



Kori Smith, Marika Megyimori, Marcia Mestrits and Carolyn Balogh
(Hungarian Cultural Garden)



Ben Stefanski, Ernest Mihaly, Maria H. Megyimori and Paul Burik
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Mariana and Lel Somogyi
(Hungarian Cultural Garden)



Presentation of flags.
(Hungarian Cultural Garden)



Csardas Dance Company performs in native folk costumes. (Hungarian Cultural Garden)

Hungarian Cultural Garden “Rededication Ceremony”

A rededication ceremony was held at the Hungarian Cultural Garden in honor of its 70th anniversary. The newly restored site is one of the largest and most beautiful of the many ethnic gardens in Rockefeller Park. It sits on the bluff along East Boulevard overlooking MLK. The garden includes a fountain, stone terrace and exquisite wrought iron arch. Originally dedicated in October of 1934 on the 123rd anniversary of the birth of Ferenc Liszt, the garden has a bas-relief in stone of the renowned Hungarian composer.

The afternoon ceremony began with the

presentation of flags by Hungarian Scouts. There was live Hungarian music followed by dance performances, in native folk costumes, by the **Csardas Dance Company** and the Cleveland Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble. The program included remarks by Carolyn Balogh, president of the Hungarian Cultural Garden; Paul Burik, president, Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation; a poetry recitation of the works of Endre Ady by Istvan Haightai; and a keynote address by historian and writer Lel F. Somogyi.

No ethnic gathering would be complete without its own edible specialties. In this case, there were wonderful savory “crackling” biscuits called pogacs, and delicious buttery linzer cookies with either raspberry or apricot jam. The pastries came from Tommy’s Bakery in Lakewood.

Work on the Hungarian Cultural Garden is not yet completed. For more information, visit HungarianCulturalGarden.org. STORY BY CAROLINE R. MERK. PHOTOGRAPHS BY ROB WETZLER