



# THE CLEVELAND CULTURAL GARDENS FEDERATION

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Mary Hamlin speaks at the Installation Dinner, Thank you Mary for organizing the event!



### CCGF Elections

Every year in March, elections for positions on the Executive Board are held to comply with the Federation's Constitution. The Executive Board runs the day to day operations of the Federation. In 2011 there were four trustee positions up for elections. The elected trustees are:

Carl Ewing – African American Garden

Gary Kotlarsic – Polish Garden

George Turbrack – Slovak Garden

Harry Davis - American Legion Garden

Thanks goes to Joyce Mariani who served as a chairperson of the Nominating Committee and Sheila Crawford who served as a chair for the Elections committee. Also, a thank you goes to Dr. Jordan who served previously on the board. Good luck to the new board members.

### Installation Dinner Held

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, an Installation Dinner and Meeting was held at the Marbella Restaurant in Pepper Pike. This elegant Spanish eatery was sold out as over 100 attendees took every available chair. The fast and cordial service was carefully interrupted by brief presentations by CCGF President Paul Burik and Treasurer Dennis Fiorelli. A speaker addressing City's new effort to appeal to immigrants gave a presentation on the upcoming Global Summit. Our Executive Secretary and the Dinner organizer, Mary Hamlin, shared attendance information to the cheers of the respective Gardens. Of course, the purpose of the gathering was the installation of the new Board members by Honorable Judge Diane Karpinski.



### ***Existing Gardens***

*African American*  
*American Legion*  
*American Colonial*  
*Armenian*  
*Azerbaijani*  
*British*  
*Chinese*  
*Croatian*  
*Czech*  
*Estonian*  
*Finish*  
*German*  
*Greek*  
*Hebrew*  
*Hungarian*  
*India*  
*Irish*  
*Italian*  
*Latvian*  
*Lithuanian*  
*Polish*  
*Romanian*  
*Rusin*  
*Serbian*  
*Syrian*  
*Slovak*  
*Ukrainian*

### **CCGF Meetings**

**May 10** – General  
 Membership Meeting

**June 7** – Exec. Bd.  
 Meeting

**Meetings are held at  
 Judson Manor,  
 1890 East 107 Str.  
 at 6:30pm**

## **Croatian Garden Ground Breaking**

On April 30, 2011, the Croatian community reached a milestone: a ground breaking ceremony was held on their site as construction is about to start!

The Croatian Garden took the challenging route; the community selected a site that was not one of the pre-determined parcels, resulting in lengthy legislative process. The important thing is that here they are starting construction! Congratulations to the leaders, including Tom Turkaly and Branka Malinar, their supporters and funders on the progress made!

Local TV channel 5 anchor Lee Jordan, provided coverage – it serves all the Gardens well by making the public aware of our efforts and progress the gardens are making.



## **Syrian Garden Dedication, May 29th**

Save the date: May 29 at 11:00am the Syrian community will dedicate their Garden. The Garden is located at 1191 MLK Blvd., just north of the Irish Garden.

The dedication ceremony will be followed by a Middle Eastern Picnic at the site, and a symposium on “Syria; History and Culture” at Art Museum at 2:00pm. The above events are free. In the evening that day, there will be a Gala at the Intercontinental Hotel.

Jamil Dayeh, Dr. Wael Khoury and the Syrian community are to be congratulated on their speedy completion. Although the site was there for a long time, it was just a couple of years ago that the fundraising, design and construction effort materialized. The Garden will be a nice addition to the park, bringing another feature on the heavily traveled MLK Blvd.

## **MLK Blvd to be Repaved**

This summer the City will repave the MLK Blvd. The work will be done at night, utilizing new equipment the City purchased, allowing the road to be open during the day.

Parking will be included!! This will please many of the Gardens fronting on MLK.



