

Tudor Rozette

From Glensheen's Volunteer Office

June 2003

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*Thank you for
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Mother's Day
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Summer Exhibit

Glensheen's new summer exhibit called "Decorating Glensheen: Art Around the World" opens on Friday, May 23, 2003.

This exhibit features art works and art objects collected by the Congdon family from 1902 to 1911 from all around the world, including items from Germany, Italy, France, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Scotland, England, the Middle East and Algeria.

Most of the art works are landscape paintings from many European artists. Featured in the exhibit are works by William Eisen, Augusto Daini, Albert Rigolot, Johannes Grimelund, Henry Harpignies, Jean-Basptiste Corot, Peter Alfred Gross, Charles-Francois Daubigny, Emile Renard, Arthur Drummond, Emile Chabas, Dwight William Tyron. Each of these European artists received awards and medals for their art works.

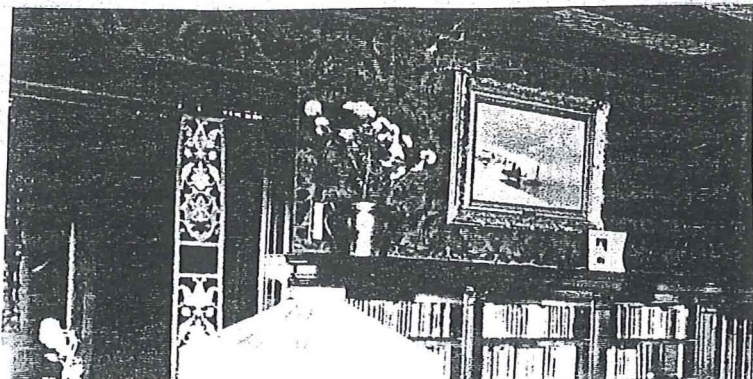
The Congdons purchased these art works mostly through dealers, selecting subjects from places they had visited. Other art objects included in this exhibit were souvenirs from the Congdons' extensive world travels.

Nearly every room on the tour of Glensheen includes an example of the Congdon's art from around the world, which docents will point out to visitors on their tours.

A list of all the items included in the exhibit will be available for docents in the Volunteer Office and in the Security Office, so they can point out the exhibit pieces to visitors on their tours.

This exhibit continues throughout the summer, ending on Monday, September 1, 2003.

BELOW: A Fjord in Norway by Johannes Grimelund



Volunteer Night

On Thursday, May 1, thirteen people attended the monthly Volunteer Night. Minutes of the business meeting are posted in the Volunteer Office. After the meeting, Missy Natale, our Art History major who works in the office, presented a program about the art works being featured in the new summer exhibit, "Decorating Glensheen: Art Around the World". Everyone carried flashlights and put on shoe covers, so they could go behind the ropes and get a close look at these featured paintings. Missy shared her research about the paintings and explained what will be coming up in the next exhibit.

The next Volunteer Night will be Thursday, June 5, at 6:15 pm in the Recreation Room of Glensheen. After the meeting, we will take a tour of the art works on the 3rd floor.



The old St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Lake Avenue & 2nd Street & the Rector when Walter & Jessie first attended



A. W. RYAN
1893 - 1922

Appreciation Tour

Twelve Glensheen volunteers and Rachael Martin, Education and Volunteer Coordinator, participated in a tour of Congdon homes in Duluth on Saturday, April 26, 2003.

We looked at 14 homes, Forest Hill cemetery, St. Paul's Episcopal church, and concluded at the Kitchi Gammi Club. It was a full day!

A real treat was being invited into Edward Congdon's home, now owned by Martha Alworth, on Hawthorne Road and East 4th Street. We learned that the home was built in 1915 by the architect Mr. Staren for Mr. Kitchley. Edward bought the home from Mr. Kitchley in 1920.

At St. Paul's Church, which was Walter & Jessie Congdon's church, we had an extensive tour given by Gary & Fayth Glass. When Walter & Jessie Congdon were married in 1914, the current St. Paul's was under construction. They would have attended the "old" Episcopal Church on Lake Avenue & 2nd Street. The first services in the current St. Paul's were given in 1915. We saw many rooms & old photographs of St. Paul's.

We also stopped at 1701 E. 1st Street, where Walter & Jessie lived & saw the ornate hallways and staircases. Finally, we had wonderful dessert at the Kitchi Gammi Club!

