## Your Membership & Donation Helps Preserve & Renovate Our Hungarian Cultural Garden

Join the many Hungarian individuals, families, organizations, clubs, and churches of Greater Cleveland in supporting the preservation and renovation of the Hungarian Cultural Garden, since 1938 a living symbol of the culture, history and contributions of Hungarians to America and the world. We need your support!

Csatlakozzunk minél többen ehhez a közös munkához, mert ha mi nem tartjuk fenn örökségünket, akkor más nemzet könnyen átveheti tőlünk. Őrizzük és ápoljuk a Magyar Kultúrkertet, kultúránkat és hagyományainkat! Kérjük a clevelandi magyarságot és a Clevelandban működő szervezetek, egyházak és egyesületek támogatását!

#### **Annual Membership**

Yes! I would like to join and support the Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:
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Annual Membership:
Individual (egyéni tagság) \$50
Student (diák tagság) \$10
Organizational (szervezeti tagság) \$100 Endowment Fund donation (adomány) \$
Restoration Fund donation (adomány) \$

Make checks payable to: Hungarian Cultural Garden c/o Gyöngyi Gratzl 15805 Hemlock Rd., Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022 Please Place Stamp Here

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## Hungarian Cultural Garden

Established in 1934
Dedicated in 1938
Rededicated in 2008
Legacy Wall in 2013



# Magyar Kultúrkert

"...nowhere in the world can a similar testimonial of understanding between peoples be found."

Writing about the Cultural Gardens of Cleveland Anthony J. Celebrezze, former Mayor of Cleveland

## A Historical View of the Hungarian Cultural Garden

The Cleveland Cultural Gardens came into existence in **1925** as a federation of nationality groups that came together "to foster the spirit of good-will and fellowship among men, to weld harmony among Clevelanders of diverse origin, and to promote good citizenship."



In rapid succession, new gardens were created. It was on March 30, 1934 that an ordinance authorized establishing the Hungarian Cultural Garden, along with Polish, Czech, and Yugoslav gardens. In 1938, Rusin, Grecian, Syrian, American,

Irish and American Legion Peace Gardens were added.

For the promotion of the Hungarian Cultural Garden project, a Cultural Garden Committee of the United Hungarian Societies of Cleveland was formed. On **September 24, 1934**, the commission gave public notice of its initial venture. The work of creating the Hungarian Cultural Garden was now actively under way.



The site that would become the Hungarian Cultural Garden was dedicated **October 21, 1934,** on the 123<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the birth of Ferenc Liszt, with the unveiling of the bas-relief plaque of the world famous Hungarian composer.

The Hungarian Cultural

Garden was formally dedicated on **July 10**, **1938**. A colorful parade of some 5,000 members of Hungarian organizations, many of them in native costumes, marched along lower East Boulevard to the speaker stand at the lower end of the Hungarian Garden. A crowd of 15,000 persons took part in the dedication.



On **September 7, 1941**, a 40-foot steel flagpole and an American flag were dedicated in an impressive ceremony in the Hungarian Garden.

On **July 23, 1950**, at the conclusion of the annual One World



Day celebration, marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Cultural Gardens, a bronze statue of Imre Madách, the philosophical dramatist and author of "The

Tragedy of Man," was dedicated.

Dedication of a memorial to another outstanding figure in Hungary's



great literary history took place on **May 23, 1954**, with the presentation to the Hungarian Cultural Garden of a bronze bust of the extraordinary poet, Endre Ady.

### Help Preserve and Renovate the Hungarian Cultural Garden

We have one of the largest gardens in the Federation of Gardens and the responsibility to do what we can to preserve and renovate this priceless treasure. Although we have made great

progress in our renovations, we still have much work ahead of us to repair the many decades of deterioration. The 80 plus



years of weathering has taken a severe toll on our beautiful garden.

In preparation for our 75th anniversary, on **July 20, 2013**, we added the Legacy Wall to the Lower Garden and continued renovations started for the rededication of the Hungarian Cultural Garden on **August 24, 2008** on the occasion of its 70th anniversary.

We celebrated our **80th anniversary in 2018.** We thank you for your continued support!

#### Join us at our events in 2021:

- Statue Dedication in the Lower Garden area: Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 5:00 PM
- Liszt Concert in the Centennial Peace Plaza, North of the Hungarian Cultural Garden: Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM
- Golf Outing & Dinner at Barrington Golf Club: Wednesday, July 28, 2021
- One World Day with the Budapest Café at the Hungarian Cultural Garden: Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 12:00 noon



For information, please visit our website at:

#### hungarianculturalgarden.org

Hungarian organizations, clubs, churches and individuals in Greater Cleveland have joined together to preserve and renovate this one-of-a-

kind Garden of Peace. Join proud Hungarians like you in celebrating our heritage and culture!