



# THE CLEVELAND CULTURAL GARDENS FEDERATION

## E Newsletter

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## Happy and Healthy 2012

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Bill Jones and his wife dance the night away at the Holiday Dinner! Bill was recognized for his work for CCGF by the President.

### CCGF Meetings

**Jan. 10th** – Gen. Membership

**Feb. 14** – Ex. board.

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

## Holiday Dinner Meeting

The traditional CCGF Holiday Dinner meeting was held at St. Slava's Serbian Church on Wallings Rd. The over one hundred attendees, garden delegates and guests, were treated to the music of Harmonia and enjoyed chicken paprikash, beef tips and strudel for dessert.

The Turkish community made a presentation of the design for their proposed Garden – see following article. President Paul Burik thanked all the Gardens for continuing to expand and improve the park, whether it is a new garden such as the Russian and Korean proposals or all the existing Gardens. Paul especially thanked all the members who helped with tours and speaking engagements - this is a new task that the Federation has been dealing with.

Thanks goes to Mary Hamlin who once again organized the event. Mary updated us on the attending groups to a round of cheers from each nationality. The traditional raffle, featuring items from the various nationalities, concluded the event and raised money for the Federation. Thanks to all who brought raffle items.

## Elections Coming Up

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

## 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, Russian,  
Serbian, S. Korean, Slovak  
Syrian, Turkish, Ukrainian*



Turkish Garden  
moving forward.

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

All of the officers, including the treasurer, and a good number of the board member positions will be open! The Federation depends on the talent of our membership to lead the organization.

***“If you have not served on the Executive Board in the last five years, you owe it to the organization to offer your services and take your turn at guiding the Federation”*** said the outgoing CCGF President Paul Burik.

Carl Ewing was appointed the chairman of the nominating committee – please contact him if you wish to assist with the committee or, better yet, if you wish to run for a position on the Executive Board. Carl can be contacted via the Federation’s phone at 216-367-9130.

With the renaissance of the Gardens well under way, it is good to have new ideas, new skills and fresh energy brought to the leadership positions.

## Turkish Garden Design Presented

At the December meeting Suat Aricanli of the Turkish community presented a design for their Garden. The concept features three areas; one representing the Republic, one featuring “Whirling Dervishes” – a unique dance, and an area featuring a traditional tent structure which would work as an amphitheater. These features are interconnected by a walk and the area is enhanced with landscaping. The site is immediately north of the Armenian Garden

The proposal was well received! The Federation wishes them well as they enter the next phase of their project.

## The Russian Garden Kicks Off Their Drive

The newly established Russian organization has organized an event to kick off the drive for building their garden. Only recently have the Russian community applied for CCGF membership, but already they seem quite active. Good luck in their efforts!!



Don't underestimate the effort required to install a simple bust as is done here in the Rusin Garden



New bust installed in the Rusin Garden

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)

## The Rusin Garden Installs a Bust

With a large crane and several technicians on hand, the Rusin community in Cleveland set the pedestal and placed the bust of Father Alexander Duchnovich in their Garden on November 30, 2011. Congratulation!!

This has been a longtime effort by the Carpatho-Rusin Society of Cleveland. John Krenisky needs to be recognized for his continuous dedication to this project and to maintaining the Garden. The effort was supported by the Holden Parks Trust, Victor Ptak and by the Burik Family.

Father Duchnovich, 1803-1865, was dedicated to preserving the culture of this group of people who originate in the Carpathian Mountains area, now encompassed in parts of Ukraine, Slovakia and Poland. Although an independent nation was never achieved, this nationality has a distinct literature, music and folklore. The Rusins are often mistaken for Russians, they will quickly tell you that is not the case.

## African American Group Holds a Kick Off

A formal presentation of the new design for the African American Garden was carried out on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the rotunda of the Cleveland City Hall. Mayor Jackson organized a taskforce to execute the design and construction in the next two years.

Architect Dan Bickerstaff made a "high tech" presentation to a group of about 300 attendees including the Mayor, Councilman Johnson and other honored guest. The design incorporates several fountains and waterfalls and walls clad in marble with inscriptions outlining the history. The "Gate of No Return", reflecting Egyptian motive, sits atop the hill and is a strong feature in the design.

The group is in process of fundraising now. Donations can be made at any Key Bank.



## 2011 Memories in Pictures

