
2. Recycling is easy. Can you spot the recycle bins and list what items you can recycle?
3. List 3 desert plants found in Balboa Park.
4. Can you find one of the 14 electric vehicle charging stations in the Park? What is the name of the charging station?
5. Riding bikes is an eco-friendly way to get to the Park. How many bike racks can you count in the Plaza de Panama?
6. How old is Balboa Park's Moreton Bay Fig tree?
7. A public bus can take you to the Balboa Park Carousel! What number bus is it?
8. There are 10 green buildings, also known as LEED certified buildings in the Park. Can you find and name one? Hint: You might find one in the coloring pages.
9. What environmental holiday does Balboa Park celebrate each year at their annual Earth Fair in April?
10. What is the special shape used for bike racks in Balboa Park? Draw it here:

ANSWERS: 1) San Diego Zoo parking lot and Inspiration Point parking lot. 2) Cans, glass, paper and plastic. 3) Self-answer 4) 7 at Pan American Plaza lot. 2 by Fleet Science Center lot, and 5 at the San Diego Zoo parking lot. Charging station name: Blink. 5) Self-answer 6) The Moreton Bay Fig tree was planted in 1915. 7) Bus 7 or 215. 8) San Diego Museum of Man, The Old Globe, House of Charm, Inamori Pavilion at the Japanese Friendship Garden, Casa de Balboa, Casa del Prado, San Diego Natural History Museum, Fleet Science Center, WorldBeat Cultural Center, and Federal Building. 9) Earth Day. 10) Bicycle.



Staff of the Veterans Museum at Balboa Park use banana peels as natural plant food and to keep away pesky bugs from the rose bushes.



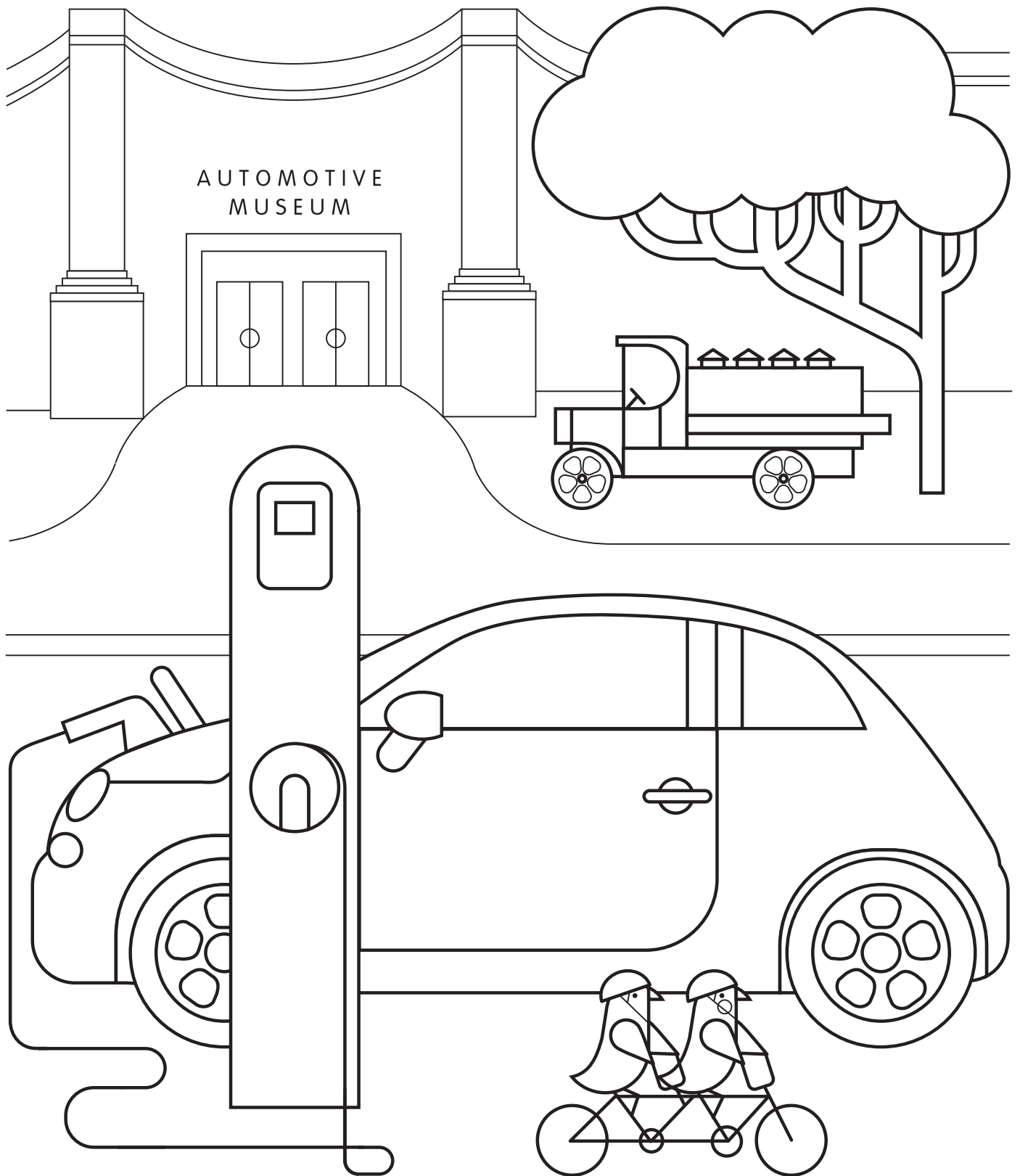
Learn about cameras at the Museum of Photographic Arts. Take your own pictures to show how you are helping to protect the earth.



