

"This is our living legacy for future generations of Hungarian descent in the City of Cleveland and a tribute to past generations of Cleveland Hungarians. I am glad to personally support and be involved with this important undertaking."

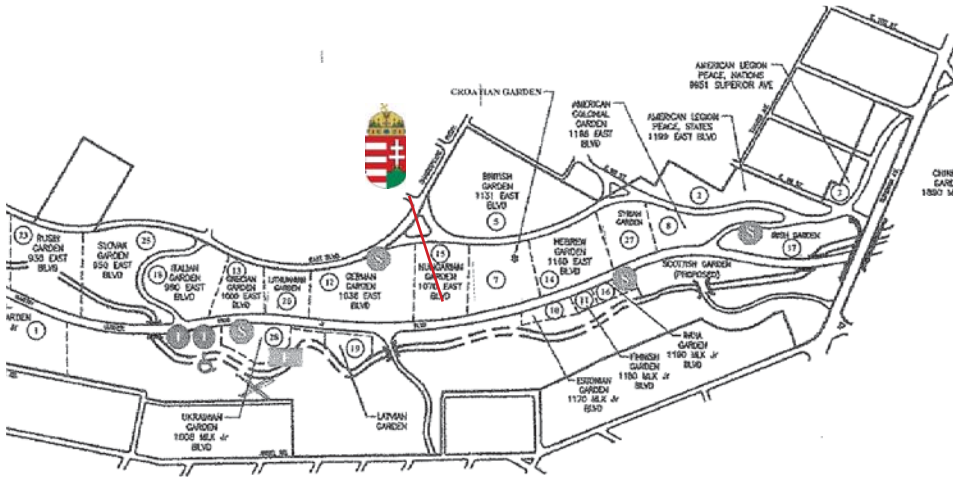
~ Carolyn Balogh  
*President, Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland*

## Preserving and Upgrading the Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland



The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Renovation  
and Cultural Monument Campaign  
[www.hungarianculturalgarden.org](http://www.hungarianculturalgarden.org)

# Our Culture. Our Heritage. Our Legacy



## Our Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden is a legacy gift from each of us to future generations

The Cleveland Cultural gardens were established in 1925 as a place where the diverse ethnic communities of Cleveland can present “cultural tributes to their poets, educators, philosophers, scientists, and musicians as well as religious and political leaders.” The intent was to promote good will and fellowship among men and women, to weld harmony among Clevelanders of diverse origins, and to foster good citizenship.

To show pride in their Hungarian roots, culture and heritage, the Cleveland Hungarian community developed a beautiful garden with an upper and lower level honoring the more than 100 years that a distinct and vibrant Hungarian community has existed in Cleveland. The Garden celebrates that at one time Cleveland boasted the second largest Hungarian population outside of Hungary. In the Cleveland area today there are more than 113,000 individuals of Hungarian birth or descent. In 1920, the Hungarian community had six Hungarian newspapers, seven churches, eight social clubs, twelve annual harvest festivals, three hundred Hungarian owned businesses and eighty-one Hungarian organizations. Since World War II, there has been a significant influx of Hungarians into the Cleveland area and they have joined the descendants who came before them to revere and care for the Hungarian Cultural Garden.



Our garden is a legacy gift from every Hungarian in the Cleveland area to future generations; celebrating the pride that we have being Hungarian and our Hungarian Culture. We have one of the largest gardens (more than 4 acres) and every week our garden is alive and bustling with activity hosting weddings, anniversary celebrations, concerts, recitals, family get togethers, church events and much more. While our garden is beautiful, it is not just a place to look at, it is a place of celebration of our Hungarian heritage.