THE REDSTONE
1509 E. Superior
St. where
Congdons lived
before Glensheen



EDUCATIONAL INSERT CBC's Diary

Clara Bannister Congdon's diary, continued from last month. We left off in May of 1899, when the Congdons lived at the Redstone on 1509 E. Superior St. Their children's ages were Walter-16, Edward-14, Marjorie-12, Helen-10, Elisabeth -5, Robert-8 months.

1899 - In May Mr. & Mrs. Congdon left Geneva, N.Y., where Chester Congdon's mother was taking the "Watercure", and returned home to Duluth. Leaving their children in Duluth in the care of Mrs. Congdon's sister, Mary, Mr. & Mrs. Congdon went to Yakima, Washington in June. They visited Chester Congdon's brother Albert in Yakima, then went to Hoquaim, Tacoma, Seattle, and Victoria, returning to Yakima where they started a camping trip with Mr. & Mrs. Albert Congdon and another couple. From there they went to Yellowstone, then returned to Duluth by August. In September Walter left for Hill School in Pottstown, Pa. On October 13 President McKinley visited Duluth and everyone turned out to see him.

1900 - In February Ned, Alfred, Elisabeth & Robert had German measles and Robert was baptized. By then he stood alone and walked alone on April 5. Helen had her adenoids out in March. She screamed, but bore it pretty well, & got her chain bracelet, as promised by her father.

Walter went to Brainerd in April to be examined for the Naval Academy in Annapolis. By May, Bobbie could say "please", "Bobbie", and "dutch".

In June Miss Knot came to stay with the children while Chester & Clara Congdon went to Pottstown to visit Walter. From there they went to Syracuse for their class reunion & visited Montreal & Quebec. They stopped at Wilkes-barre, Pa to see Clara Congdon's sister, Bertha, and returned to Duluth by boat with Bertha and her children, who stayed til

August. In September Ned went on a 3 week hunting trip to Jackson's Hole, Wy., and Clara's sister, Mary, stayed in Duluth during September and October.

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1901 - The Congdons engaged Miss Green to stay with the children for the summer. Miss Knot stayed until June. In May Chester & Clara Congdon went to Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, California, Denver and were home by July.

During July & August the Congdons & their children stayed in a cottage in Gordon, WI. In August they started plans for their new house.

In September Chester & Clara Congdon took Marjorie & Helen on a boat trip along with the Hartleys to Buffalo. They visited the Pan Am Exposition just after the assassination of President McKinley. They saw Chester Congdon's mother in Rochester, NY, where she was staying with her daughter Laura. When they returned home to Duluth, they took Walter, Ned, Elisabeth & Robert to Rochester again to see Grandma Congdon. They returned to Duluth October 5.

They received a telegram in November that Grandma Congdon had a bad stroke of paralysis at Geneva, NY. They went to Geneva and were there when Grandma Congdon died on November 26th. She was buried in Elmyra, NY. Among those present at the funeral were Dr. & Mrs. J. C. Knapp who had the Hygienic Institute at Geneva. He was Grandma Congdon's nephew.

1902 - In January Chester & Clara Congdon took Helen, Elisabeth & Robert to Evanston, Il. to visit Clara Congdon's cousin's family. Helen went to visit her aunt & uncle in Chatanooga & Chester Congdon went to Milwaukee. The rest of the family stayed in Evanston until March. Clara Congdon had her ears treated by a doctor in Chicago.

In May Chester & Clara left the children with Miss Green and went to Bisbee, Tucson, California, & Yakima, returning to St. Paul by Canadian Pacific train in June. The last part of August & early September they stayed in a cottage on Park Point. November 5th was Marjorie & Helen's attempt to make dinner, but it did not "pass". They tried again on the 7th and had a fine one! Each received five dollars from their father.

Warm Greetings!

By Myrna Breivik, "Foreign Correspondent"

Myrna, our
"Foreign
Correspondent",
has returned to
Duluth & is back
at work at
Glensheen!

Myrna was the first
person, besides the
Doctor, to see her
new grandchild
born. They had a
boy named
Alexander William
Brown, Alex for
short. He was
7 and a half
pounds.

Hello you all! We are in Albuquerque, NM, with our family on "baby watch". The baby will soon come forth and claim his/her name and identity. It is a wonderful time. We are greatly enjoying our grandsons (ages 5 and 3). Albuquerque is so picturesque as it sits at the foot of majestic Sandia Mountain.

I have enclosed four postcards. We have so appreciated the many stops in our beautiful country.

