



# THE CLEVELAND CULTURAL GARDENS FEDERATION

## E Newsletter

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### CCGF Meetings

**Feb. 14** – Ex. board.

**March 13** – General membership  
**Elections!!!**

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

## Elections Coming Up

The elections for positions on the Executive Board will take place at the March meeting!

Carl Ewing kindly served as the chairman of the Nominating Committee, and at the February meeting the Committee submitted a list of nominees. These are:

### President

**Sheila Crawford**

### Vice Presidents

(3 positions available)

**Anda Cook**

**Bill Jones**

**Erika Puussaar**

**George Turbrack**

### Treasurer

**Suat Aricanli**

### Executive Secretary

**Mary Hamlin**

### Trustees

(4 positions available )

**Berj Shakarian**

**Thomas Turkaly**

**Paul Burik**

**Larry Hovevar**

Nominations from the floor will be solicited. You still have an opportunity to become involved! The Gardens are growing and becoming more recognized. It is a good time to be part of the park's renaissance. The Garden Delegates will be receiving Notice of Elections shortly. Be sure that your Garden is current on dues! **Please plan on attending the March meeting and casting your vote!**

## **Existing Gardens**

*African American  
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  
Syrian, Ukrainian*

## **Proposed Gardens:**

*Turkish S. Korean,  
Russian*

## **D&P Committee**

*(L to R) Sheila Crawford  
– Chair, Jim Cull, Bill  
Jones, Erika Pussaarr,  
Tom Turkaly*

## **I n s t a l l a t i o n**

## **D i n n e r**

The Installation Dinner is one of two formal events the Federation holds – the Holiday Dinner being the other one. It is an opportunity to meet your fellow delegates and guests in a casual setting and to show your gratitude to the outgoing Board, as well as pay tribute to the incoming crew who is about to put much time and energy into advancing the park.

The Installation Dinner will be held on April 17, 2012 - this is a week later than our usual meeting time to accommodate schedule conflicts. The location is yet to be determined.

As in the past, Mary Hamlin is organizing this event and soon you will be receiving invitations in the mail. Please do not wait till the “week of” to send in your RSVP.

## **Design and Preservation Committee**

In last four years a number of new Gardens were built and plethora of renovations took place. All of this under the eye of the CCGF Design and Preservation Committee which reviews all the proposed work to assure that it is on par with the level of development in the park.

At times it can be a challenging task, the committee members deserve to be recognized for the time they put in and the “heat” they take for the Federation on occasions. However, the reward is that they see steady growth and quality improvements in the park. Thank you all!





## Proposed Information Kiosk

Last year CCGF President Paul Burik proposed the idea of the Federation building an information kiosk on MLK Blvd at a strategic location, central to the park.

Design was developed, including a model, and budget cost was identified. Paul developed a design utilizing the same materials and design elements as the existing park signage, thus providing visual continuity. A scale model was build to explore the three-dimensional nature of the kiosk – see photo.

The kiosk would be a focal point of an oval plaza which would serve as a meeting point for groups, rest area for walkers and a stopping point for bikers pedaling on the bike trail. “It is important that we give people a sense of arrival, a place where they can get information about the Gardens, a place they recognize as a starting point of their visit” noted Mr. Burik during his presentation to the Board which is currently reviewing the proposal.

### GARDEN WEB SITES:

#### Cultural Gardens Sites

[www.culturalgardens.org](http://www.culturalgardens.org)  
[clevelandculturalgardens.org](http://clevelandculturalgardens.org)

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#### 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/](http://www.facebook.com/)

[home.php?](http://home.php?)

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## CCGF Partners with CIFF

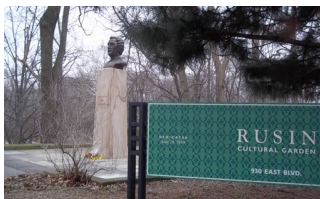
Once again, the CCGF is a Community Partner in the Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF). The CCGF is partnered with a **Russian film Siberia Monamour**, a film about father and son managing life and finding happiness in the cruel environment of Siberia.

The film will be shown on Friday 3/30 at 9:40pm and on Sunday 4/1 at 3:35pm.

A \$2.00 discount for any of the screenings can be obtained by noting the code GARDENS when purchasing the ticket on line ([www.clevelandfilm.org](http://www.clevelandfilm.org)), by phone (877.304.3456) or at the box office.

## MLK Repaving

The City of Cleveland will re-pave MLK Blvd this summer. As in any construction, this additional activity will no doubt cause conflicts. Gardens are advised to consider this in their planning.



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

The Film Festival is at the Tower City Cinemas, from March 22 to April 1. Parking is free at the Tower City parking, bring your parking ticket to be validated at the theater.

The CIFF has a wide variety of films from many countries, that most likely includes your nationality. See the above web site for films and schedules.

Being a Community Partner gives CCGF wide exposure. Our logo will be displayed before every film screening, and we will have an opportunity to address the audience during our partnered film.

## Russian Garden Surges Ahead

The Russian Cultural Garden organization held a fundraising event for their Garden at their February 15, 2012 program. The organization was just formed last year and already presented some of the design ideas they have received from Russian and Russian-American designers. The program also included dramatic recital by famed Russian pianist, Alexander Ghindin, performing masterpieces by Franz Liszt. A presentation by the Cleveland School of Classic Ballet was a wonderful treat as well.

## Rusin to Dedicate New Bust

The Rusin garden will hold dedication of new bust of Father Duchnovic on June 24, 2012. The bust now stands on eight foot pedestal facing the East Blvd. It fills the previous void between the Czech and Italian Gardens. More on the event to come.

## Croatian Garden Dedication Planned

Sunday, June 3, 2012 – save the date! The Croatian Garden, featuring a statue of “Emigrant Mother” by Cleveland’s own Joseph Turkaly and benches imported from the island of Brac in Croatia, will be dedicated.

The program will include depositing soil from Croatia in the cript with all the other nationalities represented in the Cultural Gardens. More information to follow in future newsletters.