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RE:TIRED COLONNADE

Proposed Downtown Links Cactus Tire Columns Made From Recycled, Repurposed, Repainted Bike and Car Tires.

Dimensions will be determined by recycled tire sizes available.

- [Car Tire Plinth](#)
App. 10 - 12 Ft. H x 3 Ft. Dia.
- [Car/Bike Tire Cactus](#)
App. 6 - 8 Ft. H x 3 Ft. Dia.
- [Combined Dimensions](#)
App. 18 - 20 Ft. H x 3 Ft. Dia.

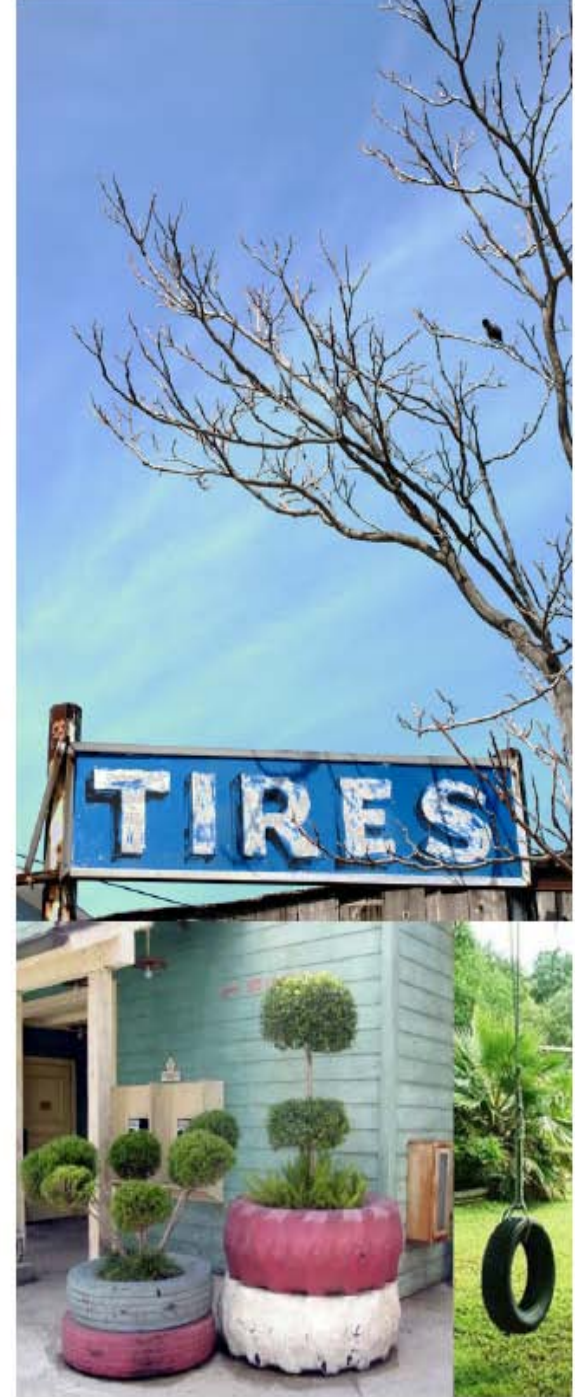
Re:Tired Colonnade will be perceived one way from a distance, & experienced differently up close. A minimum of two columns will be built. Additional columns will be contingent upon budget factors outlined in **Resource Material.**

Resource Material

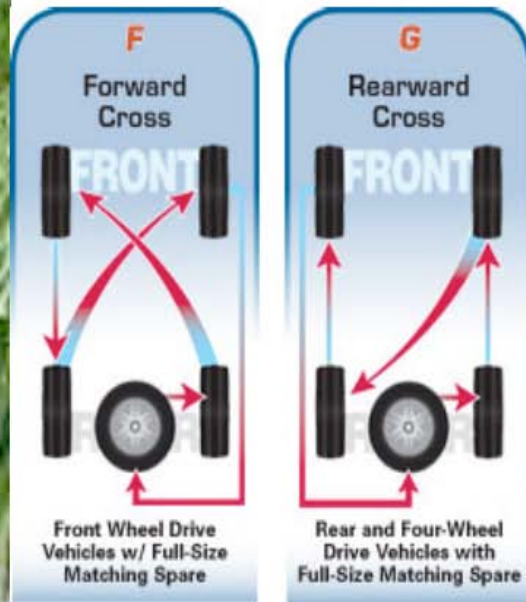


The **Process** of transforming discarded tires into 'rubber plant' sculptures inspired by Sahuaro, Ocotillo and Prickly Pear cactus, will involve the assembly of dozens of bent, twisted, rotated, grafted, inverted, curled and jig-saw puzzle-like tire pieces. The finished work will be a colorful celebration of beauty which meets all structural and environmental city codes and year-round desert weather challenges.

Photos left, Korean Artist Ji Yong Ho; right, Tucson snapshots.



Resource Material



Structural coincidences of **Grafting and Rotation** also occur when rubber tires are used to create ad hoc hybrid cactii





Resource Material Color influences on the tire cactus sculpture **Palette**, range from [clockwise] Tortilla warmers and Mexican candies, to commercially available industrial tire paints. When completed, the painted cactus tire sculptures will be color durable and experience minimal flaking due to extreme changes in desert temperatures.



Resource Material

EOR / Engineer of Record Drawings will address all structural & engineering issues related to durability, maintenance and safety.

