



# THE CLEVELAND CULTURAL GARDENS FEDERATION

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### 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/)

#### Italian garden

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

## Cleveland International Film Festival

The CCGF is once again a community partner for the Film Festival, April 3-14 at Tower City Cinemas. Films from numerous nations will be shown and our members and friends should consult the film festival web site [www.clevelandfilm.org](http://www.clevelandfilm.org) for their respective nationality films.

The Federation is coupled with multinational film "My Beautiful Country" to be shown on Thursday 4/11 at 9:00pm and on Sunday 4/14 at 11:40am. The film is a collaboration between Germany, Albania, Serbia and Kosovo. It portrays a Slovenian soldier who falls in love with an Albanian woman who is taking care of him while recuperating from a war injury and the problems this relationship creates.

**Anyone can obtain a \$2 per ticket discount on this or any other film using code GARDEN** when ordering the tickets on line (see website above), by phone 216-623-3456 or at the box office. Please use the code GARDEN! We are responsible for a certain number of sales and you will save money on ANY film shown at the festival.

## Installation Dinner April 9th

New Executive Board members were elected and will be installed at the Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at Bohemian (Czech) National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave. in Cleveland. Keep in mind that Czechs are well known for their beer, which will be available!

Watch your mail (i.e. snail mail) for your invitation. Please respond promptly so that reservation can be made on a timely manner.



## **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,  
Turkish, Ukrainian*

## **Proposed Gardens:**

*Korean, Lebanese  
Russian  
Vietnamese*



Hawken students present  
water issue update

## **President's Notes: So Much Going On**

I am happy to report that two new groups joined the Federation just this year: the Lebanese and Vietnamese communities made presentations to the Board and are members now. Also, the Korean group submitted a master plan and gained approval from the Executive Board at the March meeting. Congratulation Dr Koo and his team!

I am so happy to see the youth taking interest in the Gardens. Hawken School is an excellent example. Not only do they work on the future plans and improvements for the American Garden which they adopted, but they also volunteered to take on the challenging task of acquiring a water supply to ALL the gardens. This problem has plagued the gardens for a long time. Perhaps it was the youthful innocence, stroke of good fortune, or some other higher intervention, but the students arranged for a meeting with the City of Cleveland Commissioner of Division of Water, Mr. Margevicius, and pleaded the urgent need for water. The Commissioner made a commitment to provide water supply to all the gardens, starting with the ones with no source whatsoever. He indicated that the American Garden will have water by the time the students hold their picnic in late May this year! All the gardens are asked to spot the desired location of the "flush box" – an in ground water spigot, in the next couple of months.

Our Kiosk project is also moving forward! Contracts were executed with Eastside Landscaping, our own Char Crawley of the Irish Garden, for the plaza construction and Signature Sign Co. for fabrication of the kiosk itself. Just this week the permits were issued by the City for construction. Thank you goes to Paul Burik, Czech garden delegate and our past president, who developed the design and guided this project for the past eighteen months. I hope to announce a groundbreaking event at the Installation Dinner coming up in April.

Also at the March meeting, the "Visioning" project was presented by Ken Kovach and discussed by all present. Yes, so much is going on this year and the daffodils did not even bloom yet!



VP Erika Puussaar chaired the Elections Committee and also heads up the Design and Preservation committee.



George Terbrack, Sheila Crawford and Mary Hamlin work the raffle

## 2013 Elections

Four positions on the Executive Board were up for elections this year. Erika Puussaar, Berj Shakarian and Tom Turkaly were tasked with nominations and running the election – thank you for job well done.

There were no nominations from the floor at the March meeting and the slate of Carl Ewing (African American), Dozia Krislaty (Ukrainian), Svetlana Sotlyarova (Russian) and George Terbrack (Slovak) were elected for a two year term. Congratulations and thank you for your service in guiding the Federation in the coming years.

Special thanks go to Harry Davis and Gary Kotlarsic who served on the Board for many years and chose not to continue. Good luck in their future endeavors!

## CCGF Holiday Dinner a Success

The annual Holiday Dinner meeting, an opportunity to share each other's company in an informal setting, was held at the Croatian Lodge in Eastlake. It featured goulash (beef burgundy), stuffed cabbage rolls, side dishes and choice of strudel for dessert. The Lodge staff provided the food and entertainment – thank you for an enjoyable evening. The 2012 Holiday Dinner was the largest ever with 134 people in attendance and 19 gardens represented! Mary Hamlin, the Chairperson of Activities Committee, once again arranged for a great evening. President Sheila Crawford gave a brief summary of the achievements in 2012 and the challenges in 2013. The ever popular raffle of items donated by the various gardens raised \$550 for the Federation.

## New Gardens Sites

The City of Cleveland formally allocated two new garden sites for future nationality gardens. Both sites are south of Superior Avenue (south of the Irish Garden). And it is just in time as new groups requested garden plots.



Anna Shaulis, Zeki Zai, Jack Bonnes and instructor Brooke Collier present to CCGF

## Hawken Students Submit a Plan

At the February CCGF meeting students from Hawken school, who oversees the American Garden, submitted a master plan which they developed in conjunction with students from Michael R. White School. The plan defines three design features; the Grand Ellipse on East Blvd, the Flag Garden on MLK Blvd and the History Path connecting the two areas.

The plan was a Hawken 7<sup>th</sup> grade project and the students worked on it for a year. It sets the stage for future improvements to this garden, strategically located at the southern entrance to the park. As their mission statement indicates *"The American Garden is a gateway to the Cultural Gardens and a key in promoting friendship in this community"*.

Last year the Hawken students, lead by Anna Tuttle and Matthew Young, re-installed the bust of Mark Twain and planted several flower beds in the Garden.

See [www.clevelandculturalgardens.org](http://www.clevelandculturalgardens.org) for more information.



## Russian Community Mobilizes

Landscape architect Jim McKnight and Russian Garden leader Svetlana Stolyarova presented a master plan for the proposed Russian Garden. It features central structure reminiscent of the traditional Russian churches. Planting of birch trees would further represent the native landscape. Circular area paved with bricks will serve as an amphitheatre and statues of numerous personalities will eventually dot the site, located between MLK Blvd and Doan Brook near the north end of the park - across from Armenian Garden.

The Federation accepted the plan and is making a recommendation to the City to officially designate the parcel for the Russian Garden. The Russian community in Cleveland is tapping the social media for nationwide fundraising.

## VIP in the garden

The Latvian Garden was visited on December 16, 2012 by Dr. Inese Vaidere, Member of the European Parliament. She took a copy of last year's *One World Day* program back to share with others in Brussels.

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Feel free to pass it on!