

Glensheen

Glensheen Historic Congdon Estate

Gazette

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Valentine's dining at Glensheen, the historic Congdon estate

It doesn't get any more romantic than this: tour a historic mansion on the shores of Lake Superior, enjoy a beer and wine tasting, then sit down for a magnificent meal in Glensheen's charming winter garden. Live music and take-home rose are sure to impress.

Entree selections include steak au poivre or squash ravioli with a dessert of red velvet cake.

Tickets available at glensheen.org or by calling (218) 726-8910.

\$58 to \$63 per person.

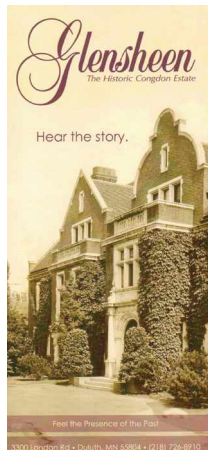
February 11th, Saturday and February 14th, Tuesday
Arrival 5:45pm with Tours beginning at 6:00pm

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Glensheen
The Historic Congdon Estate

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Gazette, a Glensheen newsletter for our Tour Guides, those individuals that tell 'the story' to the public daily.

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The low, flowered chair in the Master Bedroom is so small because it was custom made for Clara's short stature.

While Clara was indeed very short in stature, the chair was not made for this reason. It is a slipper chair and a very common item of furniture in the early 20th century. They were designed with high backs and low seats. These chairs, usually found in bedrooms or dressing rooms, were made for dressing and putting on shoes, and were not meant for relaxing or lounging.

Assession No. 1969.405

Clara Congdon's Slipper Chair
Master Bedroom, Room 203

Condition Report:

Slip cover easily removeable

1/24/2012, will attempt to launder slip cover

Structurally the chair is very sound.
tight wood joints, no apparent historic repairs.

Jute webbing at the bottom of the frame has given way, will need springs retied with new webbing.

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Clara's Slipper Chair pictured above is displayed without its slip cover.



Dennis Lamkin,
outgoing Glensheen Advisory Board Chair



PBS television aired
WDSE Cooks program

“A is for Appetizers II”

which featured our very own Dennis Lamkin cooking one of his favorite hors d’oeuvre:

Herbed Goat Cheese Baguette with grapes.

1 sourdough baguette
extra virgin olive oil
fresh ground pepper
8oz. softened goat cheese
2 tsp. honey
sea salt
small portion of butter
fresh rosemary, thyme, and basil
1 1/2 lbs. seedless white grapes

And Speaking of appetizers, our student tour guides and guards brought many delectable entrees to our Glensheen Holiday Potluck this year.

We thought it only right to present one of our tasty treats from that evening.

Entitled, “B is for Bacon”, however in this case Gabe Fall introduced us to “B, B, and B is for Bacon, Bacon, and more Bacon”. His recipe is below.

Bacon Wrapped Bacon Recipe:

1 slice thick-cut bacon rolled up
1 slice thick cut pepper bacon rolled around the first
1 slice maple smoked bacon rolled around the second
1 slice maple smoked bacon marinated in zinfandel
and a coating of brown sugar rolled around the third

Cook at 300 for two hours, draining grease from pan occasionally as needed.

Served by Gabe Fall.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaK9bjLy3v4



New Glensheen Coloring Book

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Coloring Book



By
Rick Brambrink
Marshall Jensen

Here's the NEW
Glensheen Coloring Book

Available now at the
Glensheen Museum Store



Here's a blog you won't want to miss:

Cecelia Riehl, Glensheen Advisory Board Member, and tour guide, sharing her travels through Europe

<http://www.parisianautumn.blogspot.com/>

and

The Congdon Family Tree 2010

It's now available at: <http://d-commons.d.umn.edu:8180/jspui/handle/10792/278>

A Tour Manager's Message

Happy 2012, everyone! I hope you all had a festive and happy holiday season. Here at Glensheen, we have had a busy and successful holiday and are now moving into a few quieter winter months. With some extra time, I have been learning even more about the Congdon family, and luckily, there are now family movies to watch and learn from! For me, they have offered a fascinating glimpse into the life of this well traveled family. Visit the Glensheen YouTube page to watch:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Glensheen3300?feature=chclk>

There you'll find family trips to Egypt and France and a gathering in Tucson, Arizona. Who and what can be seen in the movies? We aren't completely sure, so if you watch them and recognize a Congdon, let us know! You can see the movie projector and, coming soon, a clip from these home movies on display in the billiards room.

