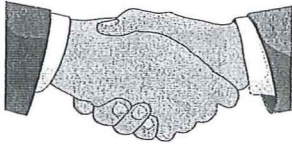


# Tudor Rozette

From Glensheen's Volunteer Office

May 2003



*Thank you  
Spring Brunch  
Helpers:*

*Andrew Lian  
Maripat  
Higgins  
Katie O'Rielly*

*Thank you for  
helping with the  
Tuesday Tour &  
Tea!*

*Beth Bauman  
Suzanne  
Hargis  
Roger Mattson*

## **Ode to Volunteers**

Many will be shocked to find  
When the Day of Judgment nears -  
That there's a special place in  
Heaven set aside for volunteers.  
Furnished with big recliners,  
Satin couches and footstools -  
Where there's no committee chair,  
No group leaders for carpools.  
Telephone lists will be outlawed,  
But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners,  
And rare treats fit for a king.  
You ask, who'll serve the privileged few  
And work for all they're worth?  
Why, those who reaped the benefits  
And not once volunteered on earth.  
--Author Unknown

## Appreciation Day

On Saturday, April 26, we will kick off National Volunteer Week with a Volunteer Appreciation Day for the Glensheen volunteers.

Once again this year we will take a tour of Duluth, but this time we will visit Congdon family homes we hadn't known about before. We'll meet in the Glensheen parking lot at 12:00 noon and car pool in caravan style to see 3 of Walter Congdon's homes, Edward Congdon's home, 3 of Marjorie Congdon Dudley's homes, 3 of Helen Congdon d'Autremont's homes, and 2 of Robert Congdon's homes.

We will make a stop at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which Walter Congdon & his family attended, & look at the inside of the church & some historic photos. We will end up our tour at 4:00 pm with coffee and dessert at the Kitchi Gammi Club, where Edward Congdon was President and Harry Dudley lived before he married Marjorie. Then we'll car pool back to Glensheen to get our cars.

Please sign up to join us on this free and educational tour, or call the volunteer Office at 726-8918.

## Lois Maine Nominee

Glensheen's nominee for the Woman of the Year award at the Port Cities Luncheon coming up on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 12:00 noon at the Radisson Hotel is Lois Maine, a long time volunteer at Glensheen.

Lois was nominated by the Volunteer Council because of her numerous community volunteer activities, and her service to Glensheen working in the Museum Shop and on the Volunteer Council. Come to the luncheon and support our nominee. Glensheen has reserved a table of 8 and tickets are available in the Volunteer Office. Tickets cost \$14 each and include a chicken stir fry dinner, a program by Rabbi Amy Bernstein, and a chance to win door prizes.

*I REMEMBER  
WHEN...*

*Volunteers toured:*

*The Swedish  
Institute  
Ramsey House  
Hill House  
Mayowood in  
Rochester  
Menomonie theater  
& historic house  
Rittenhouse in  
Bayfield  
Governor's  
Mansion  
Mississippi River  
boat ride  
Ft. Snelling  
Science Museum  
Landmark Center*

*At Christmas they  
used real garland  
& Christmas trees.  
In 1983 they had a  
style show and  
printed a cookbook.  
The 1<sup>st</sup> volunteer  
newsletter was  
called the  
Gleanings.  
Visitors walked on  
the original  
Oriental carpets  
and there was a TV  
set in the Library.  
Glensheen  
acquired the chairs  
for visitors to sit on  
with pink  
naugahide covers.*

# Volunteer Night

On Thursday, April 3, we had a snowstorm. So we postponed our Volunteer Night for a week and met on Thursday, April 10. Fifteen people attended. After the meeting, we put our chairs in a circle and everyone participated in the program called "I Remember When...", reminiscing about volunteering at Glensheen over the years. Here are some of the remembrances:

On the first Saturday Glensheen was open it was absolute chaos. Everyone did 4 tours each, there was no schedule, and there were so many cars in the parking lot volunteers had to park on Greysolon Road. The parking lot was half the size it is now. There was no Ticket House at first. Instead they used a card table in the Carriage House & had a case to sell a few postcards. The first ticket house was like a little football shack, and the gift shop wasn't started til 1984. Docents recalled doing 5 or 6 tours a week. Docents were just thrown in to giving a tour from a typed sheet. The day before Glensheen opened the line to apply for volunteering was 2 hours long. At that time volunteers did most of the tours. Only rarely did staff do a tour. The Volunteer Office was in the Sewing Room and the Docents were in the Cook's Room. Volunteers ran up to the Cook's room to get their aprons on & downstairs to start a tour. Volunteers started tours at the Carriage House & brought the group up to the Main House. You entered through the laundry room at first. Later you entered through the subway. You exited through the Breakfast Room, then the Kitchen. The front door was never used. The house was closed in January & February and every Wednesday for cleaning. The inventory for the gift shop was in the Infirmary & that's where you'd go to mark merchandise. Everyone remembered the picnics for volunteers with hundreds of people attending. The food included BBQ, ice cream, & chicken. We opened up a box of old Volunteer aprons, and found some older style name tags & a volunteer jacket. It was a night to remember!

