

Glen sheen Calling Card

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Annual Festival of Fine Art & Craft a Growing Success

The early morning rain didn't dampen the spirits of 50 regional artists who arrived shortly after 6:00 am on Saturday, August 18th, to set up their tents, shelves and tables displaying distinctive, carefully crafted masterpieces.

From copper art and hand-blown glass vessels to wheel-thrown pottery, beaded jewelry and "your favorite lake carved into a plaque of solid oak," abundant creative talent found a home on Glensheen grounds for one windy, cloud-covered summer day.

Hundreds of visitors arrived as soon as the gates opened at 9:00 am and didn't hesitate to make their purchases. Musical performances by John Downing, a Grand Rapids singer and songwriter, and the Court Jesters, a local volunteer band made up mostly of St. Louis County employees, added to the inspirational ambiance.

With the aroma of *Kettle Korn* in the air, even gusty winds couldn't prevent artisans, over 1500 patrons, Glensheen staff and volunteers from enjoying a day filled with artistic vision and a whole lot of fun.

Don't forget!
**Willowgreen's newest CD is for sale in
 Glensheen's Museum Shops.**
 Featuring contemporary and traditional music from Ireland, Scotland and other parts of the Celtic world, this CD makes a wonderful gift for any occasion.
With proceeds from each museum shop sale benefiting Glensheen, it's another way you can support the Historic Congdon Estate!



Calendar of Events

- September 6** "Chester Congdon: A Man of the Land" Exhibit Opens
- October 1-31** Open Daily, 9:30am-4:00pm
- November** Winter Season Begins!
Open Friday through Sunday 11:00am-2:00pm
- November 23** Family Volunteer Day
- November 29** "A Glensheen Holiday Tradition"
Glensheen in Holiday Décor through Jan.26
- December 2** Holiday Premiere
- December 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17 & 19**
Holiday Brunch
- December 12 & 17** 4:00pm-7:00pm
Family Holiday Tradition
Santa Visit, Holiday Stories, Music & Treats
- December 31**
New Year' Eve Fine Dining Experience

Education & Volunteer Column

by Rachael E. Martin

This year's exhibits have followed the overall theme of getting better acquainted with the Congdon family. Spring was "Clara Congdon: Laces and Needlework". Summer was "The Congdon Children: Pets and Pastimes". And the Fall exhibit is "Chester Congdon: A Man of the Land".

The Fall exhibit shows numerous personal items belonging to Mr. Congdon which demonstrate his love of the land. Included are mementoes from his mining enterprises, agricultural and horticultural pursuits, camping experiences, and legislative involvement with the tonnage tax and state redistricting. Many of the items were loaned by the Congdon family members for this exhibit.

In addition to changing exhibits, our educational program has included developing a new public tour called the "Bedroom Slipper Tour". In this tour visitors are taken behind the ropes to view the rooms close up. Tour guides wear gloves to open doors and cupboards and peek inside.

Everyone wears slippers to protect the carpets and wood floors. This tour is offered every Saturday afternoon to only 12 people at a time for \$15 per person. These tours have become wildly popular, with some Saturdays including 3 tours to accommodate the demand. This new tour has added several thousand dollars to our income in the last year!

Our volunteers have been kept very busy at Glensheen helping put these new exhibits together, helping with the new "Bedroom Slipper Tours", plus all the regular tours, working in the museum shop, doing living history interpretations, and helping in the Volunteer Office. We had two volunteer recognition events this summer to thank the volunteers for all they do at Glensheen. In July we had an indoor picnic in the Winter Garden, complete with an all-volunteer Talent Show. Then in August we had a Student Sleepover with bonfire on the beach and games and movies afterwards. When our students return to school in September, we will need more volunteers to help out. Look for more volunteer training opportunities to recruit additional helpers to carry on the many programs and events at Glensheen!

*THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS
FOR YOUR HELP &
DEDICATION!*



NEW EXHIBIT

**September 6 through
November 3**

**"Chester Congdon:
A Man of the Land"**

*Over 50 personal items
displayed throughout the house.*

Exhibit included in regular tours.

