

Dear Members and Friends of the Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden,

The year has gone by fast and it is time for the Cleveland Hungarian Culture Garden NewsLetter, Issue #3 – January 25, 2024. We proudly look back at the highlights of 2023.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Past garden meeting topics have included our garden design, historical restoration and the garden being recognized in research work which included Lydia Kisley and Tiffany Tsai from the Department of Physics and Chemistry at Case Western Reserve University who presented their program titled "Stories of Science in the Cleveland Cultural Garden: Jeanette Graselli Brown and Using Light to Understand the Mystery of Molecules". Garden Member Jenny Brown, a local Hungarian researcher and scientist and the work she performed for Standard Oil of Ohio other businesses in Cleveland, Ohio and featured our garden.

The Spring clean-up for Earthday 2023 resulted in a number of volunteers including a Boy Scout Troop who worked very hard in the lower garden with mulching the beds, raking, planting bulbs and relocating the Hungarian Chestnut trees. We thank the Scouts and everyone who joined us, for their hard work.

The Liszt Concert took place on Sunday, June 25, 2023 The audience enjoyed the music of Franz Liszt, Béla Bartók, Zoltán Kodály and others, in the Upper Garden. The program began at 4:00 pm and featured garden friend Vera Holczer and her talented friends from the Aurora School of Music who played their instruments and sang. Our guests brought chairs, a picnic baskets and had a wonderful time listening to the grand piano that was in the garden. All enjoyed the tasty Anniversary Cake to celebrate our 85th.

The Hungarian Cultural Garden Golf Fundraiser took place at the highly rated Sand Ridge Golf Club, on July 12, 2023 and is the annual fund raiser for the Hungarian Garden. We had a beautiful day of golf that included lunch and a delicious Eastern European Dinner. You don't have to be a golfer to join us for dinner. Mark your calendars and save the date for July 24, 2024 to join us for a day of golf, lunch and dinner at Barrington Golf Club in Aurora, Ohio. Start to put your foursome together or join us as a single.

The Garden Federation One World Day took place on Sunday, August 22, 2023. Visitors came with their Garden passports in hand were able to visit almost 40 gardens that are part of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, which represent ethnic groups that have settled and call Cleveland home. You can experience their language, culture, music, dance and delicious foods of these far away lands and you will have a stamped travel passport as a souvenir. The Hungarian Garden has their famous Budapest Café, selling Budapest iced coffee; Hungarian pastry; and beverages. Hungarian children's stories, the challenging Rubik's Cube, and Hungarian Trivia, Hungarian dancers and music could be experienced. New USA Citizens were sworn in on the Centennial Plaza Stage. The festive Parade of Nations took place on MLK Boulevard and passed right by our Lower Garden which gave us an excellent view and great pictures. Put on your favorite Hungarian outfit, join the parade and show your Magyar pride in 2024. Mark your calendar for August 25, 2024, volunteer your time and spend the day at the gardens!

The Hungarian—Cultural Gardens Fundraising Beer Dinner at The Immigrant Son Brewery on Thursday, September 21, 2023 included the evening with a welcome pint of Hungarian Pearl Kolsch. The 4-course Hungarian themed dinner included: 1. Hungarian Lescó, a vegetable stew and a side of lángos, paired with ISB Pilnser; 2. Segedin (Székely Gulyás) sauerkraut goulash and topped with crème fraiche, paired with NED Harvest Oktoberfest; 3. Chicken Schnitzel with Gouda mushroom mornay sauce, fingerling potatoes, paired with ISB Common Ale; and 4. Dobos Torte, a six layer crisp, thin wafer cake layers and chocolate buttercream icing, paired with Cherry Donker Belgian Dubbel. It was a special dinner prepared for the benefit of the Cleveland Hungarian Garden restoration. The dinner for 2024 will be just as exciting, delicious and sure to sell out. Raffle tickets were pulled and the winners announced.

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

It was a very busy 2023 and we are planning for an exciting 2024. We welcome Hungarian Culture Garden members and volunteers, who enjoy the Hungarian culture and who want to be involved and keep active throughout the year. The upkeep of the garden is ongoing.

Our Garden relies on the monetary support of our members and friends throughout the year. This support allows us to maintain the Hungarian Garden in the manner you can be proud of. We are a self-supporting and volunteer based organization that relies on our membership and the generous donations, gifts, sponsors and grants that we receive. Please inquire about the opportunity for an individual or family, to check items off of our wish list that are needed for the Cleveland Hungarian Garden (such as benches, trees, plaques, etc.).

If you belong to a group (such as schools, scouts, corporate or other affiliations) of individuals that enjoy performing community work, you can help and volunteer time (about 5 times a year) to plant bulbs, pull weeds, staff our events and activities, we welcome your participation. Dates and/or activities are subject to change, so we ask you to be flexible.

If additional information is needed, please contact Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden President - Mrs. Carolyn Balogh at 1-440-564-7088 or ceebalogh37@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024:

Check the Cleveland Hungarian Garden website at www.hungarianculturalgarden.org for information, dates, times and announcements:

- Earth Day Spring Planting, Lower Garden, Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 10:00 am 12:00 (Noon). See the new lawn that was planted and planting material relocated.
- The works of Franz Liszt, Béla Bartók, Zoltán Kodály and others, will be played on Sunday, June 23, 2024 in the Upper Garden. Begins at 4:00 pm and will feature Vera Holczer and her friends from the Aurora School of Music. Parking on East Boulevard.
- Golf Outing Fund Raiser and Dinner at Barrington Golf Club in Aurora, Ohio, on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. Open to all who want to try a challenging course.
- 78th Annual One World Day, Sunday, August 25, 2024, with activities that include a Naturalization Ceremony, All Nations Parade, the Hungarian Garden Budapest Café and Rubik Cube Demonstration and Challenge, Hungarian music and dancers and more.
- Beer Pairing Fund Raising Dinner & Raffle at Immigrant Son Brewery Thursday September.