Influences *Clockwise:*

TireMen USA Goshen, Indiana, Underground Garden of Youth, still from silent film 'Metropolis,' Online screen grab of 2002 Tire ad, 'Tires Piled Up 150 Feet High Sell Them Quickly' Popular Mechanics 1925

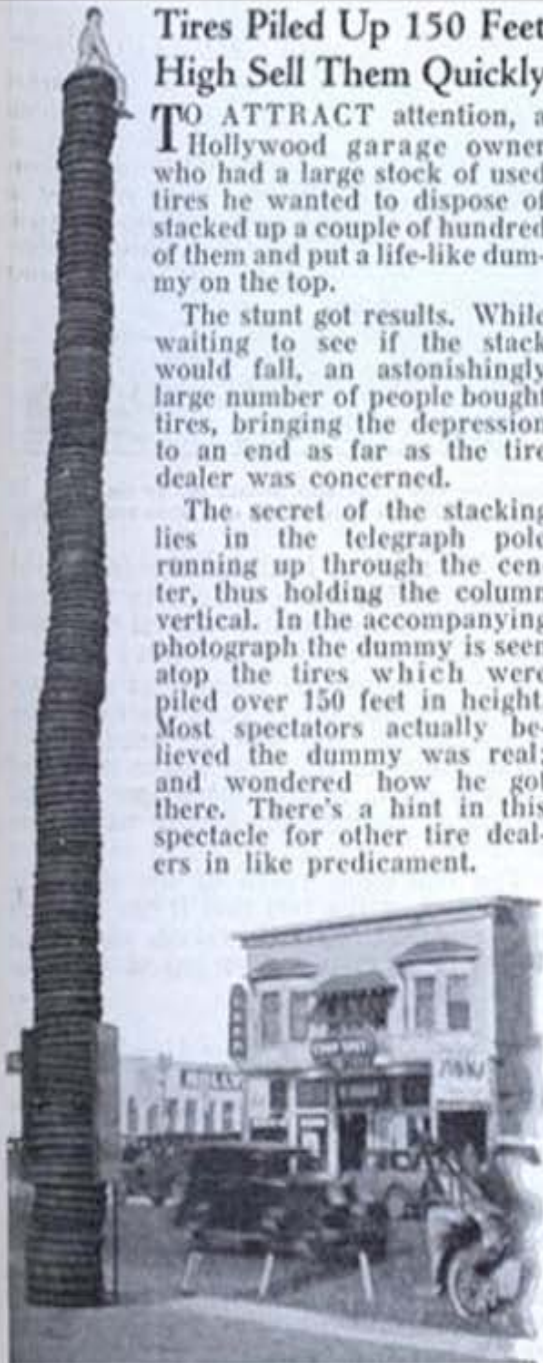


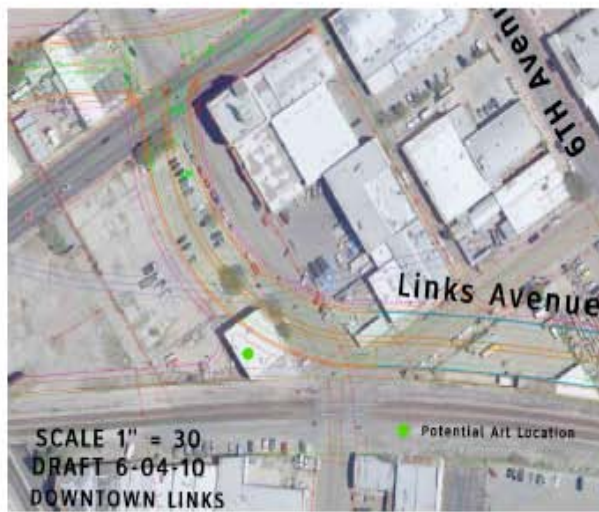
Tires Piled Up 150 Feet High Sell Them Quickly

TO ATTRACT attention, a Hollywood garage owner who had a large stock of used tires he wanted to dispose of stacked up a couple of hundred of them and put a life-like dummy on the top.

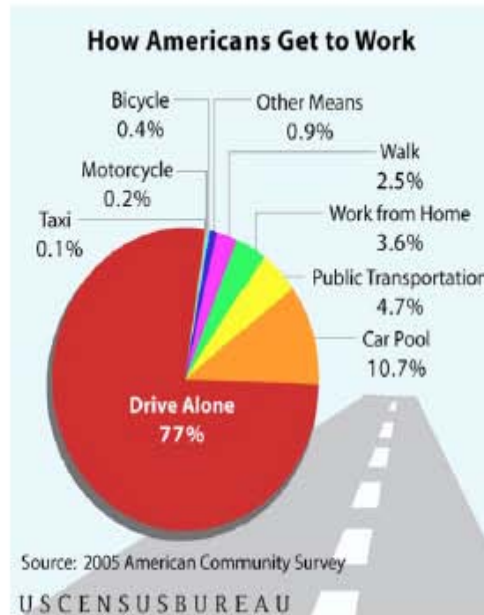
The stunt got results. While waiting to see if the stack would fall, an astonishingly large number of people bought tires, bringing the depression to an end as far as the tire dealer was concerned.

The secret of the stacking lies in the telegraph pole running up through the center, thus holding the column vertical. In the accompanying photograph the dummy is seen atop the tires which were piled over 150 feet in height. Most spectators actually believed the dummy was real; and wondered how he got there. There's a hint in this spectacle for other tire dealers in like predicament.





Resource Material Location: 'Re:Tired Colonnade' will be sited along the downtown section of the Separated Bike Path where it can 'be in conversation with' the Wet Wheel sculpture.' Possible locations: The Small Planet Bakery site, or near Bicas in Dunbar Springs. **LED Illumination** will transform the cactus tire columns for night viewing. *Photos: LED bike wheel, Aerial view of Small Planet Bakery courtesy of HDR Engineers, 2004 Australian Tire Toss Festival, US Census Bureau Chart: How Americans Get to Work, American Bicyclist: How to Measure Bike Wheels & Tires.*



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