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A Glensheen Thank You

(from April 1st -September 1st, 2002)

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&
to
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for helping to make our
Concerts by the Lake
series
such a success!*



Friends of *Glensheen* Membership Program for 2002

Individual - \$40

- Unlimited admission to main house tour for member.
- Two adult admission passes to the main house tour.
- 10% Museum Shop Discount.
- 10% Discount on Fine Dining Events.

Friend - \$100*

- Unlimited admission to main house tour for two adults & all children in family under 18.
- Three adult admission passes to the main house tour.
- 10% Museum Shop Discount.
- 10% Discount on Fine Dining Events.
- Thank You Gifts: Glensheen *Book of Days*.

Sustaining - \$500*

- 10% reduction for all rentals of Glensheen's dining room, recreation room, winter garden or grounds.
- Unlimited admission to main house tour for two adults & all children in family under 18.
- Eight adult admission passes to the main house tour.
- Two admission passes for VIP 3rd Floor & Attic tour. **
- 20% Museum Shop Discount.
- 10% Discount on Fine Dining Events.
- Museum Shop open for your personal appointment.
- Thank You Gifts: Glensheen Leather Book Mark, *Glensheen Notes*, and *Book of Days*.

Family - \$50

- Unlimited admission to main house tour for two adults & all children in family under 18.
- Two adult admission passes to the main house tour.
- 10% Museum Shop Discount.
- 10% Discount on Fine Dining Events.

Patron - \$250*

- Unlimited admission to main house tour for two adults & all children in family under 18.
- Five adult admission passes to the main house tour.
- 20% Museum Shop Discount.
- 10% Discount on Fine Dining Events.
- Thank You Gifts: Glensheen Leather Book Mark and *Book of Days*.

Associate - \$1,000*

- One complimentary rental of Glensheen's dining room, recreation room, garden or grounds. ***
- 10% reduction for further paid rentals of Glensheen's dining room, recreation room, winter garden or grounds.
- Unlimited admission to main house tour for two adults & all children in family under 18.
- Complimentary guests tickets (limit of 15).
- Two admission passes for VIP 3rd Floor & Attic tour. **
- 20% Museum Shop Discount.
- 10% Discount on Fine Dining Events.
- Museum Shop open for your personal appointment.
- Thank You Gift: *A Lake Superior Lawyer – Biography of Chester Congdon*.

*IRS Deductible Portions of Memberships

The IRS has declared that some portions of your membership are not tax deductible. Above a specific gift level, passes, and other tangible items that we send to you are not considered deductible. For that reason the following membership categories are deductible at the following rates:

Friend:	\$ 71.50
Patron:	\$202.50
Sustaining:	\$404.00
Associate:	\$775.00

**Reservations required with all VIP 3rd Floor and Attic Tours.

***Maximum value of complimentary rental is \$225 – non-discounted excess charges may apply.



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Glensheen... feel the presence of the past.

From the Director

It seems hard to

believe that yet another busy summer season has come to an end. With most of our student attendants and younger volunteers back in school, the beginning of fall has unmistakably arrived.

Now is the time when we look back at this year's accomplishments and map out our path for next year. 2002 holds many remarkable memories of successful events: A Valentine's Dinner in a candlelit atmosphere brought new appeal to an established tradition. Our Willow-green CD release celebration, offering not only a taste of new musical sounds but also a tasting of selected wines and cheeses, proved to be a popular venture. And most recently, our 8th Annual Festival of Fine Art & Craft attracted an ever growing number of artists and visitors from near and far away.

Steady progress continues to be made on restoration projects thanks to our many contributors who have "Adopted-a-Room".



We have finished restoration of the Pink Bedroom and a second Maid's Room. The Cook's Bedroom is in progress, and two more rooms are scheduled for restoration this winter.

Earlier this year, we sadly said goodbye to Julie Smith, who assisted us as Marketing and Development Director and who designed a marvelous new website for Glensheen. On August 1st, we welcomed Gabrielle Allen to fill Julie's position. Gabrielle's background includes community relations management for one of the nation's largest booksellers. Her commitment to literacy, arts and education will undoubtedly translate into many exciting events and activities serving Glensheen and our community.

Have a wonderful fall and be sure to include us on your list of things to do this coming holiday season.



