

Glensheen

Glensheen Historic Congdon Estate

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UPCOMING EVENTS

UNDECORATING GLENSHEEN

Taking down Christmas decorations will be Tuesday, February 1st at 10:00 and Wednesday, February 2nd if needed. We plan to take down and organize, so next year decorating will be a breeze.

VALENTINES DAY DINING

Once again Glensheen will host Valentines Day Dining on Saturday, February 12th and again on Monday, February 14th beginning at 6:00pm. If you would like to come to help with this romantic evening please feel free to call me or Lori Melton (218-726-8921) for details.



Looking Back in Time

Picture yourself wrapped in warm buffalo robes in the red Russian Hartley sleigh. The date is prior to December 1919. As a friend of the Hartleys or Congdons you could be invited along on a winter outing that the families enjoyed together.

The Russian Hartley Sleigh was actually a Canadian type of sleigh. Clara and her family loved it so much they eventually bought it from the Hartleys. In her diary of December 9, 1919 Clara noted that they "bought Mr. Hartley's Canadian sleigh." What a magnificent addition to the Congdon collection.

A coachman drove this sleigh for the family. It was so heavy that two large draft horses were needed to pull it. The body of the sleigh was built like a toboggan and was meant to glide over the sparkling snow, but the extreme weight of it caused it to often sink. continued

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Looking Back in Time *continued:*

High seat backs on the sleigh protected passengers from bitter winter winds. The sleigh featured two unusual side doors. The runners were different by being made of wood instead of metal and were completely enclosed.

So here you are in 1919 gliding along in a gleaming red sleigh. You are protected from the winter winds, sleigh bells are jingling and huge buffalo robes are fastened firmly around you for warmth. What a wintertime joy!

We hope this story warms your heart and brightens your day.

By Janis Andrus, our very own storyteller and Glensheen tour guide

A tour manager message

May the year 2011 bring good health and happiness to you all.

I would like to announce and welcome Bill Payne as the new interim Dean for the School of Fine Arts. We look forward to his energy and support in the upcoming year. I would also like to announce that Arden Weaver is our new interim director at Glensheen. It goes without saying how much we all appreciate his hard work, talent and the guidance he gives to all of us at Glensheen.

With Valentines Day just around the corner the holiday season at Glensheen is wrapping up. As much as I love putting the décorations up for the Christmas season, I for one am ready to take them down. We will start to take decor down on Tuesday, February 1st at 10:00. If we need more time we will also make Wednesday the 2nd available. Feel free to stop by and lend a hand if you have the time.

I am hoping that sometime this spring we could take a day trip to Detroit Lakes to visit Amy. I talked with her and she would love to see us. Depending on when we could come she would help me come up with some interesting places to visit. I will keep everyone informed on dates.

I also want to thank all of you who have helped me the last few months with your kind words, support and friendship. When Amy left I did not know if I wanted to take on her tasks but getting to know all of you has made it a joy. I look forward to a busy and fun-filled 2011 and I am so glad that you will be part of it!

Sincerely,

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