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From Glensheen's Volunteer Office

March 2003

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Emily White

Welcome New  
Volunteers!

Joshua Jacobsen  
Joshua Courtney  
Robert Tix  
Jared Hansen  
Tim Grosshuesch  
Huzffa Hashim  
John Rusch  
Robin Joyal  
Julia Joyal  
Samantha Larson  
Matthew Larson

**THANK YOU  
FOR HELPING  
AT BRASS  
CONCERT!**

Kris Rikkola  
Ceci Riehl  
Andrew Lian  
Andrew Deutsch  
Andy Dommer  
John Rusch  
Josh Jacobson

## Brass Concerts Begin

The first of 3 Brass Concerts was held Tuesday, February 11, in Glensheen's Recreation Room.

The evening began at 6:30 with a brief tour of the new brass exhibit called "Decorating Glensheen - Beginning with Brasses".

As the tour group concluded its tour, we entered the Recreation Room to find the Capricorn Brass Quintet ready to begin the concert. The musicians are UMD students -

Blake Peterson - Trumpet  
David Adams - Trumpet  
Kara Bradshaw - French Horn  
Sarah Marks - Trombone  
David Rolandson - Tuba

They started out with a lively piece from the 1500's called *Canzona per Sonare No. 2* by Giovanni Gabrielle, and you could feel the poured concrete floor under your feet vibrate. It was exciting!

The quintet played a variety of music from classical to jazz, including pieces by Ludwig Maurer, by 1940's composer Paul Tchesnakov, by Gustav Holst, Daniel Speer, Victor Ewald, Johannes Brahms, and Maceo Pinkard's *When Sunny Gets Blue*.

During the intermission the Brass Quintet's musical director, Ramon Vasquez, introduced the musicians and showed us their brass instruments. He explained the type of metal used in the different parts of the instrument and how that affects the sound.

It was an excellent program! Mark your calendars for the next Brass Tour & Concert on Tuesday April 15 & May 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

We will need Docents to help with the tours and hosts and hostesses to help with seating and refreshment for the concerts. Please sign up to help by calling the Volunteer Office at 726-8918!

**2003 Volunteer  
Council Officers:**

**President -  
Suzanne Hargis**

**Vice President -  
Delores Vogel**

**Secretary -  
Diane Shusta**

**Treasurer -  
Marie Walczak**

**Other 2003  
Volunteer Council  
Members:**

**Beth Bauman  
Maripat Higgins  
Pearl M. Johnson  
Pearl E. Johnson  
Fran Lamberson  
Lois Maine  
Barb Romano-  
Hogg  
Jane Sommerfeld**

# Volunteer Night

On Thursday, February 6, 16 people attended Glensheen's Volunteer Night in the Recreation Room at 6:15 pm. Minutes of the business meeting are posted in the Volunteer Office. Highlights included voting to pay for the mirror and glass on the buffet in the Billiards Room, recently taken for repair by Gordon and Joy Fon, and paying to support the Port Cities Luncheon coming up on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

After the meeting, Rachael Martin took the group on a tour for a sneak preview of the Brass exhibit, called "Decorating Glensheen - Beginning with Brasses".

The next Volunteer Night will be Thursday, March 6, starting at 6:15 pm with the Volunteer Council meeting in the Recreation Room of Glensheen. After the meeting, the program will be Rachael Martin showing us one of her Outreach programs. She will portray Mrs. Guilford Hartley in 1906 costume, and tell us about one of the prominent Duluth families, their connection to the Congdon family, and the early history of Minnesota.

Volunteer Nights are open to all Glensheen volunteers and count as volunteer hours. Sign up to attend the next Volunteer Night by calling the Volunteer Office at 726-8918.

