

Wishing Wells... The Holder of Fortune!



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I wish that I will...

Making a wish can bring a bit of enchantment to a special moment as you blow out your birthday candles, wish upon a shooting star, or believe that when you set your eyes upon the numbers 11:11 and you request something very special, that good luck and fortune will shower upon you.

Wishing wells have been offering that kind of good luck promise for centuries. Dating back to the Middle Ages, these wells of enchantment were most often associated with making dreams come true. Most, though, were noted to promote a “heard” spoken word for the wish to be granted. Keeping your wish to yourself most often would present the question, “Will my dream come true?”

The concept for granting these wishes came from the belief that the water was protected by the gods, giving gifts to the wishers, but some believed that the guardians of the well would only grant their wish if they dropped money in the well.

These ancient beliefs changed over time to more modern beliefs that offered fun, romantic notions, and even fund-raising ideas. Today, wishing wells can be found throughout the world and are usually made from stone with water filling the bottom of the well, making it intriguing to cast a coin into the vast holder of wishes.



One of the most impressive places where a coin can be tossed into water with hopes of wishes coming true is the iconic Trevi Fountain in Rome. And there are specific instructions on how best to toss the coins. It is said that one must use the right hand while throwing the coin over the left shoulder, and by doing so, fortune will surely find you.

In the 1954 movie, “Three Coins in the Fountain,” the film not only brought attention to the idea of gracing pools of water with these shiny monetary gifts, but it also presented its own special myth. Tossing a single coin into the fountain ensured that you would return to Rome. A two-coin toss would grant the wish of falling in love with a good-looking Italian and, if you throw in three coins, you are destined to marry that special someone you met.



Trevi Fountain

Wishing wells continue to add joy and intrigue, as their forms and designs have taken on even more applications. At weddings, they are a place for collecting and holding cards and monetary gifts, and they are similarly used as part of birthday games where they are filled to the brim with presents. In landscaping, wells add a bit of charm to the front or back of a home.

So, in the spirit of intrigue, it might be time to gather some coins, find that well of enchantment, and toss in a few! We hope your dreams come true...