



## Historic Preservation Services

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### **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – Minor Alteration**

**ISSUED: July 14, 2023**

**EXPIRATION: July 14, 2024**

City of Fort Collins  
c/o Cheryl Donaldson  
PO Box 580  
Fort Collins, CO 80522

Dear Property Owner:

This letter provides you with certification that proposed work to your designated Fort Collins landmark property, work affecting the Wishing Well within the site of the Heritage Courtyard Landmark district, has been approved by the City's Historic Preservation Division (HPD) because the proposed work appears to be routine in nature with minimal effects to the historic resource, and meets the requirements of Chapter 14, [Article IV](#) of the Fort Collins Municipal Code.

The alterations reviewed include:

- Removal of the wooden structure covering the Wishing Well – Structure's materials to be stored in FCMOD offsite collection storage for potential future reconstruction and/or material analysis, and associated documentation made available for public reference.

Notice of the approved application has been provided to building and zoning staff to facilitate the processing of any permits that are needed for the work. Please note that work beyond that indicated in your permit application/correspondence requires additional approval.

If the approved work is not completed prior to the expiration date noted above, you may apply for an extension by contacting staff at least 30 days prior to expiration. Extensions may be granted for up to 12 additional months, based on a satisfactory staff review of the extension request.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, or if I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at [yjones@fcgov.com](mailto:yjones@fcgov.com) or at (970) 224-6045.

Sincerely,

Yani Jones  
Historic Preservation Planner



## Design Review Application Historic Preservation Division

*Fill this form out for all applications regarding designated historic buildings within the city limits of the City of Fort Collins. Review is required for these properties under Chapter 14, [Article IV](#) of the Fort Collins Municipal Code.*

### Applicant Information

Cheryl Donaldson Moses	416-2709	
Applicant's Name	Daytime Phone	Evening Phone
408 Mason Ct, Fort Collins		CO 80524
Mailing Address (for receiving application-related correspondence)	State	Zip Code
cdonaldson@fcmo.org		
Email		

### Property Information (put N/A if owner is applicant)

Fort Collins Museum of Discovery	416-4225	
Owner's Name	Daytime Phone	Evening Phone
408 Mason Ct. Fort Collins		CO 80524
Mailing Address (for receiving application-related correspondence)	State	Zip Code
cdonaldson@fcmo.org		
Email		

### Project Description

Provide an overview of your project. Summarize work elements, schedule of completion, and other information as necessary to explain your project.

The structure over the Carnegie Creative Center Wishing Well is to be removed. The structure (not the well) is impeding the new entrance to the Carnegie Creative Center. The wishing well was built around 1941 with leftover sandstone from the Pioneer Museum project. The structure (to be removed) was there at least in the 1950's. The Carnegie Creative Center is currently under renovation. This structure needs to be removed for the new entrance. Documentation of the structure is submitted with this form.

#### The following attachments are REQUIRED:

- Complete Application for Design Review
- Detailed Scope of Work (and project plans, if available)
- Color photos of existing conditions

#### Reminders:

Complete application would need all of checklist items as well as both pages of this document.

Detailed scope of work should include measurements of existing and proposed.

*Please note: if the proposal includes partial or full demolition of an existing building or structure, a separate demolition application will need to be approved.*

*Additional documentation may be required to adequately depict the project, such as plans, elevations, window study, or mortar analysis. If there is insufficient documentation on the property, the applicant may be required to submit an intensive-level survey form (at the applicant's expense).*



## Required Additional information

The following items must be submitted with this completed application. Digital submittals preferred for photographs, and for other items where possible.

- At least one current photo for each side of the house. Photo files or prints shall be named/labeled with applicant name and elevation. For example, smitheast.jpg, smithwest.jpg, etc. If submitted as prints, photos shall be labeled
- Photos for each feature as described in the section "Detail of Proposed Rehabilitation Work". Photo files or prints shall be named or labeled with applicant name and feature letter. For example, smitha1.jpg, smitha2.jpg, smithb.jpg, smithc.jpg, etc.

