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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/

Serbian Garden

serbianculturalgarden.org

Italian garden

https://www.facebook.com/ home.php?sk=group_1402 50535544

Bands in the German Garden, July 14th

Brass bands and yodeling will be heard in the German Garden on Sunday, July 14th from 1:00pm to about 2:30pm.

As in the past years, this concert is a treat to all music lovers, with large bands and choirs performing under the watchful eye of larger than life statues of Schiller and Goethe. Bring your own seating, be it a lawn chair or a blanket.

Italian Garden to Host Opera, July 21st

Once again **Opera Per Tutti** will perform in the Italian Garden on Sunday, July 21st at 6:00pm. But come early to get a good seat - last year this event drew over 1,200 people!

250 chairs will be provided, however most attendees bring their own law chairs or blankets for a late afternoon picnic. Free wine and wood oven pizza will be available, or you can bring your own.

This event has become a tradition. It is presented by the Italian Cultural Garden Foundation's "Viva! Cultura Italiana" cultural series. Thank you Joyce Mariani and all involved with the production.

One World Day-Worldfest, August 25th

The 66th One World Day celebration will take on a new, larger format this year. Multiple stages will provide for entertainment all day long, with food and beverages available for purchase. The traditional and colorful Parade of Flags will take place, as will the naturalization of new U.S. citizens. See the President's column for more details.



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



Paul Burik conducts a tour for out of town conference goers

President's Notes: So Much Going On

As you know, our 66th celebration of One World Day will take on a new look this year. Some long held traditions will remain the same, but additional ideas and attractions will breathe new life into the day's activities. Plans include beginning the events with the Trolley Tours of the Gardens starting about noon on August 25th. The Parade of Flags will assemble between 1:00 & 1:30 and move from the Irish Garden along MLK to the African American Garden where the traditional ceremony for One World Day will take place. After a few introductions and short speeches, we will witness the inspiring naturalization ceremony. After our ceremony, seven stages, throughout the gardens, will erupt with music & dancing and ceremonies galore. Food vendors, magicians, jugglers, plays, audience participation athletic events, energetic bands and performance groups will entertain the crowds till the evening.

The Serbian Garden will host a dedication of their new monument and the Ukrainian Garden will celebrate their Independence Day among others. Because of all the activity, the executive board plans to dedicate the new Kiosk on Sunday, August 18th, as a kick-off event leading to the One World Fest the following week.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ONE WORLD FEST IS CRUCIAL. All the gardens will need to be cleaned and spruced up for the event. All gardens need to bring representatives in native costume for the parade and other guests to just support the event. If each garden brought at least 50 people, we would have almost 1500 in attendance. The bigger the crowd – the easier it is to sell ads and get support in the future. This whole idea is building toward the 100th anniversary celebration in 2016. Each garden needs to be responsible for selling ads in the program book as well as preparing their own complimentary ad. You will get the information on this next week. We all love the gardens. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THIS EVENT SPECTACULAR. TOGETHER WE CAN GAIN THE ATTENTION, RESPECT, AND SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

Installation Dinner April 9th

New Executive Board members were installed at the Tuesday, April 9th meeting at Bohemian (Czech) National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave. in Cleveland. Over 70 attendees enjoyed Bohemian cooking and the original Czech beer.

New officers installed were: Carl Ewing, Dozia Krislaty, Svetlana Stolyarova, and George Terbrack. Judge Diane Karpinski swore in the new members of the Executive Board and noted the importance of carrying on the meaning of the Cultural Gardens.

Thank you goes to Mary Hamlin for organizing the dinner event and to Erika Puussaar for running the elections!

Hawken Students Get Water

Thanks to the students of Hawken School, who are taking care of the American Garden, several gardens received a new water flushbox – an in ground spigot. The students contacted the Division of Water at the City of Cleveland and arranged for a personal meeting with the Commissioner Alex Margevicius. As a result, a commitment was made to install water not only in the American Garden but in many other gardens. The Rusin, German and American Leagion gardens received water spigots, the Slovak, Indian, Latvian and Serbian Gardens are scheduled to be done. Thank you to the Hawken School 7th grade students for driving this project through and thank you to the City of Cleveland addressing this fundamental need for any garden!