## History of Our Garden:

### 1925

The Cleveland Cultural Gardens were created

### March 30, 1934

Authorization was granted to create a Hungarian Cultural Garden

### March 30, 1934

The Hungarian Cultural Garden was established

### September 24, 1934

The Cultural Garden Committee of the United Hungarian Societies of Cleveland was formed

### October 21, 1934

The Hungarian Cultural Garden was dedicated on the 123<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the birth of Ferenc Liszt, with a plaque of the composer

### July 10, 1938

The garden was formally dedicated with a parade with more than 22,000 and led by a parade of 5,000 Hungarians

### September 7, 1941

A flagpole and an American flag were added to the garden

### July 23, 1950

A bronze statue of Imre Madách, the philosophical dramatist and author was added to the garden to mark the garden's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### May 23, 1954

A statue of the poet, Endre Ady was added to the garden

# We need your help to preserve our garden

## 75th Anniversary Renovation and Cultural Monument Campaign

The Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland, a non-profit 501 c 3 tax exempt organization, has formed a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee of its members along with individuals from several other Hungarian organizations to develop a multi-phase plan for renovating and enhancing our garden.

**Mark your calendar - on Saturday, July 20, 2013 join the entire Hungarian Community in celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beautiful Hungarian Cultural Garden in Cleveland, Ohio.**

## Our Garden Today

The Upper Garden is in excellent condition. Since 2000, the Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland has raised and spent more than \$80,000 for renovations, beautification and upkeep of the Upper Garden. In addition, members and volunteers have spent countless hours in maintenance and cleaning activities in both the Upper and Lower Garden.

The Lower Garden, which has been neglected for some time due to lack of funds, is now the focus of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. The Committee has enlisted a respected architect in developing an outstanding plan to beautify the Lower Garden and to install an exciting and dramatic 25' wide semi-circle wall. The names of Hungarians who have made significant contributions in the cultural arts of Hungary, the United States and throughout the world will be recognized on the granite cap on the 3' high wall. The design has made provisions to eventually



accommodate a sculpture. Additionally, the stairs from the Upper Garden to the Lower Garden will be repaired and a railing installed.

The City of Cleveland is completing a major renovation effort on Martin Luther King Drive that will allow easy parking on the street and quick access to our lower garden. As a result of a very generous anonymous gift the stairs from the upper garden to the lower garden are being rebuilt and will include a convenient handrail for visitors.

Additional improvements are planned after successful completion of this phase. Future improvements will include rebuilding the walkways and flower beds and installing additional lighting. These long term improvements are estimated at \$120,000.

*"The Hungarian Cultural Garden is a beautiful way to honor our heritage and remember those Hungarians who have made an impact on Hungary, the United States of America and on Cleveland, Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and to be part of a Cleveland, Ohio treasure."*

*~ Richard E. Sarosi,  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee,  
Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland*

*"I grew up on Buckeye Road and remember that I was in the Hungarian dance group at the Garden dedication in 1938. My fondest memories are of picnics and strolls through the Garden with my parents, both Hungarian born, as I grew up. I am very proud to support the 75th anniversary upgrade and preservation of this treasure - our Hungarian Cultural Garden - for future generations of Hungarians and for all the citizens of our community and its tourists to enjoy."*

*~ Jeanette (Gecsy) G. Brown  
Committee Member, Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland*



## We Have a Well Thought Out Plan - But We Need Your Support

With the assistance of our architect, the Committee has carefully researched the costs of our proposed renovation to the Lower Garden in accounting for construction, fabrication and implementation of the new monument wall, benches and other enhancements.

A total of \$145,000 needs to be raised from 75th Anniversary Committee members, supportive Hungarian groups and individuals of Hungarian descent who would like to invest in this tribute to our heritage. To date more than \$95,000 has been raised. The remaining \$50,000 needs to be raised by December 31, 2012 in order to secure materials and implement construction so that all work is completed in time for our 75th anniversary celebration on July 20, 2013.

The Hungarian Cultural Garden 75th Anniversary Committee invites and urges all Northeast Ohio Hungarians and friends of the Hungarian Community to respond generously so that we can extend the legacy and beauty of our garden for ourselves and those that come after us. All gifts are tax deductible and will be distributed in the 75th Anniversary publication that will be handed out at the anniversary celebration. Those making a gift of \$500 or more will be recognized on the new wall. All gifts of any size are appreciated and can be made in the name of a loved one or in memory of a loved one. Every individual or group making a donation will receive a formal letter of appreciation for your fully tax deductible gift for your records. Gifts of cash, check, stock and credit card are accepted.