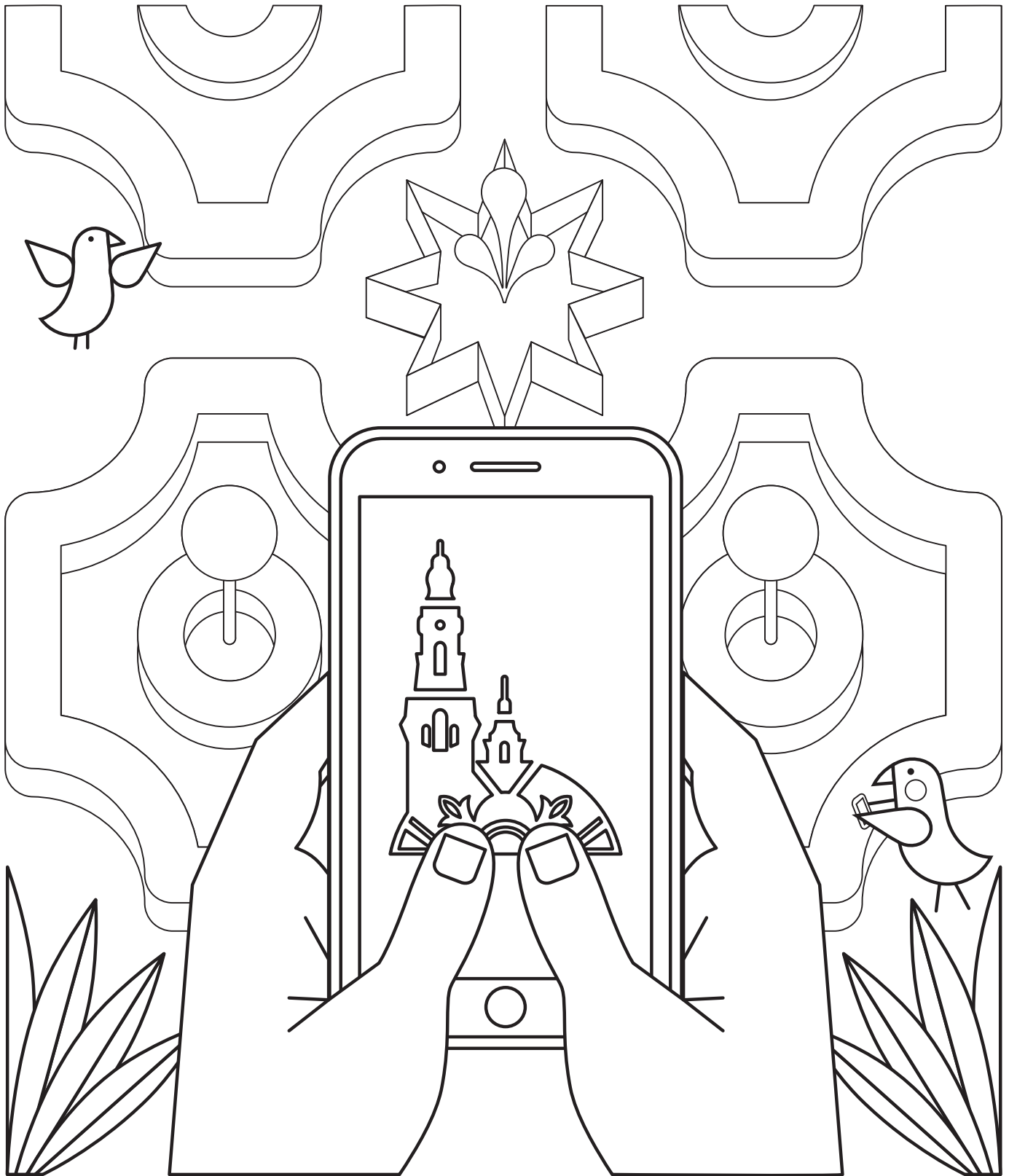
Many foods we eat need bee pollination to grow. Sadly, bee populations have been shrinking. Did you know the Japanese Friendship Garden is a safe home for bees?



Recycling keeps waste out of landfills. Recycling bins throughout Balboa Park, like at The Old Globe, make it easy for you to recycle! Do you recycle at home and at school?



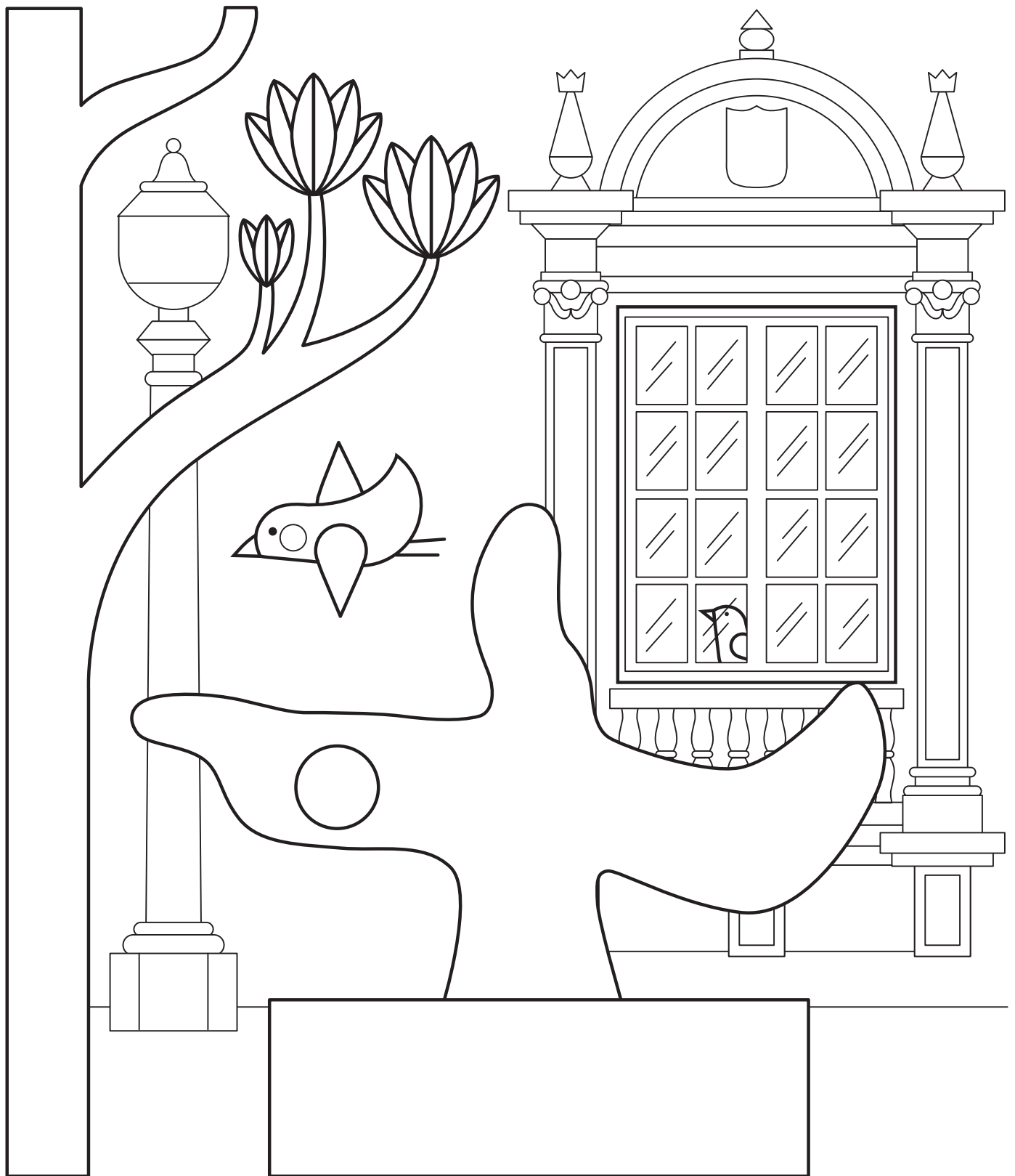
Gas-powered cars and trucks contribute to air pollution and climate change. Electric cars provide an alternative to gas-powered cars. Learn more about cars at the San Diego Automotive Museum.