Depending on the nature of the project, one or more of the following items shall be submitted. Your contractor should provide these items to you for attachment to this loan application.

- Drawing with dimensions.
- Product specification sheet(s).
- Description of materials included in the proposed work.
- Color sample(s) or chip(s) of all proposed paint colors.

■ **Partial or full demolition** is a part of this project.

Partial demolition could include scopes such as taking off existing rear porches to create space for a new addition or removing an existing wall or demolishing a roof. If you are taking away pieces of the existing residence, you are likely undergoing some partial demolition.

DocuSigned by:

*Cheryl Donaldson Moses*

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Signature of Applicant

7/13/2023 | 12:47 PM PDT

Date



**From:** [Cheryl Donaldson](#)  
**To:** [Historic Preservation](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Wishing well information  
**Date:** Friday, July 14, 2023 10:22:29 AM

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Hi Yani,

Yes, we do plan to store the wood structure in museum's offsite collections storage.

Thanks,  
Cheryl



**Cheryl Donaldson Moses**

Executive Director, City Partner

Direct: (970) 416-2709



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**From:** Historic Preservation <preservation@fcgov.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 9:58 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Donaldson <cdonaldson@fcmo.org>; Historic Preservation <preservation@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Wishing well information

Hi Cheryl,

Thank you sending over this design review application and information. That's wonderful to hear that a survey of the signage in the courtyard, including for the wishing well, is planned as part of the scope of the courtyard construction project.

Would you mind clarifying what is planned to be done with the wooden structure itself after removal? From your message below, it sounds like it would be deconstructed and kept in the Museum's collection storage, but just wanting to confirm!

Take care,

Yani

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**YANI JONES**

Pronouns: She/Her ([What's this?](#))

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**From:** Cheryl Donaldson <cdonaldson@fcmmod.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 5:38 PM  
**To:** Historic Preservation <preservation@fcgov.com>  
**Cc:** Solara Clark <sclark@fcgov.com>; Brent Carmack <bcarmack@fcmmod.org>; Jim McDonald <jmcdonald@fcgov.com>  
**Subject:** Wishing well information

Hello Historic Preservation office,  
Please see the attached information associated with the wishing well and the wooden pavilion covering the well. As you know, it is our desire to remove the wooden pavilion covering the well to gain better visual, and therefore physical access to the new entrance of the Carnegie Creative Center. Our options to achieve our desired outcomes were: 1) remove the pavilion and leave the stone portion of the well in place or 2) move the well and the pavilion to another location. The latter option would run the risk of damaging both the well and the pavilion.

Attached is photo documentation of the wooden pavilion as well as supporting materials and design review application. The photos include construction details and it's current condition. If our request is approved we intend to keep all associated paperwork, documentation and materials as part of the museum's inventory. By doing so, these materials will be preserved and can be researchable to the public if there is future interest in the information whether it be for possible reconstruction or material analysis or any other currently unforeseen opportunity.

As part of the courtyard construction project the Museum is planning to do a survey of all of the historic objects including the cabins. Included in this survey will be an evaluation of the current signage in the courtyard. As appropriate signage will be updated to reflect a more complete and accurate interpretation. In the case of the well, it will be an opportunity to deepen the interpretation and to highlight the importance of WPA supported projects that included the museum and the well. This will also give us an opportunity to explain that the pavilion was removed for practical needs and ongoing preservation.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that you need further information to please reach out to me.

Cheryl

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## Carnegie Wishing Well Structure Photos



Wishing Well Structure East View



Wishing Well Structure Southeast View





Wishing Well Structure Southwest View



Wishing Well Structure Southeast corner – outside.



Wishing Well Structure Southeast corner – inside



Wishing Well Structure Southwest corner – outside



Wishing Well Structure Southwest corner – outside



Wishing Well Structure Southwest corner – inside



Wishing Well Structure Northeast corner - outside



Wishing Well Structure Northeast corner – inside



Wishing Well Structure Northwest corner – outside



Wishing Well Structure Northwest corner – inside



Wishing Well Structure hanging wheel



Wishing Well Structure Hanging Wheel, horizontal post and inside roof. West to East view.