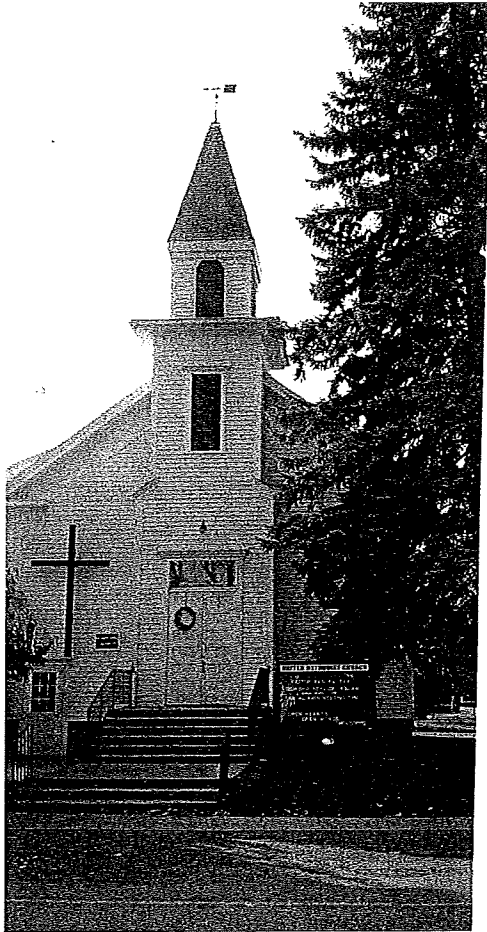
# Get Younkens Tickets

This year the Glensheen Volunteer Council is selling tickets for Younkens Benefit Sale on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you buy a \$5 ticket, you get \$5 off a purchase at Younkens on March 1<sup>st</sup> only. It is a Benefit Sale because Younkens lets non-profit organizations like Glensheen keep the entire \$5 from selling the tickets!

In addition, if we have 2 volunteers at Younkens on March 1<sup>st</sup> to sell more tickets, we get an equal share of all the tickets sold at Younkens that day! Plus, we get to put Glensheen's name in a drawing for even more prizes.

So, we need your help to buy a \$5 ticket and to volunteer on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Call 726-8918 to sign up!



Clearwater, MN  
Methodist  
Church

# EDUCATIONAL INSERT

## CBC's Diary

*Clara Bannister Congdon's diary, continued from last month. We left off in 1889 when the Congdons were living at 546 Selby Avenue in St. Paul. Walter was 6, Edward was 3, and Marjorie was almost 2.*

*1889 - Saturday February 11 at 1:55 am Helen was born. Weighed 9 pounds.*

*In March Chester Congdon left for Tacoma and the Pacific Coast. Returned on April 11 with napkin rings for the boys, silver beads for Marjorie, a pin for Helen, and a coffee spoon for Mrs. Congdon. All the gifts were from Shreve's in San Francisco.*

*Chester Congdon traveled west again in May, visiting Yakima, and sent a black bearskin. He returned in June.*

*In June and July first Ned then all the family had a turn with the measles.*

*On July 20 the family and their maid Ella went to Clearwater for vacation, until August 15.*

*On August 24, Mrs. Congdon had her first ride in a vestibuled train and in a cab in Minneapolis.*

*September 16 Walter began school.*

*In October, Clara's uncle, Dr. Charles Bennett, baptized Edward, Marjorie, and Helen at their home in St. Paul. (Dr. Bennett also performed the Congdon's wedding)*

*November 18 they put Ned (Edward) into Kindergarten.*

*December 5 was Mrs. Congdon's first trip to Duluth with Chester Congdon.*

*They spent Christmas at the Bennett's in Evanston, Illinois, but were called to New York due to an accident of Chester Congdon's mother. Her head was struck by a heavy gate in the wind and it threatened to be brain fever. She was better in a week. Dr. Bennett was a professor of Church History*

**2003 IS 150<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY**

The Garrett Biblical Institute of Evanston, Illinois, now called Garrett-Evangelical, was founded in 1853 with a bequest from Eliza Garrett, widow of the mayor of Chicago & a devout Methodist laywoman who admired her preachers' passions but decried their use of the English language.

The founders of the Biblical Institute also thought it was a good idea to establish a college to prepare potential clergy for the ministry. They founded Northwest University, whose football team was known as the Fighting Methodists.

The first event of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is on March 19 at Naperville, IL.