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UROP

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

The University of Minnesota's Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) offers financial awards twice yearly to full time undergraduates for research, scholarly, or creative projects undertaken in partnership with a faculty member. The program encourages students to conduct research and pursue academic interests outside of their regular courses by employing them to work on special research projects. All UMD students are eligible and encouraged to apply. Complete information for the program is available on the University of Minnesota UROP site. <http://www.urop.umn.edu/> or <http://wwwd.umn.edu/urop/description.html>

UROP Proposal Application Form (Due February 27, 2012)

We have sponsored several UROP student projects at Glensheen. If you would be willing to help us record archival information that is still being uncovered for research purposes, or if you have any questions how you can get involved, please contact Arden Weaver.

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Congdon Family Movies

Introducing a new Exhibit
Located in the basement corner of the Billards
Room.

Movette,
hand cranked movie projector

using 17.5 mm film

Youtube Movies

<http://fun.areavoices.com/2012/01/12/congdon-family-home-movies-posted-on-youtube/>

<http://www.nwmangum.com/Kodak/Rochester.html#Movette>

The Movette was an unusual negative-positive motion picture system using a special 17 1/2 millimeter film, with two perforations to a frame on each side. The frame size was 11 x 14 mm, and a special Kodak film was supplied in cassettes holding 50 feet which ran for two minutes. The hand-cranked camera retailed for \$30 and the projector for \$55, a packet of film costing \$1.50 with another \$1.50 for a positive print. The inventor of the system was a Mr. Frank L. Hough of Chicago.

The Movette Camera Company was organized in Rochester in 1916, and was first located at 1155 University Avenue. In November 1917 it was incorporated as Movette Inc., with a capital stock of \$1,250,000, and the plant was moved to 545 West Avenue. In 1920 they moved again to 295 State Street, the building later occupied by the Photostat Corporation. The chairman was then Homer Strong, the secretary W. F. Strang, and the president was Howard Strong, secretary to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. In 1921 Howard Strong moved to New York, and Homer Strong took over the presidency. In 1922 the company moved to 101 North Water Street, and by 1927 it had disappeared.

In spite of everything, the Movette had little appeal to the public. Possibly the need for a separate positive print may have been one reason. Certainly the Kodak 16mm reversal system announced in June 1923 proved to be infinitely more successful and quickly replaced all other systems.

Glensheen Staff and Volunteers,

Do you have any old issues of Glensheen's first Newsletter, *Glensheen Gleanings*? The sample header for the newsletter looks like the clip taken from a scanned copy from the Digital Commons UMD Library. Please tell us if you have any Glensheen Newsletters, particularly if they do not appear in the Digital Commons.

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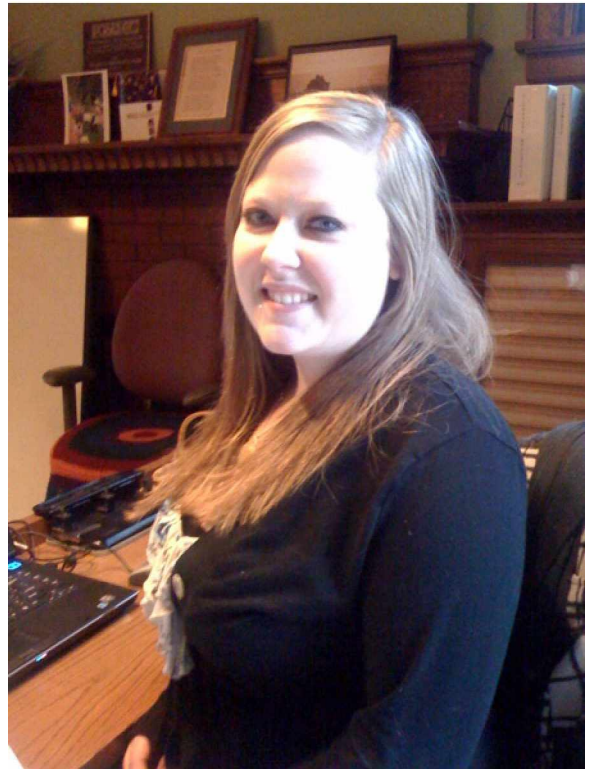
Student Employee of the Month

