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GARDEN WEB SITES:

Cultural Gardens Site
www.culturalgardens.org

Czech Garden
www.geocities.com/culturalgardens2004

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ONE WORLD DAY HOSTED BY THE HEBREW GARDEN in 2007

Please note: program starts at 10:00AM

On Sunday, September 30, 2007 the Hebrew Cultural Garden will host the annual One World Day celebration. The traditional parade of the flags will start at the Italian Garden at 10:00AM. Marchers with flags, and in national costumes if possible, are asked to be present at 9:30AM. After welcoming comments, the now traditional swearing in of new US citizens will take place at 10:45 AM. This ceremony is quite representative of the spirit and meaning of the Gardens.

Variety of entertainment will follow, including a choir performing in Russian, English and Hebrew, street theater performed by the “Playmakers” and other dance performances. The event should conclude at noon.

Food and beverages will be available. Parking will be at Louis Stokes Cleveland Veterans Administration Hospital, Magnolia Drive just east of East 105th. FREE shuttle will be provided! East Blvd. will be closed to traffic for the event!

*It is important that the nationalities represented in the gardens support this main event of our organization. One World Day is symbolic of the meaning of the Gardens: “**Peace through mutual understanding**”. Make a point of participating!*



Fountain in the Hebrew Garden awaits One World Day!



Mary Hamlin has organized “*Harmony in the Gardens*” as well as the previous fund raising events – *Thanks so much, Mary!!*



Harmonia performing



Renaissance Fountain

“HARMONY IN THE GARDENS”

An annual summer fund raising event was once again organized by Mary Hamlin of the British Garden, and with great success. Sixty two guests enjoyed an elegant buffet dinner and were joined later in the evening by additional guests to hear a cabaret-style concert by “*Harmonia*”, a unique ensemble specializing in Eastern European and Hebrew music.

Represented were 19 Gardens. Ken Kovach of the International Community Council was introduced and a special recognition was given to Mrs. Terry Hocevar, a long time supporter of the Slovenian Garden, who celebrated her 94th Birthday. Representatives of the Armenian community were in strong attendance, this group is in the planning stages for a new garden and is very active in the Federation’s activities.

Impromptu dance performance of the “czardas” by George Terbrack of the Slovak Garden electrified the audience during the concert, as did the quick steps of Bill Jones of the Hebrew Garden. The guests were treated to a performance on what has got to be the world’s largest flute, eight foot long wind instrument made from bull’s horns, known as “fujara”. Of course the violin and “cimbalom”, another Eastern European instrument, were exemplary, typical of *Harmonia*! Walt Mahovlich, the group leader, explained some of the music to the attendees, making the whole performance more meaningful.

The event raised over \$1,300, which is designated for replacement of flags flying over each garden and for new flag poles for new gardens.

IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE IN THE GARDENS

The **Italian Cultural Garden** completed the restoration of large *Renaissance Fountain* on the East Blvd. level. Very large portion of the pool base was reworked. Mortar in the base and the surrounding wall structures was ground out and replaced. This work was performed by Harry S. Peterson Co., and accomplished with grants from *NOIA Foundation* and *Holden Park Trust*. Further, the Garden is in the process of pursuing additional projects that are part of the \$130,000 total restoration program. New CCGF member and the Italian Cultural Garden’s executive director Joyce Mariani is spearheading this grand effort. A surprise donation of 500 gladiola bulbs was received from Tony Gazzuolo of Livermore, California (yes, the word about the Gardens gets around). Long time CCGF member Gino Colage and volunteers planted the bulbs in the Italian Garden.



Bruot Gate at MLK

The Bruot Gate at the MLK terminus of the **British Garden** has been restored, and two new plaques were installed. The gate looks like new! Once again the Holden Park Trust assisted with funding.

It should be noted that the newly installed flag pole and sign at the African American Garden was also funded by The Holden Park Trust.

HUNGARIAN GARDEN RECEIVES AN AWARD



Detail of the award winning restoration at the Hungarian Garden

2007 Preservation Award from the Cleveland Restoration Society was received by the **Hungarian Garden** and the *Village Blacksmith, Inc.* of Auburn, Ohio. The award for detail work performed on restoration of artistic iron and bronze gateway was presented on July 18th at the Hanna Theatre gala. The gate was taken apart, moved to a shop and meticulously restored. This award illustrates the quality of work that is present in the Cultural Gardens. The Hungarian community needs to be applauded for the effort made.

MLK CLOSES FOR “WALK AND ROLL”



Dancers in the India Garden during “Walk and Roll”

New summer event known as “Walk and Roll” was scheduled for all Sundays in August, and one more is planned for September 23. Bad weather curtailed some activities in August, none the less, many people capitalized on the closing of MLK Blvd. to ride bikes, roller blade or walk through the gardens. Numerous performances were presented by various art groups, including Garden organizations. Remember 9/23 is your last opportunity this year to enjoy the park without the cars! See walkandrolleleveland.com for more information and photos.

\$5,000 – EDUCATION FUND

Czech Garden supporter Victor Ptak, through Citizens Bank (locally know as Charter One Bank), has donated \$5,000 to the Federation. This gift was provided with a stated purpose of educating youth, especially underprivileged kids, about the Gardens. Paul Burik is working with the City of Cleveland, Division of Recreation – arts program, on implementation of an autumn art program in the Gardens. The resulting artwork will be presented in the City Hall Rotunda (main entry lobby) in November.

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