William Miller, Director

Shop at Glensheen

Glensheen's outdoor and indoor shops are the spots to pick up unique items for yourself or as gifts. For example:

- You may want to choose from our wide selection of frames
- Throughout the year we also have beautiful collector dolls, period and designer lamps, a striking assortment of linens and table covers, tea accessories for that special event, plus many other irresistible items.
- In April we celebrated the release of a new CD by the popular local ensemble *Willowgreen*. Priced at \$15, this instrumental CD pays tribute to Glensheen with traditional and contemporary music from the Celtic world. It's a wonderful addition to our "Glensheen, A Home for the Holidays" CD, which highlights time-honored and non-traditional selections performed by Marty Weintraub.

Join Us This Holiday Season

Cooler temperatures and falling leaves remind us that the holiday season is not far away. But so often we become caught up in too many preparations and forget to take time out to enjoy this precious time of year. This is why it's important to mark your calendar now!

Attend our Glensheen Holiday Premiere on December 2nd. This annual event offers a first glimpse at Glensheen's festive trimmings and is our way of thanking docents and Friends of Glensheen for their support throughout the year. Enjoy delicious holiday treats and remember this evening provides you with the opportunity to receive a 20% discount in the Museum Shops.

Our series of Holiday Brunches are bound to set the stage for a joyful mood. Join family and friends for a self-guided tour and a scrumptious buffet prepared and served by *The Exchange*. Offered December 1st through 19th, every Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Call us now to make your reservation.

A chance to sit on Santa's lap and whisper hopeful wishes in his ear is a dream come true for many little ones. On December 12 and 17, families can enjoy an elf-escorted stroll through the mansion's lavishly decorated main hall before settling down in the recreation room for holiday stories, music and treats. A picture with Santa will turn our Family Holiday Celebration into a truly memorable event.

Make your reservation today at
1-888-454-GLEN
or
726-8910.

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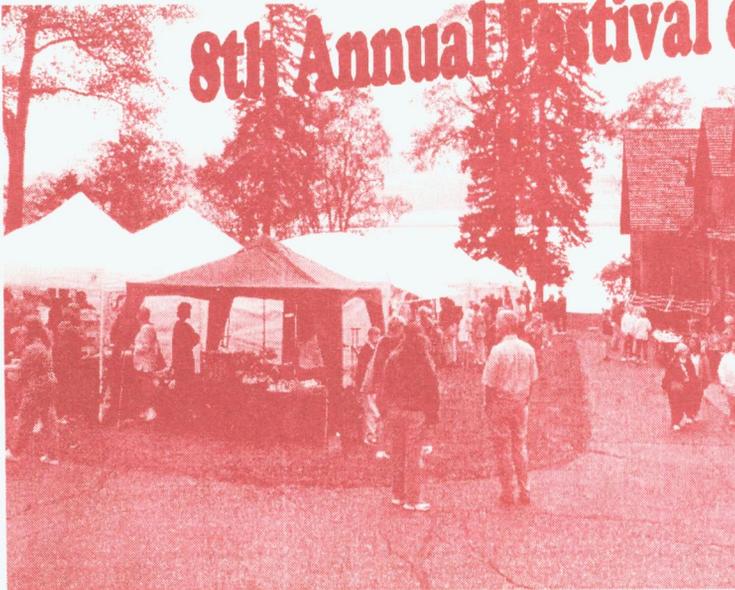


Glensheen celebrates

**National
Family Volunteer Day**
Saturday, November 23

Join us!
Call 726-8918 for details.

8th Annual Festival of Fine Art & Craft



Friends of Glensheen

Name: _____

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Yes, I would like to subscribe to a 2002 Membership at the following level:

- \$40 Individual
- \$50 Family
- \$100 Friend*
- \$250 Patron*
- \$500 Sustaining*
- \$1,000 Associate*

* A portion of these memberships are tax-deductible. Please see insert regarding membership benefits.

Thank you!

Leave a legacy: Consider Glensheen in your will.

Yes, I would like to make a donation to the general fund of the Adopt-a-Room Fund of: \$ _____

This gift is 100% tax-deductible.

Yes, I would like to make a donation to the Glensheen Endowment Fund of: \$ _____

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