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Elections of the Board

The election of Federation's Officers and four Board Trustees was held on March 11 of this year. The officers are:

President	Sheila Crawford
Vice Presidents (3)	Anda Cook, Paul Burik and Richard Crepage
Treasurer	Brent Buckley
Executive Secretary	Mary Hamlin

Board Trustees (4) Pierre Bejjari, Dona Brady, Larry Hocevar, and Tom Turkaly

Best wishes to the new Board members! All the garden delegates need to support these folks who are willing to give up their time to advance the cause of the Cultural Gardens. Do not be afraid to offer ideas and assistance – **it takes all of us to make this a success. The delegates are expected to attend the CCGF meetings** – second Tuesday of the month, at 6:30!

Special thanks goes to an outgoing Vice President Erika Puusaar, who chose not to commit to another term. Erika took on several tasks during her two terms; including chairing the Design and Preservation Committee and creating the current CCGF brochure. Thank you Erika, your continuous input will be valued!



Erika Puusaar



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*

President's Notes: Our Gardens are Growing !!!

As of April, 2014, the Cultural Gardens will have a new permanent home. We are moving into the Ariel International Center located at 1163 East 40th Street, Suite #205 Cleveland, OH 44114. That will be our new address. The Ariel Center is easy to get to: from the East you can exit the Shoreway at 55th Street and take the South Marginal to 40th Street. From the south & west you would take route 90 and to the South Marginal or the Lakeside exit to King Street to 40th St. The building has a beautiful view of the lake and the renovated office space is clean, modern, and pleasant. We will be able to receive mail and hold as many meetings as we want. Our access will be 24/7. Not only will we be able to hold General & Executive Board meetings but also committee meetings and work sessions. The space is a large area that we will share with 5 other non-profit organizations. We are the first to move in. Our section will have a desk, file cabinets, and storage space. It will be a huge benefit to get all of our forms, brochures, and records into one location. The Ariel Center is a great fit for the global character of our two organizations. We plan to have the Installation Dinner in April at this location so you can all get to see the site for yourselves and become familiar with the space. There are large banquet rooms on the top floors which are booked a year in advance for weddings. It will be a great way to welcome our new officers. If each Garden would bring a group to fill a table, it will be a wonderful evening. Our food will be a combination of nationality dishes with a cash bar. Again we hope you will bring a donation for our raffle. The cost might be a little higher than normal, but I sincerely hope you will support this dinner and welcome our new slate of Officers!

International Film Festival

The CCGF is once again a community partner for the Film Festival, March 19 -31 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 for their respective nationality films.

The Federation is coupled with film “Hanna’s Journey” to be shown on Saturday 3/22 at 6:25pm and Sunday, 3/23 at 12:20pm. The film is a collaboration between Germany and Israel. It portrays a German woman, Hanna, who travels to Israel to work with a non-profit group as a way of advancing her career. However, she is made aware of each country’s past, and the cultural conflict which is overcome by, what else, love.

Anyone can obtain a \$2 per ticket discount on this or any other film using code GARDENS 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.



VISION PLAN RETREAT (by Anda Cook)

Earlier this year (January 8, 2014) about 20 Federation Delegates met at the Polish American Cultural Center as a follow up of the Vision Plan that was generated in November, 2012, and accepted by the Board during the March, 2013, meeting.

During this year’s Retreat, with Ken Kovach’s expert guidance, an impressive list of last year’s accomplishments was generated (to be incorporated in a separate *Annual Report*). Priorities for future action were identified in five specific task areas:

****Marketing***

****Cultural Gardens as a Destination***

****Building Capacity of the Federation’s Board***

****Long Term Maintenance of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens***

****Strategic Relationships***



Ken Kovach conducts a “Visioning” meeting in January.

Delegates will be asked to sign up to work on the specific task area committees, that will start meeting after the 2014 Annual Meeting.

The Federation thanks Gary Kotlarsik and Eugene Bak for hosting the Vision Retreats in 2013 and 2014.



Hawken students Anna Shaulis, Andrew Gerace and Maxwell Staufer

Hawken Students Submit a Plan

At the February CCGF meeting students from Hawken School, who oversees the American Garden, submitted a plan which they developed for phase I of their garden. The plan features a water fountain which will honor Anna Ochs who was the force behind the establishing of the original garden.

The plan is a Hawken 7th grade project. Their mission statement is; *"The American Garden is a gateway to the Cultural Gardens and a key in promoting friendship in this community"*.

In the previous years the Hawken students, led by Anna Delia and Matthew Young, re-installed the bust of Mark Twain and planted several flower beds in the Garden.

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_140250535544

QR System Proposed

Board member Tom Turkaly is investigating the application of QR System for the gardens. With the use of "smart phones", a visitor to the park could snap a photo of the code on the sign of each garden and immediately receive basic information about that garden, its features, designer, flora and other information lifted from our web site clevelandculturalgardens.org.

Board Member Paul Burik has been updating the above web site with information submitted by each garden. You can click on Armenian, Greek, Italian and Native American to view samples.

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

Feel free to pass it on!