The Balboa Park Online Collaborative created the Balboa Park mobile app. You can save paper and trees by downloading the app instead of printing a map.



Green buildings use less energy and water and help improve our environment. Balboa Park has green buildings including the San Diego Museum of Man.



Solar film on windows at the San Diego Museum of Art helps keep out heat and light, lowering energy use.



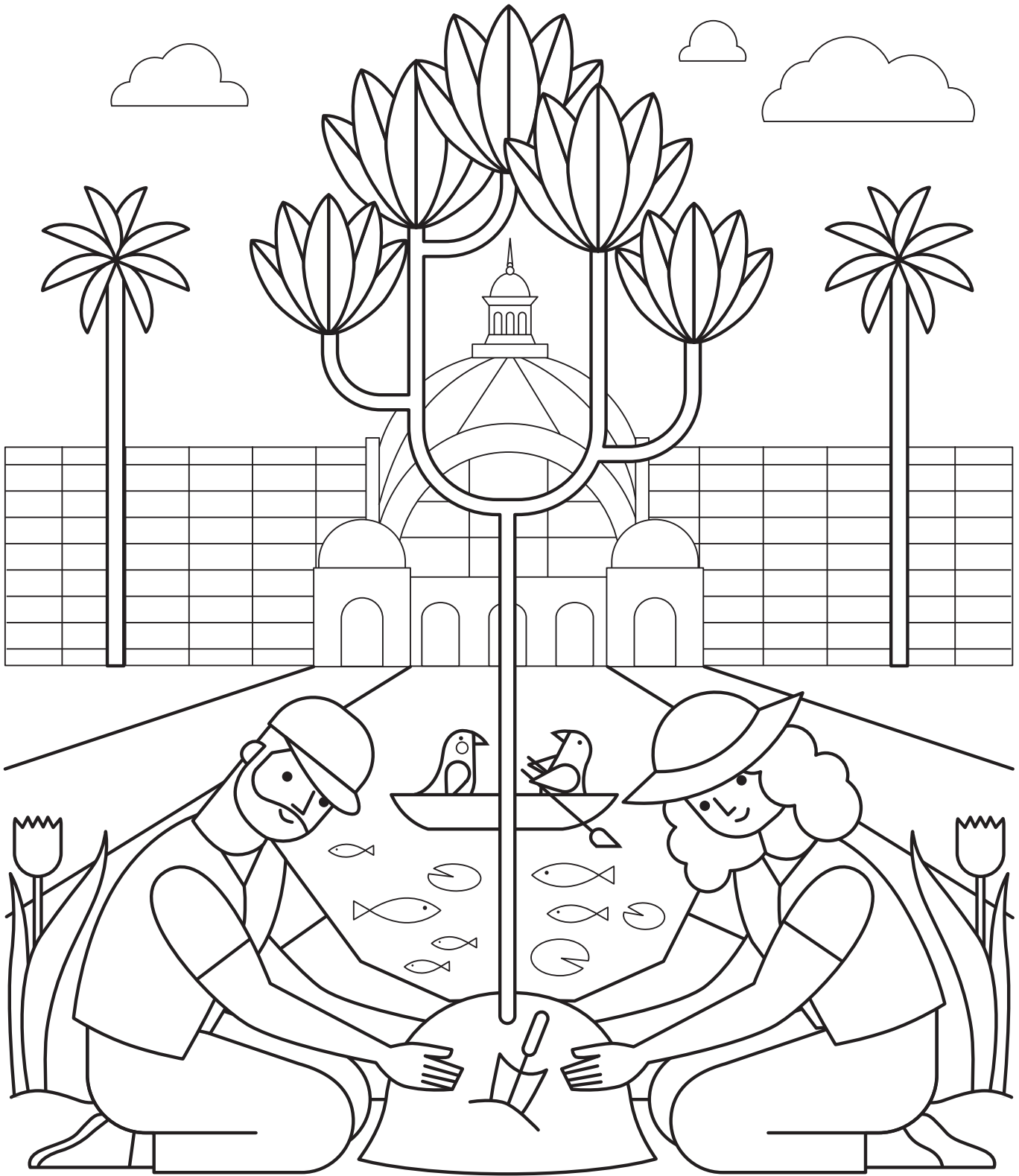
The Mingei International Museum donates items from old displays to organizations in Balboa Park, like the San Diego Art Institute, to reuse. What household items can you reuse in your art projects?