Wishing Well Structure horizontal post and inside roof. East to West view.



Wishing Well Structure roof



Wishing Well Structure South view



Wishing Well Structure Northeast Post





Wishing Well structure post at ground



Wishing Well Structure Southwest Post



Wishing Well Structure Southeast post



Wishing Well Structure

## Wishing Well: Carnegie Building

**Request from Cheryl D, May 26, 2023:** “Could you ... track down the history of the wishing well at the Carnegie and the roofed structure that was built around it? I'm specifically looking to see if a group like the Questers or DAR paid for it/built it. Jim would like to have it removed because that structure (not the well) it is impeding the new entrance to the Carnegie Creative Center. I'd appreciate someone doing a deep dive for us.”

**Input from Lesley:** “When Linda looked into the history of the objects in the courtyard a few years back ... she noted that the [well](#) was built with leftover sandstone from the Pioneer Museum project, which would date it to about 1941. The linked image [see images below] indicates that the little structure around it was at least there in 1950s. The well was moved with the rest of the courtyard things during the construction of the Old Town Library from 1975-1977. There may be more information to dig into in the admin files for the museum, in the [ADMIN](#) [Museum Administrative Records] or [FCMS](#) collections [Fort Collins Museum Scrapbooks], maybe also in the [Clyde Brown](#) collection, or in the [Giddings book](#), and museum vertical files. We may have to call some boxes in from storage.”

### Photographs:

[S00473](#) Wishing Well at Fort Collins Pioneer Museum; 1957 c.

**Description:** Wishing Well at the Fort Collins Pioneer Museum that was located on Peterson Street at the site of the present-day Old Town Library. The well was made from leftover sandstone from the Pioneer Museum building construction in the early 1940s.

[H03608](#) Well at Museum Courtyard; 1975

**Description:** Wishing well as it used to be between the Pioneer Museum and Antoine Janis cabin - 200 Mathews Street, Fort Collins, Colorado

[H02661](#) Log full of shrapnel – Pioneer Museum – Fort Collins; 1950s, 1960s

**Description:** Photo of museum collection's object 1953.032.0001; Janis cabin and well visible in background

### Artifact:

[2009.010.0001](#) Polaroid photograph; acquired 2009-01-08

Description: This is a black and white polaroid photograph of the wishing well in the Heritage Courtyard of the Fort Collins Museum 09 [NB: no further information about donor within ContentDM]

Location: Main Collections Storage, Museum History Box 10 08.06.

**Special Collections – Museum focused:**

[ADMIN-1 through 15](#) (specifically ADMIN-4 through ADMIN-14); located off-site

[FCMS-1 through 4](#) (scrapbooks); three of four boxes located offsite

[CB-1 through 4](#) (scrapbooks); all onsite – but there appears not to be anything Wishing Well related

**Vertical Files:**

FC - Government - Cultural Services and Facilities - Museum - 1940s-1970s

FC – Government – Cultural Services and Facilities – Library (2 folders)

**Reference Books:**

The Fort Collins Museum: from the Janis cabin to a civic treasure, 1937-1992 / by Ralph L. Giddings.

069.09788 Giddings, R. 1992

Subjects:

- Fort Collins Museum -- History.
- Fort Collins (Colo.) -- History.
- Larimer County (Colo.) -- History.

**Other sources consulted:**

- Antoine Janis Cabin file ([Landmark Designations – by Location – Landmark District](#))
- BIO Nye, Leroy “Roy”
- VF Janis, Antoine (including information on [Indian Relic] Hobby Club)
- For info on WPA, look through LIB-1 (Fort Collins Public Library Collection)
- Pioneer Association: LC – Organizations – Historical – Pioneer Association
- Questers: LC – Organizations – Historical – General; CO Quester History (978.806 Corrigan 1996)
- DAR: LC – Landmarks, Markers, Monuments – DAR Markers

