



## Tarot cards and Italy: Is there a connection?

**Welcome to il Giardino dei Tarocchi - The  
Tarot Garden**

***Color and whimsy on the Tuscan Coast***



At the southern tip of Tuscany is the impressive Tarot Garden built by Niki de Saint de Phalle, with its huge and beautiful sculptures depicting the 22 Major Arcana of the Tarot cards.

Inspired by Gaudi's Park Guell in Barcelona, the garden was Nikis' wish to express the idea of a "small Eden where man and nature meet." She created and personally built the great statues for the Garden which are made of steel covered by concrete with mirrors, colored glass and ceramics. She worked on this colossal project for over 17 years, collaborating with many important contemporary artists. The gardens officially opened in May, 1998.

When she suffered a nervous breakdown due to childhood abuse, Niki was

sent to an asylum in the early 1950s. She was a 22-year-old wife, mother, fashion model, and lapsed French aristocrat. Art, she believed, returned her to sanity, and led her to make this monumental sculpture garden that would, in turn, heal others.



Could that be our LHIC  
President Karen Zimmerman?!?

**Click here** to take a 5-minute tour through the fascinating Giardino dei Tarocchi. When you see the living quarters you might wonder if someone lived there. The answer is YES. Niki de Saint Phalle actually did live there while working on her sculptures.

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