



# THE CLEVELAND CULTURAL GARDENS FEDERATION

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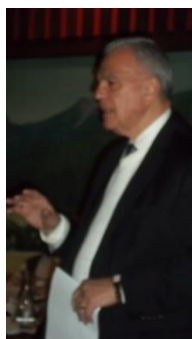
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President Crawford presents Dan and Debbie Hansen with CCGF Honorary Membership in recognitions of their support and dedication.



Alex Machaskee presenting new signage on the interstates! Thank you Alex for your work with the Governor.

## Planning for Continued Success

A year ago, members of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation and some other stakeholders met to start a VISION PLAN for the Cultural Gardens. The event, facilitated by Ken Kovach, produced a substantial document with suggestions and ideas.

The next step is to identify realistic priorities, and establish a time-line for making them happen.

Please join us in this very important process

**Saturday, January 18th, 2014 @ 10:00a.m.**

**Polish American Cultural Center**

**6501 Lansing Avenue, Cleveland**

During the first week in January, 2014, a DRAFT copy of the proposed STRATEGIC PLAN will be e-mailed to all Gardens' delegates and others by e-mailed request to [andanbill@aol.com](mailto:andanbill@aol.com).

## Holiday Dinner

Thank you Mary Hamlin for once again organizing the Federation's Holiday Dinner at Sterle's Country House. After a family style dinner, the 114 attendees listened to the President's report on 2013 and the upcoming challenges next year. It is great that organizations such as the Art Museum and University Circle want to partner with the Federation!

Alex Machaskee of the Serbian Garden presented a signage package that the ODOT will implement on the highways announcing the Cultural Gardens! Great news – long overdue! Dan and Debbie Hansen were awarded CCGF Honorary membership for their diligent work promoting the gardens. Thank you Dan and Debbie! The traditional raffle of nationality items raised over \$400 for CCGF.



### **Existing Gardens**

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

### **Proposed Gardens:**

*Korean, Lebanese  
Russian  
Vietnamese  
Turkish*

## **President's Notes:**

### **As Our gardens Grow .....**

The year 2013 was packed with growth, activities, and plenty of planning sessions for the future of the Gardens. Many thanks to our Executive Board for their dedication and hard work on behalf of all of us. They are working to improve the image, communications, development, and activities in the gardens. Special thanks to Paul Burik for his newsletter and his efforts to keep us all up to date.

One of our goals this summer is to expand the SUMMER CONCERTS in the Gardens. Our gardens are a perfect venue for enjoying music and relaxing in beautiful surroundings. The Italians have hosted the Opera in their garden to great success along with presentations from the Hungarians, Germans and others. Please contact me if you have plans or would be willing to organize a musical event this summer so we can coordinate them and put the list on our website in the spring.

ELECTIONS - - As the spring approaches, it is time to prepare for the March elections. The importance of everyone being willing to step up and accept a position cannot be stressed enough. The Federation needs your ideas and your input. The Offices up for election are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Executive Board positions. Our treasurer, Suat Aricanli, has had a change in his responsibilities at work and so he is seeking assistance with the role of treasurer or replacement. Please contact Carl Ewing, the election committee chair, if you would be willing to serve at 216 224-6587.

ONE WORLD DAY - Many ideas have been worked on concerning the future of OWD. The latest development is that the Cleveland Art Museum & University Circle, INC. are interested in joining in on the One World festival idea in a 2 or 3 day event featuring the Gardens at our usual Sunday afternoon spot. The 8 to 10 thousand that attended last year's event really showed how great we can be.

VISION PLAN MEETING – Please attend. We need your ideas and support.



### **The Albanian Garden**

was expanded with a fountain and new walkways. Congratulations to Dona Brady who is leading the effort.



**The Italian Garden** led the charge in decorating for the holidays. Multitude of red bows highlighted the light poles, accentuated the fountain and surrounded the statue of Dante, shown here.

## **Property Insurance**

For a long time the idea of acquiring insurance on the installations in the park was entertained. Prompted by super storm Sandy which devastated the east coast of U.S. and reached as far as Ohio with high winds and rain in late 2012, the Federation obtained property insurance for the park in August of 2013. The board voted to obtain this coverage with the idea that the \$3000 premium will be back-charged to each garden starting in 2014. This allows for proportionate funding of the coverage based on individual garden's value. The coverage with International Insurance Group Inc. is primarily for works of art, such as statues, fountains, decorative fences, benches, etc – items that stand above ground. It is not intended for walks, steps and items flush with the ground. Instances of damage by wind or falling trees as well as vandalism would be covered. The deductible is \$1,000 per claim – say in a storm affecting multiple gardens. The insurance company sees this as one park and one policy with the Federation. The administration of this policy with the individual gardens falls onto the Federation.

The Federation conducted a survey in early 2013 of the dollar value (replacement value) of the monuments located within each garden. **It is noteworthy that the value of monuments in our Gardens was estimated at \$3.7 million!** And that is before some recent additions like the Stefanik statue in the Slovak Garden and the fountain in the Albanian Garden. This is certainly impressive information and the Gardens collectively can be proud of this!

The premium for this full value was very high, and coupled with the notion that even in a severe storm not ALL gardens would likely be totally destroyed (i.e. every single monument), the Federation opted to take a reduced value policy with coverage of up to \$1 million.

## 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/)

### **Serbian Garden**

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

### **Italian garden**

[https://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_140250535544](https://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_140250535544)



Slovak Garden delegate **George Terbrack** received Freedom Award in November 2013, from the Nationalities Movement for his work advancing Slovak culture. George spearheaded the relocation of the statue of Stefanik to the Slovak Garden, a major contribution to the entire park.

This means that each garden is insured to approximately 27% of its total value. It may not sound like much, but considering that we did not have any coverage at all before and that in most cases 27% will be a significant amount to repair or replace one or two of the monuments that may be damaged let's say by a falling tree or a stray automobile – yes that has happened!

In January each Garden will be receiving electronically, to the delegate's e-mail of record, an membership statement that will include the Garden's 2014 dues (\$60), the Friends of the Gardens statements for the delegates and alternate (\$20 each) and the premium for the insurance for the year 2014. Using the table which will be attached to the statement, the garden is to fill in the amount for their part of the coverage and attach payment. The table will identify the garden's valuation (from the 2013 survey), the insured amount limit (the 27%) and the corresponding part of the premium for the insurance coverage. It is paramount that we act in unison and sign up for the insurance to maintain the coverage.

Some Gardens will also have a charge for the chair rental from the last One-World-Day to which they agreed to when ordering the chairs. The Garden statement must be received with the proper payment in order for the garden to participate in the upcoming elections (see the President's column).

The Cleveland Cultural Gardens are getting bigger, better attended and with these advances the administration of the Park is more complicated – these are the signs of growth, something we all are working hard to promote.

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