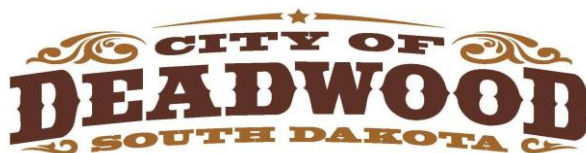


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## **MEMORANDUM**

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**Date:** December 9, 2022  
**To:** Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission  
**From:** Mike Runge, City Archivist  
**Re:** **2022 Poker Alice Frame Restoration**

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The City Archives is requesting permission to enter into a contract with Midwest Art Conservation Center (MACC) of Minneapolis, Minnesota to repair the plaster and wood frame on display at the Deadwood Brothel Museum, 610 Main Street. In May of 2022, the frame and oil painting fell off the wall and broke into several pieces. The frame and painting are part of the Don Clowser Collection owned by the City of Deadwood and the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission. Based on a visual assessment by MACC, the estimated treatment of the frame would be approximately \$14,000.00. A more solid estimate will occur upon a physical inspection of the frame at MACC.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend to the City Commission to allow the City Archives to enter into a contract with the Midwest Art Conservation Center (MACC) of Minneapolis, Minnesota to repair the plaster and wood frame Poker Alice nude frame. Based on a visual inspection of photographs, the tentative cost will not exceed \$14,000.00 and this expense will come out of the 2023 Public Education line item.

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