A GLENSHEEN
CHRISTMAS

Twenty-five Christmas trees never disappoint at Glensheen. This year, not only did Glensheen embrace the Congdons’ Christmas heritage by giving every tour a seasonal twist, a new Candlelight Christmas Tour was unveiled to an eager public.
It takes two trees to give a festive air to the Living Room. Along with wreathes, live Christmas music playing on the custom grand piano, and sparkling decorations sprinkled throughout the rest of the space, this room is a visitor favorite.

DECKING THE HALLS
MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE

Led by the professionals at Day Tripper of Duluth, the Moonlight Snowshoe returned to Wednesday nights in January.
Glensheen staff put a lid on it in February—literally. The new kid-friendly summer tour options opened the door for an adult-friendly tour in winter.

Each 21+ Flashlight Tour guest received a branded pint glass with sippy cup lid. Touring a dark mansion by flashlight is always better with a beer!
A calm, crisp and cloudless winter night at Glensheen makes for a truly cool experience. In the winter stillness, one can hear the lake ice form, look upon countless stars, and even feel their own eyebrow hairs freeze together.
ZENITH CITY
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Presented by Tony Dierckins of Zenith City Press, Wednesday nights in February continued the Glensheen tradition of history with a side of beer.
For the second year, Glensheen Unplugged embraced acoustic music in intimate spaces. Dusty Heart, Ben Weaver, Sarah Krueger, and Chris Koza all entertained in the mansion's aptly named Amusement Room.
The new April series, Mouthful of Maple, launched in partnership with The Duluth Grill. During the event, Debbie Morrison, the wife of Guilford Hartley’s great grandson from Sapsucker Farms, gave a Syrup Symposium.
The spring introduced many new estate treats. Head Gardener Emily Ford tapped maple trees to make Glensheen maple syrup, the first official Glensheen honey from 2017 was harvested, and staff were even able to sample a bit of smoked trout from Tischer Creek.
LOOKING WAY, WAY BACK

John Scott Bradstreet
Bradstreet may not have done work at Glensheen... or did he.

Considered one of the finest interior designers of the simple, yet elegant, Arts and Crafts style, John Scott Bradstreet, is a well-known name, especially in Minnesota. His interests were broad, but he was especially intrigued by all things Japanese, often traveling to Japan on buying expeditions for his expansive storefront and workshop called Crafthouse. It was here that he developed a method of preparing wood called jin-di-sugi, a process which beautifully enhances wood grains. Considered to be his signature wood treatment, whenever this wood treated in this manner is found, especially in Minnesota, it’s assumed to have been made by John Bradstreet.
This is the case in Glensheen’s beautiful Smoking Room and Breakfast Room. However, staff at Glensheen, in an effort to site all known information with primary sources, have come up against a brick wall. For years, everyone has said these two rooms are Bradstreet’s design, however we can find no positive proof. This doesn’t mean it isn’t Bradstreet’s, just that we cannot point to any solid confirmation. Instead, we have found more continued evidence of the William A. French Co. as the sole design team involved in Glensheen.
Other evidence lending to Bradstreet as a designer of at least portions of Glensheen are the sets of Arts and Crafts furniture located on the third floor. There are known Bradstreet items bearing Bradstreet’s distinctive logo which are VERY similar to the set in Walter Congdon’s bedroom. Lastly, companies which decorate much of Glensheen such as Rookwood and Grueby were common choices of Bradstreet.

All of this points to Bradstreet, but so far, Glensheeners have not been able to find that definitive link in writing between Bradstreet and Glensheen. So if you know of any solid evidence one direction or another... it would be much appreciated.
LOOKING FORWARD

The Summer of 2018
Glensheen’s large estate and elaborate gardens truly shine in the summer. This year, after taking a critical look at things throughout 2017, Head Gardener Emily Ford is rejuvenating the Rose Garden. With a focus on providing adequate sunlight to the fussy buds, this garden should begin to resemble the 1910 plans.
TRAILBLAZING PATHS

New tour paths are now open allowing guests to experience Glensheen in even more authentic ways. Walk directly from the Living Room to the Library or look into Marjorie’s bathroom to see the vibrant stenciling. There’s always more to explore!
The failing Servants Porch is being restored with a completion date expected at the end of June. This will, for the first time in many years, open the space to tours and guests.
To help meet tour demand in the busy summer months, Glensheen will be open from 9AM to 9PM July 1 through August 26.
Due to its 2017 popularity, The Best Damn Tour required a waiting list. Its draw: intimate 4-person tours, kayaking on Lake Superior, shore bonfires, and Flashlight Tours in the mansion.
SUMMER TOUR OPTIONS

- Classic (guided and self-guided)
- Full Mansion
- Nooks & Crannies
- Servants
- Photo
- Grounds
- Best Damn Tour
- Kayak (by Day Tripper of Duluth)
- Premier
- Director’s
CONCERTS
ON THE PIER
PRESENTED BY THE CURRENT

It wouldn’t be summer without Glensheen’s free, Wednesday-night concert series!

This year’s lineup includes:
7.4  Big Wave Dave & The Ripples
7.11  The Latelys
7.18  Black River Revue
7.25  The Black Eyed Snakes
EVENTS

June
Beer Garden | Free Wednesday Night Event

July
Concerts on the Pier | Free Wednesday Night Event
Beach Club Grand Opening | Have a beer by the lake every night!
Open Late | Tours 9AM - 9PM Daily

August
Wine Wednesdays | Free Wednesday Night Event
Beach Club | Have a beer by the lake every night!
Open Late | Tours 9AM - 9PM Daily
Glensheen Gala Unlocked | 8-18-18

September
Chef in the Garden | Free Wednesday Night Event

October
Whiskey Wednesdays | Free Wednesday Night Event
Night at the Museum (Free) | 10-4-18

November
Secrets of Glensheen | Free Wednesday Night Event

December
Wreath Making | Free Wednesday Night Event
Winter Village | 12-1-18 & 12-2-18

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