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# the *Angel* HERALD

## *New 2008 Sculptures Debut!*

Response to the Eden's Angels collection has far exceeded our expectations, thanks to the many angel enthusiasts just like you who embrace the series' heart-felt messages of faith and hope. As we celebrate the second year of the collection, we proudly unveil eight new sculptures, each exuding the beauty and grace within the heart of talented artist Christine.

### **New pieces debuting for 2008 include:**

*Compassion - Marriage - Nurture,  
Prayer - Protection - Sensitivity -  
Serenity and Wisdom.*

In creating each new introduction, Christine once again drew upon personal experiences and those of family and friends – all celebrating poignant life experiences and feelings.

As with all Eden's Angels sculptures, each new angel features an inspiring story created by the artist. All are crafted in resin with a hand-carved appearance and hand-painted in a soft pastel palette with a wash finish. In keeping with the flower theme of the collection, a delicate floral spray is debossed on each piece. A Certificate of Authenticity is included with each sculpture.

Simply log onto [www.edensangels.com](http://www.edensangels.com) and click on "Angel Gallery" to see images of each new sculpture and the inspirational stories that make these pieces a true blessing!



*Compassion*

*Sensitivity*

*Prayer*

# Birthstone Series Premieres!



From the deep red hues of the Garnet of January to December's captivating blue Turquoise, and all the dazzling monthly jewels in between, birthstones come in a colorful array of gems, each with its own place in history and myth. From folklore tales, Biblical texts and the annals of history, the gems have had a special place in both the hearts and minds of humanity.

Birthstones have a long history, dating back to the earliest centuries. Scholars believe that the origin of the birthstone tradition began with the breast ornament of Aaron (the brother of Moses). This religious ornament was aligned with 12 gems (symbolizing the 12 tribes of Israel) of different colors, with each gemstone having its own special mystical meaning. Myths and superstitions regarding the stones gradually evolved over the years, and symbolic meanings or virtues were ascribed to them. Different nations around the world have developed their own unique charts for birthstones.

*January (Garnet)*



Named after the deep red seeds nestled inside of a pomegranate fruit. Thought to be symbolic of love and the desire for a loved one's safe travel and speedy homecoming.

*February (Amethyst)*



From the Greek word "amethystos," meaning sober. Once considered more valuable than diamonds. Represents protection and the power to overcome difficulty.

*March (Aquamarine)*



Derived from the Roman word "Aqua," meaning water, and "mare," meaning sea. Resembles the color of seawater. The majority of Aquamarine gems are flawless. Symbolizes both safety and security.

*April (Diamond)*



Known for its unique ability to reflect and refract light into vivid flashes of brilliant color, the Diamond is harder than any other substance on earth. Represents everlasting love.

*May (Emerald)*



Ancient Romans associated this gemstone with fertility and rebirth. Some people believe that wearing an Emerald brings wisdom, growth, and patience. Represents a commitment to love and fidelity.

*June (Alexandrite)*



Named after the Russian Czar Alexander II. Changes colour when viewed in different forms of light. The alexandrite represents luck and good fortune by day and love by night as its colour changes.

*July (Ruby)*



Thought to have magical powers and was worn to protect from evil. It is believed that the Ruby's red glow comes from an internal flame that cannot be extinguished, Symbolic of everlasting love.

*August (Peridot)*



Formed as a result of volcanic activity, first discovered in the black sands of Hawaii. The force of nature is alive within a Peridot. This gemstone is symbolic of vitality and strength.

*September (Sapphire)*



Named after the Greek word "sapphires," meaning blue. A favorite among priests and kings, symbolic of wisdom and purity. Second only to the Diamond in hardness, Represents sincerity and faithfulness.

*October (Tourmaline)*



Believed to stimulate the creative process of its wearer when it was discovered centuries ago. The Pink Tourmaline ranges in color from pastel pink to ruby red. A gift of Tourmaline is symbolic of hope.

*November (Topaz)*



Believed by the Egyptians to be the glow cast by the sun god Ra. Ranges in color from a peachy blush to a deep cognac. Symbolizes friendship and strengthens one's capacity to give and receive love.

*December (Turquoise)*



This gem got its name because it was initially brought to Europe by way of Turkey. One of the first gems to be used in jewelry and ancients considered it a sacred stone. Represents friendship and luck.

## Angel Anecdotes

- Angels are celestial beings believed to be messengers or intermediaries sent by God to instruct, inform or command humankind.
- There are three levels – or ranks – of angels: Seraphim (“Spirits of Truth”), Cherubim (“Devoted Guardians”) and Thrones/Ophanim (“Agents of Motion”).