The next Volunteer Night will be Thursday, May 1, at 6:15 pm in the Recreation Room of Glensheen. After the meeting, Missy Natale will give an Art Tour exhibit preview.

# EDUCATIONAL INSERT CBC's Diary

*Clara Bannister Congdon's diary, continued from last month. We left off in 1895, when the Congdons moved into the Redstone on 1509 E. Superior St. Their children's ages were Walter-12, Edward-10, Marjorie-8 Helen-6, John died in 1893 & Elisabeth -1.*

*1896 - In January Marjorie & Helen were recovering from Typhoid fever. By March they both went back to Maynard School. Walter played (piano?) in Mrs. Ostergren's June recital. In July Helen went with her Aunt Alice & Uncle John Race on the Northland to visit Binghamton, N.Y., while Walter & Ned (Edward) went camping with Frank Gilbert on the Stuart River - their 1<sup>st</sup> experience alone.*

*In August they had to chloroform their dog, Judy, and later that month Clara Congdon went to a Grand Army of the Republic encampment in St. Paul. In October they heard William Jennings Bryan speak.*

*1897 - Chester & Clara Congdon made a trip with Helen & Elisabeth in February to attend a family wedding in Evanston, Illinois, of May Bennett (cousin) and Wm. Dyche. Helen was the flower girl.*

*In June Chester Congdon took Marjorie & Helen on the "Northwest" to Washington state, returning in September. The boys went camping at Pike Lake in July.*

*Clara's brother, Edward Bannister, father of Alfred E. Bannister, died in Alameda, California in December.*

*1898 - In January Marjorie had an operation for appendicitis. Clara Congdon's mother also took sick after New Year's at her daughter, Alice Race's home in Binghamton, N. Y. She died January 13, the burial was at Syracuse, N. Y. Marjorie recovered from the appendicitis by the end of January, then got tonsillitis and had more trouble*

The Book Club  
meets Friday,  
April 25 at 9:30  
am in the  
Volunteer Office.  
Please join us!

with the wound. Meanwhile Walter had a fatty tumor taken from his hand & also got tonsillitis. He was back in school by the end of February.

Elisabeth started kindergarten in February at Miss Alice Butchart's. In April Edward E. Bannister arrived from California, traveling in the care of Miss Bernice Morse. Alfred started school a few days later. Walter got his first long trousers in June.

In May, Alfred E. Bannister's little brother, Theodore, died in Los Angeles. That same month Chester Congdon & Ned traveled west, returning in June.

In July Chester Congdon was greatly depressed by news from Manila of the defeat of the Americans, then as much elated the next day over the reversal of the account.

Walter went with camping Frank Gilbert at Pike Lake in August & Ned went later. Then Ned went up to the Range in Mr. Oliver's private railroad car with Mr. Pattison of Superior and his son. At the same time Chester Congdon went with Marjorie & Helen in a private car to Chicago, returning on their own. Chester Congdon said, "It cost nothing to get to Chicago, but \$90 to get back."

On September 4, at 2:30 am Robert Congdon was born, weighing 8.25 pounds. Also in September, Walter was received into church membership.

1899 - The first dentistry for Marjorie, Helen & Alfred took place in February. Then Helen & Ned's adenoids were removed that same month.

In March Ned got his first camera, a Kodak Bullet #2. In February & March, Clara Congdon's sister, Mary, cleared out their mother's house in Syracuse, N.Y., selling some things & distributing other things to the family. The family house was then sold, and Mary came to stay with the Congdons through the summer.

Clara & Chester Congdon took a trip in May to Boston, then to Geneva, N.Y. to visit Chester Congdon's mother at the Geneva Hygienic Institute.



## HYGIENIC INSTITUTE

Geneva, Ontario County NY

The building is located at Park Place & Washington St. and is still occupied by apartment residents. The hygienic Institute was formed in 1853 - a complete renovation of the Geneva Hotel. It was begun by Drs. A.B. Smith & his brother, Horace Smith. The park in the foreground is Pultney Park which was laid out in 1796 as the public square.

