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*Visit our
Beautiful Website today!*

The most divine website on the Internet is up and running! We know you will agree when you sign on to www.edensangels.com.

Everything an Eden's Angels enthusiast could hope for is included on the new website – complete images of the entire Collection, the profile of artist/creator Christine, and much, much more. For the serious angel collector, there are little-known facts, games, contests and stories to delight you...

...But the real goal of this website is sharing:

We do this through the "Angel Community" – with your help and active participation. Sharing Eden's Angels with you, and including stories and comments that you share with us. We want this site to reflect how you feel about the Collection and how angels have made a difference in your life.

Reflect on the role of angels in the lives of your friends and family, those encounters that changed life's course. Tell the story in your own words and send it to us, so that others can be inspired by your words.

You can post it right on the site or you can send it via E-mail or snail mail.

We also want to see your favorite photos of you and your collection, so we can share them with others. We invite you to let us know how you feel about Eden's Angels, which one is your favorite and why, and what YOU would like to see on the website and in the Angel Herald.

Share the excitement & beauty, www.edensangels.com.



Christine

Shares Inspiration Behind "Peace" Sculpture



It's hard to ignore the impact of headlines today," reflects Christine. "We read every day about how our servicemen and women are making sacrifices in the name of freedom and peace. We owe so much to each of them, and the people of both Canada and the United States should be very proud of them." Like most every artist, Christine is affected by the world around her. A casual conversation with a neighbor really personalized the headlines for Christine, and set her on a new course.

"Until that conversation, I didn't know anyone directly impacted by the scourge of war. She told me her grandson was serving on a battlefield, and he's only 19 years old. She wondered aloud why the world's people couldn't settle their differences in a more peaceful way without endangering young people like her grandson.

"That comment really hit home. I thought of Jordan and how I would feel if he were called to serve. On the one hand, I would be proud of him, but on the other, I know I would be fearful for his safety. And like my neighbor, I wanted there to be peace, instead of wars and conflicts. That's when I decided to do my part, in a small way, but in a way that would be lasting."

Christine was in the midst of designing the first introductions of Eden's Angels. She looked at the artwork and the unfinished sculptures. Yes, there was yet another one to create and she would call it Peace.

"It was as though the design was making itself. The angel's face and arms reach toward the heavens, as if beseeching God to hear her plea. Still, I did not feel the silent message was clear enough. Thinking about what I wanted to say through this sculpture, I knew there was one symbol that instantly conveys that message: a Dove. I added the dove with extended wings – hopefully prepared to proclaim that world peace has arrived."

Her artwork complete, Christine wrote these words to accompany her sculpture: From the tips of the fingers, through the wings of a dove, Peace will come as love from above. ##

A Guardian Angel in the cockpit

My older brother rarely discussed his military service, and it was several years after World War II that we learned he had received a Purple Heart. But I remember one story he shared with us. Jack was a bombardier on a B-29, the largest of the warplanes of that era. There were no jets or heat-seated rockets: hitting targets was a combination of visual targeting and terrain maps.

A small town boy who had never been more than 40 miles from home nor seen the inside of a plane, he was barely 19 when his National Guard unit was activated in 1941, a few months before Pearl Harbor. When war was declared, he began his tour of duty in the Signal Corps, but a need for officers in the Air Force took him on an unexpected voyage in the nose of a behemoth aircraft loaded with bombs.

Assigned to the dangerous Pacific war zone, he flew each mission with the same crew – building a lifetime of close friendships. It was on one of these missions that his plane came close to disaster and earned a Purple Heart for the entire crew.

"We were returning to base after a mission and were in pretty heavy cloud cover. As I went through the usual checklist following a mission, the pen I was using slipped from my hand. The area I was squeezed into was pretty tight, and I had to do some fancy wiggling to find the pen. I was almost flat on my back reaching for the pen when an enemy aircraft fired at us, sending a tracer (bullet) right through the nose and whizzing right over me. Had I still been seated upright, I would not be retelling this story. I know there was a guardian angel watching over me and the entire crew that day."

Fortunately, Jack related, no one took a direct hit, but the damage to the plane caused it to take evasive action and suddenly drop several hundred feet. A few broken bones and internal injuries from the bouncing around, along with bruising, was the extent of personal injury, but the plane limped its way back to safety.

"There was a song during World War II – Coming in on a wing and a Prayer – and most of us thought of those lyrics as we began our descent. In years to come, we often recalled the mission and spoke quietly of the angels that were with us that day." -- Joy C., South Carolina

Creating Sensitivity

January '08 Intros Taking Form
Under Christine's
Watchful Eye

It is a lengthy process to translate a drawing into the original sculpture and eventually the exact replicas that arrive at the retailer's store. In fact, it takes more than six months to perfect each individual angel.

We thought you would like to have a sneak preview of the next additions to the Collection, set to debut in January. At this point in the production process, the angels are in numerous stages of artistic creativity, and artisans are working with skill and patience to ensure that every minute detail is exactly as the artist conceived it.

In the last issue, we explored the creative process, and if you missed reading it, you will find the last Angel Herald on the website.

