



# THE CLEVELAND CULTURAL GARDENS FEDERATION

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### 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual One World Day – September 19

September 19th will be the date of the expanded **One World Day** celebration – keep the date open! At 1:00pm the unveiling of a sculpture and the dedication of new Armenian Garden will start the day, followed by a variety of performances, including dancing in the Irish, poetry in the Italian and more dancing in the Hungarian Gardens. The traditional Parade of Flags will go from the Polish Garden to the Hungarian Garden, where the One World Day program, including the swearing in of new US citizens, will take place at 4:00pm.

Parking will be available along East Blvd (east side), along MLK Jr. Blvd., at Sam Miller Park (across from the greenhouse), VA Hospital Garage – enter from Magnolia Drive, and all of the side streets. Transportation between the venues will be provided by Lolly-the-Trolley.

For a small donation food from number of the nationality groups will be available at the lower level of the Hungarian Garden, the site of the main event.

This is the 63<sup>rd</sup> celebration of One World Day, an event representing the spirit of the Gardens; *Peace through mutual understanding!* Please plan on attending and bring friends to introduce them to this unique park!

### Armenian Garden to be Dedicated

As part of One World Day this year the newly constructed Armenian Garden will be dedicated and brought into the family of nations represented in the Cultural Gardens. The ceremony will start at 1:00pm, with numerous dignitaries in attendance, including the Armenian Ambassador Tatoul Markarian and Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson.

Designed by architect Berj A. Shakarian, who also spearheaded the construction effort, the site plan is devised in the form of “vesica piscis”, a sacred geometric form representing Christ and by extension the conversion of Armenian as the first Christian nation in 301CE.

The central monument “alphabet” alludes to the fact that the Armenian alphabet emerged as a result of the nation’s Christianization. The off-set granite blocks represent the turbulent history of Armenia.



## New Bust Installed in the Czech Garden

A bust of Bozena Nemcova, Czech female novelist known for her writing about village life in Bohemia – modern Czech Republic, will be dedicated on September 25, 2010, at 5:00pm at the Czech Garden. Bill Hronek Czech band, traditional brass orchestra, will perform before and during the ceremony.

The original bust was lost years ago when the gardens experienced difficult times. However with the resurgence of the park, the Czech community with Victor Ptak family in the forefront and the Holden Parks Trust assisting, re-installed a new bronze bust. Paul Burik sculpted and donated the artwork.

## Mizer/Wolfram Concert in German Garden

On July 11, 2010, three bands performed traditional German music under the eye of larger than life statue of Schiller and Goethe – well known German philosophers and writers. The Garden was filled with over one hundred attendees, double the size from the previous year. The sounds of the brass band permeated the woods of the park, as gentle breeze and sunshine twirled the leaves on the trees. It was a delightful afternoon in the Park.

Thanks to Hans Kopf and the German community for bringing this program to the Gardens.



## Opera Flourishes in the Italian Garden

On July 25, 2010 the sounds of opera once again covered the Italian Garden as Opera Per Tutti, Opera For All, performed on a cool and sunny evening. Crowd of over 700 completely covered the grounds all the way to the East Blvd. This tradition has been renewed thanks to Joyce Mariani who heads the Italian Garden organization and thanks to the solid support from the Italian community in Cleveland. Also, The Friends of Opera, a support group, assisted with the presentation.

Music by Mozart, Bizzet, Puccini and others were presented during this two hour concert. The setting sun made for a beautiful backdrop and the fans enjoyed the moment!

## Hungarian Garden Present Liszt Concert

Liszt Concert – music of well known classical composer was performed on August 15. A keyboard performance by Vera Holczer, as well as a violin and a viola performance by Ariel Clayton and Aaron Tubergen respectively, were complemented by a presentation on St. Stephan – patron saint of Hungary. Ceremonial tree planting capped the program.

## CCGF Meetings

September 14 – General membership

October 12 – Executive Board

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

## Upcoming Events

September 19 – One World Day in Armenian and Hungarian Gardens

September 25 – Czech bust dedication



Special thanks to John Haprian, second from right - project manager, and Brian Stack - right, principal designer.

## Estonians Continue Renovation

The Estonian Gardens is in the midst of a major landscaping upgrade. To date new drainage was installed and new stone walkway is in place forming a unique area for a landscaping feature. The Federation is proud of their efforts. It will speak well of the Park to all the daily commuters on MLK Blvd.

## Syrian Gardens Started

The Syrian Community broke ground in mid August of this year on their new Garden. This garden will also front on MLK Blvd., adding to the presence on this highly traveled road. Congratulations to the Syrian community on speedy progress.

## Slovak Garden Brings Busloads

On Saturday, August 14, the Slovak Garden was visited by attendees, from throughout the US and Canada, who were in town for the First Catholic Slovak Union convention. FCSU is a fraternal organization that was founded in 1890 by the Rev. Stefan Furdek, whose bust was recently re-installed in the Slovak Garden. During the welcome and re-dedication ceremony in the Slovak Garden, FCSU President Andrew M. Rajec placed a wreath in front of the Furdek statue, and Fr. Joachim Pastirik of St. Andrew Abbey blessed the garden and busts. St. Andrew Abbey, Benedictine Order of Cleveland, is the sponsoring organization for the Slovak Garden. Visitors arrived to the music of the Slovenske Mamické (Slovak Mothers) who offered bread and salt, the traditional Slovak welcome, and CCGF delegate George Terbrack and garden supporter John Keleciny, dressed in ‘kroj’ or Slovak folk costume.

The two busts were restored with the assistance from Holden Parks Trust and Victor Ptak Family.

## New web site for Gardens

Thanks to “clevelandgivecamp”, loosely organized group of self proclaimed computer geeks who volunteered their weekend, the Federation got a free design for our web site [clevelandculturalgardens.org](http://clevelandculturalgardens.org).

The team working with Paul Burik worked non-stop from Friday evening to Sunday evening literally camping out at Burke Lakefront Airport where the camp was held. As a result the Federation has a web site that we manage, is hosted for free by DreamHost, and will provide the Federation with an attractive web presence. Be sure to check it out.

## GARDEN WEB SITES:

**Cultural Gardens Site**  
[www.culturalgardens.org](http://www.culturalgardens.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/)

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## Profile; CCGF Treasurer

Often we focus on the high profile events and neglect to recognize the behind the scenes work that is the foundation to all the other activities. The CCGF treasurer Dennis Fiorelli is one of those people who serve the Federation quietly, yet with professionalism and dedication.

Dennis took over the position after the unfortunate death in a road accident of the previous treasurer Vijaya Amani. Because of this sad circumstance there was not an organized transition. Not only did Dennis deal with that, he in the process developed new procedures. Dennis dealt with a difficult financial environment as well as with expanding the scope of our accounting needs. Last month he was busy preparing an extensive 990 form with multiple attachments.

Next time you see Dennis, thank him for the work he does!

## The Irish Start a Next Phase

The Irish community continues with upgrades in their Garden. New phase was started this month. Great work!

## Volunteers Help in the Gardens

Thanks goes to all the volunteers that help in the Gardens. Business Volunteers Unlimited organized the "Summer of Service". Over two hundred summer interns from various business firms assisted 16 gardens in clean up and various other tasks. (see photo at left)

CWRU too has been helpful in arranging for their staff to come to the gardens and help. Next service day is scheduled for September 17, 2010. Contact Bill Jones if you need assistance.

Also, huge thanks goes to Bill Jones for overseeing these events

This e-newsletter was produced by Paul Burik for the CCGF. **Feel free to pass it on!**