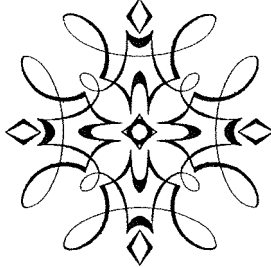

Tudor Rozette

From Glensheen's Volunteer Office

February 2001



5,477.5 Hours Given

Can you believe that Glensheen's Volunteers gave a total of 5,477.5 hours of their time in 2000 to help operate Glensheen? That is the equivalent of 2.6 full time employees working 40 hours a week for 52 weeks per year!!

Last year's total was 5032. So this year people volunteered 445.5 more hours. That's 11 additional weeks of 40 hour weeks. Very impressive.

So who are these hardworking Volunteers?

**95 NEW
VOLUNTEERS
joined the
Glensheen team
in the year
2000!!**

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL - 50-99 hours

Sarah Andrews	Marion Ario
Lone Cooke	Amber Coy
Audrey Elnes	Lauren Estep
Celeste Gallagher	Annie Greenwood
Rosemary Guttormson	Hillary Heinz
Darlene Johnson	Joe Miller
David Mold	Brittany Nelson
Shanna Netland	Valerie Nielsen
Mae Peterson	Mary Ann Prettyman
Lia Roberts	Lisa Roragen
Whitney Saurer	Susanne Schuler
George Stensland	Lynn Szarke
Delores Vogel	Stacia Verdoljak

WAY ABOVE & FAR BEYOND THE CALL-100-199 hours

Judy Harrison	Dona Holloway
Pearl E. Johnson	Pearl M. Johnson
Deanna Kimber	Betsy McClaire
Diane Shusta	Helen Youngstrand

OVER THE TOP- Over 200 hours!!!

Tom Donahue	Maripat Higgins
Georgia Raun	

Council Meeting

The Volunteer Docent Council met in January to seat its new members for the year 2001. The current 12 members are as follows:

**Can you help
take down the
Christmas
decorations?**

***Helpers
are needed Mon,
Feb 5, Tues, Feb
6, and Wed, Feb
7, anytime
between 9:00 am
and 4:00 pm.***

***Call the
Volunteer office
to sign up.***

Audrey Elnes
Suzanne Hargis - *President Elect*
Maripat Higgins - *President*
Pearl E. Johnson
Pearl M. Johnson
DeAnna Kimber
Fran Lamberson
Lois Maine - *Secretary*
Barb Romano-Hogg
Delores Vogel
Marie Walczak - *Treasurer*
Helen Youngstrand

Each member serves a one year term, renewable for 3 years.

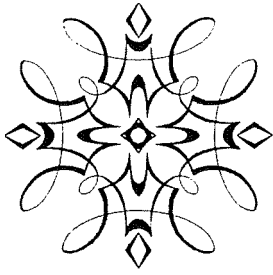
At the January meeting, goals for 2001 were discussed. In addition to fund raising projects to benefit Glensheen, the Council agreed to assist with monthly Volunteer get-togethers open to all Volunteers. The idea is to have social and educational opportunities to benefit all the Volunteers.

Exhibit Preview

The first of the monthly Volunteer get-togethers will be held on Thursday, February 15, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We will have an Exhibit Sneak Preview of the new "Congdon Carpets" exhibit.

Come for coffee and dessert in the Recreation Room and learn about the new exhibit. Then take a tour of the new carpets on exhibit in various rooms throughout Glensheen. The Volunteer Docent Council will host this event and provide dessert.

Call the Volunteer Office at 726-8918 to sign up.



EDUCATIONAL INSERT

Congdon Carpets

***DO YOU HAVE
old cotton
sheets,
pillowcases or
tablecloths you
could donate to
Glensheen?***

***If so we
could use them
to properly
wrap the
carpets in
storage.***

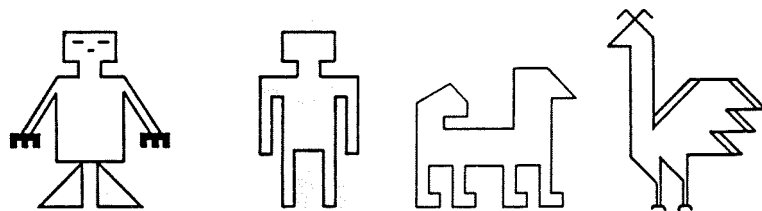
***Please
drop off your
donations at the
Volunteer
Office.***

Thanks!

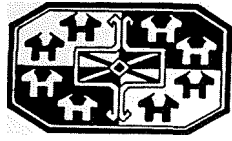
The Congdon family carpets are the subject of our next exhibit to open February 15, after the Christmas decorations come down. More than a dozen original carpets from storage will be shown in different rooms throughout Glensheen. All are Oriental carpets except one.

