



THE CLEVELAND CULTURAL GARDENS FEDERATION E Newsletter

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One World Day – Saturday, Sept. 13

It is time, again, to talk about the *One World Day*. Pardon me - the SPECTACULAR 67th annual *One World Day / Fest!!!* And lest you think it might lack vivacity – let us tell you. There will be creatures, slinky and ominous, lurking in the woods; five stages will entice you with entertainment steeped in worldwide cultures; a Shakespeare play, 1000 drums, marching bands, dancers, sports and games for kids, and much more. In a „*Speakers Corner*” experts will offer their ideas of state of the world. Food trucks in different locations will provide an opportunity to sample a variety of foods.

With all the action happening on the Cleveland Cultural Gardens' two levels in the Rockefeller Park (Martin Luther King and East Boulevards – both closed for the festivities) it has been deemed to be a two-day event:

Saturday, September 13, 2014 – 1:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 14, 2014 – 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Shuttles from designated parking areas will carry attendees to the periphery of entertainment area. \

The garden representatives will have informative materials set up in their gardens by 11:00 a.m., but the traditional *Parade of the Flags* will assemble at the Czech and Polish Gardens at 1:00 p.m. for the walk - a fine opportunity to view the festive national attires of many countries - from the East Boulevard level to the main stage on MLK between the German and Hungarian Gardens.

The *Posting of Colors* at 2:00 p.m. by the main stage will commence the official program that will include the ever poignant *Naturalization Ceremony*. The *International Folk Festival* will conclude Saturday evening. Sunday, September 14th, will be a true exploration opportunity for a variety of entertainment. A Program / Guide, available at most gardens, will list the attractions and their locations.

Come one, come all, and ENJOY!



Last year's Parade of Flags

President's Notes:

Our Gardens are Growing !!!



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
Ethiopian



Parade at the 2013 OWD

* The summer is upon us with many activities planned in the gardens. In addition to the concerts, we also have many visitors and tours as well as weddings and photo sessions. Please take extra care to keep your garden clean and weeded. Pick up trash and even pick up items in the area if possible. It will make all the gardens look better. Thanks to the many members who steadily work in their gardens to keep them in good shape.

* The Installation Dinner in April was a big success. Those who attended had the opportunity to see our new home at the Ariel International Center and enjoy the ethnic food from a variety of countries. Thanks to all who supported the event and witnessed the swearing in of our new Executive Board by Judge Diane Karpinski.

* The new board has committed to meeting every month because there is so much work to be done. So in the months that we have a General Meeting scheduled, the Executive Board will meet at the Ariel Center on the Thursday before at 6:30. This month the board will meet on July 3rd and the general meeting will be on July 8th. Our last two meetings ended at 8:30 and 9:30 so we are improving. Our goal is to end the meetings in a timely fashion, so please join us and represent your garden and the views of your community.

* At our last meeting, Dona Brady, councilwoman and representative of the Albanian Garden, informed us that Mayor Jackson and the city council passed legislation that would give a significant donation to the Cultural Gardens for improvements. This was a complete surprise and a wonderful announcement. Be sure to attend our meetings so your voice is heard and you can keep up with all of the news. Don't forget to get your delegation ready for One World Day/Fest!! It won't be complete without you.



The Estonian Garden hosted a celebration of the summer solstice, a recognized holiday in Estonia. A very nice ceremony was held on June 22 (day after the actual solstice), with reflections on the current conditions in the Baltic nations and Ukraine by Mr. Tubalkain and a delightful violin performance by Ryan Kearn. Refreshments capped the celebration.



Concert in the Hungarian Garden – July 19

The Hungarian Cultural Garden will be hosting a **CONCERT IN THE GARDEN** on **Saturday, July 19 at 4 PM.**

The Hungarian Garden was first dedicated in 1938 and rededicated in 2008. Since 2008 the Hungarian Garden has hosted a series of concerts for all to enjoy. This year's concert will feature music arranged by Maestro Steve Eva of the Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra. Emphasis will be given to Zoltan Kodaly, and his compositions.