*and Archaeology at the Garrett Biblical Institute, after being a professor at Syracuse University for more than 10 years. He made an arrangement with Chester Congdon, that when Congdon was worth \$100,000 he would give \$10,000 to Garrett for an archaeological museum. Which he did.*

*1890 - They were still living on Selby Avenue in St. Paul.*

*In January Chester Congdon went to the north west and got snowed in at Baker City. Had to drive to La Grande to get a train. Chester Congdon returned in March, then went east.*

*Helen began walking a little in April and Mrs. Congdon had her first ride in an electric car.*

*In June the family left for Syracuse, NY, leaving Chester Congdon's mother to keep house in St. Paul. On June 25, Clara Congdon's sister, Alice, married John Race in Syracuse, NY, at Clara's mother's home. They traveled around the east visiting Watkins Glen, Corning, Boston, and the newlywed Races in Island Heights, NJ. They left Syracuse in September, and Ned went to the Primary Room at school.*

*1891 - In January Helen was talking in sentences and they saw a show called "The Rivals" starring Jo Jefferson.*

*Walter came home in February with chicken pox and then all the children had it.*

*In April Chester Congdon took Walter and Ned to Syracuse, and later that month Dr. C. W. Bennett died in Evanston.*

*On Thursday, May 21, John was born at 5:45 am, weighing 8 ½ pounds.*

*In July the family went to Clearwater, taking their maids, Ella and Annie. Chester Congdon went to Syracuse and brought the boys back. They had visits in Clearwater from Clara's cousin, Will Bennett, Mr. W. A. French, and others. They all returned to St. Paul in September so the boys could enter Webster School.*

*1892 - Chester Congdon went to Duluth as a member of the law firm with W. W. Billson, but the family did not move there at once.*

*(Read about moving to Duluth in the next installment!)*



**Maripat Higgins  
Nominee for  
Woman of the  
Year**

*This newsletter  
is written and  
edited by  
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Sue Fischer and  
Myrna Breivik.*

# Meet the Volunteer

**BY SUE FISCHER**

Maripat Higgins grew up in Illinois, was trained as a bridal consultant in New York and Connecticut, and became the manager of a bridal shop in Chicago. She later moved to Iowa where she entered the management training program at Sears, met and married her husband Bob and became the mother of two boys.

The family moved to Duluth in 1978. Glensheen was just beginning to offer tours at this time and Maripat decided to volunteer. The fact that she had two small children didn't stop her. She found a friend who also wanted to volunteer and they job shared mommy duties. Every other Friday she'd drop her kids off, do a tour at Glensheen, and then go back for coffee and conversation with her friend before taking the kids home. On alternate Fridays she would be the "at home" mom. The kids were about the same age and got along well with each other so it worked out great for everybody. When her friend was no longer able to continue this arrangement she changed her tour day to Sunday so that her husband could watch the children.

Maripat does much more than just give regular and VIP tours. She is an accomplished seamstress and shares this talent with Glensheen. She made many of the third floor curtains as well as those in the smoking room and kitchen. She also made all of the slippers used for the slipper tours and most of the costumes for living history. She has served as president of the volunteer council, was a member of the advisory committee, bakes for and works in our booth at the arts fair each year, and helps with many of our special events and projects. She was chosen to be the Glensheen nominee for the Port Cities Woman of the Year Award in 2000.

Maripat works three mornings and one afternoon a week at the Cornerstone preschool and childcare center and is employed part time here at Glensheen. She enjoys sewing and occasionally puts her past training and experience to use by making or altering bridesmaid's dresses and wedding gowns for lucky brides-to-be. She and her husband Bob have been married 28 years. They have three sons ranging in age from 21 to 27 and an 18 year old daughter.

# The Morse Museum

By Myrna Breivik, "Foreign Correspondent"

On January 24 we went to the Morse Museum in Winter Park, Florida, a suburb of Orlando. It has the most comprehensive collection of the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany in the world. It has been a highlight of our trip thus far. I enclosed brochures and have highlighted sections that brought Glensheen to mind.

The Tiffany leaded glass was breathtaking. Some Tiffany lamps & vases looked like the Quezal glass, especially in Glensheen's reception room. I found it interesting that the word "Favrile" used to describe his iridescent glass was patented by Tiffany. Tiffany Company described "Favrile" as "a derivation from an old Saxon word meaning hand-wrought". The name caught my attention because it is, of course, in the glossary of the Glensheen volunteer manual.