In the photo, CCGF President
Sheila Crawford (L) and
Commissioner Margevicius
(R) surround the Hawken
School studens led by
Matthew Young(B).



80 strong, Liberty Hill Baptist church of Florida members help in the park despite the steady rain.





President Sheila Crawford, past presidents Richard Konisiewicz (L) and Paul Burik break ground for the new plaza and kiosk.



The Kiosk being fabricated in the sign shop.

Tours and Volunteers

Number of tours were conducted by CCGF, thank you Mary Hamlin of the British Garden for coordinating this effort. Similarly, several volunteer clean-up events were held already this year, thank you Dozia Krislaty of the Ukrainian Garden for overseeing this activity.

Juneteenth Celebration

The African American Garden held the annual celebration of Declaration of Emancipation which reached the last vestiges of the State of Texas sometime in June – thus the "Juneteenth" celebration. Mayor Jackson and Councilman Johnson were in attendance along with dozens of colorfully dressed members of the local community.

The Cleveland Marathon once again included the Cultural Gardens and the African American group walked away with the prize as the most supportive nationality cheering on the runners. Congrats!

The African American Garden is about to start the long awaited construction. The proposed garden, featuring extensive water works, will be an eye catcher for all those commuting on MLK Blvd. Thank you Carl Ewing for keeping the progress on track.

Kiosk Ground Breaking

A milestone for the CCGF, the first improvement in the park implemented by the Federation, broke ground on May 14th, 2013.

Information kiosk with a hard paved plaza is being constructed on MLK Blvd. by Eastside Landscaping. The kiosk will have information about the Gardens and the Federation, including the past Presidents. Map will direct people to the individual gardens and the panels will be illuminated by solar powered lighting. We plan on dedicating the Kiosk on Sunday, August 18th as a lead up to Worldfest.

See **clevelandculturalgardens.org** for more news.



The iron gate at the Hungarian Garden was repaired and new handrail is being installed as they ready for 75th anniversary celebration.





The City is installing concrete islands on MLK for traffic calming, and the flag poles were installed at the Kiosk plaza to be dedicated on August 18th



This e-newsletter was produced by Paul Burik for the CCGF.

Feel free to pass it on!

Cultural Gardens Film Festival

Between July 5 and August 30, the Cleveland Institute of Art Cinematheque will present the first Cleveland Cultural Gardens Film Fest, consisting of ten international feature films representing some of the nationalities and ethnic groups with cultural gardens in Rockefeller Park. All movies will show from 35mm film prints in Aitken Auditorium of the Cleveland Institute of Art, 11141 East Boulevard in University Circle. Unless noted, admission to each film is \$9; Cinematheque members \$7; age 25 & under \$6. For more information, call (216) 421-7450 or visit www.cia.edu/cinematheque.

FRI 7/5 5:15 PM THE PARADE Serbia/Slovenia/Croatia/Montenegro/Macedonia

SAT	7/6	5:15 PM	THE VOICE OF THE MOON	Italy/France
SAT	7/6	7:35 PM	THE PARADE	
THU	7/11	6:00 PM	MY LEFT FOOT	Ireland/UK
SAT	7/13	7:25 PM	MY LEFT FOOT	
THU	7/18	5:30 PM	THE LIVES OF OTHERS	Germany
SAT	7/20	7:05 PM	THE LIVES OF OTHERS	
FRI	7/26	7:35 PM	KOLYA	Czech Republic
SAT	7/27	5:15 PM	KOLYA	
FRI	8/2	5:30 PM	THE MATCH FACTORY GI	RL Finland/Sweden
SAT	8/3	5:15 PM	THE MATCH FACTORY GIR	L
FRI	8/9	5:15 PM	WHICH WAY IS UP?	USA
SAT	8/10	9:45 PM	WHICH WAY IS UP?	
FRI	8/16	5:15 PM	4 MONTHS, 3 WEEKS AND 2	DAYS Romania
SAT	8/17	9:30 PM	4 MONTHS 3 WEEKS AND 2	DAYS
THU	8/22	9:10 PM	ASHES AND DIAMONDS	Poland
FRI	8/23	7:30 PM	ASHES AND DIAMONDS	
THU	8/29	6:45 PM	THE WEEPING MEADOW	France/Greece/Italy
FRI	8/30	7:30 PM	THE WEEPING MEADOW	