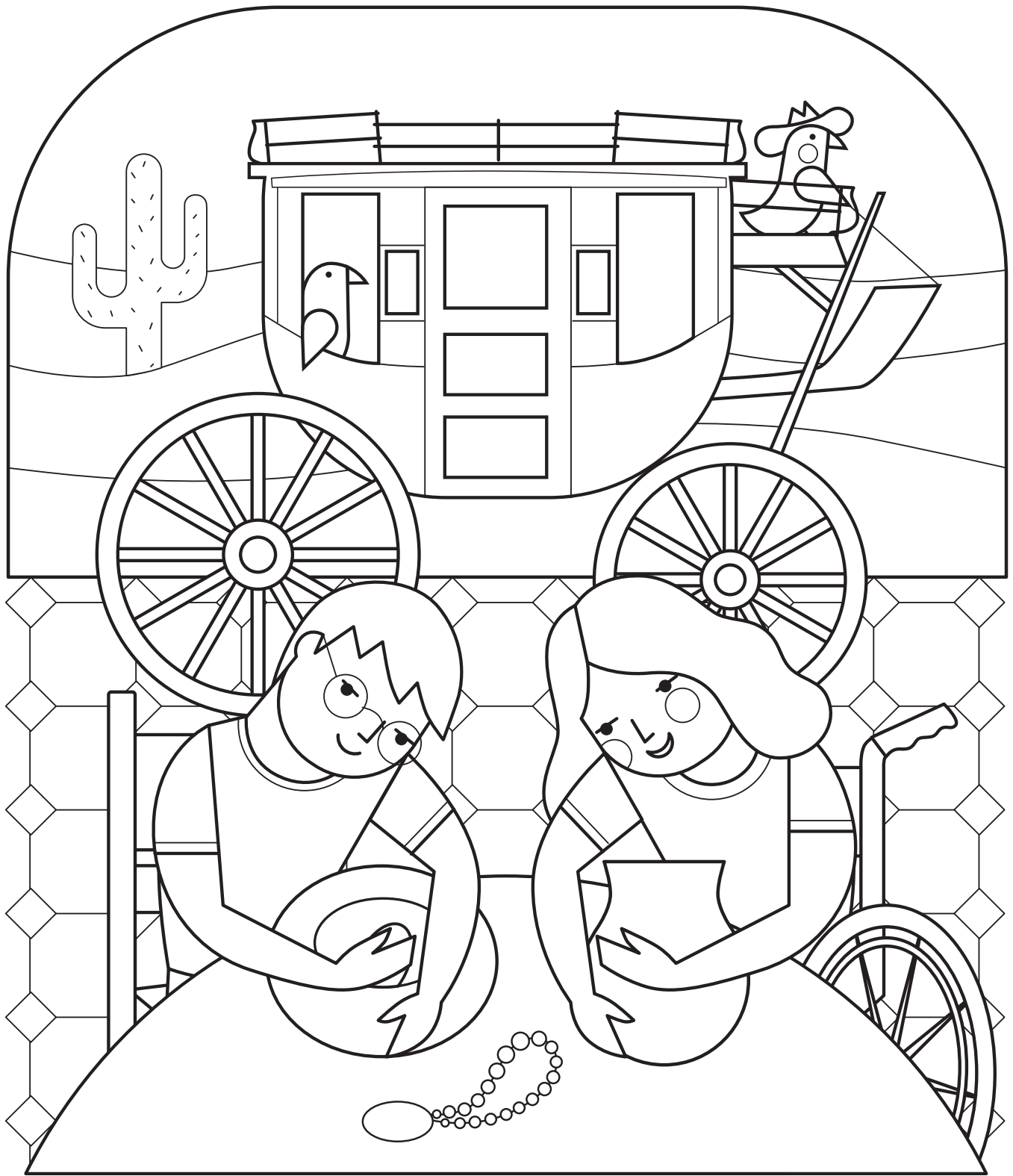
Organic farming encourages soil and water conservation, reduces pollution, and can grow more nutritious foods. Visit the WorldBeat Center to learn about wicking wells and organic farming.



Balboa Park is working hard to reduce energy use. One strategy is to use energy efficient LED light bulbs like you see here at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum.



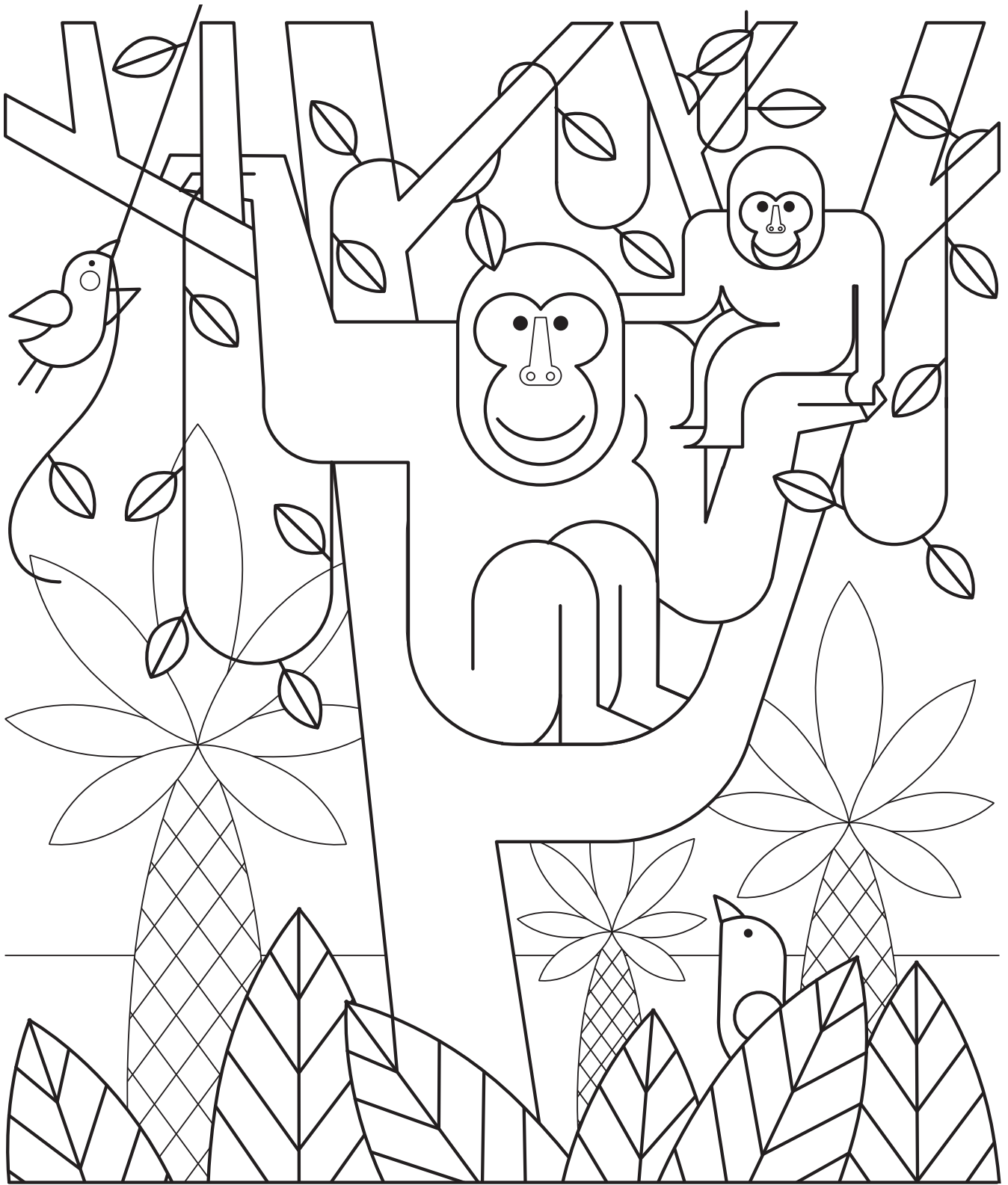
The Balboa Park Conservancy helps save Balboa Park's forests by planting trees. Trees help stop climate change by removing carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the air.