“Our garden is a place where our Hungarian heritage is recorded and speaks to art and all aspects of our culture. It pays tribute to our Magyar founding and also the many contributions of Hungarians to the world. I am pleased to charitably support this and I will be very proud to be on hand when we celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 20, 2013.”

~ Ted Horvath, *Committee Member,*  
*Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland*



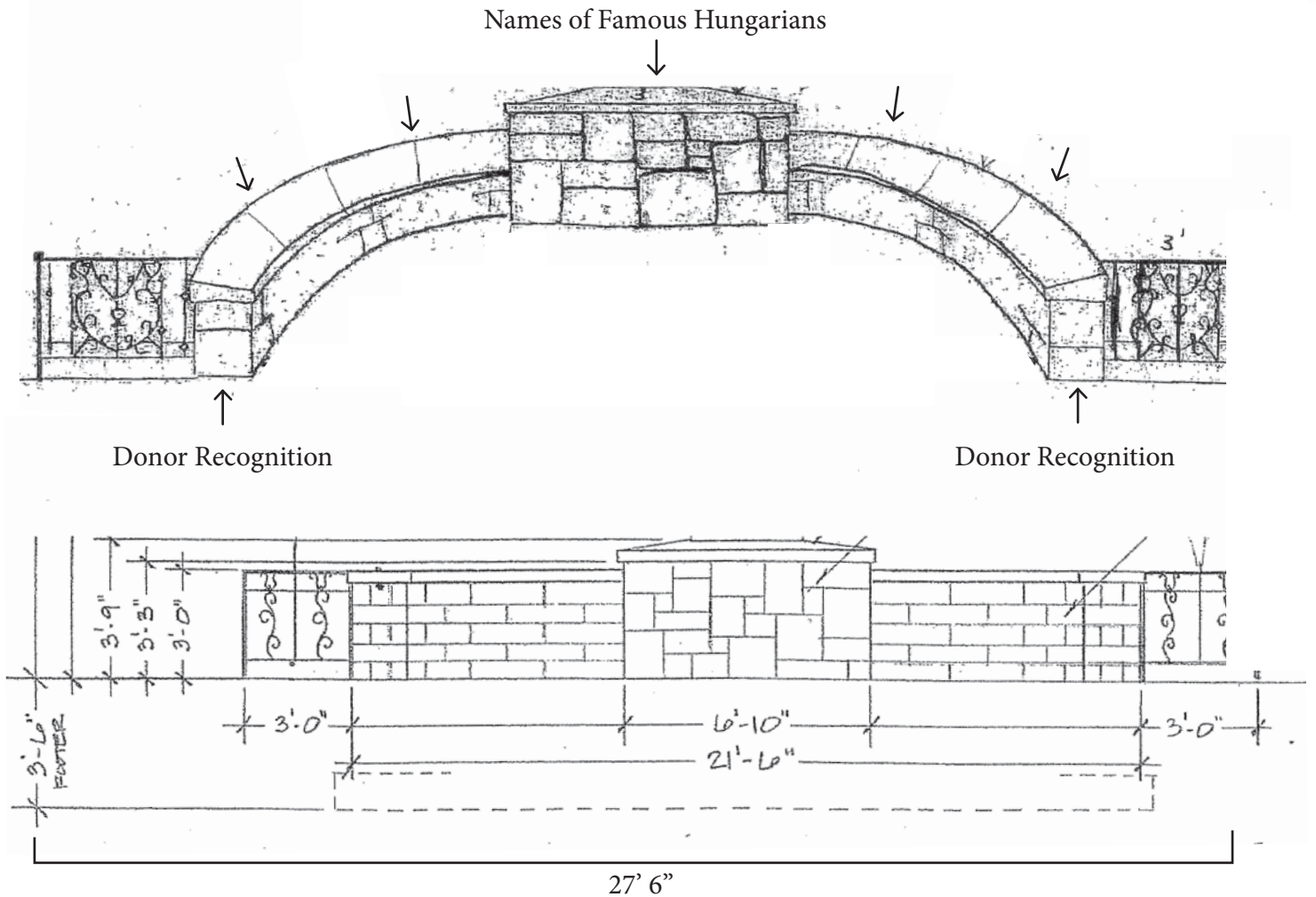
“We believe this is a well thought out tribute and design that will look beautiful and withstand our weather and other environmental challenges. What a great way to preserve the Hungarian heritage and provide a place for future generations to visit, reflect and learn.”