# Meet the Volunteer

BY SUE FISCHER



*LORNA BURDA has a son, 2 daughters & 4 grandchildren who live in the Twin Cities area.*

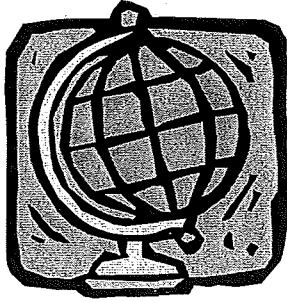
*Lorna's son, Andy, is currently serving our country in the Persian Gulf. I'm sure you'll all join me in praying for his safe return!*

Lorna Burda enjoys being part of whatever community she happens to find herself in and almost always finds a way to help by volunteering. Because she also enjoys spending time with her husband Larry, who was a pilot in the Air Force, she found herself in lots of different places. When they were stationed in the Philippines at Clark Air Base, Lorna put her training as an RN to good use volunteering for the Red Cross caring for the military wounded in Viet Nam.

They moved to Duluth in 1968. Lorna stayed busy raising their 3 children, being involved in their activities and PTA. She also volunteered at the Depot, where she gave tours. Even though they considered Duluth their home, whenever Larry was called away for a few months they would pack up the kids along with their school books and assignments and off they'd go. Lorna and Larry would make sure they kept up with their school work and took advantage of whatever their new location had to offer.

When the kids started growing up and going off to college, Lorna decided it was time to go back to work. She has many fond memories of the marvelous people at the Cook Home, where she worked as a registered nurse, and also the Chris Jensen Home.

Lorna spent 1985-86 in Rhode Island because Larry was at the Navy War College there. Then he was called to the Pentagon and Andrews Air Force Base. The next 6 years were spent in Washington, DC, and during this time Lorna volunteered at the White House. She welcomed tours at Christmas time and also met dignitaries for ceremonies on the White House lawn. She helped with the annual Easter Egg Hunt, but one of the things she liked best was answering the children's correspondence and working on the Comment Line. They came back to Duluth in 1992 and Lorna started volunteering as a docent at Glensheen. She is a board member of the Duluth Women's Republican Club, serving as their Public Relations director. Lorna and her husband enjoy cross country skiing, spending time at their cabin near Grand Marais, and singing in the church choir.



# Warm Greetings!

*By Myrna Breivik, "Foreign Correspondent"*

On the way to Texas, we stopped in Biloxi, Mississippi and toured the Jefferson Davis retirement home which was completed in 1852. It was purchased first by Sarah Dorsey in 1873. She named it Beauvoir (Bov-Wah) or "beautiful view" because of the vista of the Mississippi Sound on the gulf.

Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, visited Beauvoir in 1870 and moved there in 1877. It was established as a museum in 1941 and the beautiful presidential library was built and opened in 1998.

A guide welcomed us to the main house and explained the architecture. Because the house is only one floor with placards in the approximately 6 rooms, it negated the need for a personally guided tour. The 15 foot high ceilings were beautifully decorated with frescoes as well as the borders of the walls. The beds and furniture were beautifully carved and massive.

Literature describes the house as a "Greek Revival residence". It is "a raised cottage" which is an adaptation of architecture used by French settlers in the Caribbean. The house is cypress & pine and has a slate roof. There were, of course, no electric lights. I asked the guide what type of lighting was used and I believe she said oil lamps. The wooden structure was "weather-beaten" due to the salt air. Yet it stands as a monument to our American history. Again we remarked about how beautifully restored & well-preserved Glensheen remains. 1852 was a few years before Glensheen's technology. Beauvoir is also much smaller in comparison. A special thank you to Judy Harrison for suggesting we see Beauvoir.

The history of the South and the Civil War has heightened our review of American history and so our travels hopefully educate us as well as entertain us.