Learning about our local history at the San Diego History Center helps teach us how the Kumeyaay people lived in harmony with the ecosystem. We can look to the past to protect our future!



Water is a limited resource. That's why it's important to save water every day. Low water and native plants in the Spanish Village and throughout the Park save water.



Orangutans in the wild face extinction as the forests where they live become palm oil farms. To help, only buy items with sustainable palm oil. Have you visited the orangutans at the San Diego Zoo?



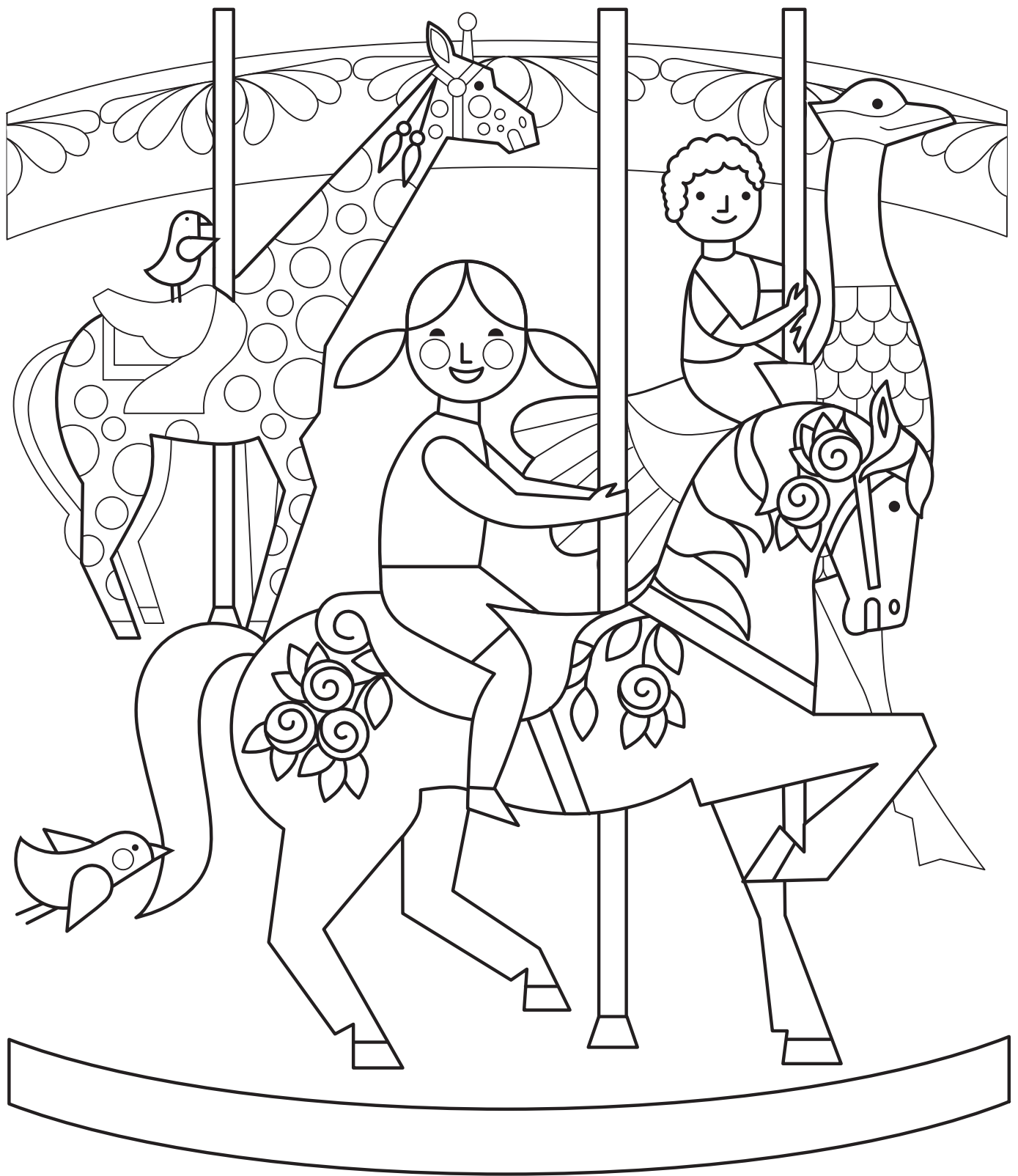
Being active helps us stay healthy. This includes dancing, playing instruments and acting. Casa del Prado Theater is home to San Diego's Civic Youth Ballet, Youth Symphony and Junior Theatre.