Fort Davis has been wonderfully restored by the National Park Service. It was a treat to tour the Fort because the guides were so enthusiastic and friendly. The older gentleman in the barracks was dressed in a uniform. He told us the cavalry's responsibility was to protect many outposts and wagon trains. At one point he apologized for keeping us so long, but stated that he loves the history and likes to "tell all he knows." It certainly brought a smile to my face because, I too, realize the more one knows the longer the tour. Yes, I did note the reminder, to limit our information, in the February Rozette. Something I must work at.

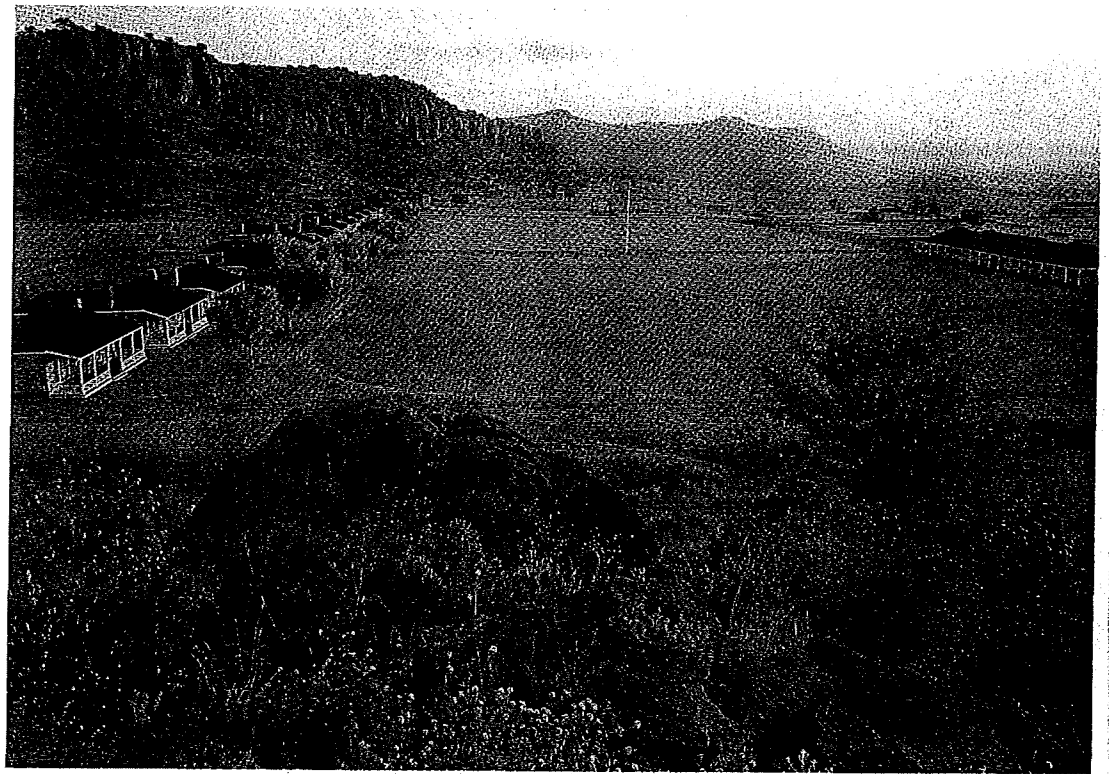
Another female guide explained the Commanding Officer's quarters. She told us that through the commander and his wife's journals, they were able to install period furniture which, hopefully replicates the originals. I am aware that the Book Club is reading Mrs. Congdon's diary and enjoy the Rozette's summaries. At Fort Davis the journals also play an important part in preserving their history. Again, I am reminded how fortunate Glensheen is to have so many "originals."

Every time we take a tour and are greeted with so much enthusiasm and friendliness by the volunteer docents and guides, I realize how important it is and how the public usually responds to cheerful and well informed guides.