Here's some background information about Oriental carpet?. The most usual method of classifying Oriental carpets is by their place of origin. These are the 5 main groups:

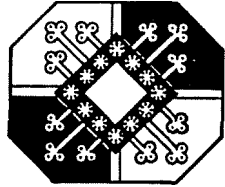
1. The ***Iranian*** (Persian) group
Includes Tabriz, Bijar, Hamadan, Feraghan, Saruck, Kirman, Meshed, and many other places in Iran. The largest group.
2. The ***Turkoman*** group
Includes Turkoman, Afghan, & Baluchistan rugs made in Central Asia. Known as "red" carpets.
3. The ***Caucasian*** (Russian) group
Geometrical figures for main decoration.
4. The ***Turkish*** (Anatolian) group
Very rare in the U.S.
5. The ***Indian, Pakistani, & Chinese*** group



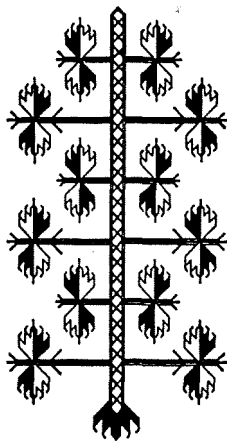
Stylised figures from Caucasian rugs: men, a dog and a cock.



Afghan gul



Afghan gul



Stylised 'tree of life' from
Baluchi rug

The Exhibit of Congdon Carpets includes examples from 4 of the 5 groups. All except *Turkish* or *Anatolian*. These are the new carpets being exhibited:

MAIN HALL - small Ispahan (*Iranian* group)

RECEPTION ROOM - Chinese purchased 1908 by
Ym A French Co (*Chinese* group)

DEN - Two small Beluchistan (*Turkoman* group)

LIVING ROOM - Two small Bijar remnants cut
from the border of the large Bijar (*Iranian*
group)

MASTER BEDROOM - Small Hamadan (*Iranian*)
And a small Turkoman (*Turkoman* group)
both with *Gul* (flower) pattern

DRESSING ROOM - Hamadan (*Iranian* group)
originally used in anteroom of Master
bedroom

RED ROOM - small Hamadan (*Iranian* group)
saddle bag hearth rug

COOK'S ROOM - Bigelow, machine made, not
Oriental

BREAKFAST ROOM - Kazak (*Caucasian* group)
you will remember seeing this in dressing
room of Master bedroom

MAIN HALL - small Ispahan (*Iranian* group)

LOWER LEVEL WALL (where Tabriz carpet was
hanging) - Ghorevan ? (*Iranian* group) still
working on identification in Mrs. Congdon's
handwriting

ATTIC - Feraghan used in main floor hall outside
dining room and Kurd stairway carpet (both
Iranian group)

All the carpets on exhibit have been in storage in the attic for nearly 20 years, except the one in the breakfast room which was exhibited in the dressing room of the master bedroom. You will notice a small square on this carpet where the fabric is worn over the spot where the call button is located on the floor of the breakfast room.

The Tabriz carpet is in storage to rest a while.

Book Group Meets

The first organizational meeting of the Volunteer and Staff Book Discussion group was on Friday, January 12, 2001. Eight people attended:

Rachael Martin Dan McClelland

Lynn Szarke Delores Vogel

Sam Smith Cecelia Riehl

Myrna Breivek Deanna Kimber

CORRECTION:

In the last

Tudor Rozette I

wrote that

Diane Shusta's

uncle was a

woodcarver at

Glensheen.

Wrong again!

He was a

rough carpenter

who did

framework.

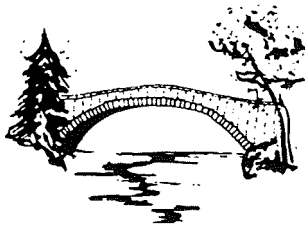
We decided to meet every 2 weeks, reading and reporting on a few chapters at a time at 9:00 am on Friday mornings in the Recreation Room with the next meeting set for January 19. Assignments were made to read the first 5 chapters of Roy Hoover's biography of Chester Congdon.

When we met again on Friday, January 19, to discuss these chapters, a new member joined - Mary Lewerenz. The Volunteers did an excellent job of reporting, and a lively discussion followed which lasted until 11:00 am. So we only picked 4 chapters to read for next time which will be Friday, February 2. Join us if you can!

Here is some of what we learned so far: Chester Congdon received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University in the Classics. His paper was on "Coeducation in Higher Schools". Clara Bannister received a Bachelor of Science degree from Syracuse in Science with a paper on "Comparison of Grecian and Gothic Architecture".