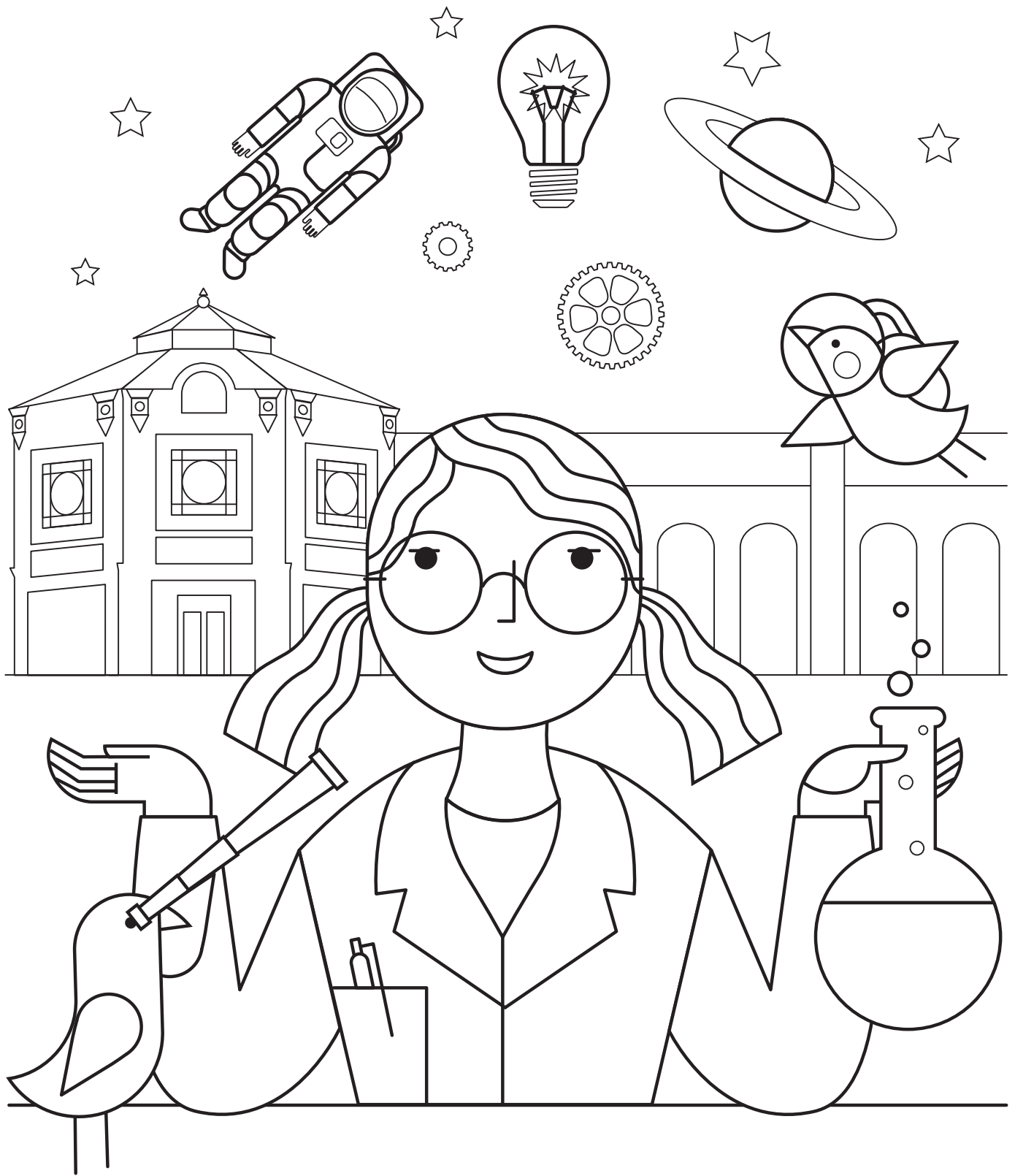
Bike, walk, or scoot to the Centro Cultural de la Raza to learn about art and culture from different communities.



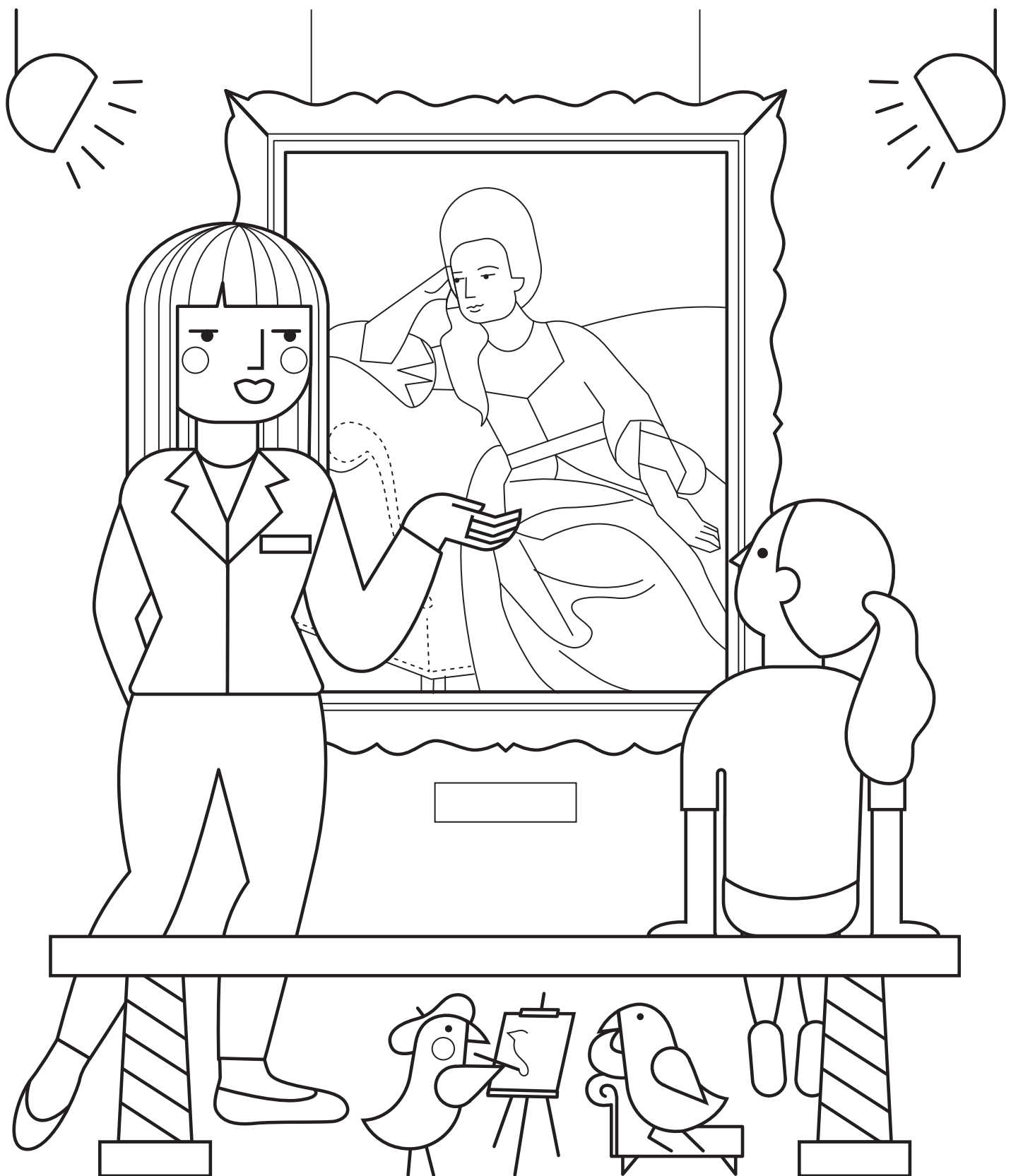
The San Diego Air & Space Museum teaches us about technology. When electronics and batteries don't work anymore, be sure to recycle them correctly so they don't go to the landfill.