Christine allowed us to have a sneak peek at the upcoming additions, and needless to say, we were overwhelmed by the beauty, elegance and inspiration eloquently expressed in each piece. Selecting just one was an emotional challenge.

We chose Sensitivity – an exquisite angel lovingly embracing a baby close to her heart. The imagery of the mother as a true angel is poignantly expressed in this sculpture.

A devoted Mother herself, Christine admits that she always felt the serenity of believing that “a guardian angel was always at my side to watch over Jordan and protect him at those times when I was away from him.”

Sensitivity is one of 8 new vignettes, and a brand new series will also be unveiled in January. It is a series of 12 smaller Eden's Angels commemorating birthdays. Each one is rich in detail and meticulously hand painted to the artist's palette. Each figurine will be set with a beautiful colored crystal to symbolize the birthstone, and makes a wonderful way to start a young person on the road to the joys of collecting.

Visit the new website at www.edensangels.com and watch for this important new introduction.



"Sensitivity"



Recipe Corner

Do you have a recipe for an angel-themed dish ... a dessert that is simply heavenly or perhaps a technique for “Divinity” candy that is out of this world? We would love to hear from you! Send your angel-inspired recipes to us at Angel Herald, 95 Walker Drive, Brampton, Ontario, L6T 5H7, Canada. We'll publish submissions as often as possible.

To start off this new recipe section, we're featuring an angelic dessert our taste-testers deemed “a slice of heaven!”

Angel Food Cake

Ingredients:

18 egg whites	1 cup cake flour
2 teaspoons cream of tartar	½ cup confectioners sugar
1 pinch salt	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 ½ cups white sugar	

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Sift cake flour and confectioners sugar together 5 times and set aside.
2. In a large clean bowl, whip egg whites with a pinch of salt until foamy. Add cream of tartar and continue beating until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar while beating, and continue to beat until very stiff. Add vanilla.
3. Quickly fold in flour mixture. Pour into a 10-inch tube pan.
4. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 45 minutes.

Ellen finds a kind & thoughtful neighbor

Ellen took a deep breath as she pulled into the drive of her new home. The neat white bungalow was so much smaller than their old house, but that was the past and today was a new beginning.

Jenny and Alex had fallen asleep during the journey. She looked at her two beautiful children. Jenny had just turned five and Alex was two – and anything but ‘terrible.’ She hated to waken them.

“Hello,” said a gentle voice from behind Ellen. She started and turned to see a diminutive white haired woman holding a watering can.

“I’m sorry if I startled you. I’m your next door neighbor. Most everyone calls me Aunt Sue – or Grandma Sue to the little ones. I just wanted to say welcome and ask if I can do anything to help.”

Tears welled in Ellen’s eyes. This small woman had touched her heart in a very special way.

“Oh, my dear, let’s leave the little ones asleep. Come sit on the porch and have a glass of lemonade. I just made it.”

Ellen couldn’t refuse. She left the car door open so the children were in plain sight. “A glass of cold lemonade does sound good. Thank you. My name is Ellen Andrews. I’ll be teaching second grade.”

“Oh, Ellen, we’ve heard you were arriving soon. You know, I used to teach second grade – a long time ago. It’s a wonderful age.”

“Then you probably know that I’m a single Mom. The kids and I still aren’t quite used to being on our own.”

“Well, you’re not alone, Ellen. We’re a small community with very big arms, and we’re here for you.”

Aunt Sue reached over and placed a loving hand on Ellen’s. Before the afternoon was over, Aunt Sue had volunteered to care for the children so they could be close to their new home, and three other neighbors had stopped by with fixings for dinner.

In the days and weeks ahead, Ellen found her new home and community an unexpectedly easy transition. In her heart, she gave thanks for everything that happened every day. She envisioned angels as they watched over her and the children and the thought gave her peace and confidence.

Ellen wanted to say thanks you to her newest friend who had made the transition to a new life so easy. She walked the aisles of the shop, pausing now and again, when she spotted exactly the right gift for Aunt Sue. She brought it home and carefully wrapped the gift, deciding she just couldn’t wait another day to give it to her wonderful neighbor.

“Aunt Sue, I’ve pretty much run out of words to tell you how much your kindness has meant to us, but I found the perfect way to say it for us,” and Ellen handed her neighbor the gift.

“And I have something for you, too, Ellen. You and the children have brought something special into my life.”

The two friends opened their gifts and smiles immediately appeared on both faces. Each held an Eden’s Angels sculpture.

Ellen received Faith with its message: **Trust that tomorrow is already planned and in Faith, know that you will be taken care of now and always.**

Aunt Sue held up Kindness and read aloud:

May the continual kindness you give to others make its way back to you many times over.

It was a moment that each would treasure.



Angel Anecdotes...

- References to angels appear in the Bible more than 250 times, but only three of these beings have names: Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer.

- Angelology is a branch of theology that deals with a hierarchical system of angels, messengers, celestial powers or emanations, and the study of these systems. It primarily relates to Kabbalistic Judaism and Christianity, where it is one of the ten major branches of theology.

Angel Quote

“Pay attention to your dreams. God's angels often speak directly to our hearts when we are asleep.”

*~Quoted in The Angels' Little Instruction Book
by Eileen Elias Freeman, 1994*