



**2019 Great Falls – Cascade County
Historic Preservation
Awards Nomination**



Name of Person or Building you are nominating: (you may nominate yourself)	Collins Mansion
Nominee's Address:	1003 Second Ave N.W. G.F.
Nominee's Phone Number:	Shari & Michael Schmitz 868-2275
Why should this person/building receive a historic preservation award? (Pictures would be appreciated. You may also want to submit additional materials.)	See Attached pages
Your Name:	Suzanne Daring
Your Address:	313-25 th Ave South, G.F.
Your Phone Number:	788-8291

Application Deadline: 5:00 PM on Wednesday April 3, 2019

**Submit Applications to: Kate McCourt,
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PO Box 5021, Great Falls, MT 59403
Call 455-8573 for more information.**

THE COLLINS MANSION 2014 - 2019

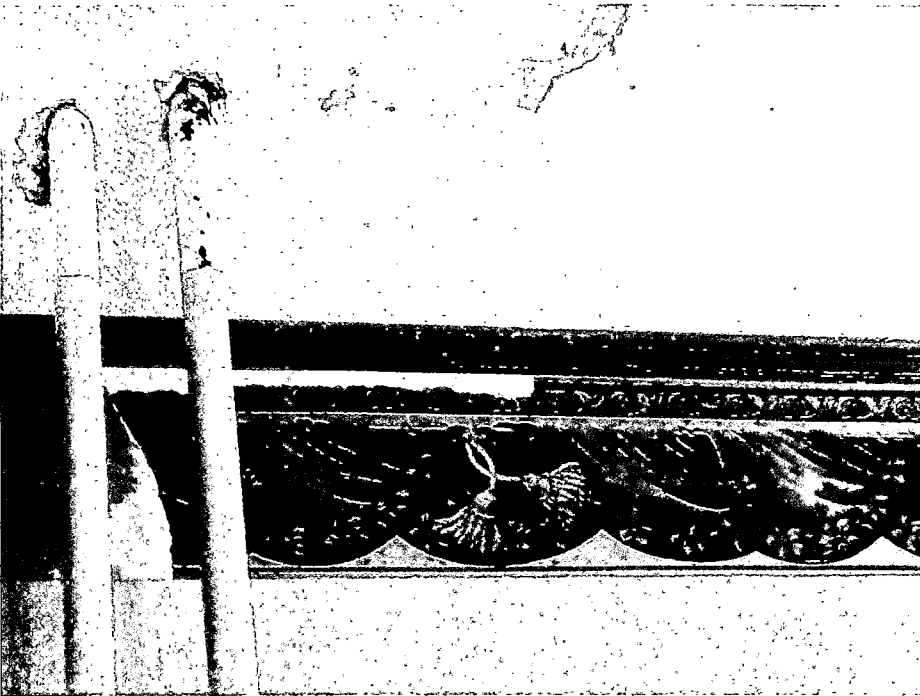
The summer of 2018 saw the replacement of the roof of the home. Also during this time the shakes over the dormer on the west end of the house were replaced. Currently, we are in the process of having all of the exterior woodwork painted. During the summer of 2019, the entire front deck will be replaced, as will the deck and railing off the third floor balcony on the east side of the home.



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Left is pictured the ceiling of the parlour before preservation work was done. Below is the finished room, complete with new sheetrock ceiling, new chandelier, paint, and floor refinishing.

All of the exposed pipes in the home were painted the color of the walls and ceilings as pictured left. We decided to "embrace" the pipes when we moved in and paint them all gold. Interestingly enough, the pipes for the HOT water turned copper and the cold water pipes remained gold! (See below right.)



THE COLLINS MANSION 2014 - 2019

The heavily embossed wallpaper in the foyer was installed in the mid-90s. It was very fitting for the home, so we kept it, painted it a soft yellow-green and painted the elevated designs with a copper leaf paint. The existing chandelier was replaced with a Waterford Crystal chandelier from an old Butte home. The chandelier has globes, reminiscent of the gas globe chandeliers that were originally featured in the home.

As you can see, the carpet runner still needs to be replaced. The lincrusta, which was installed above the picture rail, still needs to be finished and the ceiling repainted.



Left: foyer when
we purchased the
home in 2014

THE COLLINS MANSION
2014 - 2019



Above, the "Rose Suite" has had 1990s wallpaper removed and been painted and floors refinished. Awaiting an antique chandelier, more decorating and drapes. This room also contains many Chinese and Japanese antiques found across Montana over the years.

MORE ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED:

- *All seven bathrooms have had 90s wallpaper removed and been painted.
- *A number of the light switches have been changed back to the old push button switches.
- *New gutter system which now prevents water from running into the basement every time it rains, and also prevents the continued deterioration of the stucco on the home.
- *Major stucco repair and painting to outside of home.
- *The gazebo has had preservation work done on it and it has been repainted.
- *Four broken windows replaced.
- *Protective windows placed in front of the original stained glass windows for protection and efficiency.
- *Extensive work in the servant's stairwell done on walls and wood, as well as to the third floor apartment.
- *Two very large old trees which were dead inside have been removed... can't believe how much this cost!!

ITEMS WE STILL NEED TO COMPLETE:

- *All four fireplaces need to have tile repair and/or replacement. Some no longer contain original tile and what was installed is very cheap and poorly done.
- *New carpet runner needed in the main stairwell, as well as servant's stairwell.
- *New front deck needed - the current one is rotting - and a new deck and railing on third floor balcony (to be completed this summer)
- *More push button switches need to be installed and the entire home needs period-appropriate drapes.
- *Extensive yard work is need, which we plan to tackle the summer of 2020.
- *The back stairs leading to the third floor need to be replaced. At the same time, we plan to make a number of improvements to the two-car garage (not original to the home).