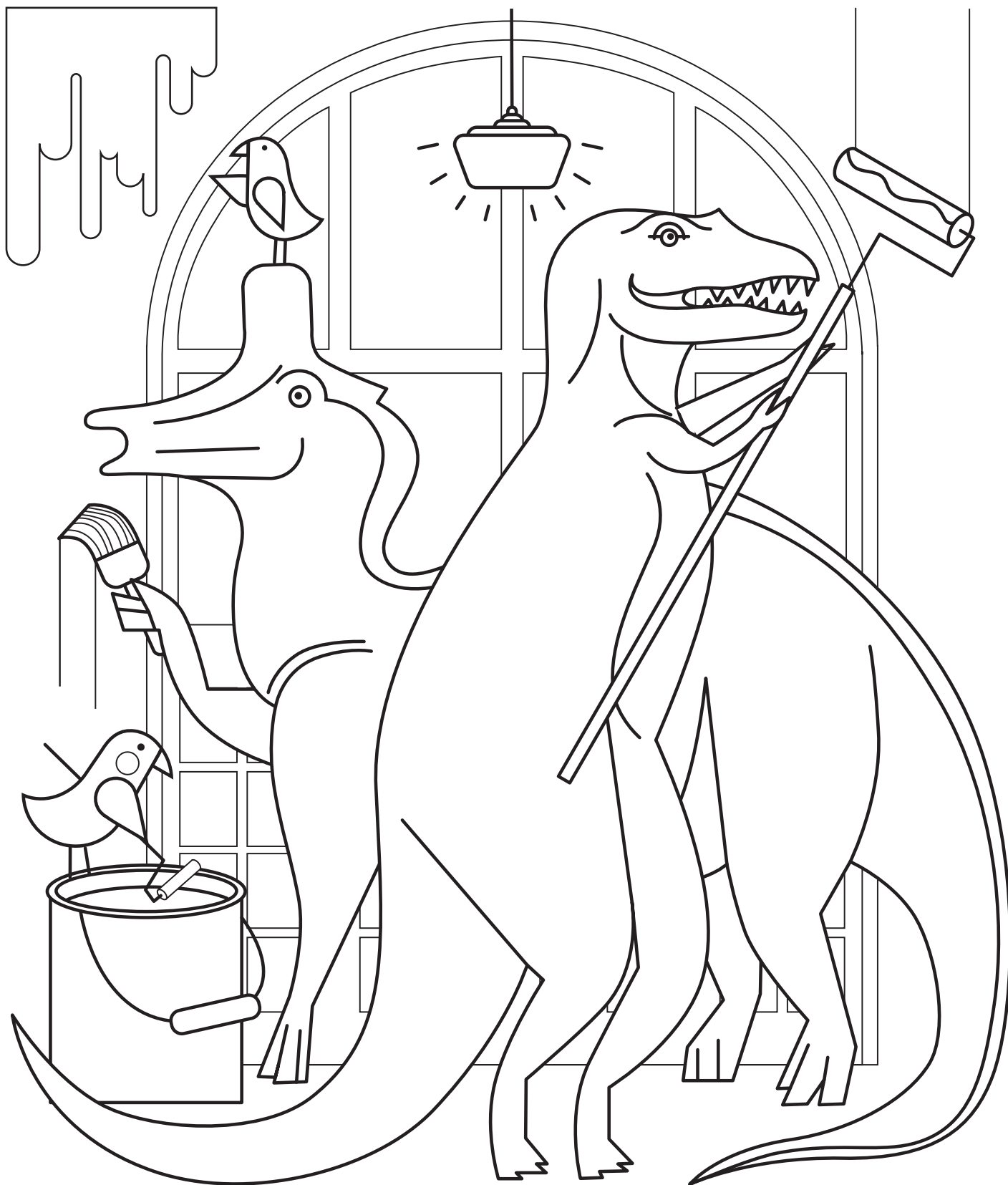
Take a spin on the Balboa Park Carousel powered partially by renewable energy, provided by our local electric company. Each ride helps Friends of Balboa Park preserve the Carousel.



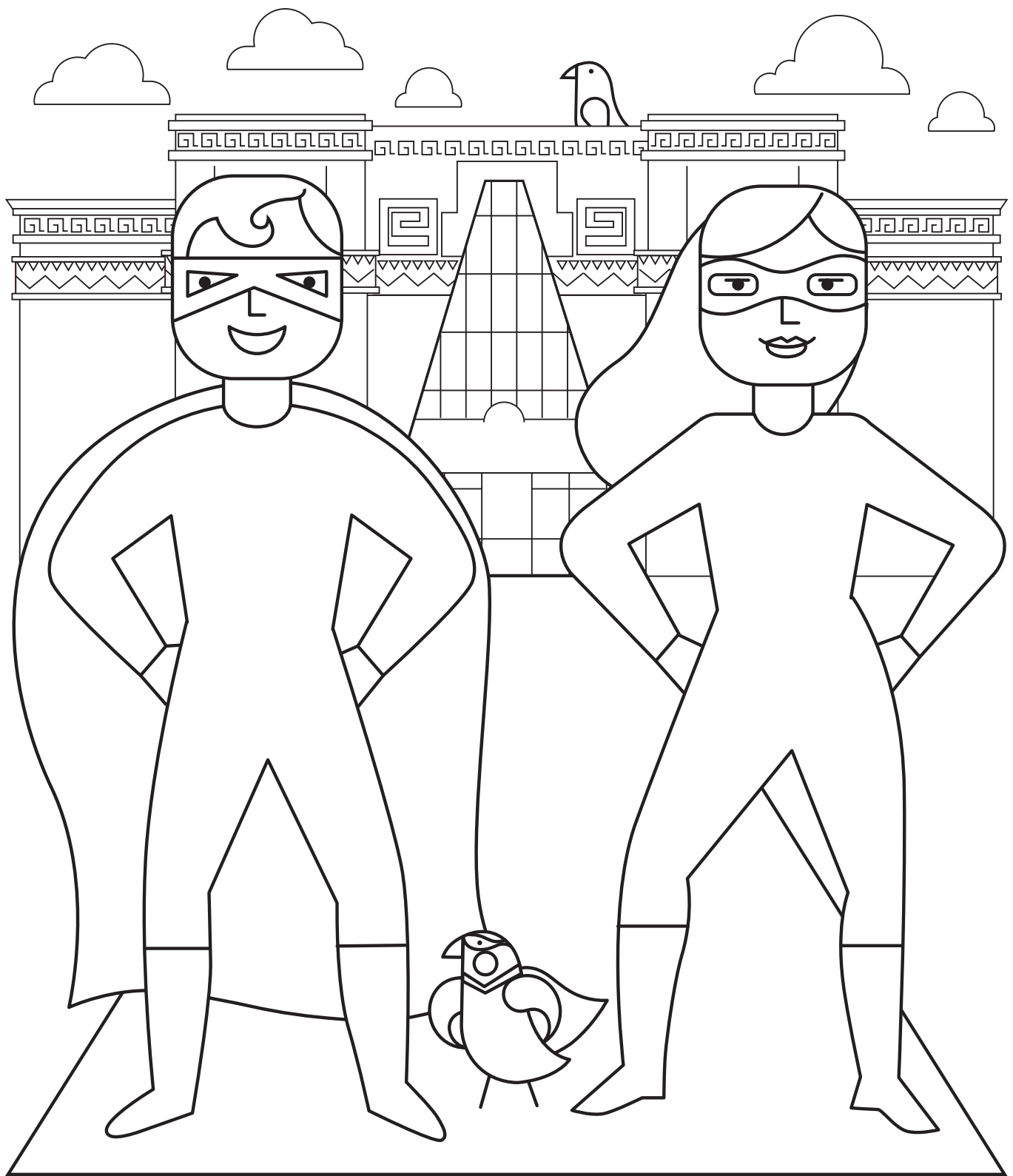
Science shows us how our activities impact the earth. Explore the power of science including biology, chemistry, engineering, earth science, physics and robotics at the Fleet Science Center.