The Spanish influence and traditions are refreshing, especially the spirited Mariachi bands. A shopping trip to Progresso, Mexico was great fun. We also enjoyed visiting the ornate Catholic Churches. A high point in our south Texas stay was the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan. The

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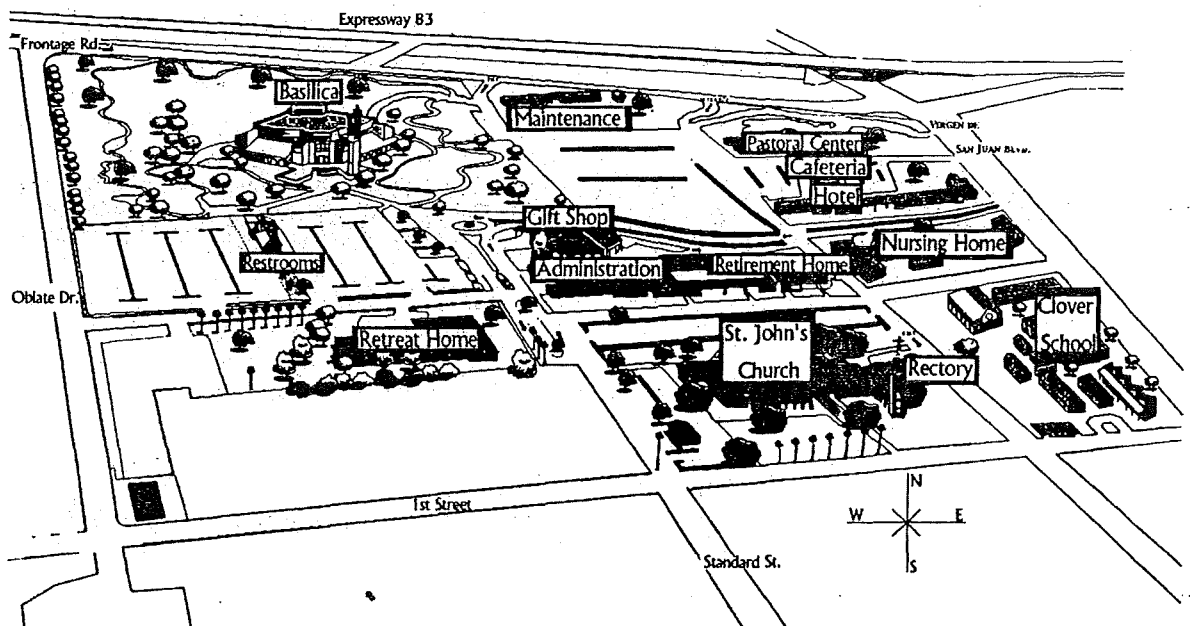
Mass was celebrated with a 16 piece Mariachi band & chorus. The church is filled to its 1800 capacity an hour before the service starts. Monsignor Juan is so dynamic & also has a marvelous voice. It's really a concert and the gift shop sells the tapes. I include the flyer about this because of its history and because we loved it so much.

On Wednesday, February 26, we attended a Duluth Day Luncheon in Mission, TX. We sat at Jean Endrizzi's table and next to us was Betty Bjork. We had a good time. I told Betty to be ready to be called to start tours and she dutifully smiled. There are approximately 100,000 "Winter Texans" in the "Valley".

As I finish this letter, which is more like a journal, we are in San Antonio visiting my brother. We have been to a very nice Art Museum, the Institute of Texas Culture, a beautiful complex which showcases all the ethnic cultures & Native American tribes which have made Texas what it is today. There are some beautiful Art Nouveau decorated buildings in the old downtown area. We will be at the Lakewalk (Riverwalk) today for a Mardi Gras parade on the river. Unfortunately the weather is cool & misty & overcast, but the welcome the Texans extend to tourists seems to be like bright sunshine.

We receive our mail once a month. I just got the February newsletter (Rozette). I enjoyed hearing about what's happening at Glensheen and miss you all too.

The Basilica of  
Our Lady of San  
Juan Del Valle -  
National Shrine



# Calendar of Events

Fri, Apr 25 - Volunter Book Club, Volunteer Office, 9:30 am - join us!  
Sat, Apr 26 - Volunteer Appreciation Day, Tour of Congdon Homes, 12 noon - 5pm  
Thur, May 1 - Open for tours every day of the week, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM, sign up now!  
Tues, May 6 - Brass Tour & Concert, 6:30 pm - sign up to help & hear concert  
Thu, May 8 - Volunteer Night, program Art Tour, 6:15 pm - please come!  
Sun, May 11 - Mother's Day Buffets, 9:30 am, 12:30 pm, 4:30 pm - hostesses needed!  
Mon, May 19 - Brass exhibit ends, Spring Training begins 6:30 -8:30 pm  
Wed, May 21 - Port Cities luncheon, Radisson Hotel, get tickets at Volunteer Office &  
2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Training session, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Thu, May 22 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Training session, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Sat, May 24 - Living History begins

Starting May 1<sup>st</sup> Bedroom Slipper Tours are offered at 4:00 pm every  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Sign up to give a tour, learn a tour, or  
second a tour!

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