# Eden's Angels Partners with THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION®



CASSANDRA - AGE 3  
"I WISH TO BE A BALLERINA"

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Since the Eden's Angels™ collection was launched a year ago, we have been seeking a purpose for the collection beyond showcasing the beauty of Christine's art and her inspiring messages in sculpture form for collectors to enjoy. We found that purpose by partnering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization founded more than 25 years ago to enrich the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish-granting network.

The goal of our affiliation with the Make-A-Wish Foundation is to help the organization's network of more than 25,000 volunteers make children's wishes come true. Eden's Angels™ will donate between \$0.20 and \$0.55 of the wholesale price of all Eden's Angels™ products to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

In mid-2008, the Eden's Angels™ will introduce a special sculpture dedicated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The piece, featuring a child and mother embracing a star, is entitled "Joy." Eden's Angels™ will donate \$2.50 of the wholesale price from the "Joy" Angel to the Foundation.

As our commitment to the Make-A-Wish Foundation grows, we will involve the entire Eden's Angels™ family – from employees to sales representatives to our retailers – in our partnership with the Foundation. We hope you will join us as we forge an alliance with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to make children's wishes come true. Look for information in future issues of the Angel Herald to learn how you can help share the power of a wish®.

For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org) in the U.S. and [www.makeawish.ca](http://www.makeawish.ca) in Canada



## Recipe Corner

We continue our popular angel-inspired recipe section with instructions to make "Divinity" candy. After one bite, our taste testers were floating on Cloud 9!

*Do you have a recipe for an angel-themed dish ... a dessert that is simply heavenly or perhaps a dinner dish your family thinks was sent from the angels? We would love to hear from you! Send us your angel-inspired recipes to Angel Herald, Giftcraft Ltd., 8550 Airport Road, Brampton, ON L6T 5A3. We'll publish submissions as often as possible.*

### Divinity Candy

#### Ingredients:

4 cups granulated sugar	1 cup water
1 cup light (not dark) corn syrup	1/4 tsp salt
3 egg whites (room temperature)	1 tsp vanilla
1 cup walnuts, chopped	food coloring

#### Directions:

Combine sugar, corn syrup, water, and salt in heavy saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture starts to boil. Continue cooking until mixture forms soft ball when tested in cold water (or use a thermometer). In the mean time, beat egg whites until stiff. Then pour 1/2 cup of syrup over whites, beating fast all the time.

Continue to cook remaining syrup while beating egg whites, until syrup reaches the light crack stage when dropped in cold water (this will happen quickly). Pour remaining syrup over egg white mixture, beating all the while. Continue beating until candy begins to hold its shape. Stir in vanilla and nuts and food coloring. Drop by teaspoonful onto waxed paper. Makes 50-60 pieces.

# Christine's Inspiration for "Nurture"

As I worked on the second series of Eden's Angels sculptures, I realized what many of you have already noted: I equate Mothers with Angels. This is especially true in my interpretation of nurturing. I wasn't thinking of myself as much as I thought of my Mother and the endless care and unconditional love she gave each of us. More than that, she took the time to listen to us, to gently guide us down the right path, and always, she encouraged our dreams. Unfortunately, we don't appreciate all this until we are adults and parents ourselves.

Then I thought about my Grandmother and her wonderful loving care. I envisioned how she gently shaped my Mother and nurtured her young aspirations. The answer was right before my eyes:

*"Each Mother is a nurturing angel to her children",*

preparing them for life and encouraging them to be all they can be.

My son poked his head around the corner of my studio to let me know he was home from school. He is growing up so fast, and I marvel at how caring and loving he is. He has his dreams and I try to encourage him without overwhelming him with well-meaning intervention – avoiding the temptation to "know what's best" about everything. Nurturing is not smothering.

I'm not sure when a Mother "earns her wings," but I am inclined to believe it is an ongoing process. Mothering doesn't end when the child becomes an adult – it's a lifetime commitment. Nurturing is the same: it begins with the baby and it never ends. To nurture a young child, you give a great gift which helps to brighten your own inner light.



*See Eden's Angels™ on the web*

Be sure to visit [edensangels.com](http://edensangels.com), our new interactive website devoted to the Eden's Angels collection! Filled with photos, a guide to the collection, profile of artist Christine, stories from angel aficionados and more, edensangels.com is sure to be among your favorite sites to surf! You can even share your own angel experiences, play games, locate your nearest Eden's Angels retailer and be the first to learn the latest news about the collection!