LED lights at the Timken Museum of Art help bring out the colors of the paintings and save energy. How can you save energy?



Earth friendly paints at the San Diego Natural History Museum provide healthy and clean air for visitors and employees.



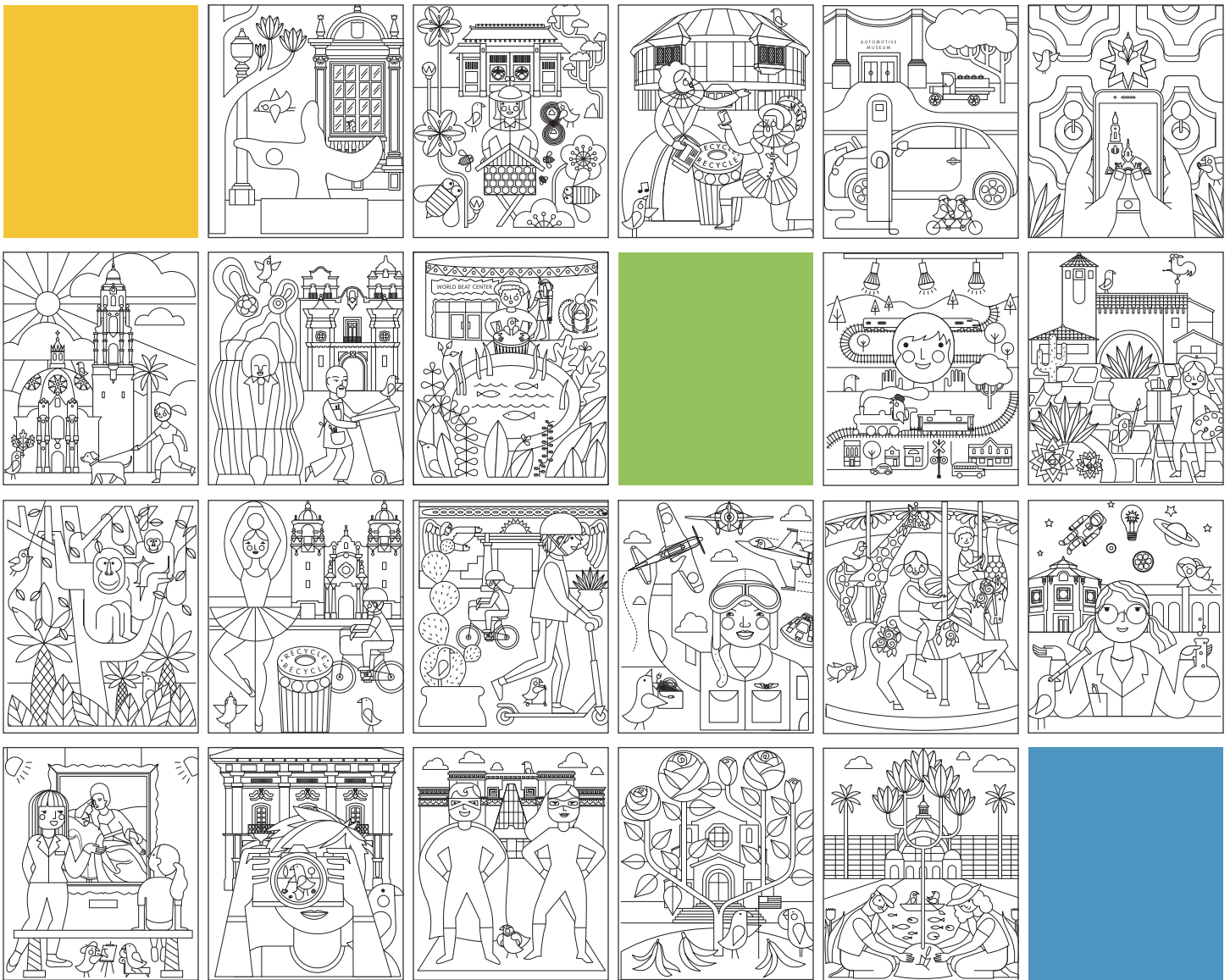
The Comic Con Museum is coming soon to Balboa Park. What kind of eco-superhero are you? Write your superhero name below:

Make Every Day Earth Day

Here are some ideas for how you can make every day Earth Day.

1. Be an energy saver! Turn off lights when you leave the room.
2. Make sure to have a full load of laundry before running the washing machine to save water and energy.
3. Unplug your phones and tablets from the electrical outlet once they are charged to avoid energy vamping.
4. Use LED light bulbs. Can you find the coloring pages that show LED light bulbs in use?
5. Use a natural breeze to cool the house by opening windows.
6. Help conserve water; turn off the water when brushing your teeth.
7. Don't hose down driveways or sidewalks. Grab a broom and give it a sweep instead!
8. Never pour anything down storm drains or sewers; this can hurt plants and animals living in nearby rivers and oceans.
9. In your home, use native plants that need less water.
10. Compost your food waste and use it to help your plants grow. What do they use in the garden at the Veterans Museum at Balboa Park?
11. Adopt the 3 R's - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Add another R and Refuse items you don't need!
12. Choose reusable water bottles and grocery bags to reduce waste.
13. Use rechargeable batteries for toys and electronics.
14. Eat lots of fruits and vegetables - they are good for you and the planet!
15. Save energy by turning off the TV and going outside to play!

List 3 more ways you can make every day Earth Day:



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