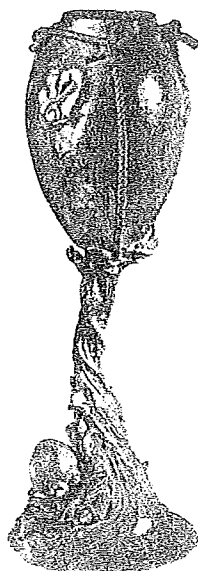
Much to my surprise, we next found a wonderful display of pottery including magnificent Rookwood pieces. Note the Maria Longworth Nicols vase pictured in one of the Rookwood brochures. How marvelous to have one of her own creations in their collection. The Native American portraits were on several vases of various sizes. One is also pictured. They were/are outstanding.

Soon my husband (who is not a great fan of museums) was exclaiming, "Oh, look at this or come and see this".

Another delightful surprise appeared to us as we entered the Arts & Crafts section of the museum. I love this quote from William Morris, "Have nothing in your house which you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful."

Wm. Morris declared this in 1880. Morris was a leader in the Arts & Crafts movement. As I tell my VIP Tours, "We are so lucky to have two original Wm. Morris designs." A reference is made to Gustaf Stickley. I believe our manual also refers to Gustaf Stickley from New York as an Arts & Crafts furniture maker who may have inspired Wm. A. French's work & John Bradstreet's for Glensheen. In a brochure John Ruskin is called the "brainchild" by his writings regarding the movement.

As we viewed the American Art Pottery I was again surprised to see a lovely Grueby Tile vase. I was not aware



Vase, c. 1897.  
Maria Longworth Nicols Sizer (1849-1932), designer;  
Rookwood Pottery.



Vase, c. 1898.  
Matthew A. Daly  
(1860-1937), designer;  
Rookwood Pottery.



FIG. 2: VASE c. 1897-1907  
Grueby Pottery, Boston (PO-072-66)

*Wisteria Window  
Panel detail  
L C Tiffany 1910  
Reproduction  
sold at Glensheen  
Museum Shops*

that the Grueby Co. made vases as well as tiles.

In the brochure entitled "The Four Seasons" I came across the origins of the name L'Art Nouveau. It states that Tiffany and a French art dealer named Siegfried Bing formed a close relationship. I quote: "Historically, Tiffany and Bing stood on the threshold of a major change in taste and expectation of art and design. Having surveyed not only the art design scene in Europe but in America as well as sensing the need for radical change in design, Bing set out to promote a new art through his Paris shop, L'Art Nouveau. These French words for "new art" became the label for a decorative arts movement that swept Europe and America in the decade just preceding and following 1900." Glensheen's example, of course, is Helen's room.

The chapel that was featured in the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 is also in the museum. It is done in mosaics and marble. The chandelier, which is 3 dimensional, is in the shape of a cross and is Tiffany glass. See the enclosed postcard. Again the mosaics were a reminder of how impressed Glensheen's visitors are with the mosaic fireplace facings in Helen's room.

My husband immediately chose the postcard with the grapes & vines. He feels it resembles Glensheen's breakfast room look.

As you can see, I was constantly reminded of our wonderful Glensheen Mansion and am thankful to the Congdon family.



# Calendar of Events

**Sat, Mar 1 - Younkers Benefit Sale, spend your coupons to benefit Glensheen volunteer program, call Rachael at 726-8918 for a coupon**

**Wed, Mar 5 - Motorcoach Tour to Mpls Institute of Arts Egypt exhibit, 8am-6:30 pm**

**Thu, Mar 6 - Volunteer Night, program "Mrs. G. G. Hartley" by Rachael Martin, 6:15 pm**

**Tue, Mar 11 - UWS Career Day, volunteer needed to help Rachael from 11am-3pm**

**Tues, Apr 1 - Tuesday Tea, 4:00-6:00 pm, sign up to help with tour or as hostess**

**Tues, Apr 8 - Tuesday Tea, 4:00-6:00 pm, help please!**

**Tue, Apr 15 - Brass Tour & Concert, 6:30-8:30 pm, volunteers needed!**

**Bedroom Slipper Tours are now offered at 2:00 every Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Sign up to give a tour, learn a tour, or second a tour!**

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