~ Mary Ann and Allen Waddle  
*Committee Members,*  
*Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland*

“I think this is a great way to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and I cannot think of a more worthy cause for my charitable support.”

~ Marcia and Zoltan Mestrits, *Secretary,*  
*Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland*

# Our Plan



"Let's keep our Garden and heritage alive and be an example of how proud we are to be Hungarian! I am glad to make a gift in support of this."

~ Mark Yonke, *Committee Member,*  
*Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland*

"Our investment will allow generation after generation of Hungarians in the Cleveland area and elsewhere to come to the Garden with pride and understanding of our culture and the many contributions we have made to our community and the world."

~ Frank Dobos  
*Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland*

# How you can help

## Help Make this Legacy Gift Possible

To date more than \$95,000 has been raised from members of the Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland committee and other supportive Hungarian groups/friends. We need your personal gift support in order to make this renovation possible and show our Hungarian pride in our garden, history and our culture. Many of the other nationalities in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens have made significant upgrades to their garden in recent years and we would not want anyone to think we are not equally as proud of our heritage.



You can make a tax deductible gift, payable to Hungarian Cultural Garden, or pledge a commitment in support of this effort.

Ways to Show Your Pride:	Donation:
Hungarian Legacy Wall Main Sponsor	\$20,000
Gates	\$10,000
Benches	\$7,500
Hungarian American Sponsor	\$3,000
Magyar Pride Sponsor	\$1,000
75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sponsor	\$750
Hungarian Cultural Gardens Friend	\$500
All gifts of any size are greatly appreciated!	



“Our Hungarian Cultural Garden is a jewel among all the other cultural gardens - our lower tier just needs a bit of polishing. Join me in bringing even more luster to our crown jewel garden!”

~ Ernie Mihaly, Co-Chair,  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee,  
Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland

“I was born in Hungary and this is a wonderful tribute to our culture and thousands who have come before us in Northeast Ohio. I am proud to support this effort and look forward to rejuvenating our garden and creating a buzz about our garden and our Hungarian culture.”

~ Kori Smith  
Treasurer, Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland

## Help us Show Cleveland our Pride in our Hungarian Cultural Garden

What better way to show your pride in being Hungarian than by making a gift to the Hungarian Cultural Garden. In your heart, you will have the satisfaction that you honored those who have come before us and all that they have sacrificed and believed in as well as their pride in being Hungarian.

Send your gift/pledge commitment today to:

Kori Smith, *Treasurer*

Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland

8775 Fox Hollow Drive

Kirtland Hills, Ohio 44060

Make checks payable to:

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"My father was a landscaper and gardener in Hungary and loved flowers. As his son, I am proud to charitably support this renovation, a reality, as a tribute to my father as he was very proud to be Hungarian and for his love of flowers and gardens. I am sure that this is a sentiment shared by many other 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Hungarians."

~ Ed Radick

*Committee Member, Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland*

"While many of the traditional Hungarian landmarks are gone, such as Buckeye Road and many of our churches, our Hungarian Cultural Garden remains as a tribute to our Cleveland Hungarian heritage. Join me in supporting this important effort!"

~ Sandor Varga, *Committee Member,*

*Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland*

**Yes!**

I would like to donate to the Hungarian Cultural Garden commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland.

Your name (please print)

Please print your name as you wish to be recognized or if this Gift is in Honor/Memory of: (up to 35 characters including spaces)

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone number

Email address

Donation Amount

Gift enclosed

Pledge

Payment Plan

*Pledges must be paid by Dec. 23, 2012*

If payment plan, please indicate the schedule that you wish to pay your pledge.

Please make a check payable to **Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland**, or to pay by credit card, visit [www.hungarianculturalgarden.org](http://www.hungarianculturalgarden.org) and make your gift through Paypal.

Please contact me about electronic transfer instructions for gifting stock.

I have remembered the Hungarian Cultural Garden in my estate plans.