They met in mathematics class, and Chester Congdon liked Clara Bannister because she always knew her lessons. They decided to get married in their 2nd or 3rd year of college.

About 7 or 8 years later in 1881, Chester Congdon had to borrow \$300 from a friend to go from St. Paul to New York to get married and bring Clara back to St. Paul. They took a train from New York to St. Paul the afternoon of their wedding and lived in Chester Congdon's boarding house until they could get a place of their own that winter.



Ivy Scofield Dies

One of Glensheen's first Volunteers who began giving tours in 1979 has passed away.

Ivy Scofield lived just a few blocks away on London Road and was always ready to drop everything and come to Glensheen to give a tour on a moment's notice.

A couple of years ago she broke her hip and was unable to give any more tours. She recuperated at Lakeshore Lutheran Home on London Road until her death on December 22. She was 93 years old.

Volunteers and staff from Glensheen attended her funeral at St. Edward's Episcopal Church. The Volunteer Docent Council sent flowers.

We will all miss Ivy and the nearly 20 years of service she gave to Glensheen.

Memorial Plant

Dan McClelland, Glensheen's Curator of House and Grounds, contributes this information for the *Tudor Rozette*:

"A friend of Glensheen, Catherine Rodda, donated a plant from her home in memory of her friend and former docent, Margaret Larson. The tree fuschia is about 2 feet tall with pale red (fuschia) blooms. Thank you Catherine. (Given Fall 2000) "

Dan says you can look for the fuschia in the Carriage House where it is spending the winter.

About Margaret Larson: She was a retired school teacher and a member of the Hermantown City Council, who just won re-election before she died in 1993. She used to give the last guided tour at Glensheen before the self-guided tours began for the day. By the end of her tour many of the self-guided tour visitors would attach to her tour. She would often end up with 100 people on her tour, but she didn't mind. What a trooper!

Visitor Comments

Tom D - This was the best tour out of the four I've taken here.

Diane S - Our tour guide was great, nicely done, the tours get better and better.

Lynn S - It was a pleasure to take the tour and the guide was great.

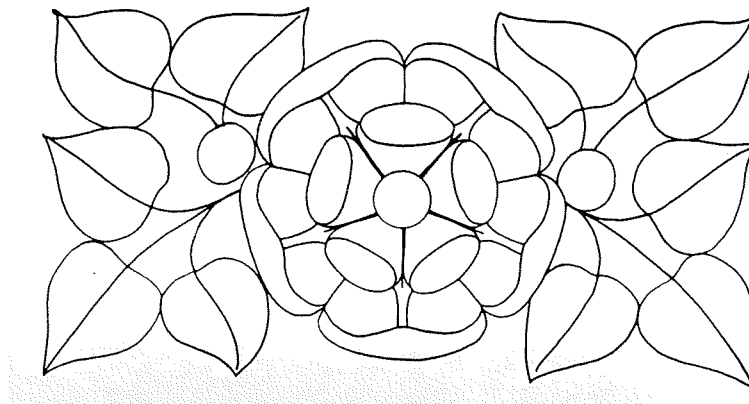
Steve - Thank you so much for the great tour!

OTHER COMMENTS:

- The rooms looked great, keep up the good work!
- Should take the Main House tours in groups of 12 so you can do the VIP with the other tour.
- Talk about how much income was made throughout the Congdon's life.
- Glensheen is an elegant, warm, and inviting home.
- The building is wonderfully preserved.
- My legs got tired standing so long, but it was pretty.
- Good Christmas decorations, although some way too modern.
- Biggest and most charming house I've ever seen.
- Tour too crowded. It would be nice to have less in a group.
- Very interesting but a long tour.
- The Christmas decorations look super.
- Would have liked to see every room.
- Very impressive woodwork.
- Would have liked a more complete tour of the basement.
- Would have liked an outside tour.
- Nice Christmas decorations.

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Rachael Martin*



Calendar of Events

Fri, Feb 2 - Book Discussion Group, 9am-11am, Recreation Room - join us!

Mon, Feb 5 - Take down Christmas decorations, 9am-4pm- please call to help

Tue, Feb 6 - Take down Christmas decorations, 9am-4pm - please call to help

Wed, Feb 7 - Take down Christmas decorations, 9am-4pm - please call to help

Thurs, Feb 15 - Exhibit Sneak Preview, 6:30-8pm, Recreation Room - call to sign up

Fri, Feb 16 - Book Discussion Group, 9am-11am, Recreation Room - join us!

Thurs, Mar 1 - Volunteer Docent Council meeting, 6:30pm, Recreation Room

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