Happy New Year!

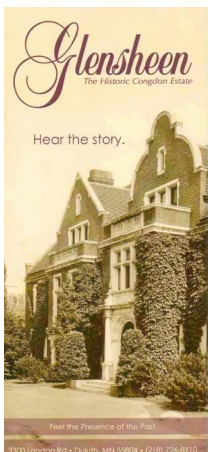
I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that you are enjoying our mild winter. As I look out the ticket house windows I can't believe I am looking at grass not snow.

I am not only excited about 2012 and all that Glensheen has planned I am also excited to tell you about our wonderful student employee of the month. Her name is Jill Custer and you will find her most of the time in the Carriage House Office. Answering the phones, reconciling the daily money, filling in for breaks in both the ticket house and the museum shop keeps her busy.

Jill is the youngest of 4 daughters who grew up in Howard Lake, Mn where her parents Mark and Lori and grandparents still live. Jill chose to come to college at UMD because she has fond memories of family visits to Duluth. Jill graduated in December with a degree in English and Philosophy and will be able to continue at Glensheen until a permanent job comes along. We are all happy to have her here for as long as we can. Read on to hear more about Jill and you will see why we chose her as employee of the month!



Happy New Year to all of you!
Sincerely,
Carolyn Ringsred



Kayla: Jill has been such a wonderful addition to our staff. It is rare that you are able to employ a student who is as conscientious and professional as Jill has been for the last three years. In addition to her attention to detail and willingness to help, she has been very fun to work with and I'm lucky to have someone as enjoyable as she to share an office with.

Amanda: Jill is an excellent employee because she is always courteous to people, no matter how disrespectful they may be. She is always willing to help out during special events and emergencies and she is always great to work with because of her hard-working, good-spirited personality.

Reggie: To expand upon the many reasons why Jill was selected as employee of the month, I can attest to her many virtues. Working in the tourism and hospitality industry can present its challenges and can sometimes bring out the worst in employees as well as the best. That being said, I have never seen a "worst" side of Jill, she is helpful and knowledgeable in almost every aspect of operations at Glensheen. Jill has a "can do" attitude with a contagious smile. She exemplifies the term "team player" and we appreciate all that Jill contributes to the staff. Thanks Jilly Bean, for your good work ethic and kind personality.

LOOKING BACK IN TIME



By Janis K. Andrus, our very own storyteller and Glensheen Tour Guide

From the Minnesota Historical Society there is an interesting piece of information about Marjorie Congdon in January 1909. It seems she had a special house-warming party on the 25th of that month called a “coming out” party in some parts of the country. It was an introduction of a young lady to society as a “new adult”.

The formal presentation of Marjorie and any other young lady of the upper classes at the time were called a debut, the name “deb” or debutante for the woman. It comes from the French term debutante meaning “female beginner”, indicating she was ready for marriage. The house-warming party or debut introduced the young lady to eligible bachelors in the select upper class. Debutante balls were given for young women in various regions of the country. In the North it was more common for a young lady to be given a coming-out party by her parents and it often was scheduled to be near her birthday. In this case Marjorie’s birthday was on January 12th. (born 1887)

Can any one find other interesting things about Marjorie from the Congdon Diaries?

For instance, did you know CAC diary, on July 24th, 1908; “Marjorie’s first electric (car) came.”

Bree’s favorite quote from Clara’s diary, August 17th, 1915 was listed as “Marjorie’s day--All nice to Marjorie!”