Ukrainian statue to be refurbished this summer

### **GARDEN WEB SITES:**

#### **Cultural Gardens Sites**

[www.culturalgardens.org](http://www.culturalgardens.org)  
[clevelandculturalgardens.org](http://clevelandculturalgardens.org)

#### **Czech Garden**

[czechculturalgarden.webs.com](http://czechculturalgarden.webs.com)

#### **Irish Garden**

[www.irishgardenclub.org](http://www.irishgardenclub.org)

#### **Hungarian Garden**

[hungarianculturalgarden.org](http://hungarianculturalgarden.org)

#### **Slovenian Garden**

[www.cleslo.com/scga/](http://www.cleslo.com/scga/)

#### **Special**

**acknowledgement to**

[ClevelandPeople.com](http://ClevelandPeople.com)

## **International Hall of Fame – May 11**

The International Hall of Fame will hold its second round of induction on May 11<sup>th</sup>. One of the inductees will be Vijaya Amani, past delegate of the India Garden and CCGF Treasurer. As you may know, Vijaya died in a tragic auto accident on her way to work as she was trying to assist a stranded motorist in a snow storm. That was her trademark; always helping. She was the force behind the installation of the India Garden featuring the large statue of Gandhi.

Tickets for the event can be obtained by visiting *ClevelandPeople.com*.

## **Cleveland Marathon May 15**

Once again, the marathon route will take the runners through the Cultural Gardens on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The front of the pack will pass early in the morning, but there will be runners coming through into the early afternoon. If you have a chance to be there and cheer them on, it would make for nice image for the participants.

In any case, try to spruce up your garden so it looks good to the runners, visitors or any media.

## **One World Day Celebration**

Planning for One World Day celebration is already going on. This year we will hold the celebration on August 28 – in a hope to avoid conflict with the football home opener and perhaps attract more recognition.

The Ukrainian Garden volunteered to be the primary location of the event since they plan on re-dedicating the large statue of Lesya Ukrajinka – pseudonym for popular woman writer and nationalist. The newly installed Syria Garden agreed to be the starting point of the Parade of Flags, no doubt they will provide some entertainment for the flag bearers. This year we hope to have a large parade, with many people in national costumes. Ken Lanci again agreed to publish the program. Thank you Ken!



Achille Varianti, Mayor  
of Vicenza

## Delegation Visits

A diplomatic delegation from Vicenza, Italy came to Cleveland and visited the Italian Cultural Garden. Vicenza is a sister city with Cleveland and in 1932 the government of Italy sent the garden the Monte Grappa Memorial.

## Flags Are Up

New flags were provided by CCGF and installed by the City are up. Thanks to Bill Jones for coordinating the project!

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for the CCGF. **Feel free to pass it on!**

## Cleveland Global Summit - May 24

A new organization was formed to make Cleveland more hospitable to immigrants, recognizing their contributions in the past like the Cultural Gardens.

Global Cleveland, focused on regional economic development by actively attracting and welcoming newcomers and connecting them to social and economic opportunities throughout Greater Cleveland, will celebrate its official launch with a huge bash on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 from 5:30 - 9:30 pm at Cleveland City Hall. Partygoers of all ages will enjoy live music, great entertainment and delicious food that is representative of Cleveland's vibrant and diverse communities. This party is free and open to the public.

Global Cleveland's offices will open at 200 Public Square this summer. The organization will provide a point of contact for all newcomers, both domestic and international, to help them establish greater organizational and individual connection within the Greater Cleveland community. Global Cleveland's goal is to help attract newcomers who will support the growth of burgeoning industries, establish roots in our vibrant neighborhoods, and help foster and promote a universally inclusionary and welcoming community.

For more information, log on to [www.globalclevelandinitiative.org](http://www.globalclevelandinitiative.org).

## Volunteers Available

The opportunity to utilize volunteers from local universities and other organization are here. Although the April 16th "Spring Clean-up" was rained out, a couple of gardens were able to reschedule for next month. Also, another date for volunteer help was set for July 20th. Contact Bill Jones ([cleculturalgardens@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cleculturalgardens@sbcglobal.net)) to schedule the workers. Someone must be present to guide the volunteers, provide all necessary tools, and generally we provide water bottles.