Ted Horvath will open the concert with the singing of the National Anthem and the Himnusz of Hungary. There will be dancers in Hungarian costume. The program starts at 4 PM (Rain or shine) Chairs are available but you are encouraged to bring your own or a blanket.

A cook-out/picnic will follow the concert at the Lake Erie Estate of Richard Fleischman in Bratenahl. Cost is \$40.00 per adult and reservations are required. Checks should be made out to Hungarian Cultural Garden and mailed to:

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Contact Carolyn Balogh with questions at
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Opera in the Italian Garden – July 20

Experience Cool Culture in a Cool Space! Sunday - July 20- 6:00-7:30 pm. Free - Kick back on the lawn in the Renaissance garden with a picnic & be serenaded with beautiful music from famous Italian operas with Opera Per Tutti. Come dream a little, as music mingles with the sounds of the Renaissance fountain. Kids welcome! Share the beauty of nature and music with the whole family in a pastoral, relaxed setting. Little Italy Wines offers free wine. Free parking! Wood fired pizza, Fuel Coffee Bar & Rosso Gelato!

Although some seating will be provided, many spectators bring their lawn chair or a blanket to sit on. Come early as the area fills quickly! Last year over 1,500 visitors enjoyed the concert.



Opera fans at the Italian Garden

This free performance is presented as part of the Italian Cultural Garden Foundation's "**Viva! La Cultura Italiana**" cultural series.

GARDEN WEB SITES:

Cultural Gardens Sites

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_140250535544



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Feel free to pass it on!

Croatian Garden Dedication Sunday, August 10

The dedication of Phase II of the Cultural Garden will take place on Sunday, August 10, 2014 in the Croatian Cultural Garden on the Terrace Level, East Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio at 2:00pm. Reverend Mirko Hladni will bless the Krstionica. Mayor Frank Jackson of Cleveland will speak at the dedication. Several Croatian Folk Dance groups will perform for the program.

Phase II includes the development of the hillside and the upper terrace. The waterfall has been expanded and stone steps were built alongside with Overlook Landings. On the upper level, a replica of the Prince Visislav Baptismal Font, ca 800, is surrounded by flower beds and four more Brac Benches. The American Croatian Women's Club generously gifted the replica of the Baptismal Font (i.e. fountain). The replica was made in Zagreb and transported to Cleveland by the Ivan, Slavko, & Nikola Katic family.

The baptismal font is a witness to the conversion of Croats to Christianity. When Prince Visislav was to be baptized, he commissioned his priest John to make the baptismal font out of marble and dedicate it to St. John the Baptizer. Thousands of Croats followed in Visislav's footsteps becoming Christians baptized in his font.

Grand Piano in the Russian Garden August 24, 3:00 pm

Concert will take place on the site of future Russian Garden, 730 MLK Jr. Blvd. across the street from the Armenian Garden.

This year concert's theme is **Music and musicians of the Cultural Gardens of Cleveland**. There are thirteen busts of famous musicians in seven different gardens, among them Chopin, Dvorak, Liszt, Verdi, Beethoven, Sibelius, Smetana, and more. Music of some of these great composers will be showcased at the concert. Brilliant Cleveland pianists Nara Avetisyan and Dmitry Tyurin - young, yet already decorated CIM students (class of Sergey Babayan) will play pieces by Liszt and Chopin. Celebrity guest from Russia - Second Prize and Russian Prize winner of 2013 Cleveland International Piano Competition Arseny Tarasevich-Nikolaev and famous tenor, Laureate of International Contests, Honored Artist of Russia Mikhail Urusov will perform.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the beautiful sounds of music in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens – a free event.

Federation Website

Our web site clevelandculturalgardens.org is being updated with information submitted for each garden. You can click on Armenian, Greek, or Italian to view samples. If you have not submitted information for your garden, please do so! Send to paulb54@centurytel.net