Until later you all take care,
Myrna

**FORT DAVIS -
National Historic
Site, Texas.**

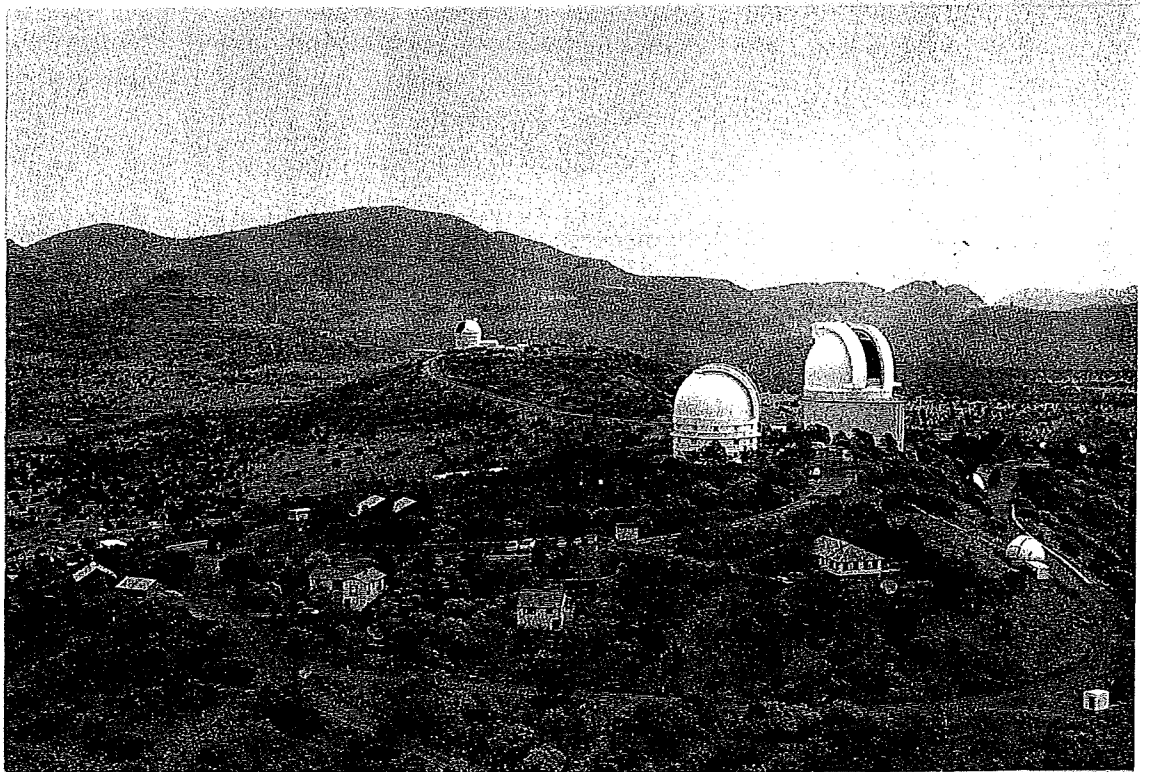
Active from 1854 to 1891, the post played a major role in the defense system of the southwestern frontier. Myrna writes, "This is 100 miles north of Big Bend National Park. West Texas is very beautiful & green."

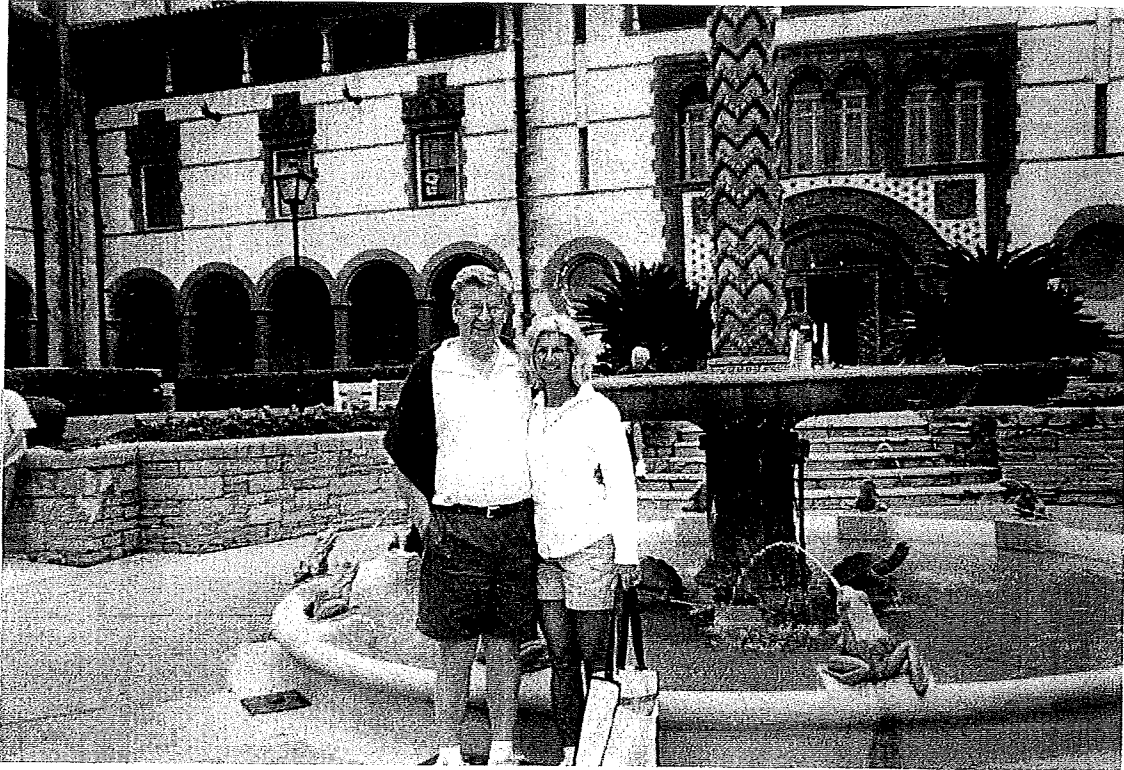


The 82 "Otto Struve telescope and the 107 "Harlan J. Smith telescope.

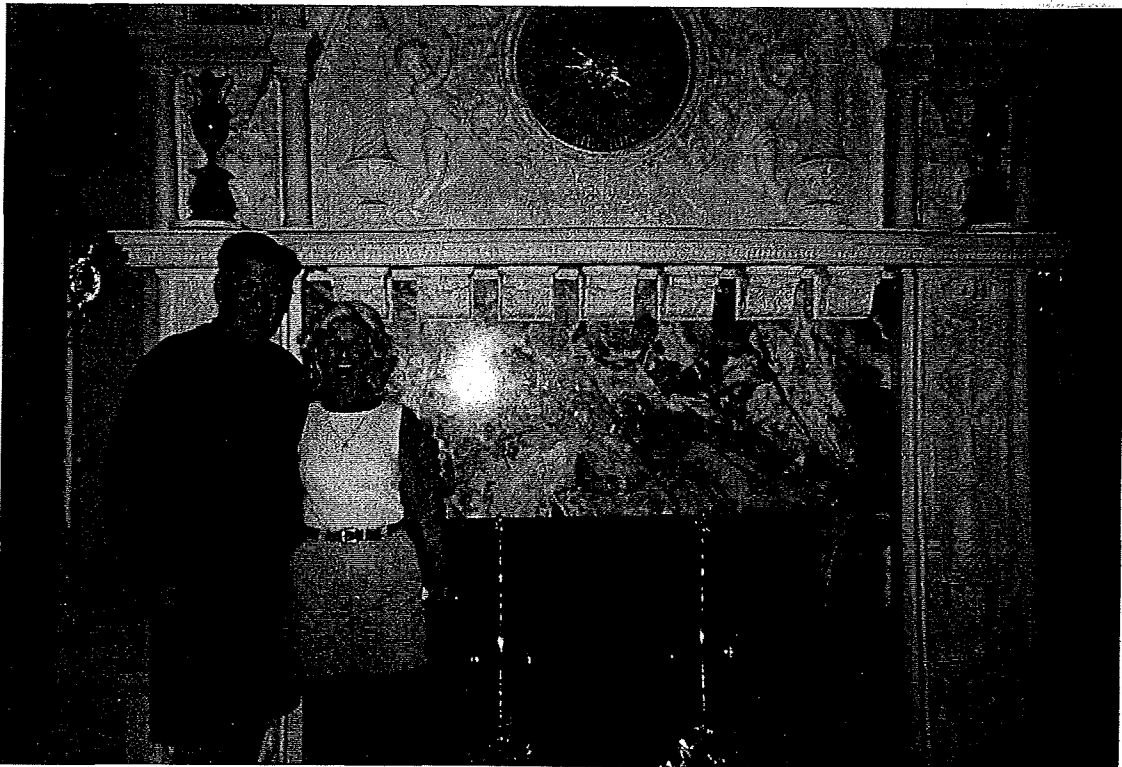
The Hobby-Eberly telescope is seen in the background atop Mt. Fowlkes at the McDonald Observatory, Fort Davis, Texas.

Myrna writes, "An excellent tour. When built, this was the largest telescope in the world & was used to provide information so that the space program (NASA) would be able to design space crafts. This was a very educational tour of which I remember approximately 10%."





Myrna & Erling Breivik at the front entrance to Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida



Myrna & Erling by a beautiful fireplace in Flagler College. Myrna writes, "Cherubs are the interior design theme - also lions."

Calendar of Events

Thu, June 5 - Volunteer Night, see 3rd floor art, 6:15 pm - Counts as volunteer hours!

Thu, June 12 - Tribute to Chester Congdon, Copper Top Church, 7-9 pm - free, please come and have birthday cake!

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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