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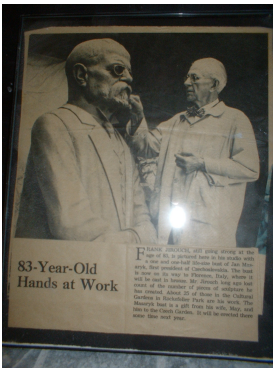
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Last year's concert in
the German Garden



Rare photo of sculptor
Frank Jirouch

Busy Summer Planned In the Gardens

On Sunday, July 10, 2011, the Federation of German Americans of Greater Cleveland and Deutscher Musik Verein will co-sponsor the “Conrad Mizer / Karl Wolfram Memorial Garden Concert”. From 1:00pm to 3:00pm traditional brass band music will be performed in the German Garden. Bring lawn chairs for this free concert. Also on that Sunday, at 3:30pm, the Czech Garden will host a program highlighting the life of Frank Jirouch, a sculptor of Czech descent, who created many of the statues and busts in the Cultural Gardens. Mr. Jirouch’s family will be visiting Cleveland and will share stories about this person who left significant mark on so many Gardens in the park. Refreshments will be served, bring a lawn chair. This event is organized by the Cleveland Chapter of Czech and Slovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU).

Saturday, July 16th, a dedication of Padarewski bust in the Polish Garden at 12 noon. Please note that the whole process of creating a bust, from sculpting to casting, will be shown on WVIZ’s “Applause” program – date TBD.

Saturday, July 23th, a Liszt Program in the Hungarian Garden will feature performance of Liszt’s piano works. Bring a lawn chairs for this free concert. It is this writers understanding that a grand piano will be brought into the park for this concert!

Sunday, July 31th, Opera Per Tutti will perform opera in the Italian Garden at 6:00pm. Some seating will be provided at this free concert, however attendees should bring lawn chairs. Come early; this event is getting bigger every year!



Ukrainian statue to be refurbished this summer

Sunday, August 28th, re-dedication of a statue of “Lesya Ukrainka” in the Ukrainian Garden at 1:00pm followed by **One World Day** celebration, including the Parade of Flags at 3:00pm and naturalization of new U.S. citizens thereafter. This will be the 64th annual One World Day – a signature event for the CCGF!

Syrian Garden Dedicated May 29th

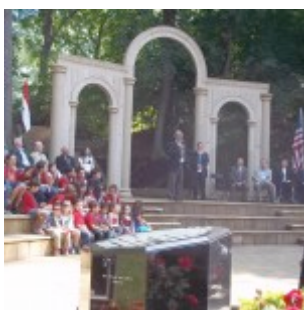
A formal dedication on May 29, 2011, brought a new Syrian Cultural Garden to the family of nations represented in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens. Crowd of about 300 people enjoyed a sunny day and a great event for the Syrian community. Their new Garden was dedicated with numerous dignitaries in attendance, including Mayor Jackson and Congressman Kucinich. Professors Amr Al-Azzem and Nasse Rabat offered a perspective on Syrian contributions to our society. Children from the Syrian community performed songs to cap the dedication. The ceremony took place in front of the symbolic archway which is the dominant feature of the Garden.

The Syrian community in Cleveland had an extensive program planned for the dedication. Besides the formal opening and picnic featuring middle eastern food at the site in the morning, an afternoon program at the Cleveland Art Museum about Syrian culture and history provided more information about Syria as a cradle of civilization; discussion on history of religious tolerance and presentation on regional architecture. Performance by Kanan Azmeh, acclaimed clarinetist, was also part of the afternoon program. An evening Gala at the InterContinental Hotel Ballroom featured Malek Jandali – composer and pianist, and Simon Shaheem, vocalist.

The Syrian community is to be congratulated on the speedy execution of their design and a wonderful event. *Welcome to the Cleveland Cultural Gardens!*



Dignitaries attending the Syrian Garden dedication, and a symbolic archway; a focal point of the Garden



CCGF Meetings

July 12th – General Membership Meeting

August 9th – Exec. Bd. Meeting

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



Existing Gardens

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

GARDEN WEB SITES:

Cultural Gardens Sites

www.culturalgardens.org
clevelandculturalgardens.org

Czech Garden

czechculturalgarden.webs.com

Irish Garden

www.irishgardenclub.org

Hungarian Garden

hungarianculturalgarden.org

Slovenian Garden

www.cleslo.com/scga/

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Juneteenth Celebration

On June 19th, the African American community celebrated in their garden a “Juneteenth” event, a commemoration of the Declaration of Emancipation reaching the last vestiges of our country, areas in Texas, when the remaining slaves learned that they were free.

BeLynda Washington and Dr. Jordan headed up the event which featured “Golden Ciphers” drummers and terminated in all attendees forming a unity circle. A new rendering of the proposed Garden was on display and an informative “interviews” were held by the youngsters about African American history resulting in the participant receiving a seedling to be planted.

Estonians Celebrate

On Sunday, June 26th, a celebration of arrival of summer, was held in the Estonian Garden in accordance with their folklore.

One World Day Celebration

Planning for One World Day celebration is going on. This year we will hold the celebration on August 28th – 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 larger parade, with many people in national costumes. Please save the date and plan on participating in this event symbolic of the unity of our Gardens and the nations of the world.

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