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# Roof Construction Now in Progress

As scaffolding now encompasses the mansion at Glensheen, the long held dream of a new roof will soon become a reality. Early in May, the University of Minnesota Duluth awarded The Jamar Company with the contract to replace the clay tile roof and perform related masonry restoration.

Memorial Day marked the unofficial kick off and each day has brought new scaffolding and protective measures to the home. Roof tiles actually started coming off on Monday, June 8. The Jamar Company expects completion of the project in late September.

To celebrate the project, Construction Days has been scheduled for July 17 & 18 with free grounds admission for everyone. The Glensheen staff invites everyone to visit the estate and view the historic work in progress. A variety of family events are planned as part of the celebration, and a special free construction tour on the grounds will be offered throughout these days.

To properly kick off Construction Days, a special Raise the Roof Donor Reception is planned for Thursday, July 16. Hundreds of people and businesses contributed countless volunteer hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars in support of this project. The Auction brought in thousands of dollars over a 3 year period and heightened awareness of the seriousness of the situation. Thanking everyone who contributed to the restoration of the roof with this special reception will be our way of saying that things are really looking up at Glensheen.



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## *Fine Dining Events New on Busy Summer Schedule.*

Dining at Glensheen has become more accessible this summer as the historic Congdon estate will offer Fine Dining and Fish Boil evenings on specific dates throughout the summer.

In the past, dining at Glensheen has been by rental only. This summer, these special dining opportunities have been priced on a per person basis.

More information about each event is available by calling Glensheen directly at 724-8864 or toll free at 1-888-454-4536.

(See the Glensheen Calendar on Page 2 for specific dates.)

## *Concerts & Festivals*

Concerts by the Lake return July 1, 8, 15 and 22 with performances by the Duluth Musician's Association Band beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Midsummer Bloom returns July 25 for a day of education and will feature a people's choice flower contest.

August 22 marks the return of the Festival of Fine Art and Craft. (More on page 2)

# GLENSHEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*(Hours of operation listed for each month in parentheses)*

## **June** *(Open Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m.)*

- 16 - Fine Dining at Glensheen - 7:00 p.m.
- 21 - Father's Day Fine Dining at Glensheen - 7:00 p.m.
- 23 - Fish Boil at Glensheen - 6:00 p.m.

## **July** *(Open Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m.)*

- 1, 8, 15, 22 - Concert By The Lake - 6:30 p.m. Another great season of fun for the whole family. Performances by the Duluth Musicians Association with support from the John and Mary Gonska Cultural Fund.
- 4 - 4th of July Holiday - Glensheen remains open.
- 14 - Fine Dining at Glensheen - 7:00 p.m.
- 15 & 16 - Senior Games - Croquet Tournament. Call for details.
- 16 - Raise the Roof Donor Reception - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 & 18 - Construction Days - Special activities to celebrate our new roof.
- 21 - Fish Boil at Glensheen - 6:00 p.m.
- 25 - Midsummer Bloom - 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. People's Choice Flower Show plus much more.

## **August** *(Open Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m.)*

- 11 - Fine Dining at Glensheen - 7:00 p.m.
- 18 - Fish Boil at Glensheen - 6:00 p.m.
- 22 - 4th Annual Festival of Fine Art and Craft

## **September** *(Open Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m.)*

- 1 - Labor Day (Holiday) - Glensheen remains open.
- 15 - Fine Dining at Glensheen - 7:00 p.m.
- 22 - Fish Boil at Glensheen - 6:00 p.m.

## **October** *(Open Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m.)*

- 13 - Fine Dining at Glensheen - 7:00 p.m.

## **November** *(Open Weekends, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m.)*

- 1 - Winter Season begins.
- 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday - Glensheen closed.
- 28 - Christmas at Glensheen Begins.

## **Concerts & Festivals - continued from page 1.**

The 4th Annual Festival of Fine Art and Craft will feature up to 50 regional artists displaying original art and craft items - all for sale. A shuttle bus will be available for the convenience of our guests.

For information about any Glensheen event, call Glensheen at 724-8864 or toll-free at 1-888-454-GLEN.



The Glensheen Museum Shop has expanded into the carriage house drive through area. A variety of merchandise is available including the Arts and Entertainment Network video "University Estates" from the America's Castles program. The 45 minute video which features Glensheen and 2 other estates sells for \$15.95 - a savings over the price advertised on television.

The carriage house museum shop also provides a home for a number of children's games which are set up on the lawn during good weather. Now families can enjoy a leisurely afternoon on the beach enjoying a cool beverage while the children enjoy historic games and learn how young people entertained themselves at the turn of the century.

# From the Director...

Things are looking up at Glensheen this summer!

Both literally and figuratively. Our special summer exhibit this year is a new roof! You've followed the ups and downs of replacing our 90-year old roof for some time. At long last, the roof is happening. The principal contractor is the local firm, The Jamar Company. The project commenced on May 26. It's exciting to see this long-standing, critical preservation project underway. Come and watch it happen. We welcome sidewalk supervisors!

Things are looking up at Glensheen in other ways, too. You may have noted in the news that UMD received \$600,000 this spring from the Minnesota State Legislature for our next major capital project, repair of the terrace and subway. Chancellor Kathryn Martin was the lead player in supporting this need as part of UMD's overall capital program and securing these funds. She and her legislative team deserve tremendous thanks for all their efforts.

We had a very productive winter with our weekend tour schedule. We saw more visitors in January through April than we did two years ago when Glensheen was open six days a week. And May was an excellent month for attendance as well. Like the robins and flowers, visitors seemed to arrive three weeks early this year. Our May attendance was up more than 50% over last year! Fueled by these very positive numbers, we are confident that Glensheen will again balance its operating budget and further reduce our accumulated deficit.

Our dinner packages with local Bed and Breakfast Inns were very popular this winter. Our Mother's Day brunches were again sold out. As you'll read elsewhere in this Calling Card, we're hosting fine dining and fish boil dinners monthly at Glensheen. The very popular Concerts by the Lake return in July.

So, it's busy and exciting at Glensheen. As we say, things are looking up! Come and see for yourself, but don't strain your neck!

Bill Miller, Director

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## *Volunteer Connection* by Jen Carlquist

Over the past 3 years of the Raise the Roof campaign, docents have taken on new support roles. They prepared campaign mailings and helped with fundraisers. Docents purchased over 150 roof tile certificates and encouraged others to contribute. Many increased their volunteer hours to reduce salary expenditures. We recognize and thank all who contribute to Glensheen, particularly docents, who give their time and so much more.

Our volunteer program is growing into a rewarding opportunity for people of all ages to give to the community. Please encourage friends, family neighbors and co-workers to ask about our many volunteer opportunities. With things looking up at Glensheen, we need you now more than ever. Weekday, weekend, and evening opportunities are available. For information about volunteering, contact Jen Carlquist at (218) 724-8864.

**Thank you to the newest members of  
Friends of Glensheen.